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# THE KWAILEIN HOURGLASS





## UPCOMING EVENT MARSHALLESE TRADE FAIR



SHIFTED TO EARLY DECEMBER  
MARSHALLESE VENDORS WITH THEIR  
PRODUCTS AND CRAFTS.

THE NEW DATES FOR THE TRADE FAIR WILL BE  
ANNOUNCED ONCE THEY ARE DETERMINED

## LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

Meet us at MP Room for a  
"Kwajalein Sleigh Ride" Holiday Light Tour  
Dec. 15 from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Holiday movie,  
snacks, vendors  
&  
pictures with  
Santa

Register your home address (street name and house number are required) at the  
Grace Sherwood Library, call 480-3331 or email event coordinator

[Kara.Larson@gov2x.com](mailto:Kara.Larson@gov2x.com)

to be added to the tour and competition.

Deadline to register your home is Tuesday, Dec. 10



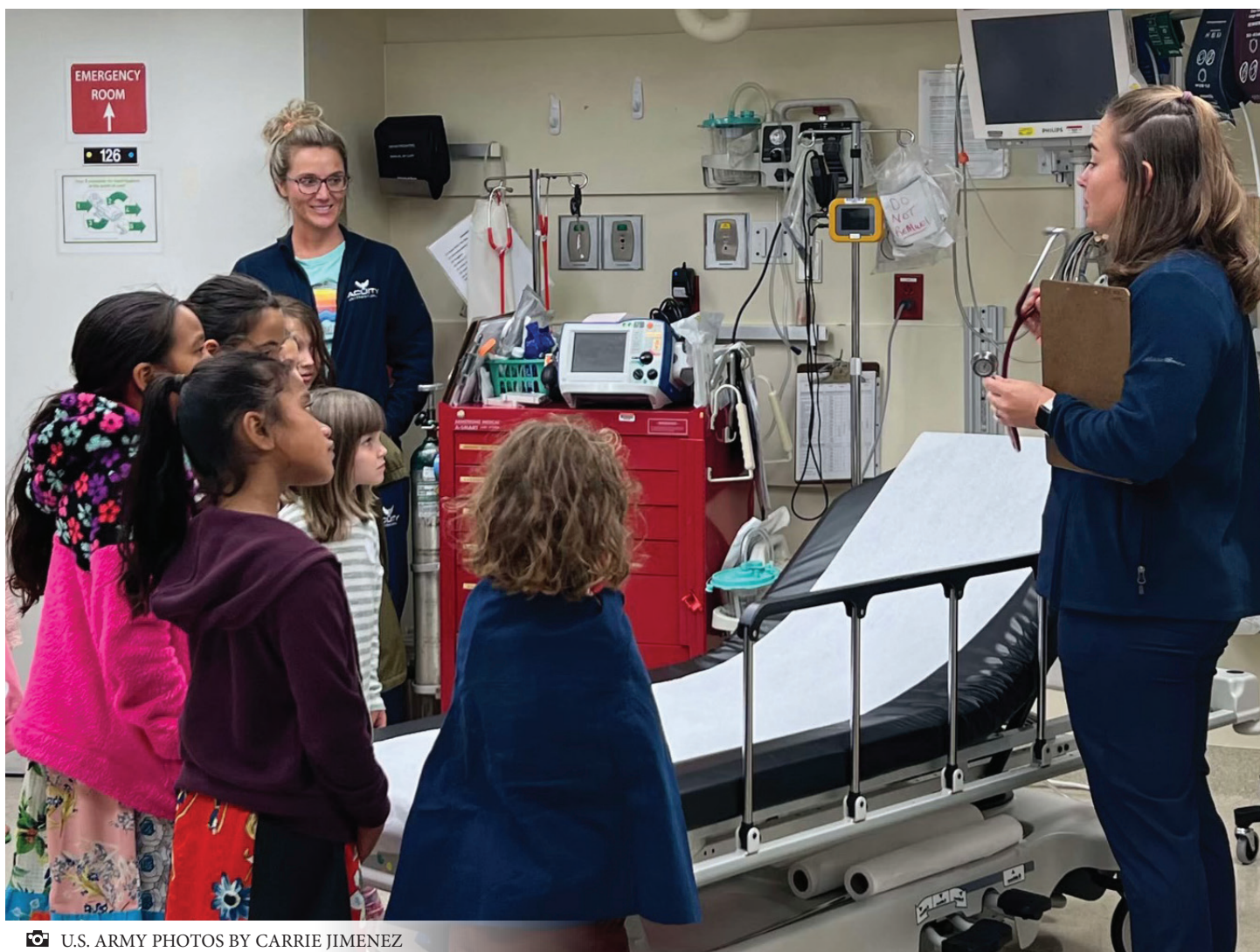
## THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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## COMMUNITY

