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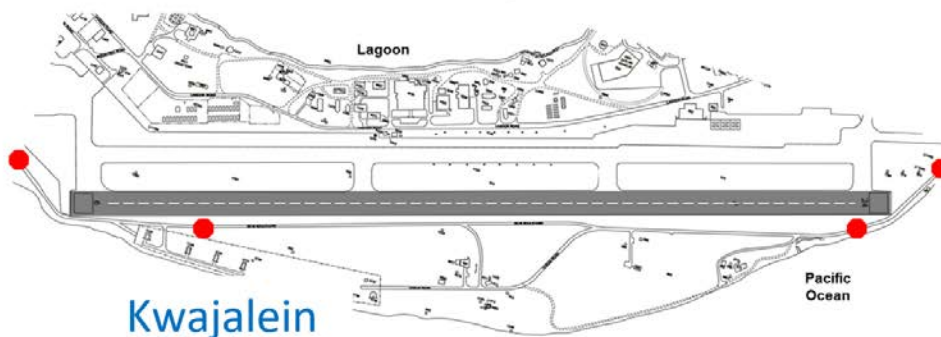


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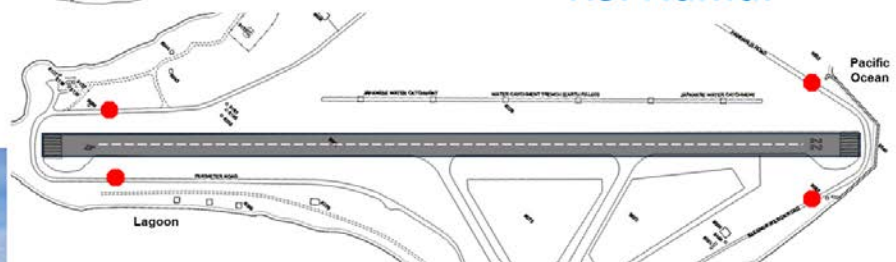


Please remember to stop and look both ways for aircraft on:
Zeus Blvd., Ocean Rd., Perimeter Rd., Pandanus Rd., Eleanor
Wilson Rd.

**If aircraft are on approach or taking off, you must hold your
position and wait!**



Roi Namur



**Stop at designated signs and look for aircraft
landing or taking off. If you see an aircraft, hold
your position at the stop sign and wait until the
aircraft has landed or departed before moving.**



THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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EARN YOUR TEAM KWAJ TAB!

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COMMUNITY

INTERVIEW WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUS

HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagnon, Deputy CYS Director (with invaluable help from Randy & Anne Hisle)

Thank you, children, from the CDC, SAC, and Homeschool groups for sending your questions to Santa! Santa is currently visiting Kwajalein for vacation prior to returning to the North Pole to finish getting ready for Christmas! We thank Santa and Mrs. Claus for taking time out of their vacation to answer some questions from the children.

You can see Santa and Mrs. Claus in person at Light Up the Night on Sunday, December 15th at the MP room.

Q: Was Santa ever a baby?
Of course! Haven't you heard the song "Santa Baby"?

Q: What is Santa's middle and last name?
Santa J. Claus — the J stands for Jolly

Q: How did Santa get his magic?

Christmas magic is created by the millions of people around the world that have the Christmas spirit of giving to others that need help or giving to those they love.

Q: How did Santa get involved with Christmas in the first place?
Some people call me St.



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Nicholas and I began delivering gifts to children many years ago at Christmastime and started the tradition of gift giving in the world.

Q: Why does Santa live at the North Pole?

The North Pole is a special place where Santa's Elves and reindeer live so it only made sense to locate Santa's workshop at the North Pole.

Q: Why does Santa have such a long beard? My long beard helps me catch the cookie crumbs that fall when I eat all the cookies the good boys and girls leave me.

Q: How long does it take for you to get to Kwaj?

With my sleigh and 8-tiny reindeer, about 20-minutes.

