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# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



COL. DREW MORGAN, LEFT, COMMANDER, U.S. ARMY GARRISON-KWAJALEIN ATOLL SHOWS BRENDA MCCULLOUGH, DIRECTOR, INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND-PACIFIC, AND COMMAND SGT. MAJ. JON WILLIAMS, IMCOM-P SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISOR THE EXTENT OF THE FLOODING ON A MAP OVERLAY ON ROI-NAMUR, MARCH 6.



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U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY MIKE BRANTLEY

Brenda McCullough, center, director, Installation Management Command-Pacific, is greeted by Lt. Col. Travis Lynch, director of emergency services and other members of Team Kwaj from U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll upon her arrival March 4.

BY MIKE BRANTLEY / USAG-KA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**Brenda McCullough**, director, Installation Management Command-Pacific, Fort Shafter, Hawaii, made her first visit to U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll March 4 – 8.

McCullough was accompanied on her site visit by Command Sgt. Maj. Jon Williams, IMCOM-P senior enlisted advisor.

McCullough toured USAG-KA assets such as the fuel farm, power plant, fuel pier, dock security checkpoint, Surfway, Child and Youth Services, AAFES, the Emergency Operations Center, Marshallese Cultural Center and infrastructure on Roi-Namur which was inundated Jan. 20 by several large waves.

“It’s a lot different when you see pictures on a computer screen than when you’re on the ground seeing it in person

with the teams who are doing the work,” said McCullough.

“I am immensely impressed and amazed with the work the team up at Roi-Namur have done in their recovery efforts. The amount of work they’ve done in such a short amount of time is truly amazing. It really emphasizes what our IMCOM teams will do to get the job done—their resilience, their stick-to-itiveness, and doing what they’ve done with the resources they have. I thought it was important for me to see that and to thank the folks on the ground.”

Col. Drew Morgan, USAG-KA commander, said, “We appreciate senior leaders visiting Roi-Namur and Kwaj to build their situational understanding and first-hand appreciation for TEAM KWAJ... why it is important for our nation, and why we love calling this place ‘home.’”



Brenda McCullough, left, director, IMCOM-P is welcomed by Dr. Stephanie McCutcheon, Child and Youth Services director before her tour of the facility showcasing what is available to Team Kwaj families and their children.

## THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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1) Susan Underbrink, left, Kwajalein's senior archaeologist, shows a core sample taken from Kwajalein to Brenda McCullough, director, IMCOM-P, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jon Williams, IMCOM-P senior enlisted advisor during a tour of the Kwajalein Archaeology Office. 2) Brenda McCullough, IMCOM-P director shakes hands with Charles Wilson, Café Roi manager, thanking him for his and his team's hard work in getting the dining facility cleaned and reopened following the weather-driven inundation of Roi Namur on Jan. 20. 3) Capt. Mitchel McGee, installation transportation officer, USAG-KA, shows Brenda McCullough, director, IMCOM-P the fuel pier during her tour of the Kwajalein infrastructure. 4) Brenda McCullough, center, director, IMCOM-P gets a tour of newly-renovated 400-series home on Kwajalein. 5) Brenda McCullough observed the damage the waves caused on Roi-Namur outside the damaged Tradewinds Theater with Col. Drew Morgan, center, commander, USAG-KA, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jon Williams, IMCOM-P senior enlisted advisor.

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U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY EDMOND THOMAS

*Kwajalein Hourglass reporter Yolanie Korab, left, conducts a recent interview with Ernest Curry, right, manager for Kwajalein and Roi's Surfway grocery stores, and senior manager for the Sunrise Bakery.*

## CURRY SPICES UP KWAJ AND ROI GROCERY, BAKERY OPERATIONS

### HOURLASS REPORT

**By Yolanie Korab and Anjowest Naisher**

**In this week's Kwajalein Hourglass, filmmaker Anjowest Naisher and I interviewed Ernest Curry, Surfway manager for Kwajalein and Roi, and senior manager for the Sunrise Bakery.**

**Curry arrived** on Kwajalein in November 2021. Since that time, he has worked to help improve grocery options at the Surfway stores on Kwajalein and Roi.

