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THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



THE STEEPLE OF THE ROI CHAPEL IS VISIBLE AMONGST CORAL ROCKS AND DAMAGED MATERIALS AFTER A WEATHER-DRIVEN INUNDATION IMPACTED THE ISLAND LAST WEEK.

📷 JESSICA DAMBRUCH

OPERATION ROI RECOVERY 2
BEGINS FOR USAG-KA

KWAJALEIN TRIO 6
ADVENTURE CONTINUED


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ROI-NAMUR INUNDATION

OPERATION ROI RECOVERY ASSESS DAMAGES TO INFRASTRUCTURE ON ROI-NAMUR

Flooding is visible in the central portion of Roi-Namur in this aerial photograph taken Jan. 21, 2024.

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On the night of January 20, 2024, a series of weather-driven waves resulted in significant ocean water inundation of the island of Roi-Namur. The island is the second largest island of the Kwajalein Atoll in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll supports the U.S. Space and Missile Defense Command's Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site. RTS serves as a space and missile defense test range for the Department of Defense.

USAG-KA personnel helped evacuate 80 of the approximately 120 personnel who call Roi-Namur home. Sixty people

remain to assess damage and restore basic services while continuing the water and fuel runs that sustain the island of Ennibur, the island just south of Roi-Namur where the Marshallese workforce reside.

"Clearing the runway on Roi-Namur and assessing its safety is our top priority now that we have evacuated personnel not required for the initial response efforts," said Col. Drew Morgan, USAG-KA commander. "Once the runway is open, we can move people and equipment back and forth to start the recovery process."

Dubbed Operation Roi Recovery, the efforts of multiple mission partners along with the Garrison may take

months to complete. Aerial photos show evidence of massive damage to Roi-Namur's infrastructure with multiple areas on the island under standing water.

Flooding from the waves damaged many of the bachelor quarters while the dining facility, Outrigger Bar and Grill, the Roi chapel, and the Tradewinds Theater, all received moderate or extensive damage, with the automotive complex remaining under water.

"Roi-Namur represents the tip of Kwajalein's spear," said Morgan. "Roi residents are a special part of the Team Kwaj family. The workforce and community have mounted an impressive support response. I am very proud to be part of Team Kwaj."

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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The Roi-Namur chapel cross rests atop a cabinet on the coral-strewn grounds of Roi-Namur. The steeple, far right, rests near the Tradewinds Theater (center). The steeple is the only recognizable part of the chapel building that remains following a weather-driven inundation on Jan. 20, 2024. Along with the cross, the chapel keyboard was recovered and placed inside the Tradewinds Theater.

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A Roi-Namur maintenance shop was rendered inoperable by a saltwater inundation driven by severe weather.

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U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. Drew Morgan, center right, welcomes Roi-Namur evacuees to Kwajalein island Jan. 21, 2024. Roi-Namur is a 4-hour boat trip from Kwajalein.

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Range Generation employees Erik Hanson, center, and Jim Thomson, left, accept thanks from, USAG-KA Commander Col. Drew Morgan during a community town hall to address Operation Roi Recovery, held Jan. 26, 2024 at the Richardson Theater.

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ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

SCHEDULE OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

31 JANUARY

7 p.m. Movie “Unbroken” at the Richardson Theater, concessions available

1 FEBRUARY

6:30 a.m. Operation Flintlock Sunrise Yoga at Garrison Headquarters

5 - 6 p.m. Marshallese Cultural Center Open

6 p.m. Jobwa Dance Performance at the Richardson Theater, concessions available

Following Performance Operation FLINTLOCK Historical Presentation at Richardson Theater

2 FEBRUARY

8 a.m. Operation FLINTLOCK 80th Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony at the Richardson Theater

Following Ceremony Battlefield Tour with Historians, starting at the Richardson Theater

4 FEBRUARY

8 a.m. Operation Flintlock 80th Anniversary Golf Tournament
FREE FOR ROI RESIDENTS



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Located high in France's Leon Mountains, Kwajalein residents Jenny Prim, left, Mandy Kennington and Melissa Elkins reached the Iron Cross, or Cruz de Ferro, while traveling the Camino de Santiago in 2023. The landmark is a symbolic milestone for Camino travelers in more ways than one.

KWAJALEIN TRIO TOOK ON CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

// MIKE BRANTLEY, USMC-KA PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

"Straight up!" exclaimed Melissa Elkins. "The scariest thing for me was our first day of the trip. We braved a terrible rain storm heading up the Pyrenees that turned into ice and sleet. We were freezing, not prepared for this at all."

Elkins explained that there was no shelter and they faced the potential of being stuck in the upcoming woods at dark. "We walked into a sheep field thinking we could see a shelter, but it was a locked trailer. We finally made the decision to walk back down about three miles. An albergue (hostel) owner was kind enough to take us in to warm up, but didn't have a bed available for us. He made several calls and coordinated a taxi and a room for us. We were soaked to the bone and carried wet clothes the next two days."

Elkins said they found out later there were some serious injuries into the woods they had not entered, one woman even falling and breaking her collar bone. "This was an extraordinary weather event for the season, we were told, and throughout the trip when it came up, fellow pilgrims who started within the few days that we did would gasp ... 'You went out in that?!' We were extremely lucky."

Experiencing a setback early on like that may prove daunting to some, but our trio marched on, even after hearing of Prim's father's death on day two of their trek.

"Ever since I heard about the Camino as a teenager, I felt that it was calling me. It is a spiritual way as well as a physical one," Prim said. "Both need attention before and during that journey. I was able to deepen my connection with God and the church. It also gave me time to work through my Dad's death and have time to mourn him. Many friends and family members sent us prayer requests. We prayed a lot – silently during the walk, or as a group, or by lighting candles in churches along the way."

The physical aspect of the journey would strike all three, at different times and in different ways.

Giving up or pushing through the pain?

"I considered giving up," said Elkins, "and the first time was actually really early on. Just over a week in I was in

so much pain and missed my family so much. The weight of the length of time I had left really bothered me and I started to question why I was there. I wondered if I was wasting my time, I questioned if God might be needing me elsewhere and I was being selfish by taking this trip away from my life.

"I let Nathan know how I was feeling and expected him to propose a plan for me to start heading back home," said Elkins. "Instead, he showered me with words of encouragement, and he and the kids began to pray over my struggles. 'And we pray over you, Mandy and Jenny by name every single night. You've got this together,' he told me over the phone as I cried."