### THE GIRL SCOUTS VISIT THE KWAJALEIN HOSPITAL

#### HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagon, CYS Deputy Director

The Girl Scouts is a global organization that focuses on empowering girls and young women through leadership, community service, outdoor activities, and various other programs designed to help them develop a range of skills. Last Saturday, our local chapter visited Kwajalein Hospital to learn more about the vital role healthcare professionals play in our community.

Nurse Manager Savanna Gastineau and Nurse Christine Leder demonstrated to the Girl Scouts how they save

lives and work as a team to keep people safe and cared for. When asked why it's important for young girls to see strong female professionals, Gastineau said, "Strong female role models show young girls what's possible, inspire confidence, and help them envision a future where they can achieve their goals."

The Girl Scouts received a tour of the hospital and a highlight was the operating room where Leder explained the importance of sterilizing and handwashing to prevent infections. Leder emphasized, "If someone gets an infection during surgery, it could be very serious, maybe even lead to death!" All

of their eyes went wide—it's safe to say that our nurses may have inspired some top-notch hand washers that day.

The visit was also fun for the hospital staff as it was a great break from the usual routine and a rewarding chance to connect with the community and educate the next generation—who knows, maybe there was a future nurse or medical professional in that group!

Thank you Kwajalein Hospital staff for all that you do for us everyday and for inspiring the health care professionals of tomorrow.



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# Congratulations!

Yard of the Month  
Kwajalein Atoll, RMI

*Winner for October 2024*

Scott & Michelle Cottrell- 440D



# Richardson Theater

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

"The Grinch" (2018)  
(PG) 85 min.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

"The Muppet Christmas Carol"  
(G) 115 min.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

"The Nightmare Before  
Christmas" (1993)  
(PG) 76 min.



## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

"Ernest Saves Christmas"  
(1998)  
(PG) 95 min.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

"It's A Wonderful Life"  
(1946)  
(PG) 130 min.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

"Four Christmases" (2008)  
(PG-13) 88 min.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

"Surviving Christmas"  
(2004)  
(PG-13) 91 min.



All showtimes start at 7:30 p.m.



# Movies Showing at the Yuk Theater

All showtimes start at 7:30 p.m.

## Sunday, December 1

"Alien" (1979) (R) 117 min.

## Saturday, December 7

"American Fiction" (2023) (R) 117 min.

## Sunday, December 8

"Back to Black" (2024) (R) 122 min.

## Saturday, December 14

"Bad Boys" (1995) (R) 119 min.

## Sunday, December 15

"Braveheart" (1995) (R) 178 min.



## Saturday, December 21

"Civil War" (2024) (R) 109 min.

## Sunday, December 22

"Crimson Tide" (1995) (R) 116 min.

## Saturday, December 28

"Deadpool" (2016) (R) 108 min.

## Sunday, December 29

"Face Off" (1977) (R) 138 min.





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## MARSHALLESE CULTURE

### CHILD REARING IN THE MARSHALLESE WAY

#### HOURLASS REPORT

Many customs among the Marshallese can be surprisingly recognizable for those outsiders unfamiliar with the people's culture and way of life. Often this is directly related to their deep Christian traditions, brought to them long ago by the sailing missionaries. This includes the Marshallese child rearing practices, as a large family gathering including both sides of the parents' families come to escort the child to his or her formal baptism ritual at the two-year-old mark.