To help the Kwaj Surfway feel more like a “community store,” residents are occasionally able to purchase fresh baked goods from the Sunrise Bakery, too. The community response during the holiday season was positive.

At the small Roi Surfway, also called the Third Island Store, residents of Roi and Enniburr are permitted to shop. On Kwajalein, a larger

store, different rules and regulations apply for shopping access.

The biggest challenges of working with the grocery stores are getting merchandise on the shelves. Receiving replacement stock can sometimes be impacted by long supply chains and shipping schedules.

“The way I look at it, the stores support the Army's mission because they take care of people who work here

[and] the government pays their salaries,” Curry said. “We take care of everyone and meet their needs with food.”

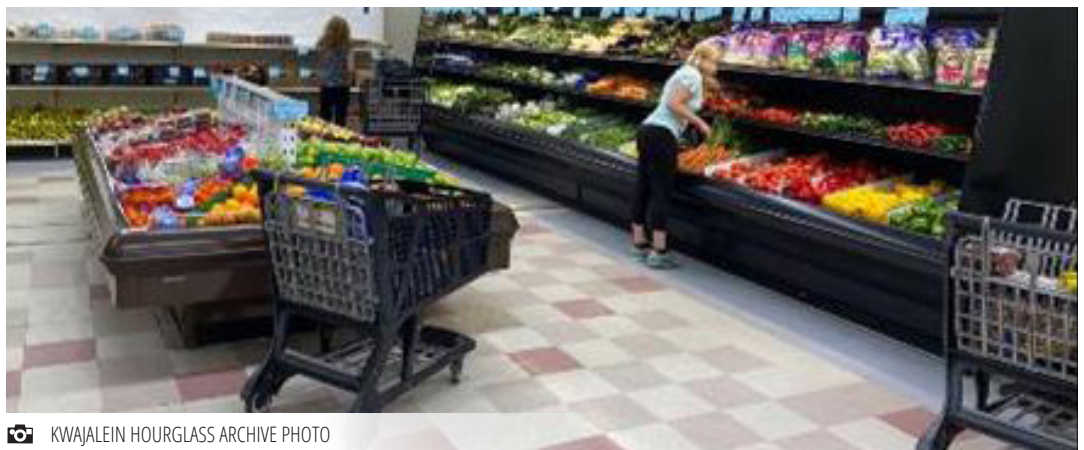
Curry said when he arrived on the atoll, no one knew him, and the Marshallese community welcomed him immediately as a member of the family. Whenever he needed help, someone was there to lend a hand.

“It was like asking a brother or sister. ...That is what

I try to do for anyone who comes to Kwaj. I tell them to embrace the Marshallese culture. [The Marshallese] have a wonderful history and are a wonderful people.”

He described life on the atoll as a great opportunity to learn about a new culture. He encourages newcomers to jump right in and to learn all they can about our unique island home.

“Learn the background behind everything,” he said.



KWAJALEIN HOURLASS ARCHIVE PHOTO

*Shoppers fill their baskets with fresh produce at Kwajalein's Surfway grocery store.*



# ARMY MISSILE DEFENSE HISTORY

BY SHARON WATKINS-LANG, SMDC HISTORIAN

**Fifty-five years** ago on March 14, 1969, the Ballistic Missile Defense program reached a significant crossroads in its history. On this date, President Richard Nixon announced a new direction for the BMD program.

