

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



USAG-KA COMMANDER COL. DREW MORGAN, RIGHT, GREETES AN INCOMING RI-KATAK KINDERGARTEN STUDENT BEFORE AN OPEN HOUSE EVENT AT GEORGE SEITZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THIS WEEK.

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STUDENTS, PARENTS ATTEND GSES OPEN HOUSE

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Together with their parents, Kwajalein's incoming kindergarten class received an introduction to George Seitz Elementary School during a special May 15 open house event.

Col. Drew Morgan, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll, greeted each family as they arrived and shared words of welcome with parents before Kwajalein School System staff led a tour of the school campus.

Students checked out the library, art studio, outdoor playground area and their own future classroom. Along the way, parents received tips for supporting their child's transition to school.

This year's activity included very special guests: the newest cohort of Marshallese Ri-Katak students who will attend classes on USAG-KA. Dr. Matt Ger-



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Back to school: Incoming kindergarten students and parents met educators and toured the campus of George Seitz Elementary School during an open house event on May 15.

ber, acting superintendent, specially thanked the Marshallese parents for their enduring support and dedication to the education of their children.

A visiting grandparent was

so moved by the experience that she shared her thoughts with The Kwajalein Hourglass. She said she appreciated the effort made to include Ri-Katak students and parents in the tour prior to the

first day of school, and how USAG-KA's Army and school leadership took the time to recognize and greet each student to make them feel like welcome members of the school and island community.



It's National Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month!

The Department of Defense pays tribute to the generations of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPI) who have enriched our country through their countless triumphs, sacrifices, and important cultures and heritages. This group encompass a large, varied number of cultures, including Americans who trace their ancestry to Asia and the many islands of the Pacific Ocean.



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SHARING STORIES, STANDING-ROOM ONLY: MCG FOLKLORE NIGHT A SUCCESS

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Surrounded by tools and artifacts from around the Pacific, guests filled every seat in the Marshallese Cultural Center Wednesday, May 15, for a special discussion about regional folklore, customs and culture.

Featured speaker and atoll resident Logo Arelong led the evening with illustrations and examples from ancient Marshallese legends. Arelong shared his own experiences with how local communities sustain traditions and pass stories and knowledge down to younger generations.

Throughout the evening, guests and atoll visitors explored an array of topics, including traditional naviga-

tion, atoll students' exposure to customs and culture and how stories are passed down. Additional questions about comparative folklore sparked commentary from U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Host Nation Office Specialist Mike Sakaio and veteran Ebeye educator Deo Keju.

The spring event was organized by the new executive board of the Marshallese Cultural Society. The volunteer organization welcomes new membership and is dedicated to fostering appreciation and greater understanding of Marshallese culture. Over the years, MCS members have worked to curate the artifacts on display and to provide outreach opportunities for schools on US-AG-KA and Ebeye.



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Logo Arelong, center, shares Marshallese folklore and legends with visitors to the Marshallese Cultural Center on May 15. For more information, or to contact a board member, call the USAG-KA Host Nation Activities Office at 480-2103.

U.S. ARMY SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE HISTORY

BY SHARON WATKINS-LANG, USASMDC HISTORIAN

The space and missile defense programs evolving today are only the most recent efforts in a long legacy of innovative planning and intentional preparation by the Department of Defense to modernize and adapt to meet new challenges.

On May 16, 1975, the Ballistic Missile Defense Program Manager, in keeping with the Congressional guidance to discontinue prototyping efforts, reoriented the BMD program and created a Systems Technology Program to replace Safeguard, a follow-on Site Defense Project.

Designed to work with the new BMD Advanced Technol-

ogy Center, the new program emphasized the development of subsystems and components to address two fundamental goals: to validate solutions to the five key issues of bulk filtering, discrimination, operation in a nuclear environment, real-time software development and dormancy; and to continually update the basic system through the inclusion of selected technology advancements into the defense system field test base.

As defined by the Department of Defense, the new BMD Systems Technology Program addressed five broad objectives: to prevent technology surprise and reduce the risk that the Soviet Union will discover major breakthroughs in defense

technology; to provide support for a U.S. offensive force; to provide a hedge by retaining the capability to enter full scale development and deployment of a BMD sys-

tem, if required, in response to changes in the international situation; to enhance deterrence; and to support achievement of Strategic Arms Limitation goals.



