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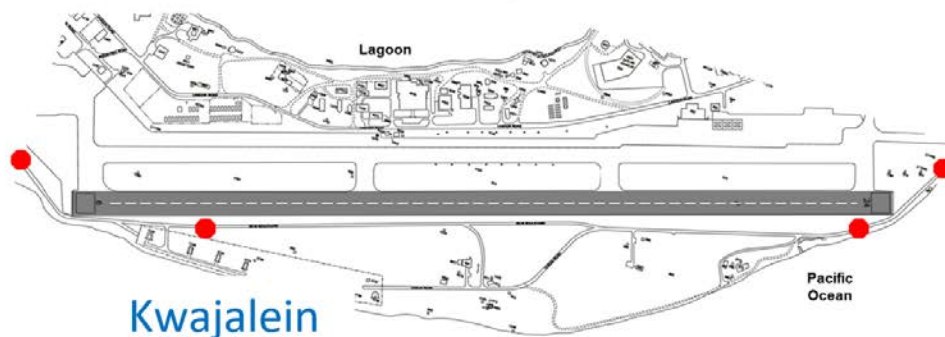


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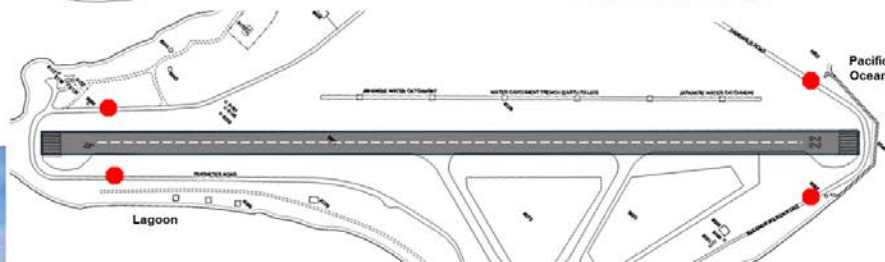


Please remember to stop and look both ways for aircraft on:
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Wilson Rd.

**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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U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY HEATHER MILLER

ABOVE: Teacher Team & Student Teams together
BELOW: Christy Cardillo celebrated completing her
10th Kwajalein Marathon in 4:52:07.

COMMUNITY

INTENSE (BUT FRIENDLY!) COMPETITION AT THE PAUPERS' MARATHON

HOURLASS REPORT

"The ladies beat the men," said Bob Sholar, president of the Kwajalein Runners' Club, with a look that was difficult to read. Bob reported his winner's information for the traditional Kwajalein Paupers' Marathon that took place on Monday, December 9, 2024.

So named, because it's the local version of the prestigious Honolulu Marathon provided for residents that couldn't afford the rather extravagant expenses of the Hawai'ian event, the Paupers' Marathon date and start time are synched up to that of the bigger event's timezone. This increases the Kwajalein event difficulty since our 3 AM start

time is objectively more challenging than their 5 AM start time.

"Mandy Melody has the running bug," continued Bob. "and she kept going for 85 miles! That's more than three marathons! A Kwajalein first by far."

Four teams completed the marathon (teams could be composed of anywhere from 2-to-10 runners). A highlight was seeing the school teacher team compete against the students. The Giant Stride Award went to Jackson Ladd anchoring the students' team which finished second behind the first place teacher team.



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY MALLORY MASCIARELLI



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY DAVID SHOLAR

ABOVE: Bob congratulates Daniel Davis for his Marathon Finish.
BELOW (l): Mandy Melody ran 84.5 miles.

BELOW (r): These beaming Marathon Finishers (Graeson Cossey, Leightyn Cossey, Keith Brady, and David Sholar) are all "Kwaj Kids" grown up.



