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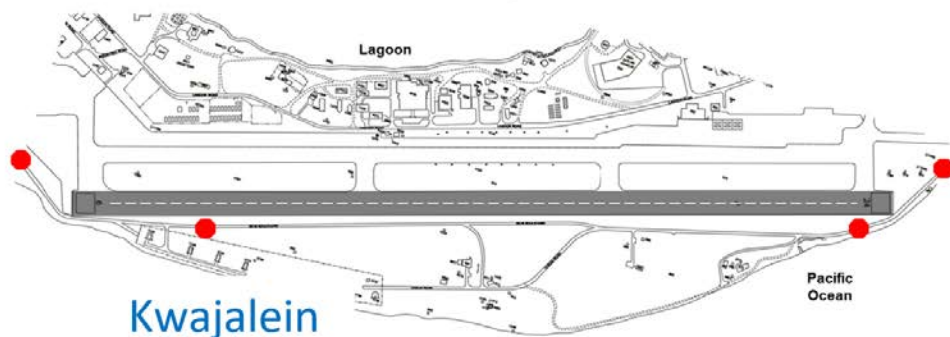


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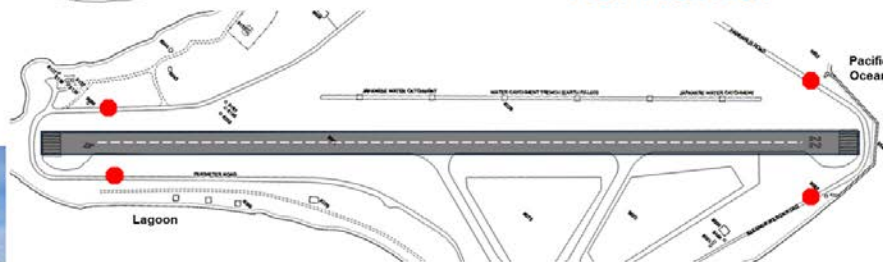


Please remember to stop and look both ways for aircraft on:
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Wilson Rd.

**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

The Kwajalein Hourglass is named for the insignia of the U.S. Army's 7th Infantry Division, which liberated the island from the forces of Imperial Japan on Feb. 4, 1944. The Kwajalein Hourglass is an authorized publication for military personnel, federal employees, contractor workers and their families assigned to U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll.

EARN YOUR TEAM KWAJ TAB!

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U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY KRISTEN EISELE CLARK

ABOVE: Kristen Eisele Clark's childhood Kwaj Kitty Oreo share a 1996 afternoon with her little brother.

BELOW: Kwaj Kitties Tony (left) and Boots who are great companions with Kristen's kids.

COMMUNITY

THE PETS OF KWAJALEIN | "MEET OUR KWAJ KITTIES"

HOURLASS REPORT

"I am not sure how long the 'Kwaj Kitties' have been on Kwajalein," said Melissa Dethlefsen, as she scrolled through a mind-blowing number of island cat owner responses. The spectacle caused this editor to make the instant decision to expand the feature out another issue or two, since the community is so enthusiastic about showing off these little fuzzy-faced people. "I can date them back to the 1970's, with the help of some of the participating Kwaj Kids®."

Melissa scrolled through her image folder, occasionally

taking notes on a sticky pad. "Most of the Kwaj Kitties are black and white, and many are tuxedo patterned. However, there are a few orange tabbies and Siamese in the mix."

She highlighted a Ms. Amy Gray, who fondly remembered a black & white family cat from the 70s/80s named Timmy, who was followed by another adopted buddy named Sniffles. Some near universal traits of the Kwaj Kitties include:

- like to play fetch
- have crossed eyes
- big ears
- long tails



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY KRISTEN EISELE CLARK



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY APRIL PACILEO

and clever. They're able to solve problems and find creative solutions to the challenges they face. And despite all the obstacles in their way, they're still able to live happy, healthy lives." Kwaj Kats are truly one of a kind - despite being severely inbred, they've developed into some of the most resilient and intelligent animals I have ever seen."