Q: Do you live with all the deer in your house?

Oh, my! My reindeer have their own place so that they can play reindeer games

without waking Mrs. Claus.

Q: Do you REALLY eat all the cookies in the whole world?

Oh, yes! That is why my belly is so jiggly and jolly! I also like coconuts, rice, and pies!

Q: Do reindeer really fly?

Regular reindeer cannot fly. However, Santa's reindeer are special and can fly his sleigh. The sleigh uses aerodynamics to fly through the night sky, similar to an airplane. The shape of the sleigh and the way air flows over it create lift, which keeps the sleigh in the air. The reindeer's strong muscles and magical powers provide the thrust needed to move the sleigh forward.

Q: What is the toy factory called?

Santa's Workshop.

Q: What is your favorite song written about you?



Santa Claus is Coming to Town.

Q: We only hear about you at Christmas; what do you do the rest of the year?

Preparing for Christmas is a year-round job. Feeding the reindeer, making all the gifts for the boys and girls. Sometimes, Santa takes a vacation, like I did this year on Kwajalein.

Q: Mrs Claus, how do you get food?

We order food from different grocery stores or takeout and have our reindeer Dasher pick it up for us. We use our Door Dasher.

Q: Do you have any kids?

We don't. We have more

than enough elves that are like our children.

Q: Where did Santa and Mrs. Claus meet?

Under the mistletoe... No, really! I had a reindeer farm at the North Pole and when Santa needed a way to get his gifts delivered, he came to my farm and it was love at first sight!

Q: What is Mrs. Claus' favorite cookie?

Sugar cookies, of course!!!!





Congratulations!

Yard of the Month
Kwajalein Atoll, RMI

Winner for November 2024

Tony & 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.





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COMMUNITY

ABOVE: Senior Class of 2025 in their Senior Class Tshirts

BELOW: Ethan Venghaus reveals senior street painting with parents

A SENIOR YEAR: MILESTONES, MEMORIES, AND MOVING ON

HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagnon, Deputy CYS Director

Senior year of high school is a time of reflection, anticipation, and transformation. It's the final chapter in a journey that began with their first steps into preschool and now, as students stand on the edge of adulthood, the weight of the years spent learning, growing, and forming lasting memories is felt more deeply than ever. For many, it's a time to savor the moments left with friends and teachers, while also looking ahead to the exciting opportunities and challenges that are waiting for them after graduation. Senior year is not just about the finish line; it's about embracing the milestones, the celebrations, and the bittersweet goodbyes that define this unique and unforgettable time.

Senior year on Kwajalein is very busy and not just for the seniors, parents have a lot of responsibilities as well in support of their seniors. The new school year begins every August when parents decorate their student's lockers with pictures of the seniors from infancy to senior year and sharing their words of encouragement. Senior Mom Katie Colello shared "everyone did such a great job on the lockers and they all turned out so

good! It's a really fun way to celebrate our seniors."

The first day of school begins with breakfast at the Commander's house, a unique tradition for Kwajalein seniors. Senior mom, Venessa Pyles shared, "Senior year on Kwaj is unlike anywhere else; everything is unique and meaningful. How many kids can say that they kicked off their senior year by having breakfast at the commander's house, who, by the way happens to be an astronaut?"

On the first day of school, seniors wear their senior t-shirts, custom caricatures that reflect the senior nickname they have chosen and attend an assembly for their annual walk in ceremony. "Most of the senior class has seen each other grow up. Senior shirts are a fun way to show that we are all one. For example, mine is Senior Spirit, the colors on the shirt are colorful and bright. The design I have is a girl sitting on the beach, watching a sunset, within a hibiscus flower. Overall, I love the traditions we hold and I hope they get passed down for the next years to come," said senior Taru Naut.