Congratulations to the Kwajalein High School Graduating Class of 2024! Check out next week's Kwajalein Hourglass for scenes and coverage from the May 17 graduation ceremony. Check out Kwajalein Hourglass Flickr gallery online beginning May 21 for graduation photos.

BONJOUR, HOLA, CIAO: KHS STUDENTS VISTED ITALY

BY MIKE BRANTLEY / USAG-KA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Foreign travel and language immersion are rewarding experiences that allow students to apply their skills and to learn about different cultures. In 2023, parents, teachers and students from Kwajalein studying French and Spanish traveled to Europe for a trip which has become a mainstay of the Kwajalein High School foreign language program.

You may be surprised to learn that the group didn't go to France or Spain. Read on for how KHS French teacher Barbara Bicanich found a new way to challenge the KHS students to own their language training with a slight change of destination.

"In 2017 and 2019, we traveled to France and Spain, respectively, for 10 days," said Barbara Bicanich, French teacher at KHS. "I was ready for a change of scenery, and since no one [on Kwajalein] speaks Italian, it was an even playing field in terms of language. Kwajkids are great travelers—respectful, curious, interested... and usually on time."

Following several years of COVID restrictions in the Republic of the Marshall Islands that began in 2020 and resulted in a canceled trip in 2021, Bicanich and crew flew to Italy in the summer of 2023. The travelers met at New Jersey's Newark Liberty International Airport for the long flight to Venice.

Prior to their departure, the students took pre-departure classes with some basic language lessons, such as please, hello, goodbye, thank you and excuse me, Bicanich said. "Once they mastered those basic expressions, they felt more comfortable," she added.

The long bus rides between Italian destinations was almost unanimously selected



COURTESY PHOTO BY BARBARA BICANICH

From left to right: Lana Kabua, Rachel Harper, Avery Acosta, Connor McDiffett and Jotai Ninjine enjoy the beauty of Florence, Italy during their June 2023 summer trip to Europe. The students were Spanish and French language students at Kwajalein High School.

by the students as their least favorite part of the trip; understandable, when you live on a 3.5-mile-long island in the Pacific Ocean.

Then, there's that jet lag Kwajalein residents know so well. Former KHS teacher Sarah Scott said: "Having switched time zones over a few weeks, I wasn't sure if I was coming or going. It was tough getting adjusted to something new so quickly."

Scott visited Europe as a teenager, but the KHS excursion marked her visit to Italy. "I loved seeing all the history on our trip. Everywhere we went there were beautiful churches, monuments and relics."

The tour group started their trip in Venice and traveled to Florence, Siena, Assisi, Sorrento, Pompeii and Rome.

Rising KHS senior Taruru Naut enjoyed experiencing the culture, food, and seeing different people and scenery. "My favorite food was all the different gelato," she said. "Especially the mango flavor."

Naut had lived her en-

tire life on Kwajalein before making the trip to Europe. She said she started packing months before the trip.

Tessa Delisio, who graduated from KHS this week and participated in the Italy trip said it was her first experience traveling without her family.

"Although I was nervous, I was so excited to go to Italy and learn about the culture of my family. I instantly fell in love with the cities, culture and food. My favorite city was Florence because of the beautiful architecture, especially the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore.

"I was struck by the beauty of the way the sun set on the cathedral and turned its green and white colors golden. This was one of the best experiences of my life and I hope to visit Italy again one day."

Lifelong atoll resident Aqualisa Lemari-Calep, class of 2025, said the travel stories of upperclassmen inspired her to make her first Euro trip with the group.

"I was really excited to go

to Europe because older students would always talk about the French trip and how fun it is to go. I loved the culture and architecture that showed the history of the country. It was so beautiful."

Rachel Harper, a KHS rising junior, has lived on Kwajalein for three years. She said she was excited for the adventure and enjoyed visiting Assisi and Sorrento.

"My favorite part was seeing all the new sites and eating all new food. I loved being able to see places that I've only ever seen in movies and to try authentic Italian food."