For Prim, still mourning the loss of her father, she questioned what she was doing there.

"There were a few days where I hurt so much in different body parts and was still so broken-hearted about my Dad's death that I felt definitely not motivated to walk a single step further," said Prim. "But what can you do with that heavy backpack in Spain's backcountry and no bed for another six kilometers? I never was about to give up on the Camino entirely, but I sure wished the bed at the end of the day was a lot closer.

"There were tears and some not-so-proper words going through my mind questioning 'What am I doing here?' but every time when we thought this was such a horribly painful day, it ended beautifully with everything a pilgrim needs and more."

"Walking the Camino with them will always be a highlight of my life," said Jenny Prim. "I know those two always have my back."

For Kennington, she said that she never considered giving up. "I was worried when we got to Pamplona that I wasn't going to be able to walk the next day. My knee was causing me a lot of pain and I could barely walk

around the city, but I found a brace and the next day I was able to make it to our next stopping point. I really tried to only focus on the day I was in, if I looked too far ahead the trip became really taxing to think about. The goal was one foot in front of the other. If you do that repeatedly you can get anywhere you want!"

Kennington also shared that through all the pain, she laughed every day. "Laughter made the trek more doable," she said. "Sometimes I laughed so hard I would cry and sometimes I laughed so I wouldn't cry and sometimes in the finest of moments you would laugh and cry

not sure which emotion was winning. If you could laugh through the pain and exhaustion, then you knew you were OK.”

Friendships Grow

Individuals who walk the Camino de Santiago, or any of the other eight routes or ways, experience highs and lows and friendships along the way. Our trio was no different.

“During the pilgrimage, we became extremely close,” said Elkins, “and our friendship will be a special one forever. By the end, fellow pilgrims commented on how we were ‘still together,’ as most people walk the Camino alone, or have stories of how their pair split up or one had to go home before the end. We didn’t know how rare it was for a trio of friends to start and finish together. There were really only a few challenges along the way related to our relationship, and not unexpected – learning how to communicate with each other and what our different strengths and weaknesses are. But I think we all agree that we wouldn’t have made it without having each other. We finished strong because we had each other.”

Prim only knew her new friends for about six months before going on the Camino. She said they liked each other quickly enough to agree to go on a seven-week journey together.

“I can’t really say I knew them before. Mandy and I were gone for a good part of the summer but that changed quickly on the Camino. We spent seven weeks, every day, every night, together. Through happiness, pain and tears, we shared meals and prayed together. We had to make decisions for each other and accept decisions that were made. Everyone had to be leading at times, following at others. We had to listen to each other and comfort each other.

“Walking the Camino with them will always be a highlight of my life,” said Prim. “I know those two always have my back.”

Having each other’s backs was a daily occurrence during their walk and when they weren’t walking, our trio lodged in some unique and Spartan surroundings and ate new and interesting foods.

“We stayed in albergues specifically for pilgrims,” said Prim. “Some are private; some are from a church or convent while some area from the community. Many former pilgrims volunteer there for a few weeks as hospitaleros (hosts at a hostel). We often didn’t pre-book our albergue. We wanted to have the Camino provide – to give ourselves totally to the

way. That was not always easy or doable, because of the amount of fellow pilgrims who started at the same time as we did.

“Some places were clean, some less,” said Prim. “Some had bugs; most were fine. It was hard when there were only three or four showers for 100 pilgrims, but at the end, we always had what we needed.”

Elkins added that some of the hostels they stayed in during their trek were refurbished, old monasteries and churches that accommodated bunk beds. “Some were private, but by private it only means we pay the person who owns the facility – there was never anything truly related to privacy. We communed with fellow pilgrims who travel differently than tourists. You were only allowed your backpack in these places. A suitcase indicated that you were a tourist, not a pilgrim.”

She added that they cooked together in some places, slept in bunkbeds, sometimes on the floor and sometimes literally in beds pushed right next to each other. “We shared everything, that was the way of life. It had a purpose in the entire experience. We were given food by farmers, found and collected foods from the ground, and shared our last sips of water with each other in some of the harsher conditions,” she said.

“Clothes were hand washed,” Elkins said. “There is a laundry line outside of every albergue and it was sometimes a race to find space on it. We had a ritual of inspecting for bed bugs, staging our backpacks to prepare to leave the next morning in the dark and pressing in ear plugs to be able to sleep through the snoring. The largest bay we slept in held around 160 people but we typically tried to find locations that held 12 – 30.”

Kennington said that she was spoiled the first night of the trek with an amazing three-course meal, a gorgeous sunset, a semi-private room with a bathroom, and a lovely breakfast the following morning before the hike. “Everything from that point was a bit less but everything was an adventure in its own right,” she added.

“One church we stayed in only provided mats for sleeping on the floor,” said Kennington, “but, it was one of my favorite stays and we had a great dinner that we helped prepare. The goal for the day was finding a bed, hoping it was clean, with the smallest number of beds per room to minimize snores, flatulence and movement, and hoping there was an adequate toilet and shower ratio to beds. It was not usually the case, but we can’t have every-

New Foods

In this day and age, many people tend to rely on fast food. Our trio didn’t have that option, but they still found time to enjoy new and unique foods ... and some funny stories about those foods.

Elkins tried raw marinated cod fish at a restaurant for the first time and loved it, she said. “I had tried mussels before, but in Spain I ate them so often they became normal. A sardine sandwich was a new one – literally just whole sardines with thin sliced tomato on bread – no mayo or dressing. I made the mistake of lifting the bread to see a school of fish looking back at me. It was delicious, though.”

As a European, Prim said that the food wasn’t new. “I sure enjoyed the taste of most of what we ate. The pilgrim’s menu was reasonably priced and we mostly could choose from different options. At one albergue, the pilgrims cooked, ate and went to mass together, which made it a very special evening.”

Kennington provided a litany of taste treats that she experienced on the trek, from chocolate croissants, coffee and paella. “Dinner could vary. Most pilgrim meals offered pasta, pork slices and potatoes and some kind of dessert which may be plain yogurt with a sugar packet. There was always wine and always bread.

“If we weren’t partaking in a pilgrim meal, we ate at a restaurant,” she said. “Oftentimes we were not served any vegetables with our meals. Pasta sauce is unique in Spain – it’s more of a Campbell’s tomato soup in taste and texture and was a less-than-desirable option. But, sometimes you get what you get and don’t throw a fit as my daughter would say.