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY DAVID SHOLAR



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY JANE SHOLAR

Kwajalein Reclaimed Water Standard Violation

The Reclaimed Water System Document of Environmental Protection (DEP) requires public notification when reclaimed water standards are not met. For approximately 8 hours on November 13, 2024, the minimum residual chlorine concentration level at the Point of Entry to the Kwajalein reclaimed (or non-potable) water distribution system dropped below the 1 mg/L standard. Chlorine is added as a disinfectant at the Point of Entry into the Reclaimed Water System. Additionally, during 17-19 November 2024, the 7-day rolling turbidity average at the point of entry into the reclaimed water system measured above the 2.0 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTUs) standard. Turbidity is the cloudiness or haziness of a liquid caused by particles that are generally invisible to the naked eye. No health-based restrictions on the normal use (irrigation, vehicle washing, etc) of reclaimed (or non-potable) water are necessary. There is no threat to public health or the environment resulting from this turbidity exceedance. If you have any questions, please contact the V2X Environmental Department at 480-0722.

Jorraan Eo Ilo Reclaimed Water System Eo Ion Kwajalein

Ekkar non Reclaimed Water Document eo an Environmental Protection/ak naetan (DEP) aikuj bwe en karon jukjuk in ped elane Standards eo ilo jikin komon dren eo ejjab met.. Iturin lok 8awa ilo Nobamba 13, 2024 eo, dretton residual chlorine eo ej ekejil wot kin jonon eo ej dreton tok non jikin komon dren eo ion Kwajalein (ak non-potable) dren ej ajejejen jikin in emoj an wallaltok non lalin 1 mg/L standard. Emoj bar ellik Chlorine non karreoiki ilo an dreton non jikin komon dren eo. Kokobaba, iloan 17-19 Nobamba 2024, iloan 7-ran rolling turbidity average ilo jikin komon dren in ej kalok jonok in ilon in lok 2.0 Nephelometric Turbidity Unites (NTUs) Standard. Menin ekomman bwe en laplok an tap dren in im ettoon ko jeban loi. Ejjab jelet ejmour non karon im rejan ikkijejen kojebal dren in (non wutdrikdrik, kwali waa ko, im jebal ko eir-lokwot) non aikuj ko jet. Jokjok in eban jelet ejmour ak jukjuk bed iloan alik kar ilo ekotak kein. Ne ewor kajitok relap lok, kir tok V2X Environmental Department ilo 480-0722.

CHRISTMAS JEPTA ON Ebeye

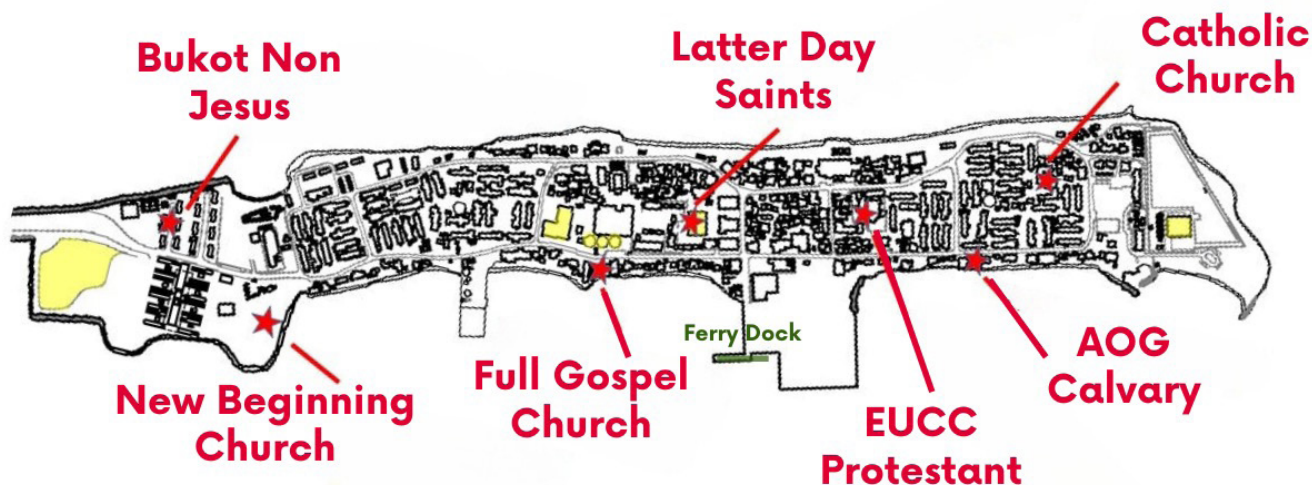
Ferry will run on the Holiday Schedule.

