

# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



MARK SMITH, KWAJALEIN SITE LEAD, MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, LINCOLN LABORATORY, BRIEFS LT. GEN. SEAN GAINEY, COMMANDING GENERAL, U.S. ARMY SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND, RIGHT, AND HIS SPOUSE, VERA, CENTER, ON THE KIERNAN REENTRY MEASUREMENTS SYSTEM DURING AN APRIL 2 VISIT TO ROI-NAMUR.



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Lt. Gen. Sean Gainey, commander, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command met with IroiJlapi Mike Kabua at his residence on Jabro, April 4, with visitors from USASMDC and Kwajalein Atoll and the command team of U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll.

# USASMDC COMMANDING GENERAL VISITS USAG-KA

BY MIKE BRANTLEY / USAG-KA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**Lt. Gen. Sean Gainey**, commanding general, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, toured Kwajalein April 1 - 5 following taking over command in January. He was accompanied by his spouse, Vera Gainey as well as the senior enlisted advisor for USASMDC, Command Sgt. Maj. John Foley and Chief Warrant Officer 5 Mark Dohogn, the command's chief warrant officer.

While on Kwajalein, Lt. Gen. Gainey flew by Black Hawk helicopter to the islands of Omelek and Roi-Namur. On Roi, he toured the damage from the Jan. 20 wave inundation and was briefed on the recovery efforts ongoing. He toured the fuel pier, the helicopter hangar, several housing units, the Worthy, as well as Ebeye.

While on Kwajalein Gainey held a town hall at the Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room at Kwajalein High School

where he talked about his career and his focus for SMDC as well as Kwajalein.

### From Lt. Gen. Gainey

"Having the command team (Command Sgt. Maj. John Foley and Chief Warrant Officer 5 Mark Dohogn) with me is not by accident. It is the way I do business. We are a team. We can travel together and show our support to wherever we go and serve as a feedback to me across the team is how I like to do business.

"What's very refreshing here about Team Kwaj and the One Team concept is essentially our vision at SMDC is shaped around the One Team concept, built on trust. It's not easy to gain trust. You've got to earn it. And with the command one of the things I'll highlight early is I will trust you. You have my trust immediately. And I ask for your trust in me immediately and I will earn that trust continuously over time.

"One of the things I really love about

Team Kwaj is you all have really two key components of team building: trust and the inner circle. Normally when you build a team you want to start with building an inner circle. I feel that inner circle is extended out to the fringes in this community just based off what I've seen.

"One Team concept means we are all a team in this. Every component is an important one and I'm going to invest my energy to every part to make sure everybody feels a part of that team."

Lt. Gen. Gainey said that his job is relatively easy because he provides that push to where things are stuck in the process to move forward to help create the long-term vision for Kwajalein.

"I can't think of a better place than here in Kwajalein. That's going to cause some change to be able to do that. Change is good, as long as it's embraced and as long as we can show you the path. It's about how do we move forward as a team to demonstrate that. Everything inside

## THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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of DoD circulates around what value you bring to the larger enterprise. I can think of no better value that's being provided here at Kwajalein with several critical mission sets at this location that are not provided anywhere else in the world and opportunities that exist by being here in INDO-PACOM.

"It is my job to help show that value across the larger DoD as we move forward. Kwajalein was already a hot topic but that (the wave inundation) pushed it more to the forefront with the other challenges that we know we have to work on here – that's where I really get to move the ball forward.

"What happens after I leave here? What do I do with the feedback? In April, after I do testimony to the House highlighting the great work being done here across the command in the entire integrated air missile defense organization, I get to have a one-on-one with the Chief of Staff of the Army – two-on-one because I'm bringing Col. Morgan with me. We will highlight how we want to move forward with Kwajalein and how we want to move forward differently.

My intent is to have that conversation about the command and control structure here to gain some efficiencies by changing it to better suit the organization. We will then take our long-term plan and maximize our ability to get after key projects (such as helicopters). If we get that support, then we'll be off and running. Change is not going to happen overnight but we are going to try to move as fast as we can and make it very transparent over that horizon what we're able to get done in the short term.