“Most nights I enjoyed trying all the food offered. Sometimes it was upsetting to my friends because I would order extra things just so we could try. It’s in my nature to want to experience everything I can and love to share when I am able. You could call me a pusher of good food! It’s a way to show my love, and I was only going to be there once so why not? In bigger cities we were able to get some really great meals but they were few and far between.”



Continue the journey with our travelers in next week’s edition of The Kwajalein Hourglass.



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1) In this December 2021 U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command courtesy photo, Lt. Gen. Daniel Karbler, USASMDC commanding general, meets with NASA astronauts Drew Morgan and Lt. Col. Frank Rubio, along with space operations officers from SMDC's NASA Detachment, at Johnson Space Center, Houston. 2) During

the COVID-19 pandemic, Karbler addressed island residents and distinguished visitors via a video feed during the June 2021 Change of Command Ceremony. 3) During a fall 2022 visit, Karbler met with members of the atoll community. Pictured here, Karbler, left, awards a challenge coin to Kwajalein Hourglass reporter Shannon Robert.

USASMDC COMMANDING GENERAL PUT PEOPLE FIRST

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll bid a fond farewell to Lt. Gen. Daniel Karbler, commanding general, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, upon the recent celebration of his retirement from Army service in Huntsville, Alabama.

During his command, Karbler led by example in following the tenet "People first." He offered steadfast support for the USAG-KA mission and the modernization of the U.S. Army's mission in space. Karbler also found time to engage and invest in the mentorship of Soldiers. Here are a few action scenes from Karbler's visits to the atoll.

Karbler awards challenge coins to personnel from U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Three, Detail Marshall Islands, during a visit to the Richardson Theater construction site on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll.



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1) Flanked by active-duty Soldiers bearing guidons for U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, left, and Installation Management Command, right, Lt. Gen. Daniel Karbler, USASMDC commanding general, center left, and U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. Drew Morgan, center right, lead a community heritage walk in late 2023. The exercise is one in a series of activities leading up to earning the Team Kwaj tab. 2) Morgan, left,

reacts as a young heritage walk participant gives Karbler a hug after receiving a challenge coin for her hard work. 3) Everyone working to secure the high ground ought to give the general's personal work out a try. Pictured here, an unfatigued Karbler waves while executing a plank during early-morning garrison physical training. Participants joined Karbler in com-

pleting the workout he had performed every day since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, and also got to hear his favorite PT playlist. 4) Karbler and some island residents take a moment during a Team Kwaj heritage walk to commemorate the event with a photograph.

THE HUSBANDS TALK: NATHAN ELKINS

// MIKE BRANTLEY, USMC-KIA PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

I spoke with each of our trio's husbands while they were making their way across northern Spain last fall. Here is what they had to say about their wives and what they were embarking on. This week, we feature Chief Warrant Officer 2 Nate Elkins, U.S. Army Garrison – Kwajalein Atoll marine engineering officer, spouse of Melissa Elkins. They have four children and have been married 15 years.

How proud of your spouse are you?

Extremely proud! Melissa had just gotten back from a mission trip to Nicaragua in July. There is a lot of personal sacrifice that goes into mission trips and this was an additional 490 miles of sacrifice. I'm in total awe!

Any words of wisdom before she departed?

I just told her to take it one day at a time and to do her best. Also I told her not to let the bed bugs bite!

What concerns did you have for your spouse?

I was a little concerned since the only that that was planned was the start date and flight home. Just another reason to be amazed now that they're finished. Of course there were the typical dad concerns: will I and the kids survive? How will we eat? Actually, my kids are amazing so it was almost a breeze.

Has she always been adventurous or was this a spur-of-the-moment decision?

Spur-of-the-moment! I think Jenny Prim is responsible. Melissa isn't adventure-averse, but this was definitely out there for her.

How often did you speak with your spouse while she was away, and what are some things you talked about?

We usually talked every few days and texted briefly each morning and evening. Typically, we tried to share the most important things from each of our days. I followed them on Life 360, so sometimes I would ask her about a café they had stopped at for a break.

It was nice to be able to search the area they were in and view images of the countryside or city.

U.S. ARMY SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND HISTORY

BY SHARON WATKINS-LANG, SMDC HISTORIAN

Not all missile defense tests are completely successful.

On Jan. 25, 1966, everything appeared normal for the SPRINT test, designated FLA-2, at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.

The reports show that the “launch eject and first and second stage burning appeared normal,” although the “pitch over angle was greater than predicted.”

At 5.2 seconds, the planned dive commands were transmitted and the dive confirmed through visual observations.

At 5.85 seconds, however, the missile self-destructed, the result of a malfunction in the missiles autopilot. The issue was effectively addressed and the program would produce an effective interceptor capable of achieving MACH 10 in five seconds.



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ATTENTION OPERATION ROI RECOVERY TEAM: DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST. BOILI DREN MOKTA JEN KOJERBALE.

BOIL WATER BEFORE CONSUMPTION

PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the ocean surge incident on Roi-Namur, the potable water distribution system lost pressure. Testing to ensure E. coli bacteria is not present has not yet been completed.

As a result, it is assumed bacteria may be present in the distribution system. Bacterial contamination can happen due to a break in the distribution system (pipes) or a failure in the water treatment process.

Bacteria can make you sick and is especially a concern for people with weakened immune systems.

WHAT SHOULD I DO? WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Do not drink the water without boiling it first. Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for at least one minute and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice.

Boiling kills bacterial and other organisms in the water.

WHAT IS BEING DONE?

Public Works resumed water treatment operations and is investigating any breaches of potable water lines in the distribution system to ensure there is minimal loss of treated water when the system is pressurized.

Once the distribution system is pressurized, sampling will be conducted to confirm bacteria is not present in the

system and then the community will be informed that water boiling is no longer needed before consumption.

Please share this information with all other people who drink the water on Roi-Namur, especially those who may not have received the notice directly. If you have any questions, please contact V2X Environmental at 480-0722.

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Ne ewor am kajitok, joij call e V2X Environmental ilo 480-0722.

BOILI DREN MOKTA JEN KOJERBALE OIL WATER BEFORE CONSUMPTION

PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

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TA EO IJ KOMANE? KAR TA MELELE IN?