"Everyone talks about the big cities like Venice and Rome, but those are extremely crowded," she said. "Going to the smaller towns was not only peaceful but beautiful. Growing up Catholic, getting to see all of the incredible cathedrals and churches dedicated to Saints who are important to me and my family was incredible."

Grace McDiffett, the mother in a family of four, said her entire family attended

the trip. The family enjoyed experiencing a different culture and its traditions while learning about the country's history.

Siblings Ethan Acosta, a 2023 graduate, and his sister Avery, a rising senior, made their first trip to Europe together. The Acosta family moved to Kwajalein six years ago.

"I was very excited to go," said Ethan Acosta. "I love to travel and experience different cultures around the world. I love to learn about different people and their history."

His favorite part was the "architecture and the art. I love the old cathedrals and sculptures constructed over a long time with precise craftsmanship. I love the detailed work they put in. I also love that we have this art now to enjoy and to look back and see what people could accomplish."

Avery said traveling to Italy was an amazing experience. "But it was also nerve-racking because it was my first time traveling without my parents. However, I am glad I went because it gave me experience and independence."

But how did these students learning French and Spanish feel they fared while communicating in Italy?

Naut said that learning French made it easier to grasp the basics of the Italian language.

Lemari-Calep agreed. Learning French and going to Italy helped her decipher the roots of the words so she could understand pieces of the language, she said. "It helped me in not getting lost and enjoying the country itself."

For Harper, learning a language like Spanish helped her more than she thought on this trip. "Since I had a good understanding of the Spanish vocabulary, Italian words look similar [to me]. So, I was able to pick out words and understand them. This came in handy when ordering food



📷 COURTESY PHOTOS BY BARBARA BICANICH

1) Kwajalein residents, students and former students and educators enjoyed visiting Rome, Italy during their travels. 2) Students and chaperones commemorate a photo at a landmark in Siena, Italy.

or reading some of the signs. Plus, having a slight accent after spelling in Spanish for nine years helps with the understanding between my version of Italian and true Italian."

Ethan Acosta also said, "Because I learned French, I could recognize similarities in the roots of the words. Languages like these come from Italy, and it's very cool to see the connections."

McDiffett said trips like these help her family to become more proficient in other languages and to foster a deeper respect and understanding of other cultures.

"It was a great experience and the teachers and guides were very informative so you learned a lot more than if you were on your own."

Scott said that she was absolutely able to communicate in Italy. "There is a lot of universal language and asking people where to go or pointing to things you want to purchase. It was easy as people in most of the places we visited were used to tourists."

When asked about why she took the classes to Italy, Bicanich said, "I think it's important for students to see how other people live. Europeans do not have the same lifestyle,

likes or dislikes as Americans. The Marshallese students 'know' American culture, but Italian and European culture is completely different.

"I enjoy experiencing a culture that is familiar to me through their eyes – they always notice details and ask questions which makes me appreciate the culture again. The students get a new perspective which may influence their future choices for school or work. That is why I take classes abroad."

USARPAC COMMANDER KICKS OFF LARGEST INDO-PACIFIC LANDPOWER CONFERENCE

EXTERNAL REPORT

By Maj. Jonathon Lewis

Gen. Charles Flynn revealed how the Army integrates the joint force for multi-domain operations in opening remarks delivered Tuesday at the 2024 Landpower in the Pacific conference.

Known as LANPAC, the conference is an annual international meeting hosted in Honolulu by the Association of the U.S. Army.

Attended this year by representatives from more than two dozen armies — including 13 chiefs of armies — the conference features international panel discussions focused on multi-domain operations and the strategic landpower network. Addressing the international audience of senior army leaders, Gen. Flynn stressed the importance of this network.

“What really matters more is that we, together, as a group, through our unity and collective commitment to each other, we must achieve a lasting peace,” said Flynn. “And we’ll do so by mobilizing the collective capabilities and strengths of our strategic landpower network.”

Flynn, who took command of U.S. Army Pacific in June 2021, has since then pushed for more integration and regular contact with allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific for improved interoperability. From large-scale, multi-lateral exercises to single army-to-army exercises and small unit partnerships to leader engagements like LANPAC, Army activities in the Indo-Pacific continue to bring ally and partner nations closer.