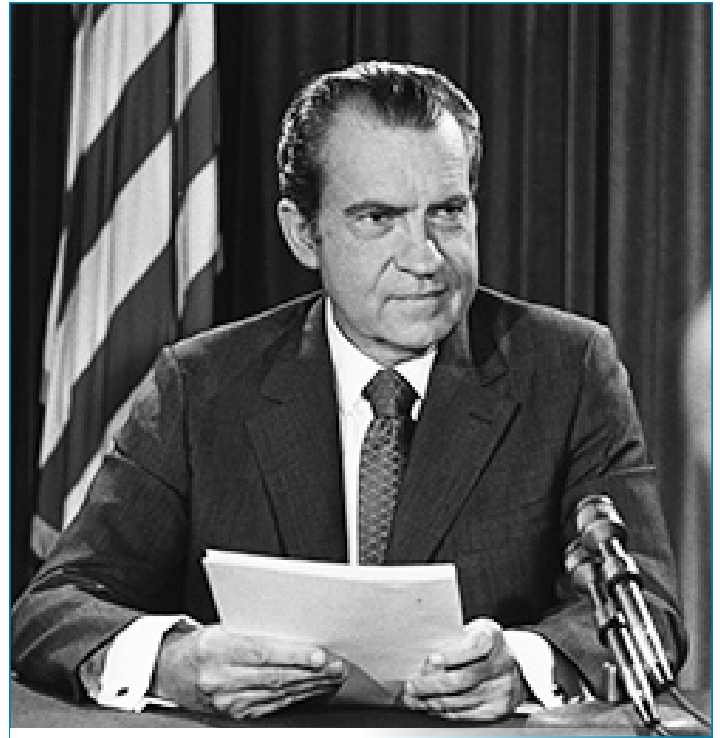
The Sentinel deployment concept, which focused upon providing a defense for urban areas and Minuteman sites, was replaced with the SAFE-GUARD concept.

Nixon specified three defense objectives, in his multi-phased deployment plan: "Protection of our land-based retaliatory forces against a direct attack by the Soviet Union"; "Defense of the

American people against the kind of nuclear attack which Communist China is likely to be able to mount within the decade"; and "Protection against the possibility of accidental attacks from any source."

President Nixon explained: "the gravest responsibility I bear as President of the United States is for the security of our nation. Our nuclear forces defend not only ourselves, but our allies as well.

The imperative that our nuclear deterrent remain secure beyond any possible doubt requires that the U.S. must take steps now to ensure that our strategic retaliatory forces will not become vulnerable to a Soviet attack."



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## TENANT SATISFACTION SURVEY

March 4 - April 18

Your feedback can make a **BIG DIFFERENCE** in the quality of life for Army families.

## Your Army Wants to Hear from You!

*\*Completely confidential*

We are investing significantly in housing improvements to ensure quality living conditions are provided to our Soldiers and families. Survey feedback will guide the Army's efforts to provide quality, safe and secure housing.



## U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll has resumed processing U.S. passports.

Please contact the USAG-KA Passport Facility at the following email address to schedule an appointment or if you have any questions:

[usarmy.bucholz.id-pacific.mbx.usag-ka-passports@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.bucholz.id-pacific.mbx.usag-ka-passports@army.mil)





U.S. ARMY GRAPHIC ILLUSTRATION

Discover the Army's Role in innovation, technology and national security at the South by Southwest Conference in Austin, Texas, March 8-16.

## ARMY TO SHARE INNOVATION INSIGHTS AT SOUTH BY SOUTHWEST 2024

### // EXTERNAL REPORT

#### By Army Futures Command

The U.S. Army will host multiple sessions on innovation, technology and national security during the 2024 South by Southwest (SXSW) Conference, which takes place in Austin the first two weeks of March.

SXSW's focus on discovery, learning, professional development and networking with creatives from around the world aligns with the Army's commitment to furthering transformation by sharing new ideas and cultivating collaborative partnerships.

Army leaders, including Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth, will join experts speaking at SXSW on official panels. Topics will range from quantum sensors to biotechnology while emphasizing the importance

of engaging with entrepreneurs, business leaders and other community members to shape the future of defense and technology.

The Army will also host interactive technology demonstrations that illustrate how the service is leveraging exoskeletons, wearable sensors and power generators, advanced manufacturing, next-generation fuel cell technologies, semi-autonomous aircraft, robotic counter-explosive devices, mixed reality technology and other state-of-the-art tools to improve support to Soldiers and protection of the nation.