Jab idrak dren ne kwojjab boili mokta. Boktok aolep dren im boili, boili lakin juon minute im kamede mokta jen kojerbale, ak kojebal water bottled ko.

Boiled ak kojermal water bottles non idrak, koman ice, brush e niim, kwalkwal konno, im koman mona mae tore eo ewor alikkar/ennan. Boil non man kij ko im etoon ko jet ilo dren eo.

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Public works eo rej wonmanlok im lale water treatment operation eo im etale ne ewor joraan ilo portable water line ko ilo distribution system eo nan lukkun lale nan jonan jako ak drik in an dren ko treated nan lelontak jonan ilo system eo.

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Kajitok? Abnōnō?

Questions?

Concerns?

Call the Commander's Hotline at 480-1098.



1) Lt. Col. Aquilla James "Jimmie" Dyess; 2) Pvt. 1st Class Richard Beatty Anderson; 3) Pvt. Richard Keith Sorenson; 4) 1st Lt. John Vincent Power; 5) Corporal Anthony Peter Damato

DID YOU KNOW? KWAJALEIN'S MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

By Susan Underbrink
Kwajalein Archaeologist

Five United States servicemembers received the Medal of Honor for their valor in the Marshall Islands. Of the five, four received their medals due to acts of bravery on Roi-Namur. A fifth earned recognition for his action on Eniwetok Atoll.

To date, 3,536 Medals of Honor have been awarded over the years. Of this number, 472 recipients earned their medals during WWII.

**Lt. Col. Aquilla James "Jimmie" Dyess,
U.S. Marine Corps 1st Battalion, 24th
Marines, 4th Marine Division**

Though his copper-colored hair earned him the nickname "Big Red," his name

would go down in history for valor in the Pacific.

Lt. Col. Aquilla James "Jimmie" Dyess was from Augusta, Georgia, and distinguished himself early in life. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout and went on to attend Clemson University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in architecture.

While only 19 years old, he risked his life to save the lives of two women being swept out to sea off Sullivan's Island, South Carolina.

He is the only known recipient of both the Carnegie Medal and the Medal of Honor.

Dyess was the commanding officer of the 1st Battalion, 24th Marines (Rein) on Namur Island.

Undaunted by severe fire from automatic Japanese weapons, Dyess launched a powerful final attack on the second

day of the assault. He posted himself between the opposing lines to point out objectives and avenues of approach and personally lead the advancing troops. He was constantly at the head of the advance units, inspiring his men, until the Japanese had been driven back to a small center of resistance and victory was assured.

While standing on the parapet of the antitank trench directing a group of infantry, Dyess was killed by a burst of enemy machine-gun fire. He was 35 years old.

The destroyer USS Dyess was named in his honor. On Roi-Namur, Dyess Army Airfield is named to commemorate his brave acts.

1st Lt. John Vincent Power

Originally from Worcester, Massachusetts, where he attended the College of the Holy Cross, 1st Lt. John Vincent Pow-

er, Company K, 3D Battalion, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division, was a platoon leader during the landing and battle of Namur Island. He was severely wounded in the stomach while setting a demolition charge on a Japanese pillbox.

Power was steadfast in his determination to remain in action. While protecting his wound with his left hand, he kept firing with his right, and courageously advanced as another hostile position was taken under attack. While attempting to reload his was shot again several times and collapsed in the pillbox doorway.

Power was 26 years old. The destroyer USS Power was named in his honor.

Pvt. 1st Class Richard Beatty Anderson

Raised in Agnew, Washington, Private 1st Class Richard Beatty Anderson served in U.S. Marine Corps Company E, 2D Battalion, 23rd Marines, 4th Marine Division. The tattoo on his arm read "Death before Dishonor."

On Feb. 1, 1944, while fighting enemy combatants on Roi, Anderson entered a shell crater occupied by three other marines. What transpired next has been the source of much discussion. Officially, as he prepared to throw a grenade at an en-

emy position, it slipped from his hands and rolled to the bottom of the hole. With no time to retrieve the armed weapon and throw it, he hurled himself upon it to take the full impact of the explosion. He was 22 years old.

Pvt. Richard Keith Sorenson

Hailing from Anoka, Minnesota, Pvt. Richard Keith Sorenson received his Medal of Honor at the Seattle Naval Hospital on July 19, 1944. Sorenson served in the 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, Company M, 3D Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division. Of all the Medal of Honor recipients in the Marshall Islands, Sorenson was the youngest. During the battle of Namur Island on Feb 1-2, 1944, Sorenson and five other Marines occupied a shell hole when a Japanese grenade was thrown into their midst.

With complete disregard to his own personal safety, Sorenson hurled himself upon the deadly weapon. He was severely wounded, but he saved the lives of his comrades. He was 19 at the time.

During WWII, of the 27 service members known to have thrown themselves onto grenades, Sorenson was one of the four who survived the ordeal.

Corporal Anthony Peter Damato

A native of Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, Anthony Peter Damato was a Corporal for the 22nd Marines, 5th Marine Amphibious Corps. He received the Medal of Honor for action on Engebi Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. Damato lay with two comrades in a large foxhole as an undetected enemy combatant approached their position and threw in a hand grenade.

Damato flung himself on the grenade and was instantly killed but saved the lives of his two companions. He was 21 years old. He was from Shenandoah, Pennsylvania.

Before departing for duty in the Pacific he took part in the North African landing and helped to seize the port of Arzeau, Algeria. The USS Damato (DD-781) was named in his honor.

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U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command; U.S. Marine Corps University, and "A Hero Among Heroes," by Perry M. Smith

WHAT IS A METEOTSUNAMI?

// EXTERNAL REPORT

By the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Meteotsunamis are large waves caused by storms.

You've heard of tsunamis—those giant oceanic waves triggered primarily by earthquakes that can roll ashore, causing loss of life and disaster. But have you heard of meteotsunamis?

Meteotsunamis are large waves that scientists are just beginning to better understand. Unlike tsunamis triggered by seismic activity, meteotsunamis are driven by air-pressure disturbances often associated with fast-moving weather events, such as severe thunderstorms, squalls, and other storm fronts.

The storm generates a wave that moves towards the

shore, and is amplified by a shallow continental shelf and inlet, bay, or other coastal feature. Meteotsunamis have been observed to reach heights of 6 feet or more. They occur in many places around the world, including the Great Lakes, Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic Coast, and the Mediterranean and Adriatic Seas.

