

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



BASH LYNCH, LEFT, AND HIS DAD, LT. COL. TRAVIS LYNCH, GIVE THE KWAJALEIN RUNNING CLUB'S SWEETHEART RELAY TWO THUMBS UP ON FEB. 12.



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U.S. – RMI COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL AIMS TO IMPROVE WORKER PERFORMANCE, RELATIONS

BY MIKE BRANTLEY / USAG-KA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

After a three-year hiatus, the U.S.- Republic of the Marshall Islands Community Relations Council met for the first time since 2021, hosted by the U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll command group.

“Our friendship with the RMI is critical,” said Col. Drew Morgan, commander, USAG-KA, noting that recent events highlighted that bond, notably the incident of flooding from several waves on Roi-Namur.

Morgan said that the residents of Roi-Namur, as well as the residents of Enniburr, or Third Island, was foremost in his mind. “Water delivery on Third Island remains one of our major concerns, one that we worked hard to resume immediately.”

Attendees at the CRC representing the U.S. included the following: Lance Posey, deputy chief of mission, U.S. Embassy-Majuro; Col. Drew Morgan, USAG-KA commander; Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller, USAG-KA senior enlisted advisor; Lt. Cdr. Brendan Kruse, U.S. Embassy-Palau; U.S. Coast Guard Capt. William C. Woityra, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command; Cdr. Jason A. Neal, U.S. Embassy-Palau. Attendees representing the RMI included the following: Kwajalein Atoll local government Mayor



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Members of the 2024 U.S. – RMI Community Relations Council pose for a group photo following the meeting, Feb. 8.

or Hirata Kabue; RMI Minister David Paul; Sen. Kitlang Kabua; Sen. Kili Kabua; Councilman Terry Lorok Jr.; Councilman Conny Livai Sr.; RMI Liaison to USAG-KA Conny Livai Jr; Councilman Alvin Jacklick; KALGOV Protocol Officer Robert Nenam; Abacca Anjain-Maddison, assistant deputy chief secretary; Councilman Anjer Langinbelik; Councilman Tony Maika; and Dr. Gregg Nakano.

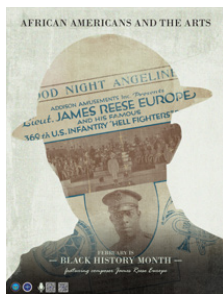
Before the meeting began, Morgan shared that the recent 80th Anniversary Commemoration for Operation Flint-

lock, was an opportunity to showcase our shared heritage.

“This commemoration showcased our shared kinship with the RMI,” said Morgan.

Electrical Power to Third Island

Maj. Dae Choi, host nation director, USAG-KA, moderated the council, and offered that the Kwajalein Atoll Joint Utilities Resources is working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the issue. Minister David Paul said that his understanding was that a document was signed by the RMI and sent to the



FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Brenda Robinson became the first African American female graduate from the Navy's Aviation Officer Candidate School, earning her wings in 1980, according to the non-profit organization Women in Aviation. She was the first Black woman certified for C-1A carrier onboard delivery landings the following year, the group said. Robinson retired in 2008. <https://www.military.com/daily-news/2020/07/10/after-110-years-of-aviation-navy-get-its-first-black-female-fighter-pilot.html>

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Col. Drew Morgan, commander, U.S. Army Garrison – Kwajalein Atoll, second from left, speaks with the RMI delegates during the Community Relations Council, Feb. 8 at the command conference room.

U.S. and that the RMI was waiting on the U.S.’ input with USACE to ensure RMI compliance. He added that RMI funding for the project has been allocated and that the RMI is working to install the grid on Third Island with the Marshall Energy Company doing the work in-house.

USACE representative Blair Jones said that his organization will take this, review and provide input, with Paul adding that this project had been in discussion for the past eight years.

Representing Kwajalein Atoll, Sen. Kitlang Kabua commented that the issue had been pending for some time and that confusion is caused by a mutual lack of awareness by U.S. and RMI counterparts for their respective points of contact on the issue. Kabua asked if the recent flooding on Roi caused the power to be affected.

Morgan noted that while the flooding on Roi-Namur affected the power distribution system, the flood did not cause the power plant to fail.

Micronesia Games

USAG-KA will host the swimming events of the upcoming Micronesia Games, June 17 – 21. Lt. Col. Travis Lynch, USAG-KA director of emergency services, said that the biggest issue would

be the access of athletes and coaches and that DES would work with the RMI for the information. Paul said that Sen. Tony Muller would be the RMI point of contact.

Paul said that the athletes will come from the RMI, the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, Kiribati and Nauru. “USAG-KA is a national asset,” said Morgan, “and there will be some logistics to be looked at as we support the event.”

Business Opportunities on US-AG-KA for RMI businesses

Paul said there hasn’t been real traction, but previous discussion had touched on perhaps RMI businesses taking on the golf cart rentals or the American Eatery at the Dock Security Checkpoint.

Ian Morales, AAFES general manager added that AAFES is open for discussion and they would need business proposals.

Morgan added that with the right business model, there could have been vendors from Ebeye who could have sold food or merchandise during the recent 80th Anniversary Commemoration for Operation Flintlock.

Proposed Memorandum of Understanding for shipment of fruits and vegetables on Asia Pacific Air

Paul shared that there was a trial run in the shipment of fruits and vegetables that arrived on a flight from Guam, with USAG-KA helping to provide transportation from the airport to the DSC, prior to COVID. The RMI issue is getting space on the APA flights.

He said that the other issue is trying to get the APA flights that go directly to Majuro to stop here in Kwajalein first. The RMI will get with the APA to see if that is an option.