### Responses to Questions

"I foresee personally no scenario where DoD can do without the Reagan Test Site and all the support that goes to it. The importance of



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY MIKE BRANTLEY

1) From left: Lt. Col. Casey Rumpfelt, director, Reagan Test Site discusses the RTS mission on an April 2 visit to Omelek with Chuck Hensley, deputy program/range manager, Range Engineering and Technical Support Contract, Range Generation Next; Maj. John Cumbie, aide-de-camp, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command; Command Sgt. Maj. John Foley, senior enlisted advisor, USASMDC; and Lt. Gen. Sean A. Gainey, commanding general, USASMDC. 2) Col. Drew Morgan, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll, right, presents a parting gift to Lt. Gen. Sean Gainey, commanding general, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command.

this joint test site – there are things you can't do anywhere else in the world that you can do here. The way our adversaries are constantly improving their capabilities and the way we have to ensure we're improving our capabilities, again, this is the place to do it.

Medevac/casualty evacuation from Roi ... it's not ideal. We'd like to know what is coming down the line. Housing issue on Roi if the Metro goes down, we don't really have a plan for our guys sleeping on Roi other than bumming a spot on a couch or the floor.

"We were very fortunate to

bridge a 30-day gap as part of the recovery for 25th ID to support. My last conversation with our senior leaders was that we are losing the helo support, and I'm concerned that we don't have enduring capability in place. That is the second topic in conjunction with the C2 piece that I'll highlight. As of today, no direct action has happened yet. There is a course of action development but no direct action that I can tell you about right now. But that doesn't mean it's not going to happen. The Army is going to have to decide how we are going to move forward within the next month or so with

aviation support.

Col. Morgan added that for housing on Roi, there is a logistics support area with 50 beds to be mobilized this summer to help alleviate the pressure of limited quarters. Containerized housing units will provide Roi greater housing capacity.

"We have a plan to come here twice a year. I'm glad I got here so early in my command. I can seize on the opportunities. When I come back here hopefully we can provide some update on how we are going to move forward.





U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY STEPHEN ELSON

Visitors commemorate their tour of the USAV Worthy with a photograph on Echo Pier on April 10.

## USAV WORTHY TOUR SHARES MISSION WITH FAMILIES

### HOURLASS REPORT

**Family members** of Reagan Test Site employees received a tour of the USAV Worthy from on April 10.

The visitors checked out berthing areas, the ship's galley, and got an up-close sense of the close-quarters life at sea experienced by the Wor-

thy's crew during its deployments for mission support.

The USAV Worthy transports the Kwajalein Mobile Range Safety System.

The vessel was transferred to the U.S. Army in 1995 after being removed from the Naval Vessel Register in 1993, according to maritimehawaii.com.



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Visitors tour the Marshallese Cultural Center during a previous Manit Day event on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll.

## CULTURAL CENTER TO HOLD REGULAR OPERATING HOURS

### HOURLASS REPORT

**Beginning April 15**, the U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Marshallese Cultural Center will hold regular hours of operation from 2 – 4 p.m. every Monday.

The museum and education center is devoted to sharing information about the cultures of the Indo-Pacific with an emphasis on Marshallese culture. Since its opening in the early 2000s, the center has acquired more than 500 artifacts exhibited in its displays.

The decision to hold regular hours follows a vote by the new executive board of the Marshallese Cultural Society—a volunteer organization which coordinates outreach and other event opportunities.

Prospective volunteers are welcome to visit the center on April 15 to learn more about new opportunities to share cultural knowledge about the Marshall Islands.

Admission to the center is free. Young visitors should be accompanied by a chaperone at all times.

## KWAJ SWIM TEAM ENDS SEASON WITH A SPLASH

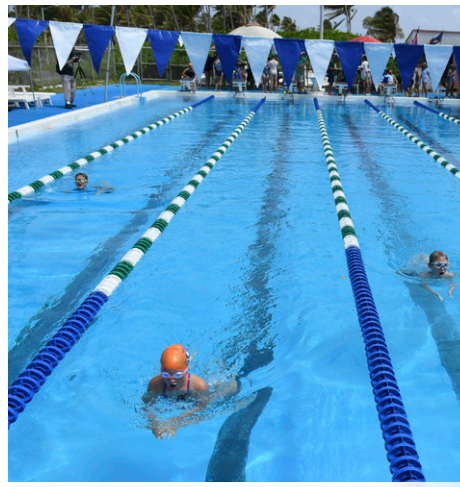
### HOURLASS REPORT

**More than 50** young swimmers from U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll wrapped up the Kwajalein Swim Team season this past Monday.