Identifying a meteotsunami is a challenge because its characteristics are almost indistinguishable from a seismic tsunami. It can also be confused with wind-driven storm surge or a seiche.

These uncertainties make it difficult to predict a meteotsunami and warn the public of a potential event. However, NOAA scientists have identified atmospheric conditions that are likely to generate a meteotsunami and continue to work on ways to forecast them.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration provides information and resources for science and ocean aficionados around the world. To learn more about the world's oceans and what you can do to improve ocean health, visit oceanservice.noaa.gov.

Stormy weather over the ocean can sometimes fuel the development of meteotsunamis, a series of waves typically much smaller and less destructive than those associated with seismically generated tsunamis.

Seiches and meteotsunamis. What's the difference?

Seiches and meteotsunamis are often grouped together, but they are two different events.

Winds and atmospheric pressure can contribute to the formation of both seiches and meteotsunamis; however, winds are typically more important to a seiche motion, while pressure often plays a substantial role in meteotsunami formation.

Sometimes a seiche and a meteotsunami can even occur

at the same time. Seiches are standing waves with longer periods of water-level oscillations (typically exceeding periods of three or more hours), whereas meteotsunamis are progressive waves limited to the tsunami frequency band of wave periods (two minutes to two hours).

Seiches are usually limited to partially or fully enclosed basins, such as Lake Erie. Meteotsunamis can occur in such basins but are also prevalent on the open coast.

A single meteotsunami can travel long distances and influence a very large range of the coastline.

CLASSIFIEDS

The community wants to hear from you. Email announcements and advertisements to kwajaleinhourglass@gov2x.com. Wednesdays by close of business. Ads received after deadline will be published in the next issue of The Kwajalein Hourglass.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 PCB Management Training (ENV-190) is postponed until a later date.

CAC OFFICE. Before your visit to the Common Access Card Office, ensure all paperwork is completed by your human resources representative before making an appointment. Bring two forms of government-issued IDs with you to your appointment. Walk-in appointments are welcome, but there may be a wait. CAC Office Hours, Bldg. 835, are Tuesday – Saturday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.; (Lunch: noon - 1 p.m.). Call 480-8496.

CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES.

All youth must be register at the USAG-KA Child & Youth Services to participate in activities. Call 480-3796 for information.

CYS TEEN BEACH CLEAN-UP. Sunday, Jan. 28 at 1:30 p.m. Teens, do you need service hours? Do your part for the environment by meeting at the Namo Weto Youth Center to be part of a pick-up crew.

DRIVER'S LICENSING CLASSES

Kwajalein Driver's Licensing classes meet Wednesdays, 9 a.m. – Classes for RMI Workforce; 1 p.m. – Classes for expat Workforce. Classes are in Bldg. 856 Rm. 101 Vehicle Maintenance Compound. Space is limited. Registration is encouraged. For more information, call 480-3376. To register, email brian.arnett@vectrus.com and kaisha.wilson@vectrus.com.

Roi Driver's Licensing classes meet second Wednesdays in C-building. No registration needed. Class times are as follows: 9 a.m. – Classes for RMI Workforce; 1 p.m. – Classes for expat Workforce.

EVENTS

Call 480-4198, visit the MWR Desk in the Grace Sherwood Library, Bldg. 805, and

Help is here

With the events of the weekend on Roi-Namur the topic of discussion, if anyone needs to talk or if they need help, the Employment Assistance Program lead is Kenneth Thomas.

Contact him at kenneth.thomas@internationalsosgs.us or call 480-5362.

Your discussion with him is strictly confidential.

No need to check-in at the Kwaj Clinic.



visit the Kwajalein Community Events Facebook page.

Monthly Oceanview Club Nights

From 8 p.m. – midnight

1st Saturday: Karaoke Night

2nd Saturday: Salsa Night

3rd Saturday: Country Night

4th Saturday: R&B Night

QUIZZO. Monday, Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. at the Oceanview Club. Test your knowledge in this team trivia contest. Arrive early to register your team. Team sizes should not exceed available seating at each table. Those interested in hosting a Quizzo night should visit the MWR Desk at the Grace Sherwood Library or call 480-3133.

CYS VARIETY SHOW Auditions. Open to adults and students in grades 6 – 12 at the MP Room. Audition 1 is Saturday, Jan. 27, 4 – 6 p.m. Audition 2 is Saturday, Feb. 10, from 4 – 6 p.m. Participants must be able to attend the dress rehearsal on Saturday, March 16 from 4 – 7 p.m. and the Variety Show on Sunday, March 17, beginning at 6 p.m. Event sponsored by USAG-KA CYS.

E-WARENESS

Coral Reefs Around USAG-KA

Coral around the atoll is protected by U.S. and RMI laws. No coral is allowed to be taken from USAG-KA. Some coral contains toxins that can cause injury. Protect the environment by not stepping on live coral growth areas. Treat all underwater habitats with care.

Wod ko kajojo ibelaakin Kwajalein Atoll rej bed iuumin kien nan kejbarok eo an U.S. im RMI. Ejelok wod ej aikuj in emakit im buki jen lojet eo an USAG-KA. Ewor wod ko rebaaijin im remaron in komman joreen. Kejbarok ijoko im wod kein rej bed ie im jab bed iraan wod ko kajojo. Kejbarok aolep men kein iuumin lojet ilo am kea.

FACILITIES & HOURS

SALON WALK-INS. Surfside Salon Walk-In Appointments are available on Fridays from 1:30 - 6 p.m.

MILLICAN FAMILY POOL. Closed for cleaning on Thursdays. Open noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays and Mondays.

KWAJALEIN SMALL BOAT MARINA hours of operation. 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Friday through Monday, and on holidays, excluding Thanksgiving and Christmas. Morning boat reservation times are from 7:30 a.m. – noon. Afternoon boat reservations are from 1 – 5 p.m.

ARMA. Log in to ArMa, the Army Maintenance Application, to report issues for all buildings maintained by the Department of Public Works. Contact Public Works at 480-3550.

For more information, please call 480-3364 or email Chief Gregory Collins at gregory.collins@gov2x.com.

FLIGHTS

****Please note that all flights are subject to change.**** For the latest update on

Can what happened on Roi happen on Kwaj?