FERRIES DEPART KWAJ:

11:40am, 1:15pm (extra run),
3:30pm, 5pm, 6:30pm, 8pm

FERRIES DEPART EBEYE:

12:10pm, 4pm, 5:30pm,
7pm, 8:30pm, 10:30pm



Men should wear long pants, no shorts, and a shirt that covers the shoulders.
Women should wear a dress or skirt, no pants, with shoulders and knees covered.



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.





U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY MELISSA DETHLEFSEN

ABOVE: Homeschoolers attend a pottery-throwing workshop at the Kwajalein Hobby Shop
BELOW: Michelle Soto instructs a student in finessing the pottery wheel

COMMUNITY

THROWING CLAY: A VISIT TO THE HOBBY SHOP

HOURLASS REPORT

A strong, but not unpleasant smell of stoneware clay greets you when you walk into the Kwajalein Hobby Shop. Surprising, since it shares the 815 facility with the equally fragrant Wood Shop, but the tell-tale scents of the latter do not overpower the clay smell at all.

Our visit was owed to Michelle Soto's Pottery Throwing workshop, which took place on Friday, December 6, 2024. "The hobby shop is painted with vibrant colors," said Ms. Melissa Dethlefsen, LOG-CAP V V2X IMD media personnel. "This makes it an inviting space with creative vibes."

The Hobby Shop offers:

Ceramics Molds - staff will instruct you how to properly pour and take care of molds.

Pottery - Staff provides individualized instruction and hand-building, as well

as monthly classes and events.

Hobby Shop Library - features specialty books on ceramics, pottery, and woodworking.

"Safety is very important at the Hobby Shop. Always wear closed toe shoes and wear safety protection when needed," said Anne Hisle, MWR Technician. "I'd have to say that I really like that it's a good place for people to come and just have fun and be creative. Some people come in and just want to do 'x' but get inspired by others and learn a whole new skill that they never thought they would do. Some people bring their kids in and end up doing something themselves. It's very satisfying to see folks who have never made anything come in, make something from scratch and then be able to take a functional or decorative hand-made piece home that they can be proud of."

For more info about the Hobby Shop, please call 480-1700



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY MELISSA DETHLEFSEN

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.**




UGLY HOLIDAY T-SHIRT PARTY & HOLIDAY KARAOKE 2.0



**Oceanview 8 p.m.
Saturday,
December 21**




**Best Kwaj Inspired
Most Creative DIY
Best Couple Combo
Funniest
Most Likely to Regift
at a Holiday Party
All-Around the UGLIEST**







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.**





MWR APP



SCAN THE QR CODE
TO RESERVE YOUR
GOLF CART

NOW!



LOGCAP V



E-wareness: Minimize Holiday Waste

Contact V2X Environmental at 480-0722 for information.



Waste generation increases during the holidays! Help minimize waste this holiday season. Remember, the beauty of a gift itself, not in excessive packaging.

MARSHALLESE TRANSLATION

Tore eo elap an lap in lon kwobej ej ilo ein kein raurok ilo jemlok in juon yio. Jiban kadrik-lok an walok bwobej! Kememej, emon in juon menin lelok ejjab walok ilo box eo im jokjok in an wrap.