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY CARLA WARREN

Ms. Carla Warren has adopted four Kwaj Kitties over the course of her 30-years on Kwajalein, "and have captured and/or fostered upwards of 10-12 feral kittens until they found their forever homes," she said. Speaking about their family's cat Pancake (above): "We don't know what happened when she was a kitten in the wild 'Kwaj' maybe a rat or cockroach got to her one eye, it was shriveled up and sunken into her eye socket. Once we adopted her, the visiting vet removed [the eye tissue] and sewed it shut. We think she only has about 10% vision in her remaining eye. She still manages to navigate every inch of our house very well. When she gets excited, she gets 'the zoomies,' and will spin in circles and her tail puffs up to twice its size! She is hands down one of the sweetest and quirkiest cats we've ever had!"

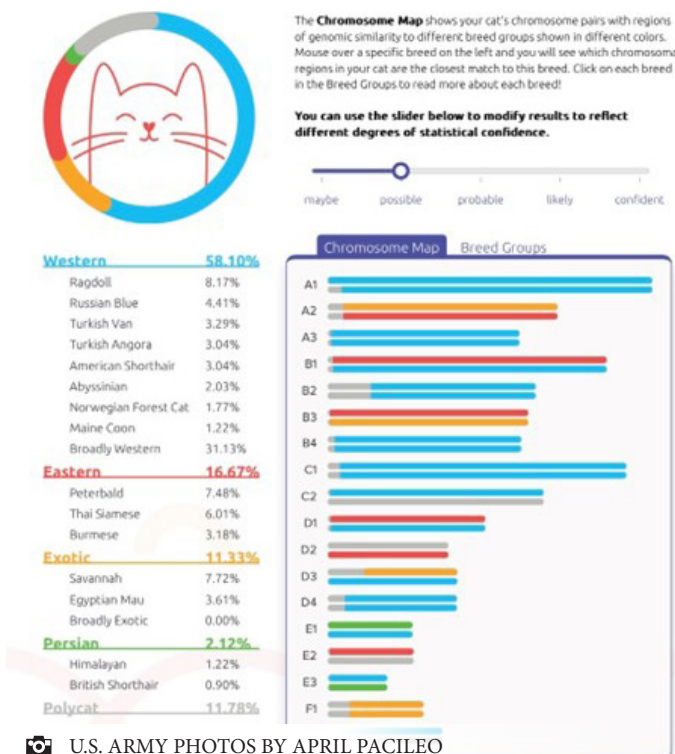


U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY MELISSA HASLIP

Ms. Melissa Haslip's two Kwaj Kitties are shown above with Peg on the left, and Stache on the right. She said, "Both were feral, caught as kittens by the Vet Nurses. Peg loves to play fetch, but only with a certain type of fuzzy ball. Stache has a very long tail and thinks Peg is his mother (she's not). They are very affectionate and such great company."

The following are some of our community's pets with some thoughts by the owners.

Referring to her Kwaj Kitty's one blind eye and the other crossed due to sharing the typical birth defects of its inbred island fellows, Ms. April Pacileo offered, "It's amazing to think about how these cats have evolved to become so resourceful



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY APRIL PACILEO



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

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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



Congratulations!

Yard of the Month
Kwajalein Atoll, RMI

Winner for November 2024

Tony & Mikiko Maika 489-A





U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY STEPHEN ELSON

COMMUNITY

HAPPY NEW YEARS 2025, KWAJALEIN ATOLL!

HOURLASS REPORT

The first thing you noticed was the food. Wonderful mixture of mouth-watering aromas beckoned new arrivals as they joined an already decent crowd close to sunset on Tuesday, December 31, 2024, on our majestic Ebon Beach.

Already battle worn after a years-worth of fantastic events falling on top of one after another after another (or so it seems if you have a job that tracks that sort of thing), the Kwajalein was more than ready to wrap up 2024 with a literal bang. MWR ensured an appropriately festive atmosphere wrapped the venue like a favorite blanket, with a long line formed around the 2025 Photo Backdrop managed to take second place of

event popularity. Some community members enjoyed a volleyball game, others were content to bounce balls about in less formal fashion, others swam in the clear, warm waters in the near-dark, and others still merely watched them all, sitting in comfort in an expectant, almost dreamy state.