There are some rituals, however, that seem to carry some trace memories that pre-date the Marshallese

Western partnerships, though opinions may vary on exactly where the cultural divide may be. When the child is first born, an elderly woman in a traditional Medicine Administering role called "ri-uno," provides a special tonic to enable the baby to grow up healthy. The medicine is made strictly from the local plant life.

"The navel cord is quickly retrieved and pinned to the grandparents' clothing," said Maggie Timothy of LOGCAP V/V2X. "Some families even keep it in the family bible." At the three-week-old mark, the ri-uno returns to carefully draw a medicinal bath for

the child, made up of coconut oil and select herbs to ensure continued growth. This time period is a critical one for both mother and baby, demonstrated by frequent visits by the ri-uno who will perform both the medicinal baths and massages to the pair for up to three and a half months.

By the time the families gather at the church to dedicate the blessed new life to the Lord, the family is full of joy and confidence that the child has a strong head start towards becoming a healthy and productive member of the Marshallese life.



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**Calling All DJ's!**

*Think you have what it takes to unseat reigning Champion, DJ Dmack?*

# BATTLE OF THE DJ'S!

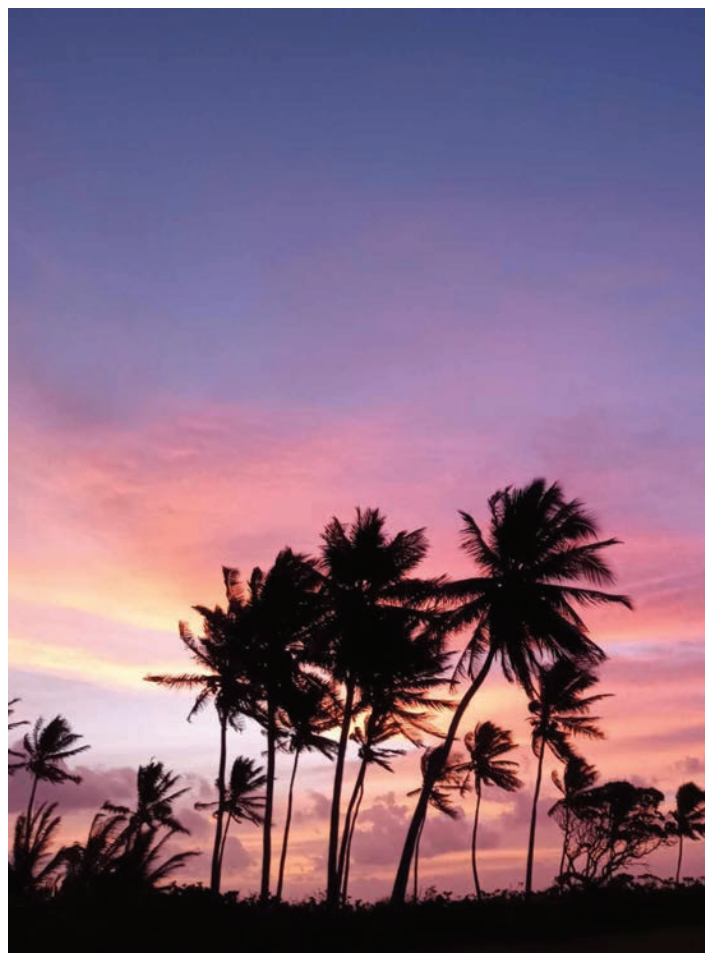
Bragging rights and the title of Best Island DJ

**Head-to-head DJ Battle**


**Oceanview Club**  
Date: TBD

Interested DJs contact Event Coordinator  
[Kara.Larson@gov2x.com](mailto:Kara.Larson@gov2x.com)







# Holiday-Themed QUIZZO NIGHT



**Sunday, Dec. 8**  
**8 p.m. @**  
**Oceanview Club**

Test your knowledge!  
Team trivia contest,  
arrive early to  
register your team!  
Team size not to  
exceed number of  
people per table.