Another fun Kwajalein tradition for seniors is street painting. Senior Ethan Venghaus explained, "senior street painting is a tradition that I've been looking forward to since I started at KJSHS. It's a way for us seniors to share



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a little bit of our personality with the island. I love seeing all of our painting on the street every day when I come to school." Ethan's parents, Wagma Komak and Eric Venghaus continued, "senior

street painting was such a fun way to spend the afternoon with our senior. We loved watching his vision come to life, as well as seeing off of the creativity in his classmates' designs."

Stay tuned as we continue to follow the senior class through college application deadlines, scholarships, senior trip, and prom.



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LEFT: Ethan Venghaus senior street painting w/father Eric Venghaus; RIGHT: Senior locker decorating



Merry Christmas!

and a Happy New Year!

DATE	FLIGHT EXPECTED	POST OFFICE STATUS
Tue 17-Dec-24	Yes	Open
Wed 18-Dec-24	Yes	Open
Thu 19-Dec-24	Yes	Open
Fri 20-Dec-24	Yes	Open
Sat 21-Dec-24		Closed
Sun 22-Dec-24		Closed
Mon 23-Dec-24	Yes	Open
Tue 24-Dec-24		Open
Thu 25-Dec-24	Yes	Open Christmas
Thu 26-Dec-24		Open
Fri 27-Dec-24		Open
Sat 28-Dec-24		Closed
Sun 29-Dec-24		Closed
Mon 30-Dec-24		Closed Christmas

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




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.




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.




KARAOKE NIGHT

HOLIDAY-THEMED MUSIC



SATURDAY, DEC. 14

8 P.M. – MIDNIGHT

OCEANVIEW CLUB




MWR APP



SCAN THE QR CODE
TO RESERVE YOUR
GOLF CART

NOW!



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

COMMUNITY

POSTMASTER UNIVERSITY | THE IMPORTANCE OF KEY CONTROL

HOURGLASS REPORT

Postmaster here! Great question and I'm glad you asked! Believe it or not, this is a frequently asked question, so keep reading below at a few of the reasons.

1. By turning in your key, you reduce the likelihood of incurring the cost of re-cutting a mailbox key and the replacement of a new mailbox core just in case you lose it while off island.

2. By leaving the key with the Postal staff, it ensures only authorized users have access to your box, therefore ensuring the security of your mail.

3. Establishing an autho-

alized point of contact allows for your mail to be retrieved on a frequent basis. In accordance with Postal Regulations, any mail not retrieved within 30-days is required to be return to sender, not my rule, but the US Postal Systems policy. To help avoid this, the Postal Personnel will be happy to assist with providing the appropriate paperwork for you to complete prior to departing the island.

4. To ensure visibility of inbound mail/packages, you will continue to receive your notification emails while on R&R. The first email will notify you of the packages. You are strongly encouraged to review the attachment in the email as it contains all the

tracking numbers. This allows your designated pick-up person to properly prepare for the incoming volume of mail/packages. After the mail/packages are retrieved, you will receive a second email confirming the pick-up.

As always, I appreciate the support the community continues to show my staff! We will continue to support the community and always provide the best customer service as possible!

This Postal Service PSA was brainstormed-developed by James Smith & Glenna Carter.



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EARN YOUR TEAM KWAJ TAB

PUBLIC NOTICE

1. Attend Col. Morgan's TEAM KWAJ brief (either Teammate or Community version), read and adhere to the TEAM KWAJ Teammate Pact, presented at initial town halls, and periodically thereafter.
2. Attend the Island Newcomer's Briefing.
3. Attend at least one group greeting at air terminal for personnel arriving on island. Make them feel welcome and show them we are happy they are on Kwaj with us.
4. Attend at least two garrison after-hours team-building or social events (TEAM KWAJ Happy Hour, Commander's Call, Hail/Farewell).
5. Attend at least two TEAM KWAJ PT/Wellness sessions. Become a regular 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.
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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

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





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ABOVE: Group photo of Girl Scouts Troop 15804

BELOW: Keelie Butler and Yenovi Johnson looking at a casing through a magnifying glass

