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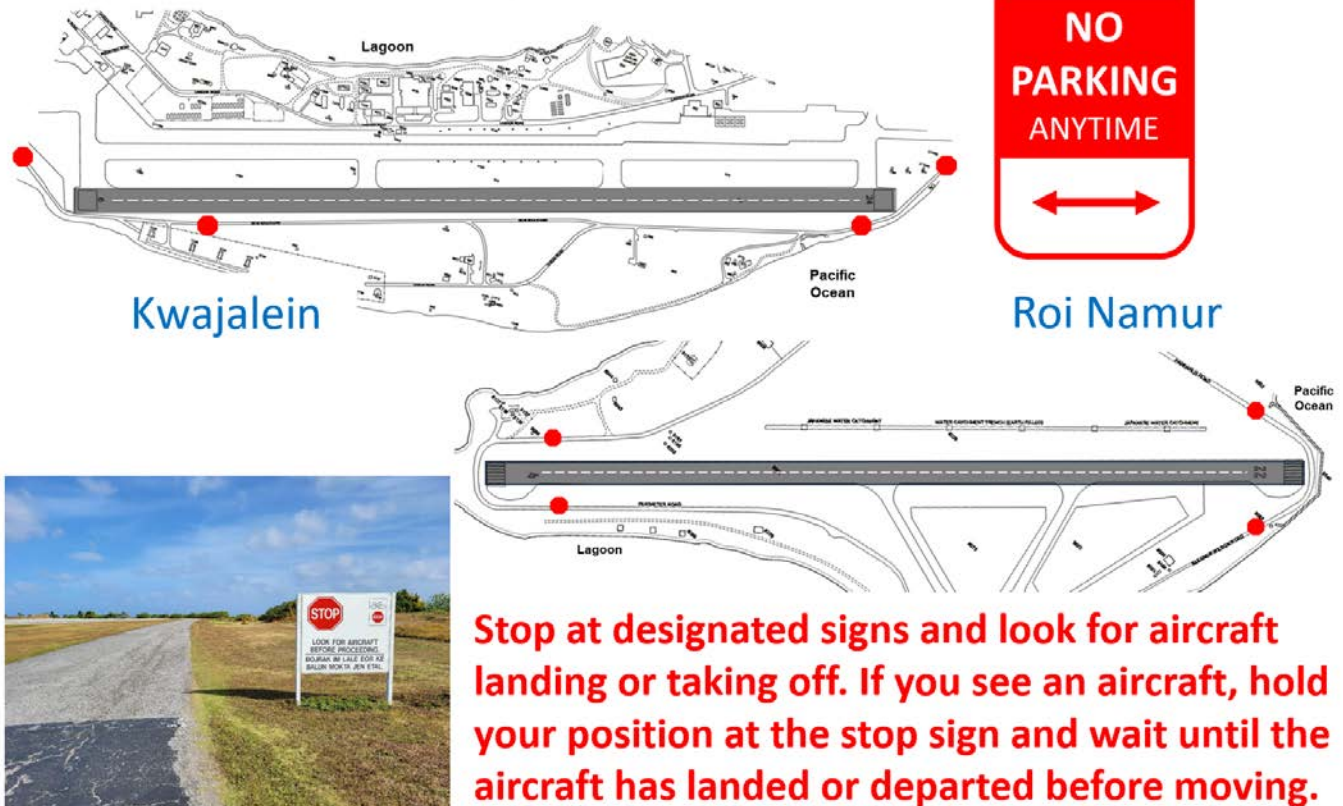


KWAJALEIN & ROI NAMUR, STOP FOR AIRCRAFT!!



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!**



**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 KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

ABOVE: Commander Col. Drew Morgan reassures Roi Namur residents after last year's Megawave.
BELOW: Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller instructs the military and contractor recovery teams.

COMMUNITY

REBUILDING A STRONGER & BETTER ROI NAMUR

HOURGLASS REPORT

One year ago, Kwajalein Atoll faced a formidable challenge as nature unleashed its fury upon us. On January 20, 2024, powerful waves surged across Roi-Namur, leaving a path of destruction in their wake. The northern half of the island was inundated with debris and boulders, causing extensive damage to key facilities, including the dining hall, bachelor quarters, the Outrigger building, the sea wall, and the main runway. While we were fortunate to avoid any loss of life, the impact on our community and our sense of normalcy was profound.