# KARAOKE NIGHT

# HOLIDAY-THEMED MUSIC



**SATURDAY, DEC. 14**  
**8 P.M. – MIDNIGHT**  
**OCEANVIEW CLUB**




# KWAJALEIN PARADE

## PARADE & TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Saturday, December 7  
Schedule of Events

6:10 p.m. Parade begins  
(Route from Kwaj High School down Lagoon Road  
to Kwajalein Downtown Area)

### Kwajalein Downtown

5 p.m. Holiday Music by DJ Dmack  
5 – 9 p.m. Vendors, food and beverages downtown  
6:40 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive via parade  
6:45 p.m. Tree Lighting Ceremony begins at stage

**Cash Only Sales**



# 2025 Basketball Season



## REGISTRATION BEGINS

December 1, 2024 – January 3, 2025

## MANAGERS MEETING

January 4 @ 5:30 p.m. CRC Gym

## SEASON BEGINS

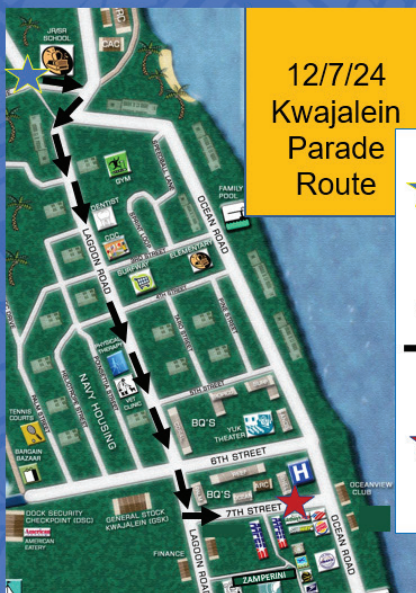
January 15 @ CRC Gym



**To register visit the  
Grace Sherwood Library  
or call 480-3331.  
\$100 fee per team.**



# KWAJALEIN



12/7/24  
Kwajalein  
Parade  
Route

## PARADE ROUTE Saturday, December 7

- ★ 5:30 p.m. Parade formation at Kwaj High School
- ★ 6:10 p.m. Parade begins at the Kwaj High School

- ↓ Parade Route is from Kwaj High School  
South on Lagoon Road,
- Left onto 7th Street to the downtown area

- ★ 6:40 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive via parade
- ★ 6:45 p.m. Tree Lighting Ceremony begins in on  
stage in downtown Kwaj



# TEMPORARY BIKE RACKS RELOCATION DOWNTOWN KWAJ

Wed. 12/4 – Tues. 12/9



Do not park  
bikes here



Temporary  
bike rack area



IN PREPARATION FOR KWAJALEIN TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY  
ON SAT. DEC. 7



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY MELISSA DETHLEFSEN

ABOVE: Enthusiastic Seniors hamming it up on the High School Multipurpose Room stage in front of a star-studded captive audience during the Turkey Bowl event on Wednesday, November 27, 2024.

# MWR APP



SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO RESERVE YOUR  
GOLF CART

# NOW!



LOGCAP V



# COMMUNITY

## A PROPER WORK/LIFE BALANCE

### HOURLASS REPORT

"I never understood it. My husband was this big project manager star when he was at work," said Zarassa Wyatt, HR Director at Enchanted Rock. "He managed a multi-million-dollar budget and led teams around the world, but then he would come home and just sit on the couch. I did everything at home. I sure could've appreciated those high-level budgeting skills. He would become a completely different person once he walked through that front door."

Some people are great at compartmentalizing. The ability to "leave work at work" can be taken to such extremes, that it can prevent some from using the hard-won skills and basic tools used for a successful career to improve the home life. We all get it — the whole "work life balance" thing. Trust me, I know. We can be so protective of make sure to focus in on our families that we can overlook what's obvious: those same skills you use throughout the day at the job can translate in the home.

