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THE KWAJALEIN 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

to be added to the tour and competition.

Deadline to register your home is Tuesday, Dec. 10



THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY CHRISTY WAGNON

ABOVE: Spicy Ramen's the League Champions.

COMMUNITY

BATTLE OF THE COCONUTS | VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagon, Deputy
CYS Director

On December 6th the battle of the coconut commenced at the CRC gym. First up, the B League brought us the Penguins vs the Spiked Heartbeats. First game was won by the Penguins, second game by the Spiked Heartbeats, which took us to game three. The underdogs of the season came back to win the league, as Jason Huwe has been overheard saying, "it was a Cinderella story".

The A League featured PJ and the Sibs versus Spicy Ramen. Going into this match up, PJ and the Sibs were un-

defeated. Thursday night's semi-final game clinched Spicy Ramen's place in the final when they came back from behind for a decisive win. These two well-matched teams took it into game three with 1-1 wins in the first two matches. In the final match, Spicy Ramen won a very close third game with a 15-13 score.



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY CHRISTY WAGNON



Congratulations!

Yard of the Month Kwajalein Atoll, RMI

Winner for November 2024

Mike & Mikiko Maika 489-A



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.





U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

ABOVE: Jobwa Stick Dance Feb. 1, 2024, at the Richardson Theater on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Flintlock. (U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll)

MARSHALLESE CULTURE

THE COLORS OF JOINT ACCOMPLISHMENT

HOURLASS REPORT

Having come a long way from the sea-faring navigators of old, today, the Marshallese people value little more than their presence on their rightful home islands, living in peace and harmony.

The security they experience is owed in large part to the long struggles and nigh-endless challenges that molded the constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) into its current form. The constitution was introduced and accepted by the United States on May 1, 1979 in recognition of the proud people's independent status. After World War II, the relationship with

the Western partners was solidified from a foundation of reparatory justice and fairness, which not only cultivated the close interconnected networks between the linked sovereign powers, but it enabled the Marshallese people themselves to hold their heads high with a brand-new cultural identity.

This RMI identity is best represented by the national flag, originally designed and introduced by the First Lady Emlain Kabua, wife of President Amata Kabua and mother of President David Kabua. The flag is a significant symbol that embodies the nation's cultural spirit, challenges and aspirations. As is many others, the Mar-

shallese flag is itself pregnant with symbolism, with the two colored stripes—one orange and one white—representing the two chain ralik (“sun rays”) and ratak (“sunset”). The orange color stands for bravery, and the white for peace. The blue background field represents the mighty

Pacific Ocean.

The Marshallese stand under this flag shoulder-to-shoulder with over 2,000 foreigners to help the U.S. Army, and the Joint Mission Partners, ensure that Republic of the Marshall Islands remains peaceful and harmonious for years to come.



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






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.

2025 INNER-TUBE WATER POLO

REGISTRATION BEGINS

December 1, 2024 – January 2, 2025

Managers Meeting

January 3 @ 5:30 p.m. Millican Family Pool

Season Begin

January 14 @ Millican Family Pool



- * Proposed league format – six (6) teams. Four adult, two high school.
- * Each team is limited to 20 players on the roster.
- * Game nights are Tuesdays and Saturdays; at 1800, 1900, 2000
- * Games will be played on both Federal holidays that fall within the season; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and President's Day.
- * Individuals desiring to be on a team, leave your contact info at the library. It will be forwarded to the team coaches.

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




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

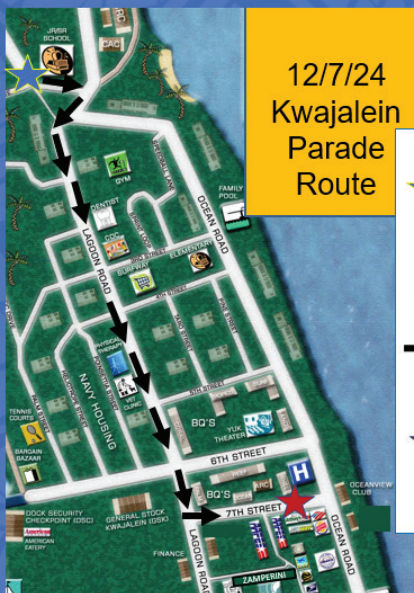
January 15 @ CRC Gym



**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

X 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: Personnel decorate the downtown mall area on Kwajalein to prepare for the Tree Lighting and Parade festivities on December 7, 2024.

MWR APP



SCAN THE QR CODE
TO RESERVE YOUR
GOLF CART

NOW!



LOGCAP V





Dear Post Office,

Are your people under-staffed?
I see this giant pile of purple bags
with not a single person around to
process them... It's Weird.

U.S. ARMY IMAGE BY KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

ABOVE: Artist's depiction of a concerned citizen's query.

COMMUNITY

POSTMASTER UNIVERSITY | A WORD ABOUT THE HOLIDAY RUSH

HOURGLASS REPORT

Postmaster here! Thanks for taking the time to notice! Yes, we do normally have people scurrying around working to get those infamous purple bags processed! However, we have recently had an influx of backlogged mail, which is what you are witnessing. We do expect a Christmas rush of mail as well, so be prepared to see even more purple bags. We certainly appreciate the feedback!

Here's some fun facts for you:

- Per the SOP, the Post Office has 24 hours to process all mail delivered via the ATL.

- If delivered via a C-17 (unscheduled mail shipment), those typically fall on days the Post Office is closed. While we would love to support 24/7, that wouldn't allow a work/life balance for our local support staff.