Reflecting on that fateful night and the year that has followed, Colonel Morgan shared, "The events of

January 20th, 2024, and the months of recovery that followed, capture the spirit of TEAM KWAJ and the core ideas that unite us. First, Kwajalein Atoll is a vital asset to our Nation. The attention and support we received from DOD and Congressional leaders underscore our critical mission here. And second, and equally as important, this is our home. Our community came together in the face of adversity, demonstrating resilience and unity. We love this place, and the shared experience of that night forged an unbreakable bond among us. There will forever be a distinction between 'before the wave' and 'after the wave.' Since then, we have made remarkable progress, but our journey is not over. Together, we will continue to rebuild Roi-Namur, stronger and better than ever before."



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



 BEFORE: OUTRIGGER BAR & GRILL



 AFTER: OUTRIGGER BAR & GRILL



 BEFORE: NIKE & SPARTAN BACHELOR QUARTERS



 AFTER: NIKE & SPARTAN BACHELOR QUARTERS



📷 BEFORE: ROI CAFÉ



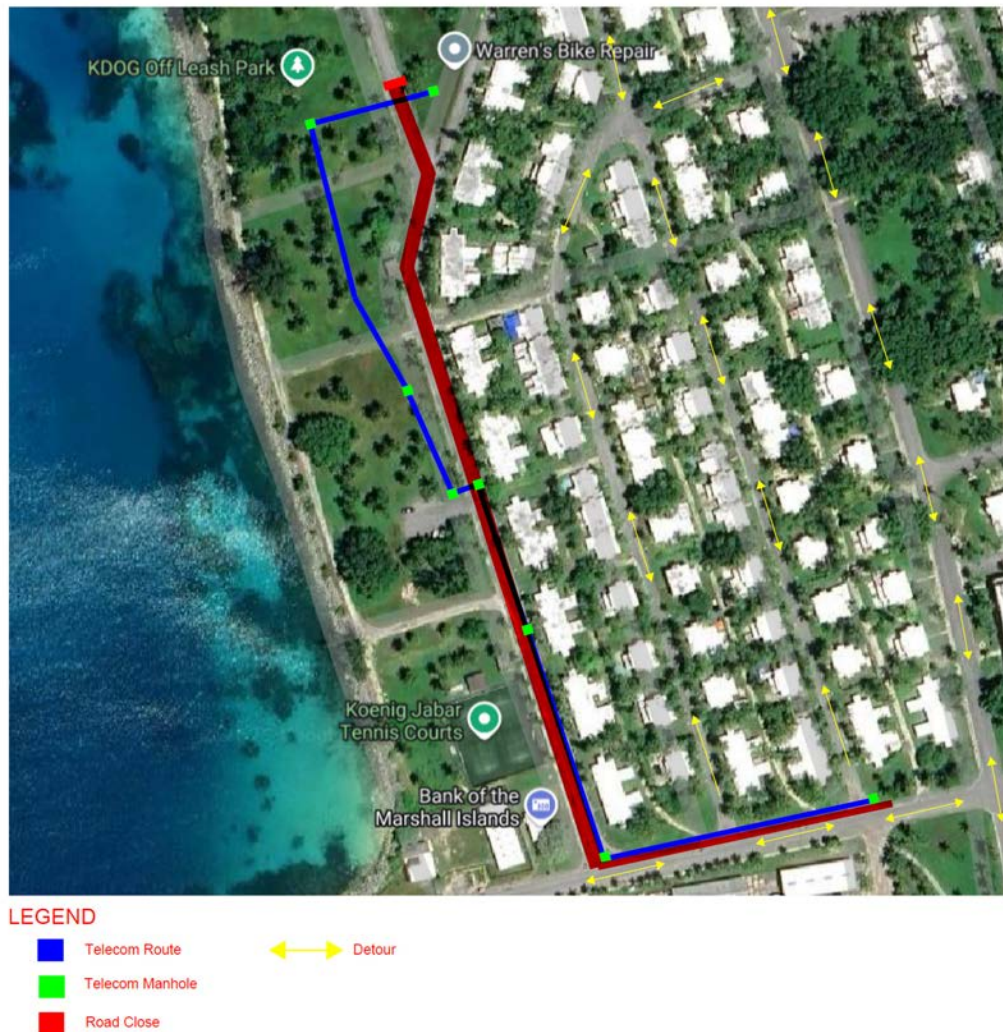
📷 AFTER: ROI CAFÉ



 **BEFORE:** TRADEWINDS THEATER



 **AFTER:** TRADEWINDS THEATER



CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

FY21 KWAJALEIN ARMY FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

Nan, Inc. construction company, will be continuing telecommunication construction activities for the FY21 Kwajalein Army Family Housing project as highlighted in blue on the attached map.