Morgan added that currently US-AG-KA cannot support night flights into the airfield. Paul said that the RMI would get more information from APA.

New Topics of Discussion Ombudsman

Paul stated that this issue is very important as it affects a most vital resource which are the people. He added that the idea being that the ombudsman is accountable to the Joint Labor Relations Board, that the applicant is screened by the JLRB membership (both U.S and RMI).

Morgan agreed that the installation will run smoothly if there is a process in place (in terms of addressing grievances). He then asked why the Liaison position can’t be combined with the Ombudsman position, and still report to the JLRB. Paul said that the RMI is ready for the position and that they’ve budgeted for it.

Morgan further added that this is also very important to the command and agreed for the RMI to have an ombudsman position on USAG-KA.

Support for Kwajalein Atoll Sustainability Laboratory /Pacific Allies

Dr. Gregg Nakano briefed that the KASL’s objective is to explore ways to improve the lives of the people on Ebeye and in Kwajalein in the RMI. He added they are trying to build collaboration with both RMI and U.S. interests to achieve their objectives of climate resilience.

Morgan thanked everyone for attending and participating with the CRC, highlighting the Team Kwaj values of doing the right thing, being kind to one another and adding that leaders are committed to being kind. “USAG-KA is committed to these values.”

THE NEXT CRC WILL OCCUR THE LAST WEEK OF MAY 2024 WITH THE RMI HOSTING.

TEAM KWAJ ISLAND EVACUATION MAP

BE PREPARED! HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ISLAND SAFETY? CONTACT USAG-KA SAFETY OFFICER MICHAEL FLINCHBAUGH AT 480-1442.

Kwajalein Resident Evacuation Plan

- A** — Kwajalein High School
- B** — Dental Facility, Bldg. 357
- C** — Warehouse, Bldg. 602
- D** — All bachelor quarters
- E** — Kwajalein Hospital
- F** — Jabro Transient Facility, or Macy's, Bldg. 704
- G** — Grace Sherwood Library, Bldg. 805
- H** — Religious Education Building, Bldg. 671

Shelter Locations for Zones 1 – 11

- Zone 1:** Kwajalein High School, Bldg. 361
- Zone 2:** Grace Sherwood Library
- Zone 3:** Jabro Transient Facility, or Macy's
- Zone 4:** Floors 2 and 3 of bachelor quarters
- Zone 5:** Public Works Administration, Bldg. 804
- Zone 6:** Jabro Transient Facility, or Macy's, Bldg. 704; Religious Education Bldg. 671
- Zone 7:** Dehumidified Warehouse, Bldg. 993
- Zone 8:** Kwajalein Fire Department, Bldg. 904
- Zone 9:** Reagan Test Site, Bldg. 1010
- Zone 10:** None
- Zone 11:** DCCB, Bldg. 1500

The shelter evacuation plan for Kwajalein housing residents and during off-duty hours is limited to three primary locations: Bldg. 361, 805 and 704.

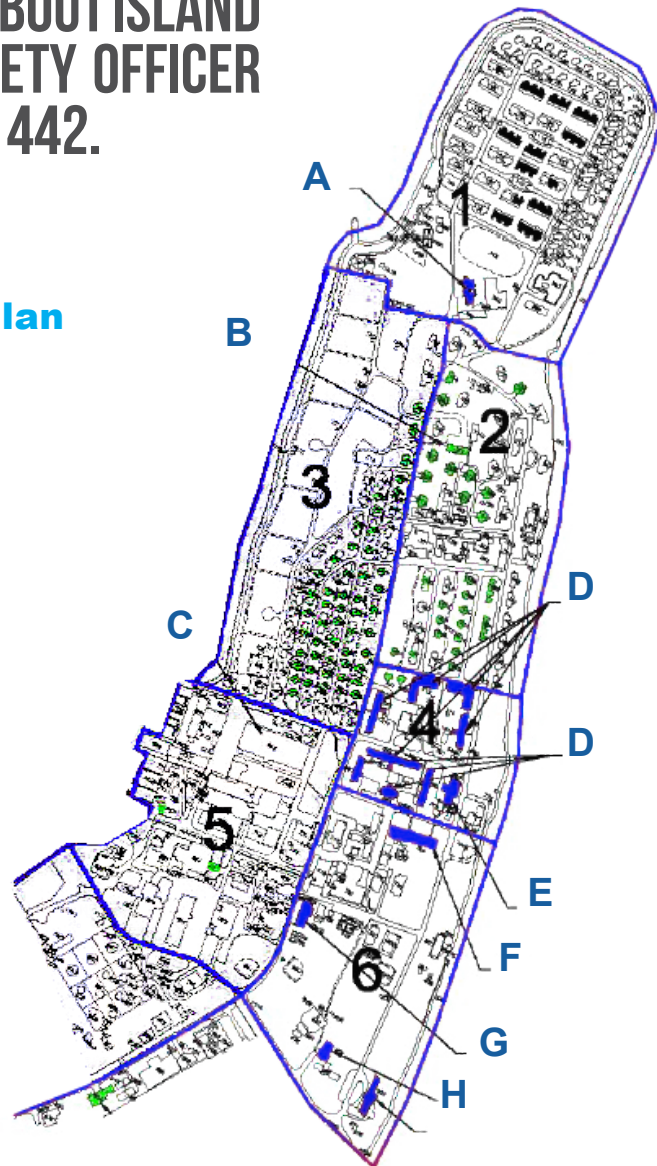
The upper floors of bachelor quarters will also serve as residential shelter locations for BQ residents on lower floors, and the senior resident for each BQ will serve as the warden. BQ's will not normally store shelter kits prior to any emergency.