Please continue to show support to our team and know that we are doing our best to make sure the mail is delivered timely and compliantly.



U.S. ARMY IMAGE BY KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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 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 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

jalein 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.

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 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.

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.

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; call (256) 836-5316 direct and visit <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/Details/2337159/Atmospher->

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.

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, audrey.hughes@gov2x.com, and/or 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

Dental Clinic

kwajdentalclinic@acuityinternational.com

Veterinary Clinic

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.

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.

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.

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

ARKEL International
WE ARE HIRING!
Send Your Resume To:
• mario.pascual@arkel.com
• jasper.gomez@arkel.com
CALL US: 480-1006
VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [HTTP://ARKEL.COM](http://ARKEL.COM)

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

WHAT COULD THIS BE?



SEND YOUR GUESS TO
THE PAO EMAIL BELOW!

Kwajalein Atoll is a significant archeological location. If you find anything, take a photo, remember where it is and notify the Public Affairs officer at Sherman.hogue.civ@army.mil but do not pick up, or remove the object.

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





U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY SHERMAN HOGUE

COMMUNITY

THANKFUL FOR A HOLIDAY FEAST WITH COLLEAGUES & FRIENDS

HOURLASS REPORT

Both island communities on Kwajalein and Roi Namur gathered at their U.S. Army dining facilities (DFAC) to enjoy generous helpings of Thanksgiving Day feasts this past Friday, November 29, 2024. The holiday was moved forward so that the expatriate community could conveniently synch their time up to their loved ones' schedules back in the United States.

With diverse menu items guaranteed to include some of everyone's favorites and served from behind the food lines by the USAG-KA Commander Col. Drew Morgan and his leadership team with sincere smiles and the faithful servile hearts appropriate for the season.

Our Kwajalein Hourglass editorial team hopes everyone who participated had a wonder Turkey Day experience, and we wish you all a great, continuing holiday season.



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E-wareness: Giant Clams



TRIDACNA GIGAS



TRIDACNA SQUAMOSA

- Two species of Giant Clams are found at Kwajalein Atoll, Tridacna Gigas and Tridacna squamosa
- Both are protected throughout the atoll by the USAKA Environmental Standards (UES) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA)
- Please DO NOT harass or collect living species
- Please DO NOT collect or export Giant Clam shells
- Giant Clam shells found in pack-outs or mailed packages can result in large fines.
- Ruo kain mejen wod ko rellap rej bed ilo malo in Kwajalein, juon ne Tridacna Gigas im Juon Tridactna squomosa
- Mejen wod kein rej bed umin kejbarok eo an USAKA Environmental Standards (UES) im Endangered Species Act eo ak (ESA)
- Jouj im jab ireji ak boki mejen wod kein.
- Joij im jab aini, kakoni, im komakiti ak jilkinlok nan ilikin mejen wod kein
- Enaj wor fine ko rellap elane mejen wod kein renaj bed ilo mweik in pack-outs ko ak ilo mail ko.



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



SEPT. 14 STEAMPUNK INSPIRED 60TH 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



WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RYS WEATHER STATION STAFF

Discussion:

In the first four days of December, we have received 2.34 inches of rain, which is 0.82" above normal. For the year, the weather station has received 86.68 inches of precipitation, which is 0.80 inches below normal. At the end of November that deficit was about one inch shy of normal. We experienced no thunderstorm days this week. This is defined as an "in situ" lightning strike within five miles of the weather station. We did come close at about seven miles during the week. Last week saw a robust Inter-tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) position itself close to the RMI with some rather heavy rain and strong outflow winds. This week we will see a return of the intense ITCZ, but its central axis is expected to be to far south of the central RMI to augment our shower coverage. It will be positioned such that it induces a steeper pressure gradient between itself and subtropical high-pressure to the north of the RMI. This factor will create a strong trade wind surge across the Marshall Islands with speed sustaining mostly in the upper teens and

occasionally crossing the 20-knot mark with gust to the mid-20s for the next few days with Saturday being the peak, coming back down 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 Inter-tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) will be the defining factor as to whether we see wide spread shower coverage or not. Otherwise, speed convergence in the winds will give us the occasional fleeting shower over and around the atoll. We are expecting to see the MJO bring more of a positive phase to the area toward the end of December, to help augment our shower coverage. The El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is near neutral with mild La Nina conditions are expected to prevail in the eastern Pacific through December. We are now seeing a cool anomaly in the central Pacific to the east of the RMI. This factor tends to work against tropical cyclone development to the east of the RMI, where it could pose

a threat to our region. We are also moving out of the tropical cyclone season as a whole for the western Pacific.

Tropical Cyclones:

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

Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:

None expected. Micronesia is northeast trade wind dominant.

Swell / Tide Inundation for Kwajalein Atoll and Wake Island:

The area is currently entering a neap tide situation and the waxing half-moon on the 8th with no high tides over 4 feet. The full moon will be on the 15th and its associated higher tides. With a trade wind surge starting this evening, expect combined seas to build to 7-9 feet on Saturday, coming back down some by noon on Sunday. There could be some minor splash-over on east-northeast shore,

but nothing to noticeable, as we enter the neap tide lunar phase. No major swells expected from mid-latitude storms in the northern Pacific. We will also be watching for the possibility of issuing a Small Craft Advisory (SCA), if the winds sustain for a period of time at 20 knots or greater for Saturday mainly.

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.



Until Next Week!