Parents and friends crowded the bleachers at the Millican Family Pool to watch the swimmers swim laps while executing the breaststroke, backstroke, freestyle and butterfly stroke.

Student participants begin in early elementary school and can learn valuable physical fitness and team spirit lessons through participation in swim team.

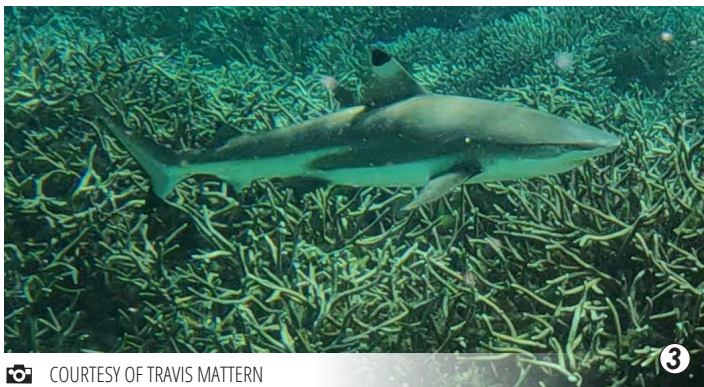
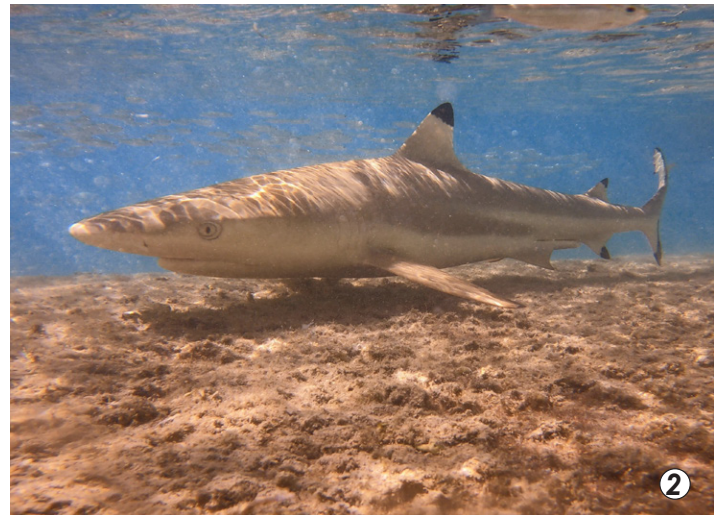
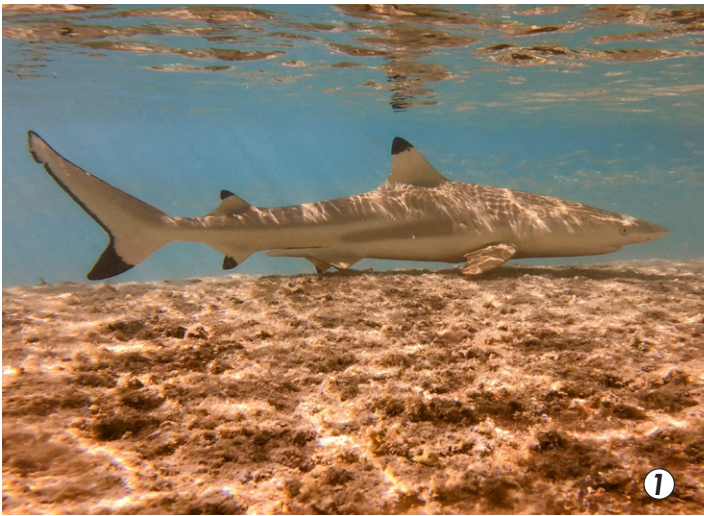
During a halftime break, PCS'ing swimmers received special recognition before diving into the 6-foot end of the pool in a celebratory splashout dive.



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Above: Swimmers participate in the Kwajalein Swim Team's final swim meet on April 8.



 COURTESY OF TRAVIS MATTERN

*There is no shortage of sharks on Kwajalein Atoll, but it takes a keen eye to find them. These beautiful shots of black tip reef sharks were submitted to The Kwajalein Hourglass by Travis Mattern, a resident of Roi-Namur.*

## ROI-NAMUR DIVER SHARES STUNNING SHARK SHOTS

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

**Photographers** on Kwajalein Atoll have many opportunities to capture the atoll’s underwater residents on camera—especially its sharks.