If an emergency occurs during hours of business, all shelters

will be available, and the senior government or contractor will act as the warden.

During normal hours, the south entrance to Bldg. 1010 will be opened and those without normal building clearance will be escorted to a safe location on the second floor.

The following instructions are a guide to be used by all shelter wardens prior to and during an emergency. In the event the primary shelter warden is unavailable, a secondary warden will be identified and fulfill this function.



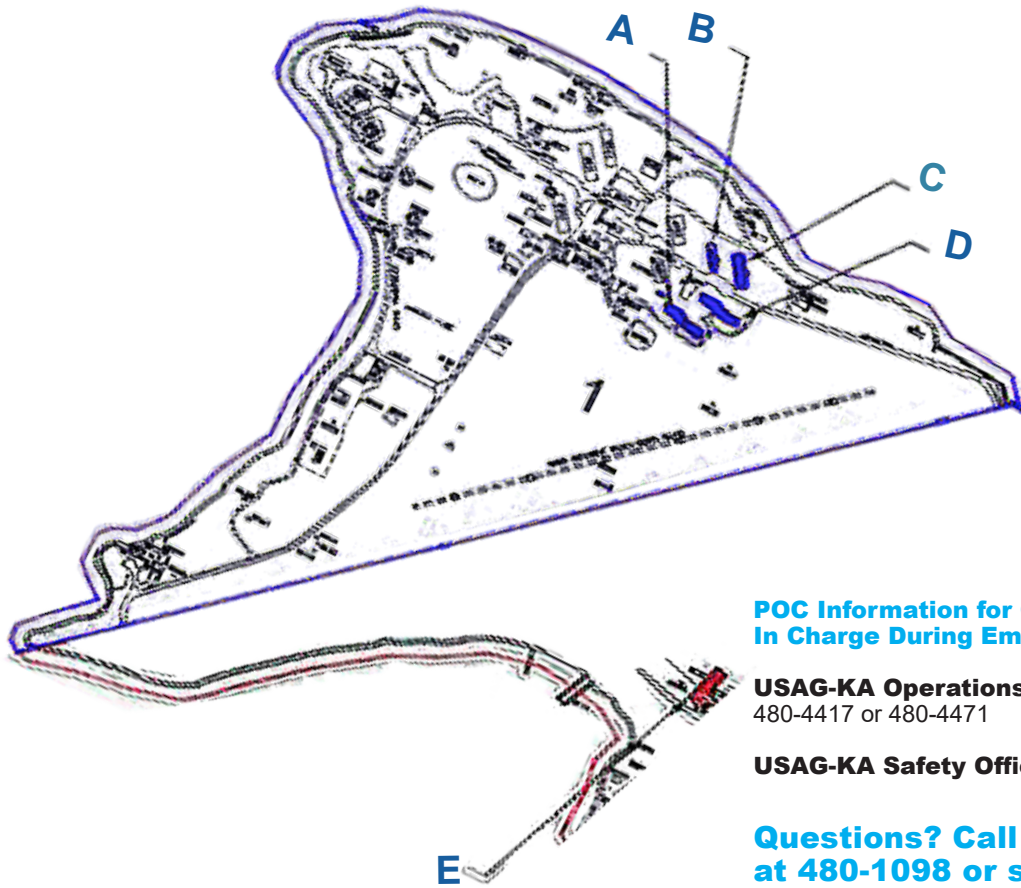
Shelter Warden Instructions

- 1. Ensure any shelter kits at your shelter are secure, fully stocked,** and within expiration dates. This will be checked quarterly and discrepancies reported to the contract emergency manager and USAG-KA Emergency Manager.
- 2. Designate a pet area** or pet room for those residents with pets.
- 3. Test telephone and e-mail contacts** for emergency management personnel and update your contact information as required.
- 4. Ensure facility keys** are functional.
- 5. Ensure the facility** has a

working television and radio for use during an emergency.

During An Emergency

1. At the onset of impending disaster notification via siren or other means, the shelter warden will immediately evacuate to and open the designated shelter. This will be conducted whether the warden is notified directly or not, or whether the impending disaster siren has been sounded. There may not be time to contact each warden to open shelters. The fire department may assist with opening shelters, as required.



POC Information for Officers In Charge During Emergencies

USAG-KA Operations Office:
480-4417 or 480-4471

USAG-KA Safety Officer: 5-1442

Questions? Call the Commander's Hotline at 480-1098 or send a private message to the official USAG-KA Facebook page.

2. The shelter warden is responsible to ensure all residents are aware that safety is a personal responsibility and that sponsors are responsible for the behavior and safety of their children, family, guests and pets. Residents may depart the shelter prior to the "all clear" but the warden shall inform them that they do so at their own risk. Unruly residents and sponsors will be reported to the authorities.

3. You will ensure any **shelter kit(s)** delivered to your location is complete and within expiration dates. This includes kits delivered and stored at your location ahead of time and at the time a disaster is likely to occur or is occurring.

4. You will **report** via telephone, e-mail, or runner as appropriate to the Emergency Operations Center at (480-0856) your total occupant and pet numbers and keep track of residents by name of sponsor and those sponsored. (ex. Capt. Smith, spouse, two children and one dog).

5. You will ensure **communication to shelter occupants** is timely and accurate via television, radio, or through reports you receive during a crisis.

6. A representative from the EOC will bring a radio (CH 13) to your shelter location so you may communicate with the EOC for critical emergency information and updates, as required.