- **Kwajalein Island is well-protected from large northerly swells due to its position at the southern edge of the atoll, both by the lagoon and other islands/atolls to the north.**
- **Historically, Kwajalein has experienced only minor inundation, typically only during high king tides.**
- **High southerly swells and high waves from the south are unlikely due to the low likelihood of strong, prolonged southerly winds setting up to the south of Kwajalein.**
- **Go to AFN Channel 20-1 for the latest weather on Kwaj!**

your flights on United, ATI or Air Marshall Islands:

ATI: 480-2169; AMI: 480-3469;
United: 480-4852 or 1-800-UNITED1;
Air Terminal Services: 480-2660;
Flight Information Recording: 480-3589

UA Schedule Effective Now
Monday and Friday—UA 155 (HNL)
Check-in 2 – 4:50 p.m.
Wednesday—UA 133 (HNL)
Check-in 2 – 4:15 p.m.
Tuesday and Saturday—UA 154 (GUM)
Check-in 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

FLYROI RESERVATIONS. To schedule reservations and for correspondence related to flights, email LCVKwajalein-FlyRoi@wsp.com.

HEALTH
KWAJALEIN HOSPITAL WALK-IN CLINICS. Available to the community now, 1:30 – 6 p.m. Flu shots are also available on a walk-in or appointment basis, Tuesday through Saturday, from 7:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. A bivalent COVID-19 vaccine booster is available for those aged 12+ if it has been more than 120 days since their initial bivalent COVID-19 vaccine dose. To register, please email judy.wiser@internationalssosgs.us, or call 480-2223 for additional questions.

NOT FEELING WELL? Call 480-2223 to make an appointment for a COVID-19 test, Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. If you are not feeling well, please wear a mask when you are

around others in the community.

VET SERVICES. Pet owners must notify Kwaj Vet Services before vacation. A pet sitter authorization form for treatment is required prior to departing Kwaj. Reach Vet Services at 480-2017 Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

EAP SERVICES. The EAP provides mental health services on Kwajalein, Roi Namur and Meck which include but are not limited to the following:

- Psychological assessments
- Counseling
- Anxiety and depressive disorders
- Family distress
- Post-traumatic stress disorder assessment and counseling
- Job - and - work - related counseling
- Cross-cultural adjustment issues in counseling
- Crisis management consultation
- Conflict mediation/resolution
- Addiction counseling
- Consultation on violence in the workplace
- Crisis management for employees assigned to USAG-KA

EAP services are also available to the management structure to improve employee retention, performance improvement plans, workplace resilience, and the development of people management skills to build and maintain effective teams. Employee Assistance Program



Contact the USAG-KA Sexual Harassment/ Assault Response and Prevention Victim Advocate

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Nate Elkins
SHARP Victim Advocate
Work: 480-0660 or 480-3421
USAG-KA SHARP Pager:
808-580-3241
DOD SAFE Helpline: 877-995-5247

counselor (EAP) Kenneth Thomas MHS, LPC, LCADC, can be reached at kenneth.thomas@internationalssosgs.us or 480 – 5362.

PET HEALTH. January is weight loss awareness month. Start 2024 with your pet the healthy way. According to the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention, 59.9 percent of cats and 55.8 percent of dogs in the United States were classified as overweight or obese. Animals that are obese are at an increased risk of experiencing diseases of the heart, lung, liver and/or gastrointestinal system.

They may also suffer arthritis, diabetes, decreased immune function and overall decreased quality of life. If an animal is too obese, they may not be fit for travel off island. A proper diet and exercise during cool times of the day are recommended. For more information, please contact Kwajalein Veterinary Services at 480-2017 and email KwajaleinVeterinary-Clinic@internationalssosgs.us.

CHAPEL COUNSELING AVAILABLE. For those who seek religious guidance, general counseling, and who may have questions related to family counseling, all are welcome to schedule an appointment with Ch. Mike Klein at the Island

Memorial Chapel by calling 480-3505.

JOBS

To apply for government employment opportunities on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll and worldwide, visit usajobs.gov.

ARKEL International is hiring. Send CVs and resume to christopher.fuents@arkel.com and jasper.gomez@arkel.com. Visit Arkel online at <http://arkel.com>. Call 480-1006 for more information.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGER. KFS LLC is accepting resumes for a Health and Safety Manager to support an upcoming Environmental Project on Kwajalein. Visit <https://honuserVICES.jobs.net/en-US/job/health-and-safety-manager/J3N1RL6KDG9RWPTYQDF> for additional information, including the full job description, qualifications, and resume submission instructions.

KIKAHA SOLUTIONS 30th Signal Battalion Network Enterprise Center, U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll is now partnered with Kikaha Solutions. Please visit www.kikahasolutions.com for more information and to submit applications. To navigate the site, click on "Careers," scroll down, and click on "search opportunities and apply." Enter job code 11326 and select search.

NAN, INC. seeks a project engineer, welder, welding inspector, quality control manager, and site safety and health officer. To apply, visit www.nanhawaii.com and contact Clint Ueatari at 480-2632, 480-4995 or 480-4996.

PARSONS is now accepting applications for an office clerk, heavy equipment operator, quality control technicians, concrete finisher, general labor and masonry. Please visit the Parsons office to apply or apply online <http://parsons.com/careers>.

QUANTUM DYNAMICS, INC., is accepting resumes for positions on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur in the following areas: vehicle maintenance, transportation motor pool, movement control and custodial. Apply at <https://qdyncorp.com/home/careers/>. You may also visit the HR Office in Bldg. 700. Contact the Human Resources manager at 480-0782 or administrative assistant at 480-4916 for more information.

RGNEXT, LLC seeks qualified candidates to fill open positions on Kwaj and Roi in



Valentine's Dinner

Sunday, Feb. 18
Vets Hall

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
dinner service begins at 7 p.m.

Four-course steak dinner
Tickets sales open on Jan. 27

Live Music by Band of the Year

All proceeds benefit the Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club's Education Assistance Fund

OPSEC REMINDER

During this time of transition on Roi, be cognizant of what you post on social media:

• GOOD OPSEC PRACTICES INCLUDE:

- **Not posting any pictures/videos of Roi unless cleared by the PAO**
- **Not posting any comments about the status of Roi facilities**

If contacted, point all inquiries to the Public Affairs Office:

Mike Brantley, 480-4848/1565,
james.m.brantley4.civ@army.mil

engineering, technical, COMSEC and other areas. To apply, visit rgnext.com.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS WANTED. Kwajalein School System is now hiring substitute teachers. Qualifications: 4-year degree; confidentiality; love of working with children; favorable status for CNACI (will receive background check after accepting offer). Send resumes to uhrenp@kwajaleinschools.org. For more information call 480-3601.