Some of the Army's featured events at SXSW include:

#### **The Future of Power: A Creative Discussion on Possibilities**

March 8

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Thompson Austin Hotel, Red River Ballroom

#### **Transforming for the Future: Innovation, Tech and the Army, featuring Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth and Army Futures Command Commanding General James Rainey**

March 9

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Hilton Austin Hotel, Salon C

#### **BattleBots Metal Mayhem, presented by the U.S. Army**

March 10

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Austin Convention Center, Exhibit Hall 5

#### **The Greatest Innovator in the History of the World**

March 10

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Hilton Austin Hotel, Salon K

A full list of Army panels and events at the conference are available on the SXSW website. Session attendance is in-person, and participants must purchase conference tickets to access official SXSW events.

The Army will also host innovation and exposition booths at the Austin Convention Center and Hilton Hotel, as well as entertainment events—including Army bands and the Army eSports Team—at 800 Congress Ave.

The Army is proud to serve as a SXSW super sponsor this year and looks forward to playing an integral role in igniting discovery, making new connections with registrants and contributing directly to the SXSW community across all sectors.



# WHAT IS CORAL SPAWNING?

// EXTERNAL REPORT

By the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration

**Hard or stony corals reproduce by releasing their eggs and sperm all at the same time. This spawning cycle is one of nature's most spectacular events.**

Once a year, on cues from the lunar cycle and the water temperature, entire colonies of coral reefs simultaneously release their tiny eggs and sperm, called gametes, into the ocean. The phenomenon brings to mind an underwater blizzard with billions of colorful flakes cascading in white, yellow, red, and orange.

In ways that scientists still do not fully understand, mature corals release their gam-

etes all at the same time. This synchrony is crucial, because the gametes of most coral species are viable for only a few hours. The "blizzard" makes it more likely that fertilization will occur.

The gametes, full of fatty substances called lipids, rise slowly to the ocean surface, where the process of fertilization begins.

When a coral egg and sperm join together as an embryo, they develop into a coral larva, called a planula. Planulae float in the ocean, some for days and some for weeks, before dropping to the ocean floor. Then, depending on seafloor conditions, the planulae may attach to the substrate and grow into a new coral colony at the slow rate of about .4 inches a year.



NOAA PHOTO BY G.P. SCHMAHL

*Every August, seven to 10 days after the full moon, the reef-building corals of Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary put on a fantastic spawning display, one of the most abundant displays in the entire Caribbean. Most scientists agree that these mass spawning events are designed to allow genetic mixing and dispersal of offspring over large distances. Plus, the sheer volume of the events allow for the fertilization and survival of a significant number of larvae despite the best efforts of predators.*

# KWAJALEIN RECLAIMED WATER STANDARD VIOLATION

PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Reclaimed Water System Document of Environmental Protection requires public notification when reclaimed water standards are violated.

On Feb. 14 – 15, the Kwajalein Wastewater Treatment Plant observed elevated levels of petroleum oil entering the system. As a result, the reclaimed water generated had higher than normal turbidity levels.

Turbidity is the cloudiness or haziness of a liquid caused by individual particles that are generally invisible to the naked eye.

On Feb. 19, the 7-day rolling turbidity average at the point

of entry into the reclaimed water system and the distribution system measured above the 2.0 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTUs) standard. The turbidity of the reclaimed water is expected to slowly decrease to normal levels over the next two to three weeks while the reclaimed water system recovers. No health-based restrictions on the normal use, such as irrigation, vehicle washing, etc., of reclaimed or non-potable water are necessary. A petroleum-based odor has been observed in the distribution system that is expected to dissipate with newly generated reclaimed water. There is no threat to public health or the environment because of this turbidity exceedance and the

petroleum-based odor observed. If you have any questions, please contact the V2X Environmental Department at 480-0722.