The Republic of the Marshall Islands was declared the world’s largest Central Pacific shark sanctuary in 2011. Even so, it can be tough to capture a great shark shot.

For those considering diving certification, check out the beautiful photos above for inspiration. The shots were submitted to The Kwajalein Hourglass by Roi-Namur resident Travis Mattern.

Mattern is as much a shark enthusiast as he is a dive enthusiast. At Roi, he has captured many grey reef sharks and black and white tip reef sharks on camera.

“I love sharks,” Mattern said. “I call them ‘water puppies.’ It’s thrilling to encounter them, and I would go out with the intent of finding and filming or photographing them. So long as you respect the fact that you are in their home and learn to understand their method of ‘communicating,’ then you are pretty safe.”

Mattern recommends that new divers pursue their sport safely and learn

about the habits of these underwater creatures.

“I would highly recommend that if someone wishes to check out the sharks that they do it with people who have been diving for a while. And just remember to keep [to] your space. [Sharks] are curious animals, and they will want to know what you are so they can approach. Keep calm, don’t splash, try and stay vertical and keep your eyes on them.”

For more information about the atoll and its sharks, check out the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration online.

**If an emergency or disaster occurred, would you and your family be notified?**

**1) Visit the USAG-KA Emergency Management webpage at <https://home.army.mil/kwajalein/index.php/my-fort/EM>. 2) Click on “Mass Notification” 3) Follow the registration instructions.**

# AUKUS PARTNERS CONSIDER COOPERATION WITH JAPAN

EXTERNAL REPORT

By David Vergun, DOD News

The U.S., Australia and the United Kingdom, members of the AUKUS partnership, are considering cooperation with Japan on advanced capabilities projects.

An aim of AUKUS is identifying the optimal pathway for Australia to acquire conventionally armed, nuclear-powered submarine capability, as well as cooperation on a range of other advanced defense technologies.

Japan is being considered because of its strengths and its close defense partnership with all three countries, said Deputy Pentagon Press Secretary Sabrina Singh, who held a press conference today.

Singh noted that this was announced in a joint statement by the three nation's defense leaders: Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III; Australian Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles, who also serves as his country's defense minister; and British Defense Secretary Grant Shapps.

Other items of recent progress, Singh noted, was Australia's selection of ASC Pty Ltd.



U.S. NAVY PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS KAITLYN E. EADS

Students from South Metropolitan TAFE, Fremantle Campus, Australia, pose for a photo after a tour of the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Annapolis at Fleet Base West in Rockingham, Western Australia, March 14, 2024.

and BAE Systems to build its submarines and its selection of ASC Pty Ltd. as Australia's submarine sustainment partner. Also, Australia now has dozens of sailors and civilians participating in maintenance and operations training in Guam; Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Connecticut and elsewhere, she said.

Earlier this month, the U.S. Navy awarded the first contracts for submarine training simulators to Australia, she said.

AUKUS has also made

strong progress on multiple components of advanced technologies and capabilities, she said, noting that this month will be the launch of the AUKUS Advanced Capabilities Industry Forum, and last month was the inaugural AUKUS Pillar II Innovation Challenge on electronic warfare, "a collaborative initiative between respective innovation accelerator units."

In the trilateral statement, the three countries said they seek to maximize the strategic benefits of the AUKUS

partnership to support security and stability in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond.

They went on to state Australia's acquisition of a conventionally armed, nuclear-powered submarine capability is a necessary response to the rapidly evolving strategic environment. Strengthening their trilateral defense capabilities and their industrial capacity will enable AUKUS partners to deter coercion or aggression in the region more effectively.



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Through April 18

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

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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.

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# EARN YOUR TEAM KWAJ TAB

## PUBLIC NOTICE

1. Attend Col. Morgan's TEAM KWAJ brief (either Teammate or Community version), read and adhere to the TEAM KWAJ Teammate Pact, presented at initial town halls, and periodically thereafter.
2. Attend the Island Newcomer's Briefing.
3. Attend at least one group greeting at air terminal for personnel arriving on island. Make them feel welcome and show them we are happy they are on Kwaj with us.
4. Attend at least two garrison after-hours team-building or social events (TEAM KWAJ Happy Hour, Commander's Call, Hail/Farewell).
5. Attend at least two TEAM KWAJ PT/Wellness sessions. Become a regular attender!
6. Visit Marshallese Cultural Center in last 3 months prior to tab award.
7. Visit Ebeye, Third island or Majuro in last 3 months prior to tab, use a Marshallese phrase or two and visit a store/restaurant.
8. Tell three co-workers how to earn the TEAM KWAJ tab.
9. Swim, snorkel, boat or paddle on the lagoon

at least once with a teammate.