7. Reassure residents during a crisis and maintain a calm and civil atmosphere.

After An Emergency

1. Ensure any **shelter kit items** used during the crisis are accounted for and reported through USAG-KA Operations for restocking.

2. Ensure shelter is clean, orderly and secure prior to departure.

3. Report closure of shelter to USAG-KA Ops and emergency management personnel.

4. Turn in radio to EOC or maintain until it can be picked up from you.

Roi Resident Evacuation Plan

- A** — Ralik B Bachelor's Quarters, Bldg. 8213
- B** — Nike Bachelor's Quarters, Bldg. 8114
- C** — Spartan Bachelor's Quarters, Bldg. 8115
- D** — Ratak A, Bachelor's Quarters, Bldg. 8213
- E** — Administration Bldg. 8035

The Emergency Roi-Namur Shelters are second floor hallways of the Nike Bldg. 8114, Spartan Bldg. 8115, Ratak Bldg. 8211 and Ralik Bldg. 8213.

Upon entering the shelter, please provide the following information to your shelter warden:

- **Your quarters number**
- **Names of all members in your group**
- **Names of any family members who are not present**

Medical personnel will be assigned to the emergency shelters. Only personnel who may

require emergency medical treatment, as predetermined by the medical officer, will be sheltered in the hospital.

An officer in charge will be assigned to each emergency shelter. You are expected to cooperate with the OIC.

It is important that shelter assignments be followed.

The emergency shelter for all personnel east of the runway will be the Administration Bldg. 8035. For all personnel west of the runway, the second floor hallways of the Nike, Spartan, Ratak and Ralik bachelor quarters will serve as shelters.

TEAM KWAJ TOWN HALL THANKS ROI WORKFORCE, LISTENS TO CONCERNS

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Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller, U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll senior enlisted advisor traveled to Roi-Namur Feb. 9 to hold the first town hall since the Jan. 20 wave inundation that damaged the northern part of the island.

He thanked everyone for what everybody has done with Roi so far.

“We still have a long way to go,” said Miller, “but if you look at it now from when it first happened, it’s 100 percent different—we will continue to push forward.”

Miller added that 5,000 gallons of water is being pushed every day to Third Island. “The next step is to get the dining facility back up and running to feed a mass amount of people because the small kitchen they are working out of, it’s amazing what they’re doing every single day, but it’s not sustainable.”

He added that cleaning up

Roi and getting it back up to healthy is the next step.

Miller thanked the dining facility manager and his team for providing quality of life on Roi for serving 508 meals in one day.

“You and your team are awesome.”

Miller added that there is unexploded ordnance, or UXOs, on the island and have been found. “If you see an area marked off with a pink flag, stay away. If you see something, say something. Mark near it to notify security and EOD so no one gets hurt.”

Before the questions started, Anthony McAllister, Roi V2X lead, thanked the Marshallese workforce. “Look where we’ve come in the last 10 days. You’ve really put in the work, the effort and the strength – I can’t say thank you enough.”

Only two questions came up during the meeting: lack of mail, and issues with the

Bank of the Marshall Islands.

Regarding the mail, Miller said, “The mailroom has a list of everyone still on Roi and should be bringing it out. We’re trying to get mail up once a week. Mail is a morale booster.”

Regarding the BOMI ATMs out of funds, Miller added that “We are working with the RMI to get the bank representatives up there and the machine has money available now.”



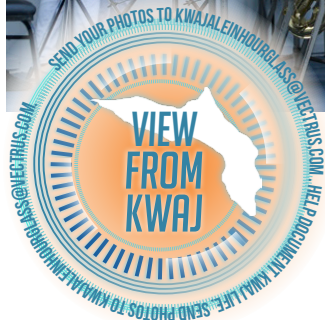
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Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller, center right, serves chicken drumsticks to hungry workers on Roi-Namur following the Town Hall at Roi-Namur. The C-Building is the temporary dining facility while clean-up efforts continue to restore Café Roi for service.



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

The Kwajalein High School Band plays for TEAM KWAJ during the 80th Anniversary Commemoration of Operation Flintlock onstage at the Richardson Theater, Feb. 2, 2024, on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll. At the request of USAG-KA Command, the students even learned additional military march music to perform for the ceremony. Now, that’s the TEAM KWAJ spirit. Thanks to the Kwajalein High School Band for doing their part to support TEAM KWAJ. To find out how to enroll your child in the KHS Band Program, contact Superintendent Paul Uhren at 480-3601.





1) Michael Melody heads for Ocean Road during the Feb. 12 Sweetheart Relay. 2) Maj. Dae Choi, right, and his son Xander have got this relay under control. 3) Charging ahead with a stroller and two future triathletes, this island mom ran the relay for three.

TEAM KWAJ LOVES THE SWEETHEART RELAY

HOURLASS REPORT

On Feb. 12, couples, families and friends queued up outside the Grace Sherwood Library for the annual 4x4 Sweetheart Relay Run.

The Kwajalein Running Club's short

event challenges participants to travel a short distance in teams, sharing the run with teammates. The team whose members return to the timing station first are announced as relay winners.

All traveled the relay route north down Lagoon Road, following 6th Street up to Ocean Road and past the

athletics fields to cross the timing station finish line.

This year's runners included parents, children as young as 3 years old, an Army colonel and lieutenant colonel and a family of eight, as well as numerous members of the Roi community who ran and served as route attendants.



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1) Eric Miller makes a run for it past the Reef BQ. 2) She's back! Jana Montoya, right, ran the Sweetheart Relay with Jenny Prim, left, and Thomas Prim (photobombing from the back row). Montoya PCS'd a few years ago. TEAM KWAJ is glad to have her back for a visit.