COMMUNITY

HONORING HISTORY AND SERVICE: KWAJALEIN JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS TACKLE BRONZE AWARD PROJECT

HOURLASS REPORT

My name is Yessenia Johnson, and I am one of three dedicated leaders—alongside Tatiana Alvarez and Lynda Hardy—of the Kwajalein Junior Girl Scouts Troop 15804. Our troop consists of nine remarkable girls, aged 9 to 11, representing both 4th and 5th graders: 4th Graders: Inaya Maika Hope, Reese Sorensen, Keelie Butler, Yenovi Johnson, Emily Mitchell, and Aquaplu Bejang; 5th Graders: Penelope Africano, Lizzyanna Lanej, and Shimako Chong Gum Loeak. Together, we are embarking on a meaningful journey to make a difference in our community while honoring history.

Recently, we collaborated with Michael Sakaio and Maj. Dae Choi from the USAG-KA Host Nations to address the necessary repairs for the WWII Japanese Cemetery on Kwajalein. This project is at the heart of our troop's efforts to earn the prestigious Girl Scouts Bronze Award.

What is the Bronze Award?

The Bronze Award is the highest honor a Junior Girl Scout can achieve, requiring each girl to identify a pressing community need and dedicate themselves to a sustainable project addressing it. Each participant invests a minimum of 20 hours of individual community service, developing critical skills in leadership, teamwork, and social responsibility. By completing this award, these young leaders learn to create lasting change and leave a meaningful impact on their communities.

A Mission to Transform: From Cemetery to Memorial

This year, Troop 15804 has chosen to focus on the WWII Japanese Cemetery, aiming to restore and elevate its status to a memorial. Their work honors the memory of those who have been lost, including over 5,000 Korean and Japanese military personnel listed as MIA/KIA. It is a profound act of respect and recognition of shared history.

The Japanese government built a memorial to honor Japanese soldiers who



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died in the Battle of Kwajalein during Operation Flintlock in 1944. This memorial emphasizes reconciliation and remembrance between former adversaries. To honor their fallen, Japan funds annual trips for families to USAG-KA and other areas occupied during WWII. These visits are coordinated by the USAG-KA Directorate of Host Nation Activities, the Japan Embassy in Majuro, and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.



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ABOVE: Penelope Africano mowing

The memorial holds great importance in remembering the sacrifices of those who perished. The troop's restoration efforts include:

1. Touching up the paint on the torii gate and surrounding fence.
2. Cleaning the memorial and ensuring the surrounding area is tidy and well-maintained.
3. Performing landscape maintenance by cutting and trimming the grass to keep the area neat.
4. Updating the signage by replacing the existing "Japanese Cemetery" sign with "Japanese Memorial: Battle of Kwajalein."
5. Informing the community about the memorial's significance through poster boards displayed at various locations.

A Day of History and Service

This Sunday, December 8th, marked the beginning of our troop's activities.



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We started the day at the archaeology building, where Susan and Ciarra at the archaeology department provided historical context through photographs and accounts, immersing the girls in the stories behind the artifacts they would soon handle. From 1:00 to 2:15 PM, the girls meticulously cleaned WWII-era shell casings, learning the importance of preservation and the stories embedded in these relics. Following this, they traveled to the Japanese Cemetery, Building #698, to engage in hands-on service. The girls performed yard work and carefully cleaned headstones, contributing to the cemetery's transformation. Special thanks to parent volunteers Rafael Johnson and Marielle Butler, whose support during this day was invaluable. In collaboration with the DPW Sign Shop, Mr. Isaac, repaired several broken fence posts and repainted the sign to read "Memorial."



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The Impact of Their Work

This project has far-reaching impacts, instilling vital life skills and fostering a deep connection to history. By participating in activities such as cleaning shell casings and preserving historical artifacts, the girls gain an understanding of the sacrifices made during WWII. Through teamwork and camaraderie, they build strong bonds, learning the value of collaboration in achieving meaningful goals. Most importantly, their efforts pay homage to those who are still missing or unaccounted for, ensuring that their stories and sacrifices are not forgotten.