10. Complete the TEAM KWAJ Circle-island 6-mile ruck march/walk/bike and read all historic battlefield markers. This is an organized USAG-KA hosted event several times per year.

11. Mission Partner wild card event—discuss with your supervisor any additional organizational requirement. Could be knowledge-based, achievement-based, or physical challenge.

12. Final event, "Board of Review" -- meet with Col. Morgan face-to-face individually or in a small group with all requirements fulfilled. Schedule with garrison front office. Discussion items may include but are not limited to; TEAM KWAJ pact - "Healthy Community of Excellence," Kwaj history, Marshallese culture, military/strategic missions and their significance, and future operational potential.

Once you have the first 11 items completed, contact Terri Wilson at 480-4322 or at [terri.l.wilson20.civ@army.mil](mailto:terri.l.wilson20.civ@army.mil) to set up a date/time with the commander for the final event.



# MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Shows start at 7:30 p.m.

## RICHARDSON THEATER

SATURDAY, APRIL 13  
"Penguins of Madagascar"  
2014 (PG) 92 min.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14  
"Moonstruck"  
1987 (PG) 102 min.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20  
"Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris"  
2022 (PG) 115 min.

SUNDAY APRIL 21  
"Puss in Boots"  
2011 (PG) 90 min.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27  
"Ralph Breaks the Internet"  
2018 (PG) 112 min.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28  
"Remember the Titans"  
2000 (PG) 113 min.

## YUK THEATER

SATURDAY, APRIL 13  
"Infinite Storm"  
2022 (PG-13) 97 min.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14  
"Insidious: The Red Door"  
2023 (PG-13) 107 min.

SATURDAY, APR. 20  
"Gran Turismo"  
2023 (PG-13) 134 min.

SUNDAY, APRIL. 21  
"Freelance"  
2023 (R) 108 min.

SATURDAY, APR. 27  
"Five Nights at Freddy's"

2023 (PG-13) 109 min.  
SUNDAY, APR. 28  
"Fast X"  
2023 (PG-13) 141 min.

## FOR KWAJ COMMAND TEAM INFO & UPDATES



## TEAM KWAJ COMMANDER

   
@TeamKwajCommander

## KEEP FOLLOWING



 U.S. ARMY GARRISON - KWAJALEIN ATOLL



NASA ASTRONAUT ANDREW "DREW" MORGAN  
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# COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

## Submit Announcements to the Roller Channel and The Kwajalein Hourglass

### OPEN CALL FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

The island community is invited to submit listings for jobs, events and for sale items; announcements; department trainings; safety updates; public service messages; and thank-you messages.

### Preparing Your Message

The island community is invited to submit listings for jobs, events and for sale items; department trainings; safety updates; special hours of holiday operation and cancellations; public service announcements and community thank-you messages.

Private parties, fundraisers and events requesting and/or accepting donations are typically not allowed for publication per AR 360-1. Fundraisers and support activities for private and schools-based organizations, scouting groups, civic clubs and other listings may be subject to a legal counsel review to determine their eligibility for publication.

Those with queries related to their messaging should reach out to the USAG-KA Public Affairs Officer for guidance at 480-4848 or james.m.brantley4.civ@army.mil.

Queries can alternately also be placed to the USAG-KA PAO through the US-AG-KA Facebook page.

### Formatting Your Listings

It is recommended that graphical advertisements and announcements intended for the Hourglass and the AFN Roller Channel be formatted as PowerPoint slides.

Ads should always include a name, phone number and/or email address. Graphic designers are asked to maintain a generous margin (.75-1-inch) around all sides and to size fonts no smaller than pt. 20.

If your Roller Channel advertisement requires a special expiration date, please note this for the Roller team in the body of your message.

### Deadlines for Submissions

Send advertisements for the Kwajalein Hourglass and the AFN Roller Channel to kwajaleinhourglass@gov2x.com on Wednesdays by close of business/Thursday morning.