The families of Commander Col. Drew Morgan and Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller walked about and set the tone of equal amounts pleasantries, informal good cheer and enthusiasm for the awaited thrilling spectacle to come. Mrs. Stacey Morgan handed out *Team Kwaj* ornaments to everyone's delight, and the fabulous Yola Band drowned out nearly all sound with their right-on-time

beats which had the entire beach swaying.

As full dark engulfed the beach, the community gathered to collect in a line between the beach and pathway—an estimated 120 people strong—each looking up in barely contained glee.

*****AND THEN THE FIREWORKS BEGAN!*****

Colorful explosions each more fantastic than the last ignited the sky and illuminated the beach goer faces! The highly-anticipated array lasting for an impressively generous 20-minutes, visible clear as the sun from all points of the island.

“Watching the fireworks at Emon is always a good way

to end the year, and it's fun getting to start the new year a day before our stateside friends,” said Mrs. Melissa Dethlefsen.



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY MELISSA DETHLEFSEN



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**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.**





**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.**





**80th Anniversary of the U.S. Victory in the Pacific &
the 81st of Operation FLINTLOCK**



**Join us for this
1940s-themed Commemorative Hangar Dance
February 9th, 2025, U.S. Army Garrison - Kwajalein Atoll
With period music provided by the 25th Infantry Division Band**

MWR APP



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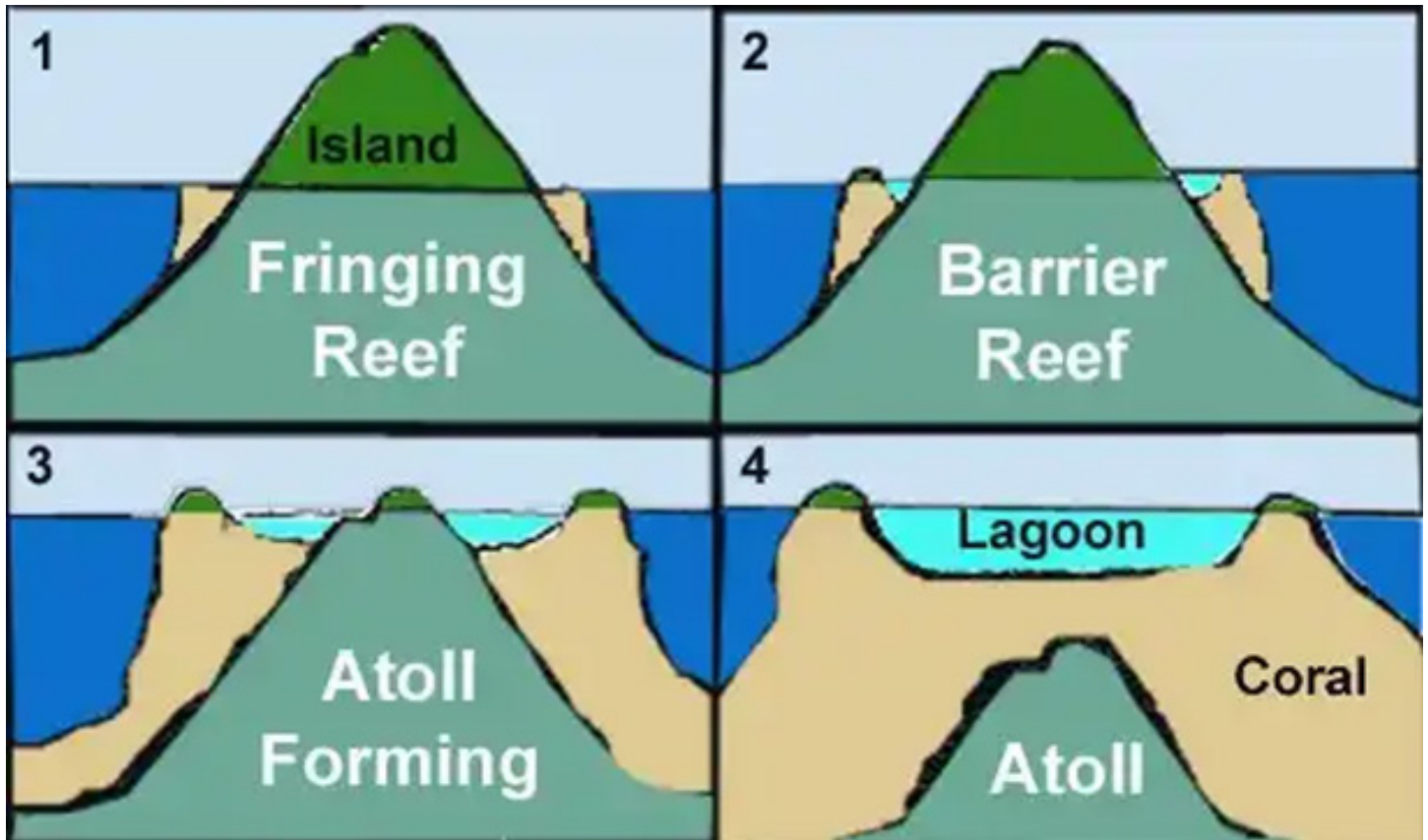
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LOGCAP V