The good thing about it is that it wouldn't take much. The average American home doesn't operate on a multi-million-dollar budget, nor is it operated by dozens or even hundreds of people. For the most part, all you'd really have to do is use your effective leadership communication skills and remember to hear your family members with the same thoughtful attention you use with your direct and indirect reports. That way you do not inadvertently take the people closest to you for granted. Proper communication requires intention with a laser focus demonstrated with strained or eager attention. The following bullet points represent tried-n-true best practices that work just as well on team leads and coordinators as they do for spouses and teenagers:

- *Seek first to understand, then be understood*
- *Hear the message in the way the sender intended it*
- *Summarize & rephrase what you hear to gain clarification/understanding of what has been said*



## Driver's Training & Licensing Program



### Kwajalein Classes

**Dates:** Wednesdays Only

**Times:** 9 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 3 p.m.

**Location:** Automotive Area, Bldg. 856, Rm. 103

\* Please email [wilson.kaisha@gov2x.com](mailto:wilson.kaisha@gov2x.com) & [audrey.hughes@gov2x.com](mailto:audrey.hughes@gov2x.com) to register. Class size is limited and by **appointment only**.

### Roi Classes

**Dates:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month

**Times:** 9–11 am & 1–3 pm

**Location:** C-Building

\*\*\***Note:** Bring a valid US, International, or Marshall Islands License with you to class\*\*\*

**\*SCHEDULED TEST DRIVES ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL NEW LICENSES, EXPIRED LICENSES, AND LICENSING RENEWALS\***

# 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 attendee!
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.



## FOR KWAJ COMMAND TEAM INFO & UPDATES



### TEAM KWAJ COMMANDER



@TeamKwajCommander

### KEEP FOLLOWING



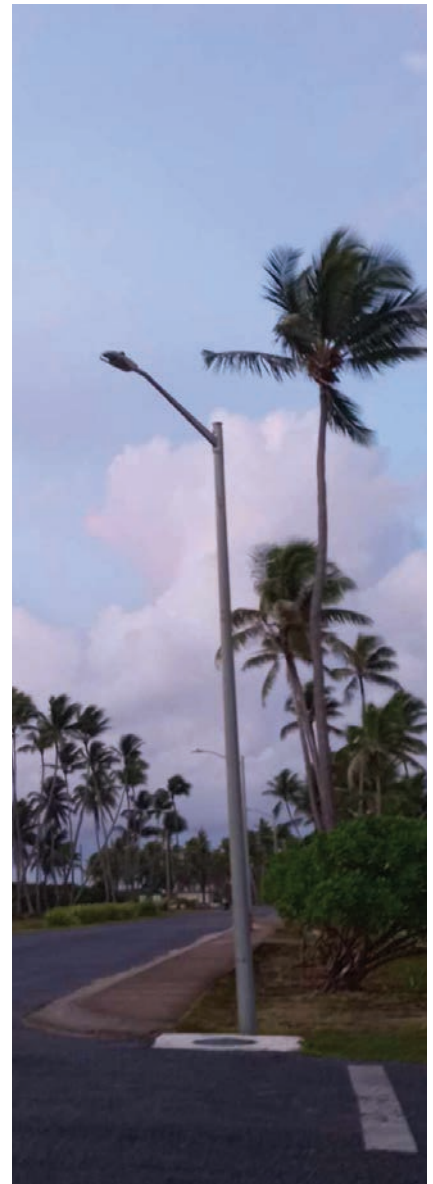
U.S. ARMY GARRISON - KWAJALEIN ATOLL



NASA ASTRONAUT ANDREW "DREW" MORGAN



@AstroDrewMorgan



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

Kwajalein



MIA Project

# NEVER FORGET.

<https://kwajaleinmiaproject.us/>

## **OUTRIGGER SNACK BAR**

# **MENU**



- Pizza (once oven is in place)
- Burger
- Musubi
- Chicken and Buffalo Wings
- Ham Sandwich or Panini Press
- Pizza Sub Panini
- BLT
- Spam/Ham and Eggs
- Loco Moco

- Salad
- Fries
- Tater Tots



- Fruit Smoothies
- Vegetable Smoothies

# 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 (Hourglass classifieds only), events and for sale items; announcements; department trainings; safety updates; public service messages; and thank-you messages.*

### Preparing Your Message

*For questions about your messaging, please reach out to the USAG-KA Public Affairs Office at 480-4848.*

*Ads should always include a point of contact, phone number and/or email address.*

*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.*

### Formatting Your Listings

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

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

*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](mailto: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**

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 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).

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.