Roller Channel ads are accepted on a rolling basis by 4 p.m. for a mid-week and late-week update. Ads received after 4 p.m. will be loaded in the next update. Please ensure you submit ads in good time to ensure timely upload.



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

lessons using CYS curriculum; and requires a health assessment and successful completion of a background check. Apply online at [www.careers.vectrus.com](http://www.careers.vectrus.com). (Req. 38064)

Environmental Health & 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.

Parsons is accepting applications for the following positions: HVAC and Mechanical Equipment Installer, Fire Sprinkler Foreman, plumber journeyman, office clerk, heavy equipment operator, quality control technicians, concrete finishers, general labor, pipefitter- plumber, and carpenter. Please visit the Parsons Website at <https://www.parsons.com/careers/>, or send your resume to [Kwaj.Resumes@Parsons.com](mailto:Kwaj.Resumes@Parsons.com), or you can visit

### HELP WANTED

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.fuents@arkel.com](mailto:christopher.fuents@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 a related trade school professional certificate. Experience in child or youth programs is highly desirable. All required background checks must be completed and maintained. A health assessment is also required. Please visit: [careers.vectrus.com](http://careers.vectrus.com), REQ: 37777.

Atmospheric Science Technology, LLC, has an immediate opening for a meteorologist. This full-time, salaried position is located on Kwajalein. Eligible applicants will have a master's or bachelor's degree in meteorology/a related field, with two years of forecasting experience. Experience in Doppler or dual-polarized weather radar or satellite interpretation is preferred. To apply or learn more, contact Dottie Thomas, director of human resources, at [dottiethomas@n8tivesyn-ergy.com](mailto:dottiethomas@n8tivesyn-ergy.com); call (256) 836-5316 direct and visit <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/Details/2337159/Atmospheric-Science-Technology-LLC/Meteorologist---Kwajalein-Island>.

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



your local Parsons office on Kwajalein Atoll, MH. For more information contact Parsons Human Resources at 480-4042.

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.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFH Construction Is Ongoing. 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. Residents and commuters should be aware of possible changes in traffic patterns and to plan their routes accordingly. Nan, Inc. Construction is committed to minimizing any inconveniences, and we will strive to ensure a smooth and efficient construction process.

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.

Bowling Center 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.

Community Yard Sale. Saturday, April 13 from 4 – 7 p.m. in front of Facility 602, near Lagoon Road and 6th Street. Donation Drop-Offs are available for residents of Ebeye, Carlos and Santo. Sellers can leave gently used books, clothing and toys to be donated to the RMI or the Bargain Bazaar. To reserve tables and chairs at the tent, email [kara.larson@gov2x.com](mailto:kara.larson@gov2x.com) or register in the Grace Sherwood Library by Wednesday, April 10.

Demolition at the Capt. Louis S. Zamperini Dining Facility. Phase one of the Zamperini DFAC demo has begun. Demolition of the kitchen will take place through June 1. Phase 2 begins June 2024 through March 2024 for the rebuild. Phase 3 begins March 2024 and is projected to be finished March 2026 for the dining and serving area. Be careful around the dining facility during the phases.



**EARTH DAY 2024**

**Beach Clean Up**

**KWAJALEIN**

**Date: Monday, April 22, 2024**

**Time: 9 - 11 a.m. (2 Hours)**

**Location: Ocean View Club (FN-1418)**

**Gloves and Plastic Trash Bags Will Be Provided!**

*Keep The Islands Clean and Green*

The graphic features a palm tree on a small island, a sun, and a cartoon trash can character holding a shovel and a trash bag. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with green and blue accents.

Do Not 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. Contact the Kwajalein Archaeology Office at 480-8867.

Driver's Licensing Classes. Kwaj: Every Wednesday, Bldg. 865, Rm. 101, 9 a.m. for RMI, 11 a.m. for expats. Preregistration is encouraged. Space is limited. Roi Classes: Every second Friday in C-building. 9 a.m. - RMI, 11 a.m. for expats. No preregistration required. To register, email [wilson.kaisha@gov2x.com](mailto:wilson.kaisha@gov2x.com) and/or [george.parker3@gov2x.com](mailto:george.parker3@gov2x.com), or call 480-3766.

Emergency Management. 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.