Troop 15804's work embodies the spirit of the Girl Scouts—to take action, make a difference, and leave the world better than they found it. Through this project, they honor the past while shaping a future filled with empathy, respect, and service.

Gratitude and Future Plans

It has been an amazing experience thus far, and we look forward to completing this project over the next few months. As you know, our community's support is vital to the success of the fundraisers we hold on the island. 100% of the proceeds directly benefit the girls by covering expenses such as uniforms, awards, bowling parties, glow parties, Christmas party, and operating expenses such as golf cart rentals for transportation during meetings, craft supplies, snacks, and drinks during meetings and GS only events.

This year's fundraising events include the "Light up the Night" event on December 15 at the MP, the "Pasta La Vista" dinner fundraiser at the MP on Janu-

ary 12, 2025, and the famous Girl Scout cookie sales beginning on or about February 13, 2025, through March 23, 2025, at various locations across the island. We will celebrate the girls' accomplishments with the Bronze Star Award presentation during our Tea Party Award Ceremony scheduled for April 12, 2025.

Join Us in Supporting Girl Scouts

If you are interested in supporting the Girl Scouts as a board member, we are currently looking for a treasurer. Additionally, if you would like to donate, lead, or occasionally volunteer as a driver, or leader, please email us at kwajaleingirlscouts@usagso.org. Your involve-

ment helps us create more opportunities for these young leaders to learn, grow, and make a lasting impact in their community.



ABOVE: Archaeologist Susan Underbrink shows a Japanese flag artifact that many soldiers were given when they left for war with well wishes and family names

E-wareness: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



This Christmas, give a gift to the world:

- Reduce waste
- Reuse materials
- Recycle metals, glass, and yard waste

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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 60TH B-DAY FOR CLIFF PRYOR (ADULTS ONLY)

NOT AN MWR EVENT. SPECIAL BIRTHDAY EVENT

OCT. 14 OKTOBERFEST @ CAMP HAMILTON

OCT. 20 ZOMBIERUN (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

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

Discussion:

In the first 10 days of December, we have received 2.91 inches of rain, which is 0.29" above normal for the month. For the year, the weather station has received 86.40 inches of precipitation, which is 1.81 inches below normal. December is our transition month from the Wet Season (Ellap Wot) to the windy drier season (Ellap Kutu). 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 have a few flashes witnessed. Flashes from distant lightning can be witnessed up to 40 miles away, as the light produced by a strike radiates up through their parent cumulonimbus cloud, which can be over 50,000 feet high. The robust Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) that produced copious amount of rain for the southern atoll about two weeks ago, is still quite strong, but its axis is positioned to far south of the central RMI, to have any direct effects on the atoll. The strong ITCZ's current location has induced a rather steep pressure gradient between itself and higher-pressure regions to the north of the RMI, producing a trade

wind flow mostly in the middle teens with higher clear-air gusts and outflow winds to the upper 20s near showers just off to our immediate east. These Windy Season conditions are expected to continue through the week-end and into next week. The Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO) is expected to remain in its negative phase over the Marshall Islands for about the next five to seven days, and then start to become positive moving toward the end of the month. 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. The positive phase has the opposite effect, which looks to contribute to increased shower coverage on about the 18th. Otherwise, convergence in the speed and or direction of the trade winds will give us occasional fleeting showers over and around the atoll. The El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is near neutral with mild La Nina conditions expected to prevail in the eastern Pacific through December. We are 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 full moon is on the 15th, and will bring high tides of 4.7 feet on the 15th and 16th, before settling down to the neap tide phase of a waning half-moon on the 22nd. With trade winds at near Windy Season levels, expect combined seas to be in the range of about 6 to 8 feet on the open ocean with a peak of 7 to 9 feet on the 19th. Wake will see 7 to 9-foot seas

with a peak on the afternoon of the 22nd of about 8 to 10 feet. Wake's combined seas will be mostly out of the northeast, which is the less vulnerable part of the island. There could be some minor splash-over on east-northeast shore, but nothing to noticeable, as winds will be mostly in the middle teens and the full moon will be a spring tide event. No major swells expected from mid-latitude storms in the northern Pacific.