“Mobilizing our strategic landpower network for the greater good is vital to our

security and prosperity — for each of our nations, and for the region. Why? Because our network allows us to respond in unison in times of crisis,” continued Flynn. “Our network reinforces collective legitimacy for armies and nations to resist coercion. Our network denies incremental, insidious and irresponsible behaviors of authoritarian regimes. Our network protects our people, defends our lands, and assures our freedoms. Because our network is about each other’s sovereignty. Our network creates that legitimacy to avert disruption and prevent opportunism by nefarious actors.”

The Indo-Pacific covers more than half the surface of the planet and is home to 60% of humanity and some of the world’s largest and most capable armies. The region, perceived by many as an air and maritime theater, presents joint challenges that only have joint solutions — many of which rely on strategic application of landpower for their effectiveness.

Land forces — particularly the U.S. Army — provide support capabilities all other services depend on. For example, the Army’s logistics, medical and other capabilities provide theater forces reliable, robust support across the competition-crisis-conflict continuum. This consistent support bolsters air and sea power, enhancing the effectiveness of joint solutions for contingencies and combat missions.

Operation Pathways is how the U.S. Army regularly exercises the logistics of moving personnel, equipment and capabilities around the Pacific and working through the challenges that come with campaigning and working in a



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY MAJ JONATHON LEWIS

Gen. Charles Flynn delivers opening remarks at the Landpower in the Pacific conference in Waikiki, Hawaii, May 14, 2024. The conference, hosted by the Association of the U.S. Army, brings together representatives from armies from across the Indo-Pacific for leader development and professional discussion.

vast region, and with different allies and partners and their requirements.

Holding ground and defending key terrain for locating personnel, equipment, supplies, or all three in positions of advantage is essential. With positional advantage, armies create joint interior lines and establish a denial defense to deter aggressors from threatening the safe, stable, and secure Indo-Pacific.

By organizing, generating, applying and building landpower, the Army, with allies

and partners, positions that power in the right places to create enduring, lasting strength and set conditions for persistent deterrence of irresponsible and reckless behaviors.

LANPAC continues through Thursday, May 16, 2024, featuring a broad range of military matters and includes more leaders’ remarks, professional networking and development opportunities, and panel discussions on the strategic landpower network and multi-domain operations.

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 to set up a date/time with the commander for the final event.



MWR Fitness Schedule

Tuesday

- 5:30 a.m.: Free Spin
- 9:15 a.m.: Step + Strength
- 5:30 p.m.: Water Aerobics*
- 6:00 p.m.: TRX + Pilates Core

Wednesday

- 9:15 a.m.: Barre Fusion
- 4:45 p.m.: Power Express
- 5:30 p.m.: Yoga
- 5:30 p.m.: Yoga

Thursday

- 5:30 a.m.: Free Spin
- 6:00 a.m.: Yoga Flow*
- 11:30 a.m.: TRX + Pilates Core
- 5:30 pm: Step + Strength

Friday

- 9:15 a.m.: Barre Fusion
- 5:30 p.m.: Power Hour
- Saturday Sunday
- 5:30 a.m.: Free Spin
- 9:15 a.m.: Water Aerobics*

Location

*Yoga Flow and Water Aerobics are held at the Adult Pool. All other classes held in CRC 7.

Purchase your MWR fitness pass at the library front desk. For more information, please call MWR at 480-3331.



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

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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.

For more information, reach out to the USAG-KA Command team through the USAG-KA Facebook page.

HELP WANTED

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. 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

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.

health assessment is also required. Please visit careers.vectrus.com, REQ: 37777.

Administrative Assistant. U.S. Space and Missile Defense Command, Reagan Test Site (RTS) seeks an Automated Office Assistant (Administrative Assistant), DK-318-02. Applicants must be able to obtain and maintain a security clearance. Please contact Ms. Mary Lou McNeely or MaryLou.t.McNeely.civ@mail.mil for additional information. Applications must be received by Friday, May 31, 2024

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



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learn more, contact Dottie Thomas, director of human resources, at 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 lessons using CYS curriculum; and requires a health assessment and successful completion of a background check. Apply online at www.careers.vectrus.com. (Req. 38064)

Chenega Global Protection is accepting applications from qualified candidates for its full-time Dispatcher (Kwaj) and Security Officer (Kwaj & Roi) positions. Visit <https://www.chenega.com> to submit applications. To navigate the site: Select "Careers," scroll down and in type Kwajalein in the "Location" fillable field; and select the "Search" icon to be directed to the job postings and to apply. For more information, contact Chenega Human Resources at 480-4451.