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



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



U.S. ARMY IMAGE BY KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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

COMMUNITY

POSTMASTER UNIVERSITY | SHIPPING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (HAZMAT) & DANGEROUS GOODS (DG) INTERNATIONALLY

HOURLASS REPORT

Postmaster here! Great question! When you ship something from the United States to another country, you must follow both USPS international shipping regulations and the regulations of the destination country. Some items are prohibited (completely forbidden). Some are restricted (allowed under certain conditions). Hazardous materials (HAZMAT), also known as Dangerous Goods (DG), may be prohibited or restricted.

What Is Considered Dangerous Goods Shipping?

Hazardous materials (also known as dangerous goods) are substances that could

injure people or cause damage if not handled properly, like chemicals or flammable items. HAZMAT also includes lithium batteries (like the ones in cell phones and electronics); they contain a lot of energy and can be a fire risk.

Some HAZMAT is prohibited—you can't send it through USPS and must use another carrier.

Some HAZMAT can only be sent in sealift and ground transportation—it can't go on airplanes. For APO/FPO there's a chance it will take at least 30 – 45 days transit time.

Dangerous goods are more common than you may think.

Most rejected mail is due to the reuse of packaging and boxes. Reused packaging and boxes are only acceptable when all markings and labels are removed or completely blotted out. Regardless of what is inside your package, displayed markings or labels for DG may result in delivery delays or a package return.

There are even some items that can't be shipped from Kwajalein. Keep reading below for some specific examples.

Lithium Batteries - For domestic mailings only, small consumer-type primary lithium cells or batteries (lithium metal or lithium alloy) like those used to power cameras

and flashlights are mailable domestically under certain conditions.

Lithium Batteries in Electronic Devices - If you're mailing used, damaged, or defective electronic devices containing or packaged with lithium batteries, you must send them via ground transportation; they are prohibited in air transportation. These devices must be marked on the outer packaging with the text, "Restricted Electronic Device" and "Surface Transportation Only."

Believe it or not, hand sanitizers fall in a protected category. Most hand sanitizers, including wipes, contain alcohol and are flammable

in nature and are therefore handled and shipped as hazardous matter (HAZMAT) in the U.S. Mail. As flammable materials, these products are limited to surface transportation-only in domestic mail. It is prohibited to send these materials by International Mail including APO/FPO/DPO (military) destinations.

Aerosols - Examples of mailable gases and aerosols include propane, butane, and fire extinguishers. Make sure you read about the specific rules and restrictions for sending mailable gases.

Medicine - When sending medicine or drugs through the mail, mailers and shippers must know the characteristics of the items they are sending and treat them correctly. Medicines are controlled substances and are subject to strict regulations. Prescription medications may only be mailed by Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registered distributors. Similar regulations apply to some over-the-counter medications.

If you are unsure whether the product that you are shipping is flammable, please check with the trusted Postal staff for guidance, additionally, there is printed information in the Post Office to help guide you through the process.

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!

Our Postal Service PSAs are brainstormed-developed by James Smith & Glenna Carter.





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

EARN YOUR TEAM KWAJ TAB

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/>

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!
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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.



ABOVE: A cheerful family enjoying their moment in the Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 7, 2024 with a knowing wink.



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MARSHALLE CULTURE

THE INTRICATE STRUCTURE OF THE JOWI

HOURGLASS REPORT

Wealth among the Republic of the Marshall Islands peoples is measured in land ownership. The right to land is directly connected to jowi, or a citizen's allegiance to a particular clan, which is a genetic, or blood tie. The exact number of jowi across the Marshall Islands is unknown, since the records that carefully recorded exactly who was related to whomever else did not make it pass the Great War. Today, the vast majority of the Marshallese are Christians, and the old ways of tracking relations through the jowi tree branches were strictly tied to the traditions of the old religion, now lost. The resurrected jowi tie records have the memories of what the elders considered themselves related to which jowi are what hold them together. Official rules were put in place to govern and distinguish one jowi from another in order to ensure a straight and plain inheritance flow throughout the succeeding generations. This also serves to enable the iroijis and other higher ranks to guard the integrity of regality and royal blood,

and prevent accidental incestuous relations, that could potentially damage the genetic line[s].