## Jorraan Eo Ilo Reclaimed Water System Eo Ion Kwajalein

Ekkar non Reclaimed Water Document eo an Environmental Protection/ak naetan (DEP) ej kemlet bwe jikin liklik dren eo ej aikuj karon jukjuk in ped elane ewor jorraan ko rejolet dren eo ion Kwajalein.

Ilo kar 14-15 raan in Bepode ilo iio in, Jikin Liklik Dren Eo ion Kwajalein ear elolo kare in woi iloan dren ko. Ken menin, ekomman bwe en laplok an tap dren eo.

Weweein ej walok wot ne ewor menoknok ak kare in ettoon ko jeban loi. Ilo kar 19 raan in alon in, ear wor tarrin juon wiik aetokin an ped ettoon kein iloan dren kein ekomman bwe jonan bonbon in (NTUs) Nephelometric Turbidity Units / ettoon ak tap in dren ear tobar 2.0. Jonak in jej kotomone ke enaj driklok iloan wiik kein jilu rej pedo tok. Ejelok kojela non karon im rejan ikkijeen kojerbal in dren (non wutdrikdrik, kwali waa ko, im jermal ko eirlok wot) non aikuij ko jet.

Mottan woi ko iloan reclaimed water/dren in kenono kake rej etal non aer jako elikin an erreo dren kein. Ne ewon kajitok rellap lok, kir tok V2X Environmental department ilo 480-0722.



## What's the weather?

For weather information, please click the logo to visit the RTS Weather Station online.



# CLASSIFIEDS

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BOWLING CENTER IS CLOSED.** The Kwajalein Bowling Center is closed for renovations. Visit the Grace Sherwood Library for more information, or check out the Kwajalein Community Sports Facebook page at 480-3331.

**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](mailto:brian.arnett@vectrus.com) and [kaisha.wilson@vectrus.com](mailto:kaisha.wilson@vectrus.com).

## 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

**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 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](mailto:gerberma@kwajaleinschools.org), 480-2011.

## E-WARENESS

### RECYCLING TONER CARTRIDGES.

HP and Xerox toner cartridges can often be recycled by sending it back to the company. Next time you change the toner check the inside of the new package for return instructions. Let's reduce our waste! What can you do? If you have any questions, please call Vectrus Environmental at 480-0722.

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## FACILITIES & HOURS

**POST OFFICE CLOSURES FOR 2024:** May 27 – Memorial Day.

**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](mailto: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 Mar-



**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**

shall 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@versar.com](mailto:LCVKwajalein-FlyRoi@versar.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.

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

**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.

**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 [KwajaleinVeterinaryClinic@internationalssosgs.us](mailto:KwajaleinVeterinaryClinic@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](http://usajobs.gov). ARKEL International is hiring. Send CVs and resume to [christopher.fuentes@arkel.com](mailto:christopher.fuentes@arkel.com) and [jasper.gomez@arkel.com](mailto:jasper.gomez@arkel.com). Visit Arkel online at <http://arkel.com>. Call 480-1006 for more information.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.** USAG-KA 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.vec-trus.com](http://careers.vec-trus.com), REQ: 37777.

**BARU LEAD TEACHER.** USAG-KA Child and Youth Services has a full-time job opening for a Lead Teacher. This position supervises children aged 6 months to 3 years old during indoor/outdoor activities, special events and instructional time; develops and provides individual and group lessons using CYS curriculum; and requires a health assessment and successful completion of a background check. Apply online at [www.careers.vec-trus.com](http://www.careers.vec-trus.com). (Req. 38064)

**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](http://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](http://www.nanhawaii.com) and contact Clint Ueatari at 480-2632, 480-4995 or 480-4996.

**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 Public Affairs Officer and not posting any comments about the status of Roi facilities. If contacted, point all inquiries to the USAG-KA Public Affairs Office: Mike Brantley, 480-4848/1565, [james.m.brantley4.civ@army.mil](mailto:james.m.brantley4.civ@army.mil).