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.

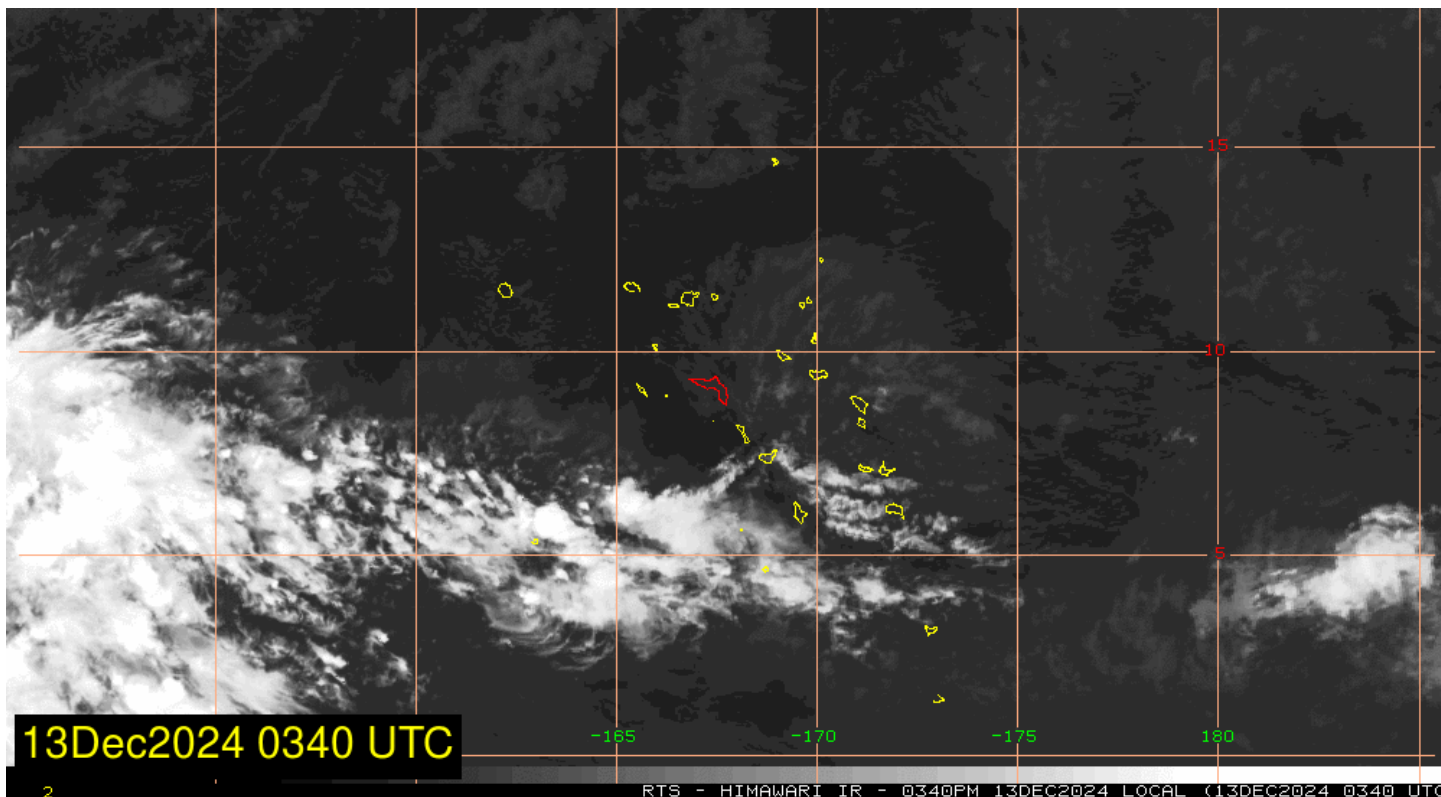
LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