Atoll Formation



Atolls are formed from sunken volcanoes. Coral continues growing around, creating some of the most beautiful and biologically diverse habitats. Depending on their size and climate, atolls can take up to 30 million years to form.

Ene ko iloan aelon in rekar walok jen Volcano ko ibulen lojet. Wod ko ilojet ilo ime-towan aelon in rej eddoklok ilo aer komman men ko reai-boujwoj ilo lojet eo. Bedbed wot kin jonon im oktak in me-jatoto, aelon eo emaron bok 30 million yio non an eddoklok.



U.S. ARMY IMAGE BY KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

ABOVE: Artist's depiction of the concerned citizens' query.

COMMUNITY

POSTMASTER UNIVERSITY | INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING

HOURLASS REPORT

Postmaster here! Great question! When you ship something from the United States or Kwajalein to another country, you must follow both USPS international shipping regulations and the regulations of the destination country: That same rule applies when shipping from one international location to another. There are items that are prohibited (completely forbidden). Some are restricted (allowed under certain conditions).

When you send packages to U.S. military bases and em-

bassies outside of the United States, even though you're paying domestic prices, you'll still need to fill out a customs form. Learn About Military & Diplomatic Mail.

Find the country you're sending the package to in the International Mail Manual's Individual Country Listings for:

- What you're not allowed to send to that country (Also see general International Shipping Restrictions and Prohibitions.)
- How much of it you can send (weight and size limits)
- What shipping services

you can use

- Other country-specific information

Another frequently asked question is rules of engagement as it relates to custom forms. **You must fill out a customs form when you send packages to other countries.** All customs forms must be computer-generated:

- If you use Click-N-Ship service or Pirate Ship service to print your own postage, it will print a customs form for you.
- If you'll be paying for your postage at the Post Office, you can save time by print-

ing your own customs form at home using our Customs Form Online tool.

- Otherwise, you can bring your package to the Post Office, fill out Form PS 2976-R, and give it to the Post Office associate so they can create and print your customs form.