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://honoservices.jobs.net/en-US/job/health-and-safety-manager/J3N1RL6KDG9RWPTYQDF> for additional information, including the full job description, quali-

fications, and resume submission instructions.

Island Summer Splash. Monday, May 27 at Emon Beach from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Enjoy fun, games, contests, a sprinkler park, slip-and-slides, water balloons, bubbles and more.

Featured entertainer: Yola Band, live from 5 – 8 p.m. Food and beverages will be available from 5 – 8 p.m. for cash sales only at the Emon Beach main pavilion during the event.

Island Summer Splash Paddleboard Race. 6 p.m. on Monday, May 27. Register during the Island Summer Splash at the Kwajalein Scuba Shack. Bring your own board or use MWR's gear.

Island Summer Splash Open Call for Open Mic Call for talent (poets, comedians, acapella singers, jugglers, and acoustic musicians of all ages are welcome to participate) and vendors and private organizations. All vendors and orgs must receive pre-approval to participate in the Island Summer Splash. Email kara.larson@gov2x.com to register by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22 to register.

Island Summer Splash Water Volleyball Game. Team name and member registration is due by Saturday, May 25 at 4 p.m. Call 480-3331 or visit the Grace Sherwood Library.

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

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

Parsons is 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, or you can visit 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.

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.

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



The poster features a yellow background with the text "ISLAND SUMMER SPLASH" in large, stylized letters. "ISLAND" is in blue, "SUMMER" is in white with palm tree silhouettes, and "SPLASH" is in blue. To the right, it says "Monday, May 27" and "5 – 8 p.m.". Below the title, it lists "Emon Beach" and a schedule of activities: 5 – 8 p.m. Live Music: Yola Band (Six9too Productions); 5 p.m. Water Volleyball; 5 – 7:30 p.m. Sprinkler Park, Slip-n-Slides, Water Balloons and Bubbles; 6 p.m. Paddleboard Races; 6:30 – 7 p.m. Open Mic featuring our Island Talent; 5 – 8 p.m. Vendors & Private Organizations; 5 – 8 p.m. MWR Food & Beverages. At the bottom, there is a blue wave graphic, a circular logo on the left, and the MWR logo on the right.

at 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.

Cart Rentals has a new phone number: 480-3439. The old number has been disconnected and is no longer in service.

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.

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 and/or 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 or 480 – 5362.

E-Wareness: It is each driver's responsibility to ensure vehicles are not leaking fluids other than air conditioning condensate. Call 911 to report spills and arrange with automotive for routine maintenance. Please call Environmental at 480-0722 with questions. Ej an ri-kator eo eddo non lolorjake bwe wa eo ejjab leak jabdewot oil lolorjak in drennin air condition eo jen wa eo. Ne elon jabdewot leak/lutok in oil jen wa eo, Kiir 911 non report- e lutok eo. Ak kiir Environmental ilo 480-0722 non kajitok.

Fire Safety Tips. Some pets are chewers. Watch pets to make sure they don't chew through electrical cords. Pets are curious. They may bump into, turn on, or knock over cooking equipment. Keep pets away from stoves and countertops. Make sure pets are included in your family's fire evacuation plan. Build an evacuation kit for each pet in your household.

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.

"Grease" Lip Sync and Singalong. Saturday, May 25 at Emon Beach at 7:30 p.m. Register by May 24 with kara.larson@gov2x.com.

Annual Hazardous Materials, Wastes, and Petroleum Product Custodian Training for Roi employees will occur Thursday, June 13 at the Tradex Conference Room from 9 - 11 a.m. and 1 - 3 p.m. PCB Management training will occur Friday, June 14, at the same time and location. No pre-registration required. Those unable to attend training on Kwajalein may use these dates to meet their training requirement. Contact 480-2633 with questions.