Every citizen belongs to a jowi, every jowi swears its fealty to its Iroij, or "chief." The Iroij are supervised by their Alap or "clan heads"—also called Iroijlablab—and these in turn are supported by the Drierbal, or "workers," which includes the patrilineal offspring. This is a necessary distinction, since inheritance rights and other jowi benefits are passed down through the matrilineal paternal line.

Although non-Marshallese are not allowed to purchase land, land purchases by the Marshallese themselves is itself not likely to happen. The Iroijlablab often grants rights to land, but the actual ownership remains with the Iroij class, who maintain ultimate decisions as far as "land tenure, resource use and distribution, and dispute settlement." According to tradition, there were originally 8-original jowis that grew to the approximately 40-50(?) known today.



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WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RIS WEATHER STATION STAFF

Discussion:

So far in December up through the 18th, we have received 4.57 inches of rain, which is 0.15" below normal for the month. For the year, the weather station has received 88.06 inches of precipitation, which is 2.25 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 during the last seven days, as the vertical dynamics of the atmospheric column remained mostly negative over the last week for lightning development. This is defined as an "in situ" lightning strike within five miles of the weather station. Lightning was observed about 80 miles south of Kwajalein Atoll, closer to the reestablishing ITCZ yesterday. The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) has reestablished itself, and is currently stretch east-west across the southern RMI. The trend of the ITCZ remaining mostly across southern RMI, will be with us for most of the remainder of December, helping to induce a steeper pressure gradient for winds to sustain in a range of 13-18 knots outside of showers with a few clear-air gusts to around 20. Shower coverage for the central RMI has now increased. We will see greater shower activity today and

tomorrow via minor troughing in the lower atmosphere, with a lull in activity for the weekend, and then expect shower coverage to pick back up again on Christmas Eve, and continue through the holiday. The Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO) has now entered a moderately positive phase over the Marshall Islands. The positive phase of this global tropical circulation basically has the effect of helping to augment shower coverage for our part of the Pacific. This factor will result in a boost to the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ), when it is in the vicinity of the central RMI. The negative phase has the opposite effect. The El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is in mild La Nina conditions with the central Pacific (area to the east of the RMI) actually in a cool anomaly greater than that of the eastern Pacific, where currently conditions are actually only vaguely cooler than normal. This cool anomaly in the central Pacific 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 with the northern winter now climatologically in place.

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. There is Invest 97W located over the central Federated States of Micronesia, and is expected to move to the west farther from the RMI.

Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:

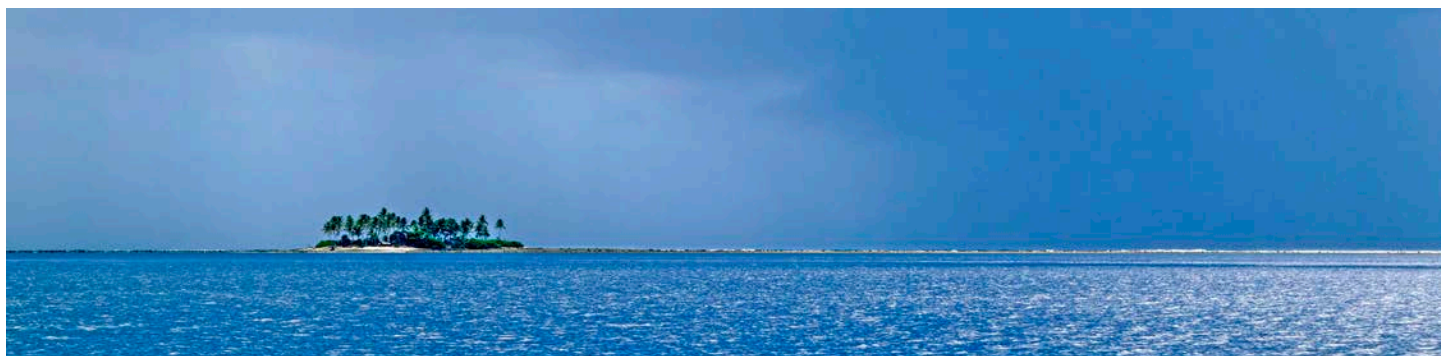
None expected. Micronesia is northeast trade wind dominant.