Trench excavation activities will start at the intersection of Pacific Drive and Palm Street and will end on 6th Street as shown in red. 6th Street will still be passable due to its half road closures. **VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ROAD CLOSURES WILL OCCUR IN SECTIONS ALONG THIS ROUTE WITH DETOURS MARKED** ANTICIPATED CLOSURE DATES WILL BE FEBRUARY 27 – APRIL 15, 2025

Nan, Inc. will secure the area with barriers, safety signage and road plates. Traffic control personnel will be on-site to manage the flow of traffic and ensure safety for both workers and the public.

For inquiries, please contact the project team at 480-2548. Nan, Inc. appreciates the support and cooperation of the community for this transformative construction project.

Mahalo,
Nan, Inc.



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY MELISSA DETHLEFSEN

ABOVE: The Kwajalein community filled nearly every seat for the Community Information Exchange.
BELOW: Commander Col. Drew Morgan and his team hosted the informative event.

COMMUNITY COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXCHANGE

HOURLASS REPORT

I didn't mean to cut the Spirit Stick line at the Community Information Exchange this past Friday, January 17, 2025 held at the Kwajalein High School Multipurpose Room. I was scurrying about trying to make sure I caught the names, correct spellings and ranks of the generous members of the informative panel who aided Commander Col. Drew Morgan in keeping the attentive Kwajalein community abreast of the various topics everyone was eager to hear updates about.

Mr. Blair Jones of the Army Corp of Engineers and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Arroyo discussed the housing situation. Mr. Devin Butler, the LCV Installation Logistics Senior Director for V2X to reassured

that the pest infestation at the food stores was being well-managed. Mr. Angel Tamayo, the LCV Task Order Manager for V2X placed a special focus on the expedited repairs currently ongoing for Operation Coolbreeze, as well as a recap of Task Order successes and challenges. Dr. Norman Means, the Chief Medical Officer provided much information about our precious Kwaj Kitties and squashed the disturbing rumors floating around to replace them with correct information regarding what is and what isn't being done to care for the feline island population. Kevin Robinson ended the formal panel portion with a brief rundown of all the upcoming MWR events.

Commander Col. Drew

Morgan and Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller tagged teamed as they provided more details to the panel members' presentations, saddened the room at the reminder that in 6-months and 8-months respectively they would be leaving us, they tickled everyone with their ticket raffle banter, and patiently took a hearty Question & Answer session from the floor.

The Commander dismissed the meeting and invited everyone to meet with him and the CSM to receive the coveted Team Kwaj Spirit Stick. I inadvertently found myself at the front of the line while tracking down elusive panelists to receive my very own Spirit Stick, embarrassed to have cut in front of the queue.



U.S. ARMY IMAGE BY MELISSA DETHLEFSEN



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY MELISSA DETHLEFSEN



ABOVE: Fire Chief Damian Farrar poses with young Mateo Caro at the beach Clean-Up event monday, January 20, 2025. The Fire Chief explained, "I bring this enthusiastic 3rd Grader to your attention. Mateo reported the UXO [inserted picture] to me that was originally found on the beach by 7th-grader Lucas Parra. Mr. Caro had a lot of energy performing community service with his little brother. He also had a keen sense for the safety of others as he made sure an adult knew there was an UXO present. He did not touch it but instead marked the area with rocks and directed me to the location."

MWR APP



SCAN THE QR CODE
TO RESERVE YOUR
GOLF CART

NOW!