Employee Assistance Program. 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; and 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 plans, workplace resilience, and the development of people management skills to build effective teams. Contact EAP counselor Kenneth Thomas MHS, LPC, LCADC, at [kenneth.thomas@internationalsosgs.us](mailto:kenneth.thomas@internationalsosgs.us) or 480 - 5362.

E-awareness. Weekly Inspections of HMWPP. All HMWPP storage areas, including the exteriors of aboveground storage tanks, shall be inspected weekly to detect leaking or deteriorating containers. An HMWPP storage facility is an area or stationary fixture that contains 55 gallons of an HMWPP for more than 72 hours. Questions? Call Vectrus Environmental at 480-0722. Aolep

jikin kakkwon HMWPP, bar einwot tank ko rej bed ilon, rej aikuj in inspect aolep week non lale im jela ke emor im joraan tank ko ak ewor ettal ilo tank ko. Ijoko jikin kakwon HMWPP tank ej ijoko me 55 gallon tank ko etto lok aer bed jen 72 awa. Kajitok? Kurlok Vectrus Environmental ilo 480-0722.

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.

FlyRoi Reservations. To schedule reservations and for correspondence related to flights, email [LCVKwajaleinFlyRoi@versar.com](mailto:LCVKwajaleinFlyRoi@versar.com).

Hospital Walk-Ins. 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 sublineage 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.

How to dress in the RMI. Out of respect for the Marshallese culture, residents are asked to address appropriately when visiting Ebeye, Third Island, or anywhere within Kwajalein Atoll. Women should wear clothing to cover shoulders and knees. None are permitted to wear shorts when visiting churches on Ebeye. Men should wear long slacks to church.

Kwaj 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.

Looking for NEC or Tribalco? Kikaha is the new NEC contractor. Submit a ticket by calling 480-3000, Option 1.

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. Sundays and Mondays.

Monthly Oceanview Club Nights From 8 p.m. – midnight  
1st Saturday: Karaoke Night  
Enjoy live music with DJ Dmack on second, third and fourth Saturdays every month.

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.

Operational Security. 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. 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.

Nine-Ball Tournament. April 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Adult Recreation Center.

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.

Salon Walk-Ins. Surfside Salon Walk-In Appointments are available on Fridays from 1:30 - 6 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.

Theology on Tap. Monday, April 15, 6:30 p.m. at the ARC. Sessions are led by Fr. Jim Ludwikowski. This month's topic: "Who's In Control: Body, Mind or Soul?"



# RustMan 45

## RUSTMAN IS A KWAJ TRADITION.

The race is Monday, April 22, at 4 p.m., but you must pre-register. Forms are on mini-mall bulletin board downtown. Volunteers are needed and appreciated! Turn registration forms into, and address questions to Bob and Jane Sholar at Quarters 210-A (phone: 480-0704)

# KWAJALEIN RECLAIMED WATER STANDARD VIOLATION

## EXTERNAL REPORT

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

On March 24 the Kwajalein Wastewater Treatment Plant observed elevated levels of sedimentation buildup from the filtration process during routine filter media maintenance.

As a result, the reclaimed water 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 March 24 the 7-day rolling turbidity average at the point of entry into the reclaimed water system mea-

sured above the 2.0 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTUs) standard until 28 March 2024.

No health-based restrictions on the normal use (irrigation, vehicle washing, etc.) of reclaimed or non-potable water are necessary. There is no threat to public health or the environment as a result of this turbidity exceedance.

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 juk-

**If you have any questions, contact the V2X Environmental Department at 480-0722. Ne ewor kajitok, joij kir tok V2X Environmental department ilo 480-0722.**

juk in ped elane ewor jorraan ko rejoinet dren eo ion Kwajalein. Ilo March 24 March jikin Liklik Dren Eo ion Kwajalein ear koman jermal in etal ko an ilo an kar wallon level in jonak ko ilo sedimentation ak jikin liklik dren eo ilo an filtration/liklik non jokjok non kojbarok.

Ej bar kalik kar ke jikin liklik dren ekar loplak jen jonak ko ekar bed ie. 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 March 24, the 7-day rolling turbidity average ej bed ilo jokjok eo ej delon tok ilo jikin koman dren eo kin ilon in jonak in 2.0 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU) standard tok nan March 28. Ejjab jelet ejmour non bobrae kojerbal dren in non (wudrik-drik, kwali wa ko, im jermal ko eirlokwo) ak aikuij ko jet. Ejelok jorren ejelet jikin ejmour ak ijoko belakir ilo an result in turbidity kalik kare an emmanlok.