SWEETHEART RELAY TEAM PLACEMENTS

FIRST PLACE

Heather Miller, Rebecca DiBiase, Eric Miller, Mandy Melody

SECOND PLACE

Ellie Miller, Sydney Jones, Josie DiBiase, Anne-Marie Zink

THIRD PLACE

Taylor Aboud, Noah DiBiase, Felix Prim, Aidan Aboud.



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1) From left: Kyle Miller and David Sholar bring the mighty brass sound to *Anywhere Atoll* during their December 2023 live performance at the Oceanview Club. 2) You're getting a drum solo for Christmas, courtesy of drummer Ashton Miller.

ANYWHERE ATOLL IS HOME-GROWN ROCK

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

**By *Anywhere Atoll*
Compiled by Jessica Dambruch**

For those wondering where to show up for the next live music event, the answer is “*Anywhere Atoll*.”

This island rock band adds their signature sound to any scene in any season in way that is both effortless and fun. If you’ve never seen the band play, kept watch for concert announcements featuring the band’s signature icon—a shark guitarist playing face-melting rock.

Anywhere Atoll kindly co-authored the following interview to share a little about themselves and how they keep their Kwaj band going. Read up and get ready for their next concert.

Tell us about the band! How did this group form up?

Vocalist Jacque Phelon has loved offering live music to Kwaj and Roi residents since 2017. Unfortunately, many of the musicians she used to sing with PCS’d during COVID.

Jacque had been looking to get back into the band scene following maternity leave, so her Kwaj talent scout and husband, Patrick, recommended she talk with Buck (lead guitar) and Luke (bass).

The three got together to see if the

group could be a fit. Luke recruited Ashton on drums and Jon on rhythm guitar.

Guitarist Luke Letter was introduced to the band by David Bates, bass player for the Saggy G’s.

“We jammed one day and switched around to different instruments. It was fun, so we decided to try and get a band going,” Letter wrote. “I work with Patrick, and I think someone mentioned that his wife, Jacque, was a singer, and she was looking to get back into the band scene.

“So, we all got together with Ashton who had mentioned that he played drums, and it was great, and we knew we had a good thing. I think we just got lucky. A few months later, we invited Jonathan Janke to come play, as we needed another guitarist. He played a couple songs with us at our first show, and did a great job, so we added the fifth member to our group.”

***Anywhere Atoll* is a clever name. Tell us how you came up with it?**

We liked the idea of using “atoll” in lieu of “at all.” There was some disagreement on what name best fit the bill, but “*Anywhere Atoll*” was the winning compromise.

What are the challenges of keeping a band together on Kwajalein?



*The voice of the band, Jacque Phelon is a classically trained singer who can tackle the wide array of genres in *Anywhere Atoll*’s musical repertoire.*

We all have work and personal commitments, much like anywhere. Unique to Kwaj is the ever-present possibility of PSC’ing, which can threaten the band’s longevity. We also have the challenge of scheduling rehearsal and shows around mission requirements.



In a nutshell, please tell us a little about each performer's musical background.

Jacque started singing at church, performed in various choirs and musicals growing up, studied classical performance in college, and sang in the UMass Dynamics a cappella group after switching to a mechanical engineering major.

After college, Jacque sang with the Boston Pops Gospel Choir before moving to Kwaj and joining Kwaj bands Ballistic Love and Robbing Sunrise, active from 2017-2018 and 2018-2020, respectively.

Luke started playing bass and guitar in high school and had several bands.

"I was involved with music in college, and continued over the years, but having a family and a career makes that a bit difficult," he said. "Kwaj actually affords us more free time to pursue some of our old hobbies, so it was a great opportunity to get back into it."

Buck Polya's guitar skills are the subject of much speculation from his bandmates.

"When [Buck] was 16, the devil offered to make him an amazing guitar player in exchange for his soul," Letter said. "He says he turned down the offer, and instead just practiced really hard, but every once in a while, I just get this feeling..."

Ashton started playing the drum set in 2002, and despite moving around the world with living situations not suitable for a drum kit has managed to keep the talent alive. This is complimented by going to at least a thousand shows and concerts since 2006.

Over the winter holidays, Anywhere Atoll had a Santa drummer. The crowd enjoyed



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1) Barie Turpie tunes up before the second set in December 2023. 2) Anywhere Atoll's Buck Polya, on guitar at the Oceanview Club. 3) Bass player Luke Letter sports a T-rex holiday shirt during the December 2023 performance. 4) Dancing room only: The audience takes the dancefloor during Anywhere Atoll's spring 2023 performance at the Kwajalein Yacht Club.

the show. What is the band's favorite show, to date?

The Kwaj "Ugly T-shirt" party was a blast! We also loved the opportunity to perform for Roi at their Halloween party where guest appearances were from Gilligan's Island castaways. The Ugly

T-shirt party was great, and MWR has been great to work with. It's been a great partnership for the last couple shows.

Any big performance plans for 2024?

We have a show coming up on St. Patrick's Day! Stay tuned for details.



WHAT IS A CATCHER BEACH?

A classic example of a catcher beach along the shores of Hawaii.

// EXTERNAL REPORT

By the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

A catcher beach refers to any place where marine debris tends to pile up or aggregate.

Not to be confused with a dumping ground or heavily trashed public beach, a catcher beach typically receives its accumulations of debris due to its shape and location in combination with high-energy waves, storms, or winds.

Awareness and common knowledge of these types of areas vary significantly by state, although many states have a good understanding of where catcher beaches are located. In many cases, catcher

beaches are found in remote areas that are difficult to access and can be challenging in terms of debris cleanup and removal.