### 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.

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 [dottietthomas@n8tivesyn-ergy.com](mailto:dottietthomas@n8tivesyn-ergy.com); call (256) 836-5316 direct and visit <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/Details/2337159/Atmospher->

[ic-Science-Technology-LLC/Meteorologist—Kwajalein-Island.](https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/Details/2337159/Atmospher-)

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://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-Kwa-

## 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.

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 three of the Zamperini DFAC demo has begun 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. 856, Rm. 101, 9 a.m. for RMI, 1 p.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), [audrey.hughes@gov2x.com](mailto:audrey.hughes@gov2x.com), and/or [george.parker3@gov2x.com](mailto:george.parker3@gov2x.com), or call 480-3376.

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.

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 ijelak 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



# KWAJALEIN HOSPITAL



Acuity International is pleased to begin providing services at Kwajalein Hospital on October 1, 2024.

There will be no interruption in the current level of medical or dental services.

To reach the Hospital, please see contacts to the right:

### Occupational Health Services

[kwajohdteam@acuityinternational.com](mailto:kwajohdteam@acuityinternational.com)

### Dental Clinic

[kwajdentalclinic@acuityinternational.com](mailto:kwajdentalclinic@acuityinternational.com)

### Veterinary Clinic

[kwajvetclinic@acuityinternational.com](mailto:kwajvetclinic@acuityinternational.com)

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; AML: 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).

How to dress in the RMI. Out of respect for the Marshallese culture, residents are asked to dress 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.

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.

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 Kwa-

jalein 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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.

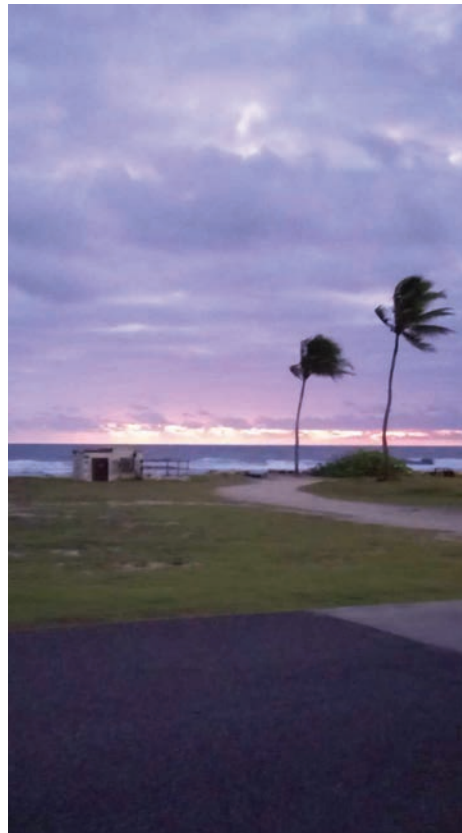
The NEC Testing Center Is Open to the Community - Giving you the head start you need to thrive! - Open Tuesday through Saturday by appointment  
Authorized Pearson VUE Test Center. Schedule A test Today!  
NEC testing Center, 480-4344, FN 1008-131

ACUITY International  
 Job Postings for this contract  
 have "Marshall Islands" in the job title.  
<https://acuityinternational.com/careers/>  
 Anyone interested please reach out directly to  
 Melani.Gebhardt@acuityinternational.com

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RedTown Technical Services, LLC, has an immediate opening for a Chief Meteorologist. This full-time, salaried position is located on Kwajalein. Eligible applicants will have a M.S. degree in meteorology, atmospheric science, or related engineering or scientific field and a minimum of 10 years' experience within the field of study. For further information or to apply please go to: <https://www.redtownservices.com/careers> and click on View Available Job Openings.

All-Year Licensing Classes  
 Kwajalein: Wednesdays, Bldg 856/Rm 101  
 Roi Namur: Every 2nd Wednesday, Bldg C  
 • 0900 hrs (RMI) • 1300 hrs (Expats)  
 REGISTRATION - None required for Roi Namur.  
 Kwajalein registration encouraged as space is limited. Call 480-3366 or email:  
 George.Parker3@gov2x.com  
 Kaisha.Wilson@gov2x.com



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## LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

MP Room Dec. 15 from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.