Ne ewor kajitok, joij kir tok V2X Environmental department ilo 480-0722.

# WEATHER

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

## WEATHER DISCUSSION

This weekend, Kwajalein Atoll's weather will transition from dry, windy season weather to more of a wet season-like pattern. The pattern shift will be brought by an incoming Near Equatorial Trough which will intrude into the region due to the waning strength of the subtropical ridge.

Atmospheric moisture content, low level convergence, and upper-level divergence will all increase to the presence of this trough, promoting deep convection around the atoll. Shower coverage could increase to scattered, especially during the early morning hours, and a few heavy downpours may also be possible.

Despite this pattern change, the probability for lightning looks to stay low due to relatively warm mid-level temperatures and residual stability in the upper levels of the atmosphere.

Outside of showers, wind speeds are likely to remain around the mid-teens because of the subtropical ridge's diminishing strength. However, on Sunday, a trade wind surge arriving in the afternoon could kick wind speeds back to the upper teens. After Sunday, wind speeds will likely drop to the low teens and remain at this gentler level for much of next week.

Wind direction is expected to generally remain east northeasterly.

Seas will peak up to 9 feet on Sunday due to the potential trade wind surge, but after Sunday, seas will gradually decrease to more typical levels. Because King Tides have ended, advisory-level surf appears unlikely throughout the extended forecast period.

## SATURDAY

Partly sunny with isolated afternoon showers. Winds NE-E at 12-17 knots with higher gusts possible near showers.

## SUNDAY

Cloudy with scattered showers in the morning, becoming partly sunny with

isolated showers in the afternoon. Winds ENE-E at 14-19 knots with higher gusts possible near showers.

## MONDAY

Cloudy with scattered showers in the morning, becoming partly sunny with isolated showers in the afternoon.

Winds ENE-E at 11-16 knots with higher gusts possible near showers.

## NEXT WEEK

The new weather pattern is likely to remain dominant, so above-normal rainfall will be possible over the upcoming week. Although the region remains well below average for precipitation for both the month of April and for the year so far, these increased rain chances may help to mitigate the ongoing drought conditions.

Nevertheless, total rainfall over the upcoming week may still not be enough to make up for the rainfall deficit which has persisted since the start of 2024. The good news is that the Pacific climate has begun transitioning out of El Niño, and ENSO-neutral condi-

tions are likely to take effect between April to June. This means that monthly rainfall may return to normal levels over the next few months.

Wind speeds next week will generally stay gentle with speeds in the lower teens, but light speeds

in the single digits may periodically occur. Wind direction will also predominantly remain northeasterly to easterly. A return to dry season-like weather with increased trade wind speeds may be possible by the end of the work week.

SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:40 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	11:14 a.m. -----	7:17 a.m. 3.8' 7:31 p.m. 2.4'	12:43 a.m. 0.5' 1:56 p.m. 0.9'
MONDAY	6:40 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	12:10 p.m. 12:20 a.m.	7:59 a.m. 3.2' 8:26 p.m. 1.9'	1:09 a.m. 1.0' 3:07 p.m. 1.3'
TUESDAY	6:39 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	1:05 p.m. 1:14 a.m.	9:31 a.m. 2.7' -----	1:36 a.m. 1.5' 6:44 p.m. 1.4'
WEDNESDAY	6:39 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	1:56 p.m. 2:02 a.m.	1:35 a.m. 2.0' 12:44 p.m. 2.7'	5:40 a.m. 1.8' 7:50 p.m. 1.1'
THURSDAY	6:38 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	2:44 p.m. 2:45 a.m.	2:06 a.m. 2.4' 1:47 p.m. 3.1'	7:36 a.m. 1.4' 8:19 p.m. 0.8'
FRIDAY	6:38 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	3:29 p.m. 3:25 a.m.	2:28 a.m. 2.9' 2:23 p.m. 3.4'	8:15 a.m. 1.0' 8:42 p.m. 0.5'
APRIL 20	6:37 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	4:13 p.m. 4:02 a.m.	2:49 a.m. 3.3' 2:51 p.m. 3.7'	8:45 a.m. 0.6' 9:03 p.m. 0.2'

# Nan, Inc. Construction

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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