A specific example of a catcher beach can be found along the shores of Gore Point, Alaska. The geography of this location makes it a very high-density catcher beach, as it sticks out like a hook into the Gulf of Alaska current. Scientists and community groups have been monitoring and cleaning this catcher beach for over nine years because a lot of debris ends up there each year. Most notably in 2007-2008, a cleanup effort in Gore Point removed more than 20 tons of debris from less than a mile of shoreline! The debris included piles of logs reaching 10-15 feet high—evidence of the force of the winter storms that bring debris ashore in that part of Alaska.

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.



MONTHLY TIP FROM THE USAG-KA FIRE PREVENTION OFFICE: ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- Have all electrical work done by a qualified electrician.
- Major appliances should be plugged directly into a wall outlet receptacle.
- Use ground-fault circuit interrupters to reduce the risk of shock.
- Test GFCIs monthly or according to the manufacturer's recommendation.
- Ensure electrical cords do not run across doorways or under carpets.
- Use lightbulbs with correct wattage as indicated on your light fixtures.
- If you have frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers, report it to: PublicWorksServiceDesk@Vectrus.com or call 480-3550.



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!



BUILDING A KWAJ GO-BAG FOR EMERGENCIES

HOURGLASS REPORT

Say a USAG-KA-wide disaster strikes—one that cuts off residents' access to electricity, water, shopping and communications. Will you and your family be ready?

Read on to learn about the sundry items to go out and grab to make your own survival kit. In the event of a crippling event—such as a destructive typhoon—you'll be glad you did.

First grab a large travel bag or suitcase and then cram it with these items. This is what you'll want to bring along to the evacuation shelter in the event of a disaster.

In addition to preparing a go bag to take along to the evacuation shelter, you should also prepare a post-disaster supply kit. This should be packed in a water-tight container and left inside your living quarters.

Here's what you'll need:

1. A one-gallon jug of water for each person in your household
2. A one-day supply of non-perishable food to cover every person in your household
3. Manual can opener
4. Eating utensils, cups and plates
5. Sensible clothing
6. Rain gear, such as ponchos
7. Blanket for each family member
8. First-aid kit
9. Short-term supply of all required prescription medications taken by members of the household
10. Short-term supply of common over-the-counter medications
11. Personal hygiene items
12. Battery powered radio
13. Flashlight
14. Fresh batteries
15. Entertainment items for kids
16. Plastic bags to protect items
17. A three-day supply of freshwater for each person in your household. *At least one gallon per person per day
18. A three to five-day supply of non-perishable food to cover all family members
19. Hats
20. Sunscreen
21. Insect repellent
22. Baby wipes
23. Towels
24. Matches and lighters
25. Propane or charcoal for grill
26. Pet food, when applicable



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. 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.

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 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

KHS College, Career & Military Fair. Kwajalein School System seeks presenters for the College, Career and Military Fair on March 14 from 2:15 - 3 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Please contact KHS

With the events of Jan. 20 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.



at 480-2011 to host a table to share information with students in grades 7 - 12 about your post-secondary education, career path and military service. For information, contact Dr. Matt Gerber, gerberma@kwajaleinschools.org, 480-2011.

E-WARENESS

Reclaimed vs. Drinking Water Kwajalein Island has two water systems. The reclaimed (non-potable) system, color-coded with red labels, is not suitable for drinking. Landscaping with reclaimed water conserves drinking (Potable) water. Call Logcap Environmental if you have any questions. 480-0722

Ewor ruo kain system in dren ion Kwajalein. Reclaimed (non-potable) system eo, ekokalle kon label biroro, ejjab emman nan idrak. Utrikrik kon reclaimed water ekojbarok drenin idrak (Potable). Ne ewor am kajitok kaki, call e lok Logcap Environmental ilo 480-0722.

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 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.



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



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

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Nate Elkins
SHARP Victim Advocate
Work: 480-3421
USAG-KA SHARP Pager:
808-580-3241 #0100
DOD SAFE Helpline: 877-995-5247

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 available to the management structure to improve employee retention, performance improvement

KSS K-12 Science Fair

Who: K – 12 Students
What: Science Fair
When: April 26 from 5 – 6:30 p.m.
Where: KHS MP Room:
Why: Expand on research at home in the area of science.



KHS POC: Matt Gerber - 2011
 GSES POC: Paul Uhren - 3601

*Stop by the elementary school office or high school office to pick up your **free** display board after your child registers for the science fair!*

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, 7:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Flu shots are also available on a walk-in or appointment basis, Tuesday through Saturday, from 1 - 4 p.m. The updated 2023-2024 formulation for the COVID-19 vaccine (monovalent vaccine based on the Omicron XBB.1.5 sub-lineage of SARS-CoV-2) is available for

all ages (6mo+). On hand stock is limited and pre-registration is required to ensure availability of age specific dosage. To register 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

plans, workplace resilience, and the development of people management skills to build and maintain effective teams. Employee Assistance Program counselor (EAP) Kenneth Thomas MHS, LPC, LCADC, can be reached at kenneth.thomas@internationalssosgs.us or 480-5362.

PET HEALTH. 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. CYS seeks a fulltime administrative assistant for on-island hire. Applicants should have a high school diploma/GED and two years' demonstrated experience in administration or secretarial work, an undergraduate degree in business or a related field, or professional certificates from trade schools in a related field. Experience in child or youth programs is highly desirable. All required background checks must be successfully completed and maintained. A health assessment is also required. Please visit: careers.vectrus.com, REQ: 37777.