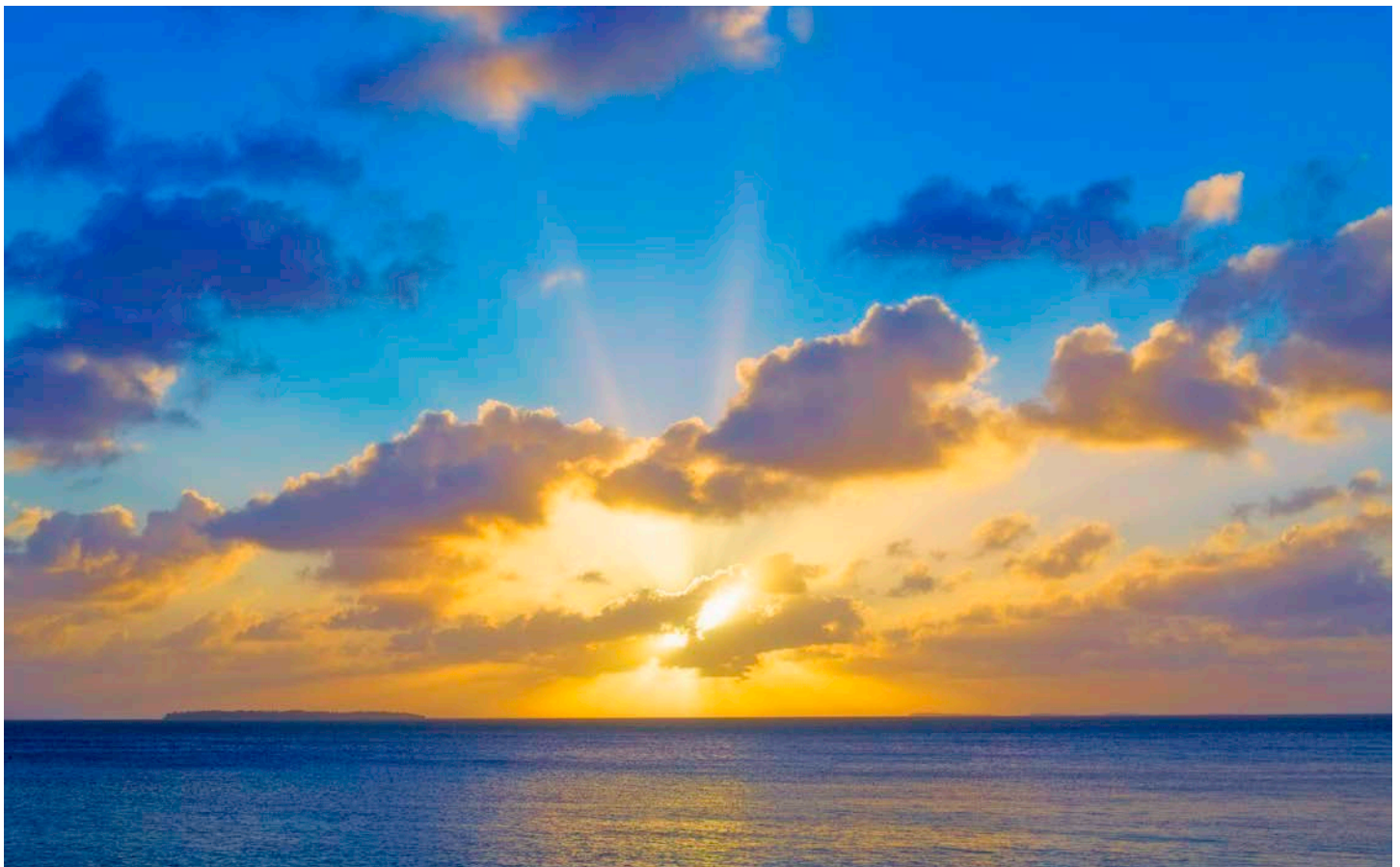
When you fill out a customs form, you'll make a list of what you're sending, including how much each item is worth and its weight. There are also new requirements for providing more-detailed descriptions of contents in packages sent to countries that follow European Union (EU) customs rules. The re-

ceiving country may open and inspect your package, so you need to be accurate. You can see more information on our Customs Forms page.

TIP: The only time you don't need a customs form is when you send nonnegotiable documents (like letters or other papers with no cash value) weighing under 15.994 oz using First-Class Mail International® service.

As always, you can ask the Postal Staff any questions related to your international shipment.

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



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

tions. 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.

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.vecrus.com or stop by the HR office in building 700.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFH Construction Is Ongoing. Nan, Inc. Construction is scheduled to commence the telecommunication scope of work for the FY21 Kwajalein Army Family Housing project in our community from February – September 2024.