TRUESTONE is hiring for multiple positions. Contact Tribalco Human Resources at 480-4344 and visit <https://www.akima.com/careers/>. Visit www.tribalco.com/careers.html.

TORCH TECHNOLOGIES seeks an MDA Support Analyst (Req#5588). The candidate will support the Missile Defense Agency on Kwajalein. This position is an on-island accompanied position with housing. Applicants must possess an active clearance. Please apply directly at <https://torchtechnologies.hua.hrsmart.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/5588>. For questions, email dalia.kardaman@torchtechnologies.com.

V2X JOBS. V2X has several opportunities for on-island hires: Harbor Controller I (35649), Logistics Analyst (32717), Inventory Associate (35067), and Bartender (32355). Apply online at www.careers.

vectrus.com or stop by the HR office in building 700.

NEWCOMERS

ISLAND ORIENTATION and Newcomer's Briefings occur in the REB, behind the Island Memorial Chapel. To register, email KWAJ_OSO_Ops@Vectrus.com or call 480-3511.

OPSEC. See something, say something. All employees on USAG-KA are required to receive annual Threat Awareness and Reporting Program training provided by KRO; Reporting: Report suspicious activities to the Kwajalein Resident Office at 480-9859/1293/8006 at Bldg. 1163.

POST OFFICE CLOSURES FOR 2024

Feb. 19 – G. Washington Birthday;
May 27 – Memorial Day.

PCS & VACATION TIPS. Customers must notify the post office before leaving for 30 days or PCS'ing. Per DOD 4525.6-M, mail is only allowed to be held for 30 days with or without prior notice. Mail is considered unclaimed on day 31 and will be returned to the sender. Email the post office to authorize pick up for your mail and packages. When PCS'ing, provide a forwarding address. Contact James Smith with questions at 480-3461 and james.e.smith2295@army.mil.

REGULATIONS

TOBACCO USE. USAG-KA Policy Memorandum 600-8 protects others from the negative impact of tobacco use. On USAG-KA, smoking is permitted in designated smoking areas only. Smoking and cigarette butt receptacles must be at least 50 feet from the entrance of facilities.

VEGETATION. Per USAG-KA Regulation 420-1, vegetation may not be planted in the ground without approved permits. Residents may be asked to remove items if planted without approval. Do not place sprouted coconuts in yards.

DON'T TAKE CULTURAL ARTIFACTS. It is illegal to remove cultural resources from the atoll. This includes any protected species, unexploded ordnance, WWII-era artifacts and ancient Marshallese artifacts. These resources are protected under U.S. federal and RMI law. Do not remove these pieces of atoll history from Kwajalein. Contact the Kwajalein Archaeology Office at 480-8867.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. If an emergency or disaster occurred, would you

Starlight Concert Series

MWR introduces the first session of a live music series featuring numerous talents.

Event details to be shared soon!



Featuring Sefo Hansen



Sunday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m.



VARIETY SHOW AUDITIONS!

Open to adults and 6th-12th graders

AUDITION #1

Sat., Jan. 27
4 - 6 P.M.

Location:
MP ROOM

AUDITION #2

Sat., Feb. 10
4 - 6 P.M.

Must be able to attend the DRESS REHEARSAL on Sat., March 16 from 4 - 7 p.m. & the VARIETY SHOW on Sun. March 17 starting at 6 P.M.



EXPIRED / UNUSED
MEDICATION TAKE BACK
RECEPTILES LOCATED AT:

1. HOSPITAL PHARMACY
BUSINESS HRS TO DROPOFF
WITH PHARMACIST OR 24/7
RECEPTICLE LOACED IN
FRONT OF PHARMACY

OR

2. 24/7 RECEPTICLE
LOCATED AT BLDG. 803
KWAJ POLICE / SECURITY
DISPATCH

Look Familiar?

Might be time to clean out
the medicine cabinet



and your family be notified?
1) Visit the USAG-KA Emergency Management webpage, <https://home.army.mil/kwajalein/index.php/my-fort/EM>; 2) Click on "Mass Notification"; 3) Follow the registration instructions.

CANDLES and open flames are not permitted in BQ rooms. The Kwajalein Fire Department thanks you for keeping your neighbors safe.

RADIO
HAM SHACK Amateur Radio Operators. All amateur operators will now be required to file for a Marshall Islands call sign. Please contact Lisa at V73ML1@gmail.com for an application and information.

FM99 THE WAVE & 97.9 ROIRAT RADIO. Tune in 7 - 9 a.m., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4 - 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday for live broadcasting, music, and community updates.

RF EQUIPMENT. Bringing new Radio Frequency equipment or wireless devices on island? Please contact the NETCOM Spectrum Management Office. This may require three months' approval process. Report any interference problems ASAP. Home use of commercial electronics does not require approval. Call 480-4135.

TAXI SERVICE
Call 480-TAXI (8294) or 3341 to book your ride at least 24 hours in advance of your check-in time.

WARDROBE FOR VISITING EBEYE
When visiting Ebeye in the Marshall Islands, it is advisable to dress modestly and

respectfully, considering the local cultural norms and the warm tropical climate. Here are some general guidelines for both men and women prepared by Yolanie Korab.

CLOTHING FOR MEN
Opt for lightweight, breathable fabrics such as cotton or linen to stay comfortable in the warm and humid weather. Wear collared shirts or T-shirts that cover the shoulders. Avoid sleeveless shirts or tank tops, as they may be seen as inappropriate. Choose knee-length shorts or trousers. Avoid wearing excessively short shorts or swimwear in public.

CLOTHING FOR WOMEN
DRESSES OR SKIRTS: Women should wear knee-length or longer dresses, skirts, or sarongs, and not pants. Loose-fitting and lightweight fabrics are recommended. Select modest tops that cover the shoulders and avoid low necklines or revealing clothing. Hats or caps are useful for protecting yourself from the sun, especially during the hot daytime hours. Apply sunscreen, wear sunglasses, and carry a light shawl or umbrella for extra sun protection.

FOOTWEAR FOR MEN AND WOMEN: Comfortable shoes or sandals are suitable. Sandals are easy to slip on and off when visiting homes or certain establishments.