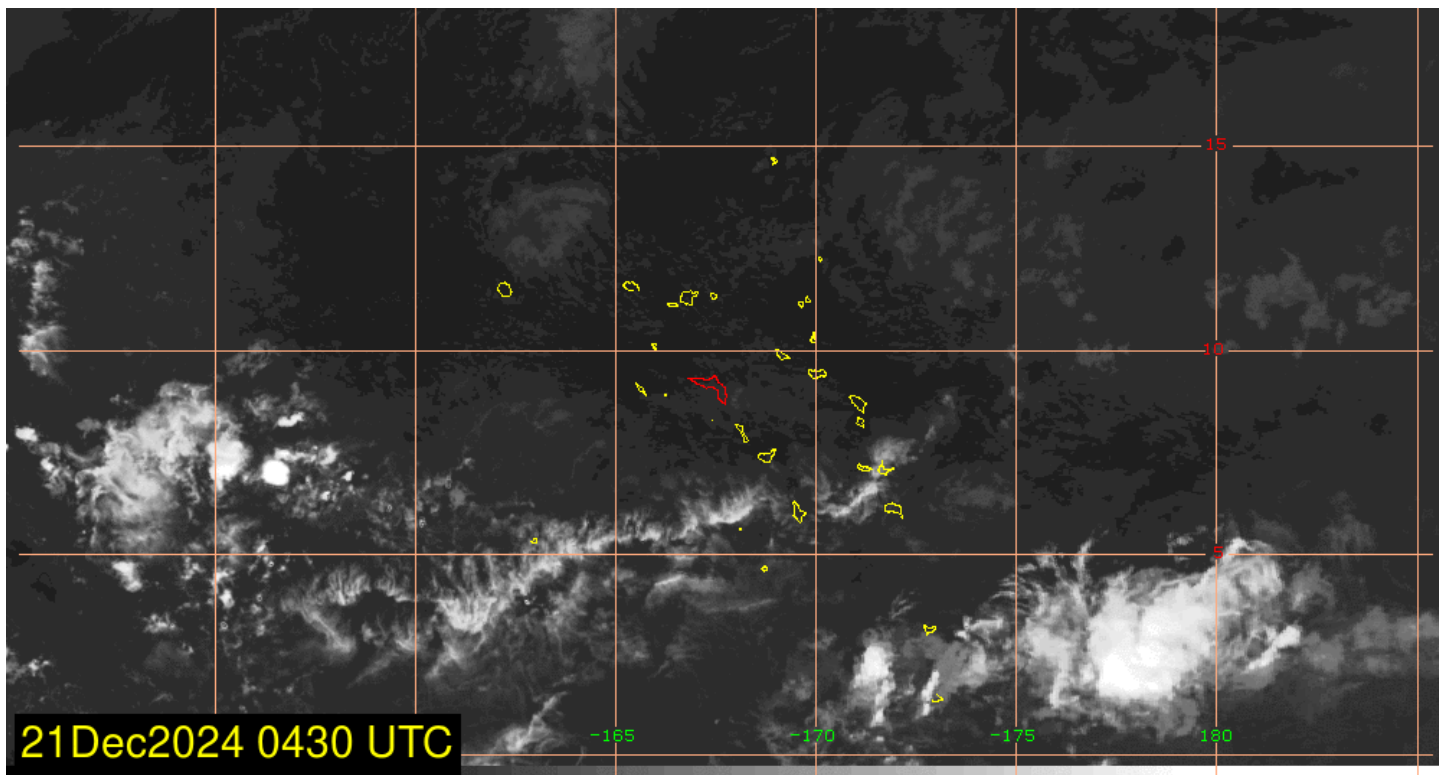
Swell / Tide Inundation for Kwajalein Atoll and Wake Island:

The waning half-moon is on the 22th, which means that all high tides will be neap tides levels below 4.0 feet, before increasing again moving toward the spring tide phase with the new-moon on the 30th. Trade-winds out of the northeast will remain at Windy Season levels for the most part at 12 to 17 knots with the occasional clear-air gust into the low-20s and gustier winds, as showers arrive over our area just off to the immediate east. Look for a bounce in the winds to the upper teens on Saturday afternoon and again on Monday afternoon, as we see a steepening of the pressure gradient. With the winds having spent most of last week in the middle teens, and winds expected to sustain for the most part at

that level, wave heights will be between 7-9 feet on the open ocean. As we move into the neap tide level, no issues with splash over are expected. No major swells expected from mid-latitude storms in the northern Pacific for Kwajalein. It appears that High Surf Advisory conditions will be met for a short period of time at Wake Island on the 26th as a northeastern swell, which is the more vulnerable direction for the island.

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.





WEATHER

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION

Drier conditions will move over Kwajalein Atoll this afternoon, with only a few stray showers expected. The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ), a band of clouds and storms, is still over the southern Marshall Islands. However, the section that affected Kwajalein will move west, and its impact will lessen. Winds will be breezy, generally in the upper teens, with gusts reaching into the low 20s, mostly coming from the east-northeast. Occasionally, passing showers could bring stronger winds from higher up in the atmosphere, which could shift to the

east-southeast, reaching speeds of about 30 knots. The weather will remain dry and breezy tomorrow through the weekend, as strong high pressure keeps things stable and winds come from the northeast. Early next week, the ITCZ may return, bringing some rain back to the atoll.

SATURDAY

Partly sunny with to stray showers. ENE at 15-20 knots with occasional higher gusts, especially near any showers.

SUNDAY

Partly sunny with to stray showers. ENE at 15-20 knots with occasional higher gusts, especially near any showers.

MONDAY

Partly sunny with to stray showers. ENE at

15-20 knots with occasional higher gusts, especially near any showers.

NEXT WEEK

Isolated showers with stray thunderstorms to begin the workweek, winds

ENE-ESE with clear air wind gust increasing to 25 knots and higher gust near showers.



	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:59 a.m. 6:36 p.m.	----- 12:14 p.m.	8:47 a.m. 2.4' 8:47 p.m. 2.9'	2:40 a.m. 0.6' 2:24 p.m. 1.0'
MONDAY	7:00 a.m. 6:37 p.m.	12:31 a.m. 12:50 p.m.	9:56 a.m. 2.4' 9:50 p.m. 2.6'	3:32 a.m. 0.8' 3:37 p.m. 1.3'
TUESDAY	7:00 a.m. 6:37 p.m.	1:13 a.m. 1:25 p.m.	11:21 a.m. 2.5' 11:17 p.m. 2.3'	4:35 a.m. 0.9' 5:23 p.m. 1.4'
WEDNESDAY	7:01 a.m. 6:38 p.m.	1:56 a.m. 2:02 p.m.	12:36 p.m. 2.7' -----	5:46 a.m. 0.9' 7:01 p.m. 1.2'
THURSDAY	7:01 a.m. 6:38 p.m.	2:41 a.m. 2:40 p.m.	12:43 a.m. 2.3' 1:31 p.m. 3.0'	6:49 a.m. 0.8' 8:04 p.m. 0.8'
FRIDAY	7:01 a.m. 6:39 p.m.	3:28 a.m. 3:23 p.m.	1:48 a.m. 2.4' 2:14 p.m. 3.4'	7:39 a.m. 0.6' 8:49 p.m. 0.4'
DECEMBER 28	7:02 a.m. 6:39 p.m.	4:18 a.m. 4:09 p.m.	2:37 a.m. 2.6' 2:52 p.m. 3.7'	8:23 a.m. 0.4' 9:27 p.m. 0.1'

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

Until Next Week!