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/Details/2337159/Atmospheric-Science-Technology-LLC/Meteorologist>—

Kwajalein-Island.

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-Kwajalein Atoll is now partnered with Kikaha Solu-

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.

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 through electrical cords. Pets are curious. They may bump into, turn on, or knock over cooking equipment. Keep pets away from stoves and countertops. Make sure pets are included in your family's fire evacuation plan. Build an evacuation kit for each pet in your household.

Flights. Please note that all flights are subject to change. For the latest update on your flights on United, ATI or Air Marshall Islands: ATI: 480-2169; AMI: 480-3469; United: 480-4852



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

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.

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 Kwajalein Resident Office at 480-9859/1293/8006 at Bldg. 1163.

PCS & Vacation Tips. Notify the post office before leaving for 30 days or PCS'ing. Per DOD 4525.6-M, mail is only allowed to be held for 30 days with or without prior notice. Mail is considered unclaimed on day 31 and will be returned to the sender. Email the post office to authorize pick up for your mail and packages. When PCS'ing, provide a forwarding address. Contact James Smith with questions at 480-3461 and james.e.smith2295@army.mil.

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

Smoking. USAG-KA, smoking is permitted in designated smoking areas only. Smoking and cigarette butt receptacles must be at least 50 feet from the entrance of facilities.

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

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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
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WHAT COULD THIS BE?



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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.



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ABOVE: Participants enjoying a game of volleyball as they countdown the day for the New Year's fireworks display on the last day of 2024.



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COMMUNITY

SCUBA SANTA AND THE BOAT PARADE OF LIGHTS

HOURLASS REPORT

Using a 500 long-zoom camera lens is highly recommended when doing media capture work for beach activities. The last thing anyone would want is to get that sea water in the equipment. The team was able to take great images of the Scuba Santa and Boat Parade of Lights event that took place Sunday, December 22, 2024. Already full-on dark upon arrival, the zoom-lens was first used to spy a red light far off in the distance off the water, slowly getting closer as the crowd of about 70-participants gathered.

The Scuba Shack was very well decorated, in a matter that can be best described as 'cute' in an appropriately Christmas-theme way. The atmosphere was fun and calm, with everyone mostly hanging around and genuinely having a good time as that distant red light glimmered, everyone keeping an warmly expectant eye upon it. A small crowd of children sang Christmas carols, humor-

ously splitting into a couple of defiant cliques, each competing to drown out the other with their preferred tune since they couldn't mutually decide on which one they all would sing. We can reasonably chalk that conflict up to the excitement that built in direct proportion to the red light's approach.

At last, the red light approached the beach and a generously tolerant Santa emerged from the dark murk with a sheepish smile, water pouring down from his face and hat. The children lined up to take their photos with the jolly man of the hour and the simple, but pregnant with intense emotion island tradition got under way.

After a bit, the zoom-lens again earned its cost by helping capture the wonderfully decorated boats as they sailed by, the appreciative murmur of the participants calling out their favorites.



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WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RYS WEATHER STATION STAFF

Discussion:

For December, we received 6.14 inches of rain, which is 1.73 inches below normal for the month. The total precipitation for 2024 received at the weather station was 89.63 inches of precipitation, 3.83 inches below normal. We have now entered the dry season (Ellap Kutu) in earnest here in the central RMI, and can expect only an average of four inches this month, down from the eight inches average for December. 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. The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) is south of the RMI, taking up its normal dry season position. This positioning will keep shower coverage at mostly the stray level for the next seven days. Broad troughing will give a boost to shower coverage tonight, and a trade-wind surge to the upper teens will induce another increase in shower coverage Monday afternoon into Tuesday morning. The Madden/

Julian Oscillation (MJO) will remain in its current moderate positive phase over the Marshall Islands for the remainder of the week, and then transition to its drier negative phase toward the middle of January. The positive phase of this global tropical circulation basically has the effect of helping to augment shower coverage for our part of the Pacific, but this factor is only effective, if the ITCZ is close to the central RMI. The El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is in mild La Nina conditions with the central Pacific (ocean to the east of the RMI) actually about -0.5 degrees C below normal. Cooler temperatures in the Pacific to the east of the RMI works to temper our shower activity, as almost all of our precipitation producers come from the east, this cool anomaly in the central Pacific also 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 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.

Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:

None expected. Micronesia is northeast trade wind dominant.

Swell / Tide Inundation for Kwajalein Atoll and Wake Island:

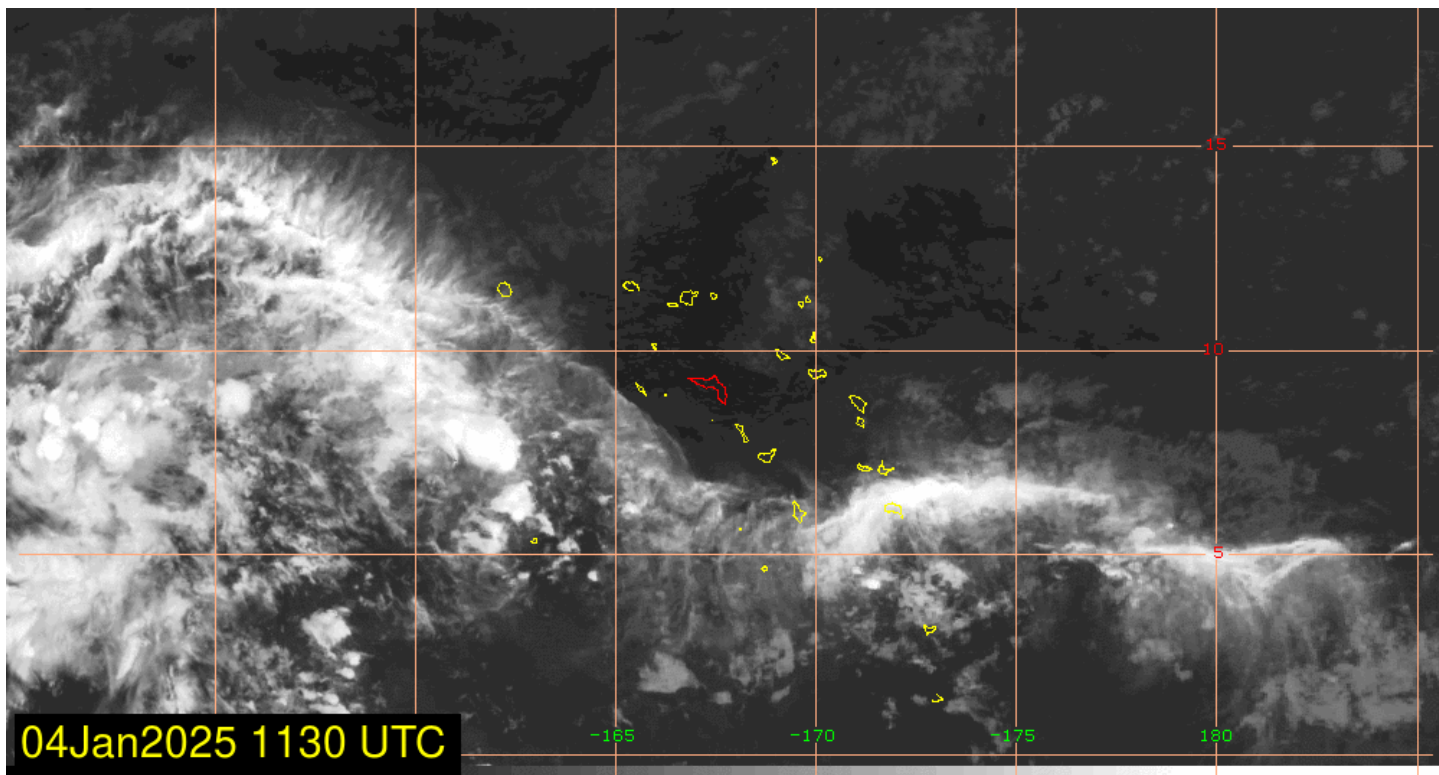
Moving through the first week of January, will see a waxing half-moon on the sixth, binging us into a neap tide situation. All high tides will be below four feet for the next seven days, before moving toward the spring tides and the full moon on the 13th. Trade-winds out of the northeast will sustain at about 13 knots, and then begin to increase to about 16 to 19 knots on Monday afternoon and for the start of the workweek. Expect some occasional higher clear-air gusts and near showers. We will be watching for the possibility of higher surf at Roi-Namur on the ninth, but still have some time to refine that outlook. It appears that High Surf Warning conditions will be met during the day tomorrow at Wake Island