FIBER ARTS WITH YOUR COMMUNITY HOBBY SHOP

Gather your knitting needles, crochet hooks, embroidery supplies and meet up with other fiber art enthusiasts.

Dates
Jan. 31, Feb. 28, March 6, and April 3

Not an instructional class. Kids 14 & under must be accompanied by adult.

Meet at the library any time from 4 - 7 p.m.

Contact the Hobby Shop for more information.
Hobby Shop: Bldg. 815, Phone: 480-1700

Hours: Weds. & Thurs., 1 - 8 p.m.;
Fri., Noon - 8 p.m.; Sat. - Mon., Noon - 6 p.m.;
Tues. - Closed



FAT TUESDAY
MARDI GRAS
TUESDAY, FEB. 13
at 7 P.M.
OCEANVIEW CLUB



Keep Kwaj clean!

- Litter detracts from the appearance of Kwaj – it harms the environment, attracting insects and rodents
- Much of the litter ends up in the water and harms marine life
- Bottles, cans, cigarette butts, paper and plastic are the most common
- We live, work and play here so please be responsible!
- Join together and pick up litter on Kwaj!



NEVER FORGET.
<https://kwajaleinmiaproject.us/>

WEATHER AND TIDES

// RTS WEATHER STATION

WEATHER DISCUSSION

Dry conditions and unusually light winds are expected to continue across the Kwajalein Atoll for the next few days.

Some subtropical ridging to the north has allowed a dry trade wind flow to establish itself and led to dry, sinking motion in the upper atmosphere. These will both work to suppress shower activity.

No more than stray showers are expected across the Atoll through the end of the weekend, and any showers should be brief and light.

The subtropical ridge has weakened somewhat, reducing the pressure gradient across the Atoll and leading winds being lighter and more northerly than would be expected for this time of year.

Winds will generally be north-northeasterly in the low teens, dropping to the high single digits at times. Higher gusts will be possible near showers, although they should fall well short of hazardous levels due to mid-level winds being light.

Waves will slowly increase from 3-5 feet to 4-6 feet but should remain well below hazardous levels.

Thunderstorms are not expected for the next few days, as upper-level temperatures will remain

SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:54 p.m.	8:53 p.m. 8:48 a.m.	5:47 a.m. 3.5' 5:54 p.m. 4.4'	11:37 a.m. -0.3' -----
MONDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:54 p.m.	9:36 p.m. 9:26 a.m.	6:13 a.m. 3.5' 6:20 p.m. 4.3'	12:15 a.m. -0.4' 12:05 p.m. -0.2'
TUESDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:54 p.m.	10:19 p.m. 10:01 a.m.	6:40 a.m. 3.5' 6:45 p.m. 4.0'	12:40 a.m. -0.3' 12:33 p.m. 0.0'
WEDNESDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:55 p.m.	11:01 p.m. 10:37 a.m.	7:07 a.m. 3.4' 7:10 p.m. 3.7'	1:04 a.m. -0.1' 1:02 p.m. 0.3'
THURSDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:55 p.m.	11:45 p.m. 11:12 a.m.	7:36 a.m. 3.3' 7:36 p.m. 3.3'	1:28 a.m. 0.1' 1:35 p.m. 0.6'
FRIDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:55 p.m.	----- 11:50 a.m.	8:11 a.m. 3.1' 8:07 p.m. 2.8'	1:54 a.m. 0.4' 2:14 p.m. 0.9'
FEBRUARY 3	7:10 a.m. 6:56 p.m.	12:31 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m. 2.9' 8:53 p.m. 2.3'	2:26 a.m. 0.7' 3:16 p.m. 1.2'

relatively warm, and conditions will be unfavorable for vertical development of showers.

SATURDAY

Mostly to partly sunny with possible stray showers. Winds N-NE at 8-13 knots with higher gusts near showers.

SUNDAY

Partly sunny with possible stray showers. Winds N-NE at 9-14 knots with higher gusts near showers.

MONDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers. Winds NNE-ENE at 11-16 knots with higher gusts near showers.

NEXT WEEK

A trade wind surge moving in will lead to much breezier conditions by Wednesday.

This feature, combined with an approaching wave, may also lead to a considerably wetter pattern starting around that time.

Isolated to widely scattered showers can be expected throughout the workweek, along with winds in the upper teens possibly reaching the low 20s at times.

Waves will also be considerably higher, likely in the 6-8 feet range throughout the week.

However, as of now, they should remain below hazardous levels.

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Shows start at 7:30 p.m.

RICHARDSON THEATER

Saturday, Jan. 27

"Fantastic Four: Rise Of The Silver Surfer" (Pg) 92 Min.

Sunday, Jan. 28

"Ice Age: Collision Course" (Pg) 94 Min.

Saturday, Feb. 3

"Groundhog Day" (Pg) 101 Min.

Sunday, Feb. 4
"Indiana Jones And The Temple Of Doom: (1984) (Pg) 118 Min.

Saturday, Feb. 10

"Lightyear" (Pg) 100 Min.

Sunday, Feb. 11
"Lyle, Lyle Crocodile" (Pg) 106 Min.

Saturday, Feb. 17

"Madagascar" (Pg) 86 Min.

Sunday, Feb. 18

"Minions: The Rise Of Gru" (Pg) 87 Min.

Saturday Feb. 24
"Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie" (G) 86 Min.

Sunday Feb. 25

"Ralph Breaks The Internet" (Pg) 112 Min.

YUK THEATER

Saturday, Jan. 27

"Kandahar" (R) 119 Min.

Sunday, Jan. 28

"Mad Max - Fury Road" (R) 120 Min.

Saturday, Feb. 3

"Mechanic: Resurrection" (R) 98 Min.

Sunday, Feb. 4

"The Equalizer" (2014) R 132 Min.

Saturday, Feb. 10

"The Menu" (R) 107 Min.

Sunday, Feb. 11

"Love Again" (Pg-13) 104 Min.

Saturday, Feb. 17

"The Nun II" (R) 110 Min.

Sunday, Feb. 18

"Aquaman" (Pg-13) 143 Min.

Saturday, Feb. 24

"Malignant" (R) 111 Min.

Sunday, Feb. 25

"Barbie" (Pg-13) 114 Min.



Kwaj Eyecare

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Call 480-2224 to be added to the waitlist Feb. 6 -17, 2024

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