The Kwajalein Junior and Senior High School Bands Proudly Present...

Kwaj POPS!

Keltic Dragons, Soaring Melodies, Disney Princesses, and lots of Bruno Mars!

**Wednesday, Feb 21 at 6:30 p.m.
Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room**

Accepting Donations:

breakfast bars, granola bars, and snacks for our Rikatak students.

POC: Kyle Miller, Band Director 480-2011

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**

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, USAG-KA, is now partnered with Kikaha Solutions. Please visit www.kikahasolutions.com for more information and to submit applica-

tions. To navigate the site, click on "Careers," scroll 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.

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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 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.

EXPIRED / UNUSED
MEDICATION TAKE BACK
RECEPTILES LOCATED AT:

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

OR

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

Look Familiar?

Might be time to clean out
the medicine cabinet



Hobby Shop Workshop

Handmade Citrus Juicer

Squeeze some time out of your schedule and join us at the shop to make a custom citrus juicer.

Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Date: Feb. 22

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Members: \$10

Non-members: \$15

8 available spots

Hobby Shop: Bldg. 815, Phone: 480-1700

Hours: Wednesday & Thursday, 1 - 8 p.m., Friday, noon - 8 p.m., Saturday - Monday: 12-6 p.m.,

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**

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.

PASSPORT OFFICE. The United States Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Passport Office will process U.S. passport renewals for adults only on Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 1 - 5 p.m. at the USAG-KA command headquarters, command conference Room, Bldg. 730. Please email: us-army.bucholz.id-pacific.mbx.usag-ka-passports@army.mil or call 480-2103. Passport processing for minors will be held Thursday, Feb. 29, from 1 - 5 p.m. at USAG-KA command headquarters.

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

VARIETY SHOW

Everyone is invited to watch!

Sunday, March 17

6 P.M. - MP Room

Social Hour: Popcorn 5 - 5:55 P.M.

All proceeds from donations will go to Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club's education support in the Marshall Islands and Micronesia.



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 per-

mits. 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 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 callsign. Please contact Lisa at V73ML1@gmail.com for an application and information.

FM99 THE WAVE & 97.9 ROI RAT 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?

WEATHER ALERT

High Surf Advisory is in effect for north- and east-facing reefs from 6 p.m. until midnight local time, Saturday, Feb. 17. Impacts: Surf of 10-15 feet and some overtopping of low-lying shore at high tide. Please visit <https://rts-wx.com/> for more information.

Please contact the NETCOM Spectrum Management Office. This may require three months' approval process. Report any interference problem. Home use of commercial electronics does not require approval. Call 480-4135.



American Red Cross

Learn to Swim

Registration: Jan. 30 – Feb. 9

To register stop by Central Registration!

If you have questions: annie.hepler@Vectrus.com/480-2158



Dates: Feb. 13 – 27

Days: Tues, Wed, Fri, & Sat

Location: Millican Family Pool

Times:

Levels 3-6 – 3:45-4:15 p.m.

Levels 1-2 – 4:30-5 p.m.

Parent & Toddler – 5:10-5:30 p.m.



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 EBEBE

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.

Theology on Tap

This month's topic:

“Why I Don't Do What I Should”

Monday, Feb. 19

6:30 p.m. at the ARC

Led by Fr. Jim Ludwikoski

Contact kwajchapel@gmail.com for more information.

Kwajalein Schools

College, Career, & Military Fair

Kwajalein Schools is seeking **presenters** for the **College, Career, and Military Fair** on March 14 from 2:15 - 3 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Please contact KHS at 480-2011 to host a table and share information with 7-12 grade students about your post secondary education, career path, or military service.



POC: Dr. Matt Gerber
gerberma@kwajaleinschools.org
480-2011



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!





A FRIENDLY E-WARENESS REMINDER FOR WHAT NOT TO MAIL TO KWAJ

APO AP 96555 Mail Restrictions

One of the many restrictions for mail to ZIP Code 96555 is a prohibition on fruits, vegetables, live animals and live plants.

Please do not order these items to be delivered to APO AP 96555. Live plants are prohibited in the mail.

For a complete list of restrictions to all post office destinations, see the most recent Postal Bulletin pull-out section at the post office.

For a list of restrictions specific to 96555, go to: <https://postcalc.usps.com/MilitaryRestrictions> and enter zip code 96555. For more information on mailing restrictions to Kwajalein, keep reading.

Other than for the Priority Mail Express Military Service and the exceptions listed below, a customs declaration PS Form 2976 or PS Form 2976-A is required for all items weighing 16 ounces or more, and for all items (regardless of weight) containing potentially dutiable mail contents (e.g., merchandise or goods) addressed to or from the 96555 zip code.

Other than the exceptions listed below, all PMEMS mailpieces—regardless of mail contents or weight—addressed to or from this ZIP Code must bear a properly completed PS Form 2976-B. The surface area of the address side of the mailpiece must be large enough to contain the applicable customs declaration. The following exceptions apply to known mailers, who for this purpose are defined as follows:

- Business mailers who enter volume mailings through business mail entry units or other bulk mail acceptance locations, pay postage through advance deposit accounts, use permit imprints for postage payment, and submit completed postage statements at the time of entry that certify that the mailpieces contain no dangerous materials prohibited by postal regulations. Such business mailers are exempt from providing customs documentation on non-dutiable letters and printed matter.
- All federal, state, and local government agencies whose mailings are regarded as "Official Mail." Such agencies are exempt from providing customs documentation, except for any items addressed to a post office to which this restriction applies.
- Firearms of any type are prohibited, except firearms mailed to or by official U.S. government agencies. This restriction does not apply to firearms mailed from this zip code, provided ATF and USPS regulations are met. Antique firearms do not require an ATF form.
- Replica weapons and inert explosive devices such as grenades and weapons parts are prohibited.
- Fruits, vegetables, live animals, and live plants are prohibited.
- All alcoholic beverages, including those mailable under Publication 52, Part 421 are prohibited.
- Synthetic cannabinoids used to stimulate the central nervous system commonly known as "synthetic marijuana," "K2," or "Spice" are prohibited.
- Priority Mail Express Military Service is not available.