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.

Kikaha is the new NEC contractor. Submit a ticket by calling 480-3000, Option 1.

Kwajalein Boating Orientation Class. May 22 and 24, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in CRC Room 6. Pre-register in person at the Kwaj Small Boat Marina Friday through Monday. Course fee is \$40. Students must attend both class sessions. Contact Rick Jameson at 480-9205 or Gary John at 480-3643 with questions. MWR Glow Party: "Let's Glow Crazy." June 22 at the Ocean View Club. Order your blacklight, neon and white accessories and garments now. Yoga and rave attire are welcome.

Kwaj Small Boat Marina hours are 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.

Live Music: Enjoy an evening with Sefo Hansen. Saturday, May 18 at the Oceanview Club, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Millican Family Pool Hours. 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.

Monthly Tip from USAG-KA Fire Prevention Office: Pet Fire Safety. Pets give us comfort, friendship, and unconditional love. Our connection to them can be among the strongest relationships in our lives. Pets can also cause fires. We need to be careful with pets in the home.

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.

MWR Fitness Schedule
Tuesday
5:30 a.m.: Free Spin
9:15 a.m.: Step + Strength
5:30 p.m.: Water Aerobics*
6:00 p.m.: TRX + Pilates Core

Wednesday
9:15 a.m.: Barre Fusion
4:45 p.m.: Power Express
5:30 p.m.: Yoga
5:30 p.m.: Yoga

Thursday
5:30 a.m.: Free Spin
6:00 a.m.: Yoga Flow*
11:30 a.m.: TRX + Pilates Core
5:30 pm: Step + Strength

Friday
9:15 a.m.: Barre Fusion
5:30 p.m.: Power Hour
Saturday Sunday
5:30 a.m.: Free Spin
9:15 a.m.: Water Aerobics*

Location
*Yoga Flow and Water Aerobics are held at the Adult Pool

All other classes held in CRC 7
Purchase your MWR fitness pass at the library front desk. For more information, please call MWR at 480-3331.

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.

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



Smoking. 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.

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

Upcoming Changes to Entry/Exit Procedures. Beginning June 1, please send all access requests to USAG-KA Entry and Exit at U.S. Army Bucholz AAF ID-Pacific Mailbox USAG-KA E-E: usarmy.bucholz.id-pacific.mbx.usag0ka-e-e@army.mil. The current inbox of U.S. Army Bucholz AAF 311 Sig Cmd Mailbox USAG PMO will be monitored for 30 days after the initial changeover to ensure a smooth transition. Your patience is appreciated during this transition period.

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Shows start at 7:30 p.m.

YUK THEATER

SATURDAY, MAY 18
"Kung Fu Panda"
2008 (PG) 92 min.

SUNDAY, MAY 19
"Fantastic Four"
2005 (PG-13) 100 min.

SATURDAY MAY 25
"National Treasure:
Book of Secrets"
2007 (PG) 124 min.

SUNDAY MAY 26
"Reminiscence"
2021 (PG-13) 116 min.

U.S. ARMY SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE HISTORY

BY SHARON WATKINS-LANG, USASMDC HISTORIAN

The space and missile defense programs evolving today are only the most recent efforts in a long legacy of innovative planning and intentional preparation by the Department of Defense to modernize and adapt to meet new challenges.

On May 16, 1975, the Ballistic Missile Defense Program Manager, in keeping with the Congressional guidance to discontinue prototyping efforts, reoriented the BMD program and created a Systems Technology Program to replace Safeguard, a follow-on Site Defense Project.

Designed to work with the new BMD Advanced Technol-

ogy Center, the new program emphasized the development of subsystems and components to address two fundamental goals: to validate solutions to the five key issues of bulk filtering, discrimination, operation in a nuclear environment, real-time software development and dormancy; and to continually update the basic system through the inclusion of selected technology advancements into the defense system field test base.