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





WEATHER

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WEATHER DISCUSSION

A dry, breezy pattern looks to once again be in place for the end of the workweek and at least the first half of the upcoming weekend. A strong subtropical ridge looks to be in place to the north, pushing the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) well to the south and leading to dry, sinking air throughout the atmospheric column. This will tend to suppress shower activity, with only stray trade wind convergence-induced showers expected for both Saturday and Sunday. This set-up will also create a tight pressure gradient across the RMI, leading

to elevated sustained winds. Wind speeds will generally be in the mid-upper teens, with some clear-air gusts in the low 20s possible especially Saturday and early Sunday. Some gusts in the upper 20s may be possible near any showers that do occur. On Monday, an area of speed convergence will make its way through the central RMI, increasing shower activity to isolated. Thunderstorms appear unlikely throughout this time period as a lack of stronger low-level convergence and the presence of relatively warm upper-level temperatures will make conditions unfavorable for deep convection or lightning.

SATURDAY

Mostly sunny with stray showers. Winds

NE-E at 14-19 knots with clear-air gusts in the low 20s and gusts in the upper 20s possible near showers.

SUNDAY

Mostly sunny with stray showers. Winds NE-E at 13-18 knots with clear-air gusts in the low 20s and gusts in the upper 20s possible near showers.

MONDAY

Partly sunny with isolated showers. Winds NE-E at 13-18 knots with gusts in the upper 20s possible near showers.

NEXT WEEK

A pattern change appears likely to take place next week, with the ITCZ expected to reorganize and shift north toward the central RMI. This will bring an increase in mid-level moisture and

likely lead to greater shower coverage for at least the early to middle part of the workweek. This could provide some beneficial rainfall, as we are now heading into the dry season and rainfall will

tend to become more sparse. Winds look to remain somewhat elevated, with sustained wind speeds in the mid to sometimes upper teens likely most of the time throughout next week.

SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:56 a.m. 6:33 p.m.	6:18 p.m. 6:24 a.m.	3:54 a.m. 3.2' 4:10 p.m. 4.7'	9:42 a.m. -0.4' 10:42 p.m. -0.7'
MONDAY	6:56 a.m. 6:33 p.m.	7:21 p.m. 7:28 a.m.	4:36 a.m. 3.2' 4:49 p.m. 4.7'	10:21 a.m. -0.4' 11:22 p.m. -0.7'
TUESDAY	6:57 a.m. 6:34 p.m.	8:22 p.m. 8:29 a.m.	5:16 a.m. 3.1' 5:28 p.m. 4.5'	11:00 a.m. -0.3' -----
WEDNESDAY	6:57 a.m. 6:34 p.m.	9:20 p.m. 9:24 a.m.	5:54 a.m. 3.0' 6:05 p.m. 4.3'	12:01 a.m. -0.5' 11:37 a.m. -0.2'
THURSDAY	6:58 a.m. 6:35 p.m.	10:13 p.m. 10:14 a.m.	6:32 a.m. 2.8' 6:42 p.m. 3.9'	12:39 a.m. -0.3' 12:14 p.m. 0.1'
FRIDAY	6:58 a.m. 6:35 p.m.	11:02 p.m. 10:58 a.m.	7:12 a.m. 2.7' 7:20 p.m. 3.6'	1:17 a.m. 0.0' 12:52 p.m. 0.4'
DECEMBER 21	6:59 a.m. 6:36 p.m.	11:48 p.m. 11:38 a.m.	7:55 a.m. 2.5' 8:00 p.m. 3.2'	1:57 a.m. 0.3' 1:34 p.m. 0.7'

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Until Next Week!