## Pictures With Santa

Bring own camera is encouraged



## LIGHT UP THE NIGHT



## VENDORS WANTED

Register for vendor booth at  
 Light Up the Night on  
 Dec. 15 in the MP Room

\*Register by COB on Tuesday, Dec. 10 by emailing  
 MWR Event Coordinator [Kara.Larson@gov2x.com](mailto:Kara.Larson@gov2x.com)





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## COMMUNITY

### A DAY OF GENEROSITY & FUN AT THE CHRISTMAS ON CARLOS

#### HOURLASS REPORT

Almost 10-miles North-West from Kwajalein is Ennylabegan Island. Code-named “Carlos” during Operation Flintlock, it is here that a beloved community tradition endures.

This past Monday, November 25, 2024, the Kwajalein Junior Senior High National Honor Society (NHS) once again brought Christmas to Carlos, as the touching event is known, with the students personally escorting donations—which include school supplies, toys, toiletries, and other items to the Ennylabegan Island residents. This year we were able to catch the NHS president and Senior, Avery Acosta, to give us an insider’s scoop on the event and its goals.

“Christmas on Carlos is about building a relationship with our neighboring islands while also noticing and helping those in need,” said Avery, with a proud grin. “We began preparing for Christmas on Carlos in late August, with 21-students in NHS to lend a hand. We had 6-donation boxes set up around the island, one at the Zamperini Dining Fac-

ity (DFAC), the post office, Surfway, the elementary school office, the CYS office, and the high school office. This helped us receive many donations this year. My favorite part of Christmas on Carlos is being able to talk to the people over there and play with the kids. It is awesome to see their way of life and be able

to build strong relationships with them.”

Traditionally, the Christmas on Carlos event is the official start of the Kwajalein holiday season, and this year we’ve already started the festivities with a great success.



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# KWAJ

## HOLIDAY PALLET TREE LOT

**Monday, Dec. 2**

**Noon – 4 p.m.** behind AAFES in the grassy lawn

\*Pick up pre-cut pallet tree or pallet as is on Dec. 2.

\*Decorate with your own supplies.

\*Display your pallet tree.

\*Take photo of your pallet tree and email MWR Event Coordinator

[Kara.Larson@gov2x.com](mailto:Kara.Larson@gov2x.com)

\*MWR will post your photo of your pallet tree on the MWR Kwajalein Event page only. *Not any other Kwaj social media pages.*

\*Prizes go to the top three pallet trees with the highest totals on **Kwaj** based on likes, laughs and loves.

1 point for each **"Like"**; 2 points for each **"Laugh"**  
and 3 points for each **"Love."**

**\*Voting ends 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19**




# ROI

## HOLIDAY PALLET TREE LOT

**Monday, Dec. 2**

**Noon – 4 p.m.** on the **Roi Softball Field**

\*Pick up pre-cut pallet tree or pallet as is on Dec. 2.

\*Decorate with your own supplies.

\*Display your pallet tree.

\*Take photo of your pallet tree and email MWR Event Coordinator

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and 3 points for each **"Love."**

**\*Voting ends 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19**



# WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

## **Discussion:**

So far in November, the weather station has received 11.22 inches of rain since the 27th. This is 1.26 inches above normal at that point in the month. Up to November 27th, we have received a total of 82.64 inches of rain in 2024, which is still 1.84 inches below normal. We experienced no thunderstorm days this week. This is defined as an "in situ" lightning strike within five miles of the weather station. Thunderstorms did occur in the vicinity of the Kwajalein Atoll, but were limited in the last few days by vertical wind shear. The effects of a rather robust Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) are now rapidly waning over the central RMI, as a well-positioning subtropical high-pressure ridge to the north of the RMI, pushes the ITCZ further to the south, and takes us out of its direct influence. This factor will remove wide-spread shower coverage from our area for the next few days, leaving us with just rapidly moving isolated showers until Monday and Tuesday, when we will see the ITCZ and accompanying broad troughs approach the central RMI once again, bringing us increased show-