**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, and other areas. To apply, visit [rgnext.com](http://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](mailto:uhrenp@kwajaleinschools.org). For more information call 480-3601.

**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](http://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](mailto: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.

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](mailto: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



*Looking for the NEC or Tribalco??*

*Same people. Same service.*

**Kikaha is the new NEC Contractor.**

*If you need to submit a ticket call 480-3000, Option 1*



**EASTER  
SUNRISE SERVICE**

**Sunday, March 31**

**Emon Beach at 6:30 a.m.**

**Potluck breakfast to follow. Bring a dish to share.**

**Contact Island Memorial Chapel for more information**  
**[KwajChapel@gmail.com](mailto:KwajChapel@gmail.com) 480-3505**

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.

### 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](mailto: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? Please contact the NETCOM Spectrum Management Office. This may require three months' approval process. Report any interference problemw. 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.



# ROAD CLOSURES DURING UXO CLEARANCE OPERATIONS

Overnight UXO clearance operations are ongoing in downtown Kwajalein will occur in the 8th Street area. Here's what you need to know:

For questions, contact Michael Way at 480-5564.

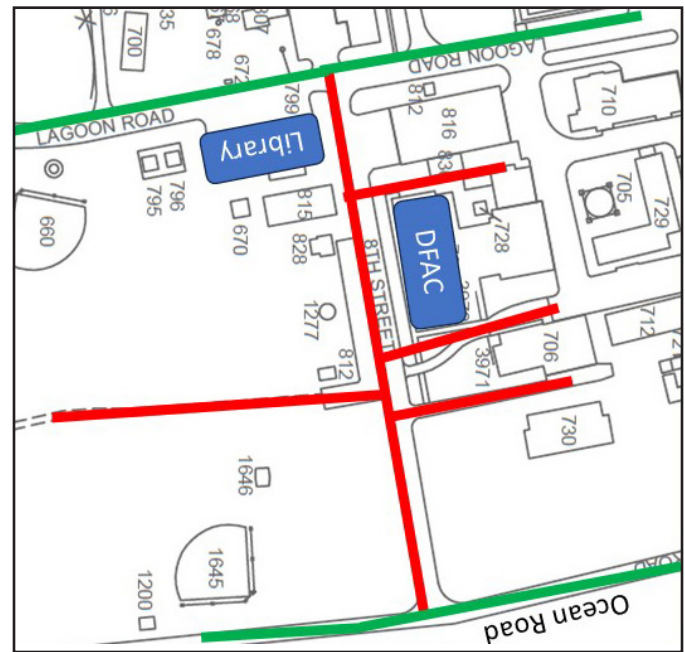
**When: March 16 and March 19 - 20 from 7:30 p.m. to 4:30 a.m.**

**Roads/paths in red on the roller map will be closed.**

- 8th Street will be closed
- Residents should not cross any barriers
- Lagoon and Ocean Road are unaffected. You can take these roads to commute.
- DFAC mealtimes will not be affected, but all patrons must exit at 7 p.m. to allow staff time to clean.
- Sunrise Bakery operations will be unaffected.

**The facilities below must be vacated by 7:30 p.m. on March 16 and March 19 - 20 by 4:30 a.m.**

- Library – Building 805
- Carts can be turned into the Oceanview Club after 7 p.m.
- Hobby Shop – Building 815
- Baseball and Soccer Field shown
- Post Office – Building 706
- Zamperini Dining Facility – Building 703



## UXO SAFETY REMINDER

### PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Unexploded ordnance** should be treated like dangerous sea creatures: Look, but do not touch.

You can play an important role in keeping Kwajalein safe by knowing what to do when you spot unexploded ordnance.

**Remember the three R's of UXO: Recognize** an item as possible unexploded ordnance; **Retreat** from the area

of the UXO; and **Report** suspected UXO immediately.