Graphic based on a photo by Raj Palgun



WEATHER AND TIDES

// RTS WEATHER STATION

WEATHER DISCUSSION

On Saturday, unsettled weather with a modest bump in shower activity may be expected, but conditions will gradually transition to drier, quieter weather over the weekend.

The remnants of a shearline lingering across northern Micronesia will bring amplified low-level convergence to the region, causing this increase in showery weather.

Northeasterly to east-northeasterly sustained winds in the upper teens to low twenties will also persist throughout Saturday, and conditions in the lagoon may become hazardous for small craft if winds remain in the low twenties for several hours.

However, shower activity will begin to subside and wind speeds will decrease by Sunday afternoon as the shearline weakens and its influence on the weather pattern diminishes.

Relatively dry weather with winds in the low to middle teens will most likely take over and persist through Monday.

For the ocean forecast,

a powerful extratropical cyclone to the distant north is sending a strong northerly swell towards the Marshall Islands, which will elevate wave heights to the low to middle teens in feet.

As a result, a High Surf Advisory for Kwajalein and Roi-Namur, particularly for north-facing shores, will remain in effect through Saturday.

However, wave heights are expected to gradually decrease on Saturday then continue to drop over the weekend, and they are expected to remain well below advisory levels throughout next week.

SATURDAY

Partly sunny and breezy with isolated showers. Winds NE-ESE at 15-20 knots with clear-air gusts in the low 20s and even higher gusts possible near any showers.

SUNDAY

Mostly sunny with isolated showers early, decreasing to stray showers in the afternoon.

Winds NE-ESE at 14-19 knots, decreasing to 11-16 knots in the afternoon. Higher gusts are possible near any showers.

MONDAY

Mostly sunny with stray showers. Winds NE-ESE at 11-16 knots with higher gusts possible near showers.

NEXT WEEK

A near-equatorial trough will build in the vicinity of the Marshall Islands, potentially sending an active weather wave through our region around the middle of next week.

Winds will increase to the upper teens to low twenties and shift slightly more easterly as this wave passes.

Shower activity will also increase to widely scattered or scattered and will likely peak around Wednesday or Thursday, hopefully delivering more much-needed rain to the southern part of the atoll.

Then, the end of next week will see a return to relatively drier weather as northeasterly trade winds take over the weather pattern once more.

Concurrently, a minor weakening of the subtropical ridge will potentially bring sustained winds down to the lower to middle teens from the last part of next week through the weekend.

| SUN-MOON-TIDES | | | | |
|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | SUNRISE SUNSET | MOONRISE MOONSET | HIGH TIDE | LOW TIDE |
| SUNDAY | 7:07 a.m. 6:59 p.m. | 1:40 p.m. 1:48 a.m. | 11:25 a.m. 2.8' ----- | 3:16 a.m. 1.2' 7:53 p.m. 1.3' |
| MONDAY | 7:07 a.m. 6:59 p.m. | 2:34 p.m. 2:45 a.m. | 1:39 a.m. 1.8' 1:47 p.m. 3.0' | 6:20 a.m. 1.5' 8:58 p.m. 0.8' |
| TUESDAY | 7:06 a.m. 6:59 p.m. | 3:29 p.m. 3:40 a.m. | 2:56 a.m. 2.2' 2:46 p.m. 3.4' | 8:15 a.m. 1.1' 9:29 p.m. 0.4' |
| WEDNESDAY | 7:06 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | 4:23 p.m. 4:33 a.m. | 3:27 a.m. 2.6' 3:23 p.m. 3.7' | 9:01 a.m. 0.7' 9:53 p.m. 0.1' |
| THURSDAY | 7:06 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | 5:15 p.m. 5:22 a.m. | 3:51 a.m. 3.0' 3:52 p.m. 4.1' | 9:34 a.m. 0.3' 10:16 p.m. -0.2' |
| FRIDAY | 7:05 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | 6:03 p.m. 6:06 a.m. | 4:14 a.m. 3.3' 4:18 p.m. 4.3' | 10:02 a.m. -0.0' 10:38 p.m. -0.4' |
| FEBRUARY 24 | 7:05 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | 6:50 p.m. 6:47 a.m. | 4:36 a.m. 3.7' 4:43 p.m. 4.5' | 10:28 a.m. -0.2' 11:00 p.m. -0.5' |

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Shows start at 7:30 p.m.

RICHARDSON THEATER

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, 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.

Kajitok? Abnōnō?

Questions? Concerns?

Call the Commander's Hotline at 480-1098.

NAN, INC. CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

Nan, Inc. Construction is scheduled to commence the telecommunication scope of work for the FY21 Kwajalein Army Family Housing project in our community from February – September 2024. There may be potential traffic disruptions, particularly from Lagoon Road to Bldg. 806. We kindly ask residents and commuters to be aware of possible changes in traffic patterns and to plan their routes accordingly.

We appreciate your patience and understanding. Nan, Inc. Construction is committed to minimizing any inconveniences, and we will strive to ensure a smooth and efficient construction process.