as a northwest swell, which is the more vulnerable direction for the island. Wake gets their weather support from Honolulu except during missions involving Wake. Base Ops at Wake was notified just as a fyi on December 31st.

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

Dry conditions appear likely across the Kwajalein Atoll for Saturday and through the upcoming weekend. The Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) looks to be fragmented and remain well south of the Atoll, with the only shower chances coming from occasional areas of localized trade wind convergence. Thunderstorms also appear unlikely, as low-level convergence will be insufficient for deep convection to develop. Initially, a strong low-pressure system in the central Pacific will work to loosen the pressure gradient across the RMI, resulting in sustained wind

speeds only being in the low-mid teens through Sunday, with some higher gusts near showers. On Monday, a subtropical high-pressure system will begin establishing itself, allowing the pressure gradient to tighten and resulting in wind speeds increasing to the mid-upper teens.

SATURDAY

Mostly sunny with stray showers. Winds will be NE-E at 11-16 knots with higher gusts near showers.

SUNDAY

Mostly sunny with stray showers. Winds will be NE-E at 12-17 knots with higher gusts near showers.

MONDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers. Winds will be NE-E at 14-19 knots with gusts in the upper 20s possible near showers.

NEXT WEEK

Dry, breezy conditions look to persist throughout much of next week. Once again, the only shower chances look to be generated by areas of localized trade wind convergence or pockets of stronger winds generating trade wind surges. The subtropical high-pressure system to the north will work to further tighten the pressure gradient, resulting in elevated wind speeds. Sustained winds could reach as high as the low 20s at times throughout next week, which may lead to falling palm fronds and coconuts.



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SUN-MOON-TIDES

	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	7:05 a.m. 6:43 p.m.	11:13 a.m. 11:31 p.m.	7:42 a.m. 3.2' 7:50 p.m. 3.9'	1:37 a.m. -0.2' 1:32 p.m. 0.3'
MONDAY	7:06 a.m. 6:44 p.m.	11:56 a.m. -----	8:33 a.m. 3.1' 8:39 p.m. 3.4'	2:20 a.m. 0.0' 2:27 p.m. 0.6'
TUESDAY	7:06 a.m. 6:45 p.m.	12:39 p.m. 12:22 a.m.	9:37 a.m. 3.0' 9:43 p.m. 2.9'	3:09 a.m. 0.3' 3:40 p.m. 1.0'
WEDNESDAY	7:06 a.m. 6:45 p.m.	1:24 p.m. 1:15 a.m.	11:01 a.m. 3.0' 11:16 p.m. 2.5'	4:11 a.m. 0.6' 5:27 p.m. 1.1'
THURSDAY	7:07 a.m. 6:46 p.m.	2:13 p.m. 2:10 a.m.	12:34 p.m. 3.2' -----	5:32 a.m. 0.7' 7:20 p.m. 0.8'
FRIDAY	7:07 a.m. 6:46 p.m.	3:06 p.m. 3:08 a.m.	1:04 a.m. 2.4' 1:48 p.m. 3.6'	6:58 a.m. 0.7' 8:34 p.m. 0.4'
JANUARY 11	7:07 a.m. 6:47 p.m.	4:04 p.m. 4:10 a.m.	2:24 a.m. 2.5' 2:45 p.m. 4.0'	8:06 a.m. 0.4' 9:26 p.m. -0.0'

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Until Next Week!