If you discover an object that could be UXO, notify Kwajalein Explosive Ordnance Disposal immediately by calling 480-1433. You can also call CPS at 480-4445. Provide the following information about what you found:

- Location. Note helpful details like the building number, GPS coordinates

and any prominent landmarks

- Size of the UXO as compared to common items like a football or scuba air cylinder

For a detailed refresher on UXO safety, attend the new island orientation or call Kwajalein EOD at 480-1433.

### Kememjej R ko 3:

- **Recognize** (kile) juon kwopej bajjok emaron Bokutan ak kein kabok-kolok (UXO); **Retreat** (Jenliklik) bed ettolok im jab kepaak UXO eo; **Re-**

**port** (Ripoot e) boktun ak kein kabokklok eo ien eo emokajtata non EOD ilo nomba kein (480-1433) ak CPS (480-4445).

Ken melele kein: Ia eo (nomba in ijo, GPS, kakolle in ijo, etc.); Jonan (jonan e iben jet kain mweik - football, taan in turan, etc.).

Tiljek kon UXO kein einwot am kojparok menin mour in lojet ko rekawotata. Kalimjek wot jab jibwe. Non bar kakememjej eok, eokwe jouj im koba lok ilo Island Orientation allon otemjej.





## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ART SHOW

featuring whimsical artwork  
by artists in grades K – 6

Tuesday, March 19  
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
at the Art Studio  
(located in room 14 at George Seitz  
Elementary School – across the street  
from the Millican Family Pool)

This year's art theme is  
**AROUND THE WORLD  
IN 80 DAYS**

Travel costumes are encouraged!  
Fun to-go snacks provided!

# SAINT PATTY'S DAY PARTY



**OCEANVIEW CLUB**  
FEATURING  
**ANYWHERE ATOLL**

Sunday, March 17, 8 p.m. - Midnight

## UNDERWATER EASTER EGG HUNT

HOSTED BY  
**KWAJALEIN SCUBA CLUB**

RSVP to this eggciting event  
by March 18.

**MARCH 25, 2024 | 9:30 AM  
EMON BEACH**

BYOT (Bring Your Own Tank)  
RSVP: [Christywag@yahoo.com](mailto:Christywag@yahoo.com)

# VARIETY SHOW

*Everyone is invited to watch!*

**Sunday, March 17**  
**6 P.M. - MP Room**

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

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



## EASTER EGG HUNT

**Saturday, March 30**

**Photos with the Bunny from 6 – 6:45 p.m.**  
**Bounce Houses, Slip-N-Slides,  
and Water Slides 6 – 8 p.m.**  
**Egg Hunt begin at 6:45 p.m.**  
**Movie & concessions at the Rich Theater 7:30 p.m.**

**Brandon Softball Field,  
Bring your own baskets,  
and cameras for pictures  
with the Easter Bunny!**  
**Candy, toys and special prizes  
for the hunters! Cash only for concessions.**

# MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Shows start at 7:30 p.m.

## RICHARDSON THEATER

## YUK THEATER

Saturday, March 16  
"Elemental"  
(PG) 101 min.

Saturday, March 16  
"The Batman"  
2022 (PG-13) 176 min.

Sunday, March 17  
"Footloose"  
(1984) (PG) 107 min.

Sunday, March 17  
"She Said"  
2022 (R) 129 min.

Saturday, March 23  
"Madagascar 2: Escape to Africa"  
(PG) 89 min.

Saturday, March 23  
"No Country for Old Men"  
(2007) (R) 122 min.

Sunday, March 24  
"Glory Road"  
(PG) 118 min.

Sunday, March 24  
"Oppenheimer"  
(2023) (R) 180 min.

Saturday, March 30  
"Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie"  
(G) 88 min.

Saturday, March 30  
"Maybe I Do"  
(2023) (PG-13) 96 min.

Sunday, March 31  
"Paws of Fury:  
The Legend of Hank"  
(PG) 98 min.

Sunday, March 31  
"Mississippi Burning"  
(1998) (R) 128 min.