As defined by the Department of Defense, the new BMD Systems Technology Program addressed five broad objectives: to prevent technology surprise and reduce the risk that the Soviet Union will discover major breakthroughs in defense

technology; to provide support for a U.S. offensive force; to provide a hedge by retaining the capability to enter full scale development and deployment of a BMD sys-

tem, if required, in response to changes in the international situation; to enhance deterrence; and to support achievement of Strategic Arms Limitation goals.



WEATHER

RIS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION

Drier conditions look to resume for the end of the week and the first half of the weekend. The Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone looks to reside south of the Atoll during this time, taking most of the shower activity with it. Some areas of trade wind convergence will be moving through, and these may bump shower activity up to isolated from time to time.

Winds through Sunday will generally be east north easterly in the mid-teens. Starting later Sunday night, the ITCZ looks to shift northward once again and send another wave through the Atoll.

This will lead to periods of significant shower coverage Sunday night and Monday. Some heavy showers may be possible, as mid-level moisture will be abundant.

A stray thunderstorm may also be possible, as a combination of low-level convergence, upper-level divergence, and little ver-

tical wind shear will make conditions somewhat more favorable for lightning. However, as with previous waves, there will still be dry periods during this time, and some areas may not receive much shower activity at all.

As this wave moves through, winds outside of showers will become lighter and more easterly, possibly even southeasterly at times. Combined seas on the open ocean will be 5-7 feet Saturday and Sunday, decreasing to 4-6 feet on Monday as the winds become lighter.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Partly sunny with stray to isolated showers, increasing to widely scattered at times at night. Winds NE-E at 12-17 knots with higher gusts near showers.

MONDAY

Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers, some heavy. A stray thunderstorm may be possi-

ble, especially during the morning. Winds ENE-ESE at 10-15 knots with higher gusts near showers.

NEXT WEEK

Some lingering shower activity will be possible Tuesday morning as the wave exits the area. After that, drier conditions look to resume for at least the early part of next week as the ITCZ once again shifts south of the Atoll. However, some shower chances may still present themselves, especially when areas of trade wind convergence make their way through.

As we are now getting into the wet season, most days will have a chance of at least moderate showers since mid-levels will tend to be more moist than they were during the dry season.

By late week, another northward shift in the ITCZ may bring another chance for more significant shower activity, but this is a long way out and is far from certain.

Winds throughout the week look to generally be east to northeasterly in the mid-teens, but fluctuations in speed and sometimes direction are expected.

SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:02 p.m.	3:34 p.m. 3:12 a.m.	1:56 a.m. 3.3' 2:00 p.m. 3.3'	8:01 a.m. 0.9' 8:09 p.m. 0.5'
MONDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:02 p.m.	4:18 p.m. 3:48 a.m.	2:26 a.m. 3.7' 2:35 p.m. 3.5'	8:37 a.m. 0.6' 8:37 p.m. 0.3'
TUESDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:02 p.m.	5:03 p.m. 4:25 a.m.	2:55 a.m. 4.0' 3:08 p.m. 3.5'	9:11 a.m. 0.3' 9:06 p.m. 0.1'
WEDNESDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:03 p.m.	5:51 p.m. 5:04 a.m.	3:24 a.m. 4.3' 3:40 p.m. 3.6'	9:44 a.m. 0.0' 9:35 p.m. -0.0'
THURSDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:03 p.m.	6:44 p.m. 5:48 a.m.	3:54 a.m. 4.5' 4:12 p.m. 3.6'	10:17 a.m. -0.2' 10:05 p.m. -0.1'
FRIDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:03 p.m.	7:39 p.m. 6:36 a.m.	4:25 a.m. 4.6' 4:46 p.m. 3.5'	10:51 a.m. -0.2' 10:36 p.m. -0.1'
MAY 25	6:29 a.m. 7:03 p.m.	8:37 p.m. 7:29 a.m.	4:58 a.m. 4.6' 5:21 p.m. 3.4'	11:27 a.m. -0.2' 11:10 p.m. 0.0'

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ISLAND LIFE AND ARMY REGULATIONS, PLEASE CALL THE COMMANDER'S HOTLINE AT 480-1098. FOLLOW THE USAG-KA FACEBOOK PAGE TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AND UPDATES REGARDING SAFETY INFORMATION, EVENTS, AND OFFICIAL COMMAND ACTIVITIES.