er coverage. With the tighter pressure gradient's arrival for the next few days, it has the effect of increasing winds, and creating an inversion at the mid-levels in the atmosphere, which tends to retard shower growth to just isolated showers that are rather fleeting in nature, and diminishes the thunderstorm risk. There is still a lot of residual moisture deep into the mid-levels of the atmosphere, so the potential for thunderstorms cannot be ruled out completely. Winds will take on more of windy season (Ellap Kutu) feel, that one would expect in second half of December with sustained velocities in the middle to upper teens and a few gusts above 20 knots from time to time for the next few days out of the northeast, finally coming down some on Monday, as we move the ITCZ closer to the central RMI from the south, and become east-southeast on Tuesday. The Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO), has now firmly entered its negative phase for our part of the Pacific. The negative phase of this global tropical circulation basically has the effect of diminishing shower coverage over the RMI. This means that only the positioning of the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) will be the

defining factor as to whether we see wide spread shower coverage or not. We are expecting to see the MJO bring more of a positive phase to the area in the second half of December, to help augment our shower coverage. The El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is near neutral with mild La Nina conditions expected to prevail in the eastern Pacific through December with cooler than normal sea surface temperatures (SST) now present in the central Pacific. This factor tends to work against tropical cyclone development to the east of the RMI, where it could pose a threat to the Marshall Islands.

## **Tropical Cyclones:**

No significant tropical cyclone activity expected to affect anywhere in Micronesia, the Mariana Islands, Wake Island or Hawai'i. We are now moving into the winter months for the northwest Pacific, which generally bring a considerable decline in tropical cyclone activity.

## **Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:**

None expected.

## **Swell / Tide Inundation for Kwajalein Atoll and Wake Island:**

We are currently entering a spring tide phase with the New Moon on December 1st. High tides will be over four feet from the 29th through the 5th of December with a peak of 4.3 feet on the 1st. Winds during this period will be in the upper teens for extended periods of time, resulting in some minor splash over, but no advisories nor warnings are expected.

**Purpose:** This weekly briefing is delivered Thursday mornings to island leadership. The intention of this briefing is to provide situational awareness of weather events that may interrupt operations and transportation around Kwajalein, to/from Hawaii and Guam, and in the Wake vicinity. The main threat assessed in this brief is existing and potential development of tropical cyclone activity. This brief also provides an outlook of abnormal winds, sea state, and precipitation guidance for next 7 days around the Kwajalein Atoll. The distribution list will also receive updates on any developing tropical cyclone activity in the Kwajalein region that occur between the weekly outlook product.



# E-wareness: Oil/Water Separators (OWS)

*What is an Oil/Water Separator (OWS)?*

*Ta in Oil/Water Separator (OWS)?*



An OWS is a device used to separate oils and greases from a variety of industrial wastewater discharges. The effluent (mostly water) from the OWS is typically discharged to the waste water treatment plant (WWTP). It is important to properly utilize and maintain OWSs to prevent sources of environmental pollution and upsets at the WWTP.

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## WHEN MIGHT I NEED A COSTUME OR SPECIAL ATTIRE FOR AN EVENT UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR?



**SEPT. 14** STEAMPUNK INSPIRED 60<sup>TH</sup> B-DAY FOR CLIFF PRYOR (ADULTS ONLY)

\*NOT AN MWR EVENT. SPECIAL BIRTHDAY EVENT\*



**OCT. 14** OKTOBERFEST @ CAMP HAMILTON

**OCT. 20** ZOMBIE RUN (EVERYONE ON KWAJ)

**OCT. 26** A NIGHT TO DISMEMBER @ OCEANVIEW (ADULT HALLOWEEN PARTY)

**OCT. 31** TRICK OR TREAT (CHILDREN/YOUTH/TEENS)



**NOV. 3** SWASHBUCKLERS BALL @ THE YACHT CLUB (ADULTS ONLY)

\*NOT AN MWR EVENT. PRIVATE ORG EVENT\*



**DEC. 7** TROPICAL and/or MARSHALLESE INSPIRED TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY (EVERYONE ON KWAJ)

**DEC. 21** HOLIDAY PARTY (ADULT HOLIDAY UGLY T-SHIRT/ATTIRE @ OCEANVIEW)

**DEC. 31** NEW YEARS EVE



*Until Next Week!*