# SOFTBALL

SEASON BEGINS  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 19**

For more information, please contact MWR Sports Lead,  
[cherokee.graham@gov2x.com](mailto:cherokee.graham@gov2x.com)



# WOMEN WHO HAVE MADE GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH  
MARCH





# WEATHER

// RTS WEATHER STATION

## WEATHER DISCUSSION

Kwajalein Atoll continues to enjoy seasonally dry and breezy conditions, but trade winds are coming down from last week's levels.

A series of mid-latitude low-pressure areas transiting the north Pacific are helping to weaken the subtropical high-pressure ridge to the north of the RMI, leading to gentler trade winds and easing sea conditions.

Expect east-northeast winds in the low to upper teens on Saturday, falling to around 10 knots to the low teens this weekend and remaining in this range for much of next week.

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ening of the subtropical ridge will allow more rain-causing features, such as the Intertropical Convergence Zone, to shift north into the area at times next week.

Although below-average rainfall is still expected throughout the period, better chances for showers will arrive on Monday as a weak wave builds over the central and southern RMI.

Next week, light east-northeast trades will prevail with occasional periods of isolated showers, driven by weak low-level trade wind convergence in addition to usual nocturnal instability effects. Skies will remain mostly sunny, becoming mostly cloudy at times in the upper levels as thick cirrus debris spills over-head from strong convection far to the south.

In the low levels, expect mainly few-to-

scattered fair weather cumulus with increased cloudiness at times near any shower activity. By the end of next week, winds may begin a gradual climb back to the mid- to upper teens as the subtropical ridge restrengthens.

Combined seas on the open ocean will be 5-7 ft on Saturday and Sunday, decreasing to 4-6 ft on Monday through next week.

## SATURDAY


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

## SUNDAY

Partly to mostly sunny with stray showers. Winds ENE-E at 10-15 knots with higher gusts near showers.

## MONDAY

Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated to widely scattered show-

 <b>SUN-MOON-TIDES</b>				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:55 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	12:28 p.m. 12:37 a.m.	8:26 a.m. 3.1' 8:17 p.m. 1.9'	1:35 a.m. 0.9' 3:23 p.m. 1.4'
MONDAY	6:54 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	1:24 p.m. 1:35 a.m.	10:15 a.m. 2.6' -----	1:48 a.m. 1.4' 8:16 p.m. 1.4'
TUESDAY	6:54 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	2:19 p.m. 2:29 a.m.	3:00 a.m. 1.9' 1:40 p.m. 2.8'	6:46 a.m. 1.8' 8:46 p.m. 0.9'
WEDNESDAY	6:53 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	3:11 p.m. 3:19 a.m.	2:53 a.m. 2.3' 2:32 p.m. 3.2'	8:16 a.m. 1.3' 9:07 p.m. 0.6'
THURSDAY	6:53 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	4:01 p.m. 4:05 a.m.	3:10 a.m. 2.8' 3:04 p.m. 3.7'	8:51 a.m. 0.8' 9:27 p.m. 0.2'
FRIDAY	6:52 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	4:47 p.m. 4:47 a.m.	3:28 a.m. 3.2' 3:29 p.m. 4.0'	9:17 a.m. 0.4' 9:46 p.m. -0.0'
MARCH 23	6:52 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	5:32 p.m. 5:26 a.m.	3:48 a.m. 3.6' 3:53 p.m. 4.3'	9:42 a.m. 0.1' 10:06 p.m. -0.3'

ers. Winds ENE-E at 7-12 knots with higher gusts near showers. Winds may become light and variable at times.

## NEXT WEEK

Partly to mostly sunny with stray showers, increasing to iso-

lated showers during the late over-night and early morning hours. Winds NE-E at 7-12 knots for the early half of the workweek, gradually increasing to 9-14 knots by the end of the week. Expect higher gusts up to around 20 knots near showers.



Check out more news and entertainment about Kwaj life on the USAG-KA YouTube Channel, at <https://www.youtube.com/USArmyGarrisonKwajaleinAtoll>.

## 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.



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