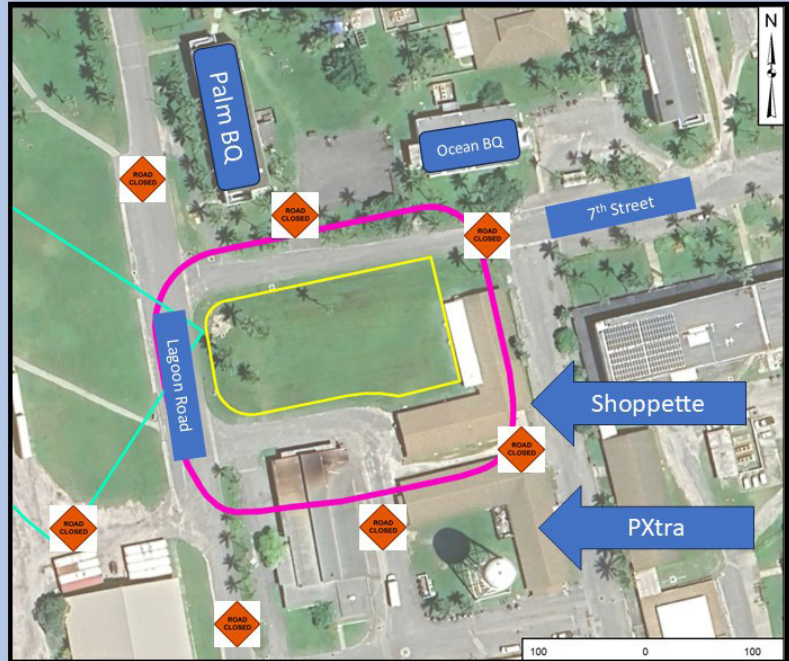


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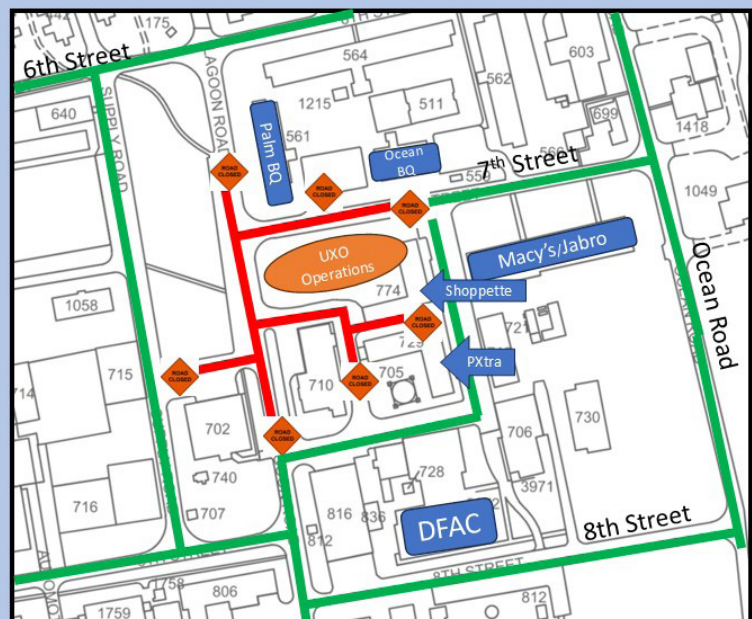
Public Notice – UXO Clearance Operations

- The following facilities must be vacated NLT 1900 each night Monday-Friday 17 Jan thru 17 May
 - Shoppette – Building 774
 - PXtra– Building 729
- Palm BQ residents should only use the Northern entry/exit doors
- Ocean BQ residents should only use the Eastern entry/exit doors



Road Closures

- **Do not cross any barriers. If the barriers remain up after 0400, do not cross.**
- UXO Clearance Operations are ongoing in the area overnight
- Lagoon Road and 7th Street adjacent as shown will be closed
- Roads in red will be closed each night Monday-Friday 17 Jan thru 17 May
- Roads will be closed from 1900 - 0400
- Ocean road is unaffected
- Any questions reach out to Mike Flinchbaugh at 480-4255



Coral Reefs Around USAG-KA

- Coral around the atoll is protected by U.S. and RMI laws.
- No coral is allowed to be taken from USAG-KA.
- Some coral contains toxins that can cause injury.
- Protect the environment by not stepping on live coral growth areas.
- Treat all underwater habitats with care.



- Wod ko kajojo ibelaakin Kwajalein Atoll rej bed iuumin kien nan kejbarok eo an U.S. im RMI.
- Ejjelok wod ej aikuj in emakit im buki jen lojet eo an USAG-KA.
- Ewor wod ko rebaaijin im remaron in komman joreen.
- Kejbarok ijoko im wod kein rej bed ie im jab bed iraan wod ko kajojo.
- Kejbarok aolep men kein iuumin lojet ilo am kea.

Kwajalein Reclaimed Water Standard Violation

The Reclaimed Water System Document of Environmental Protection (DEP) requires public notification when the standards for reclaimed water are not met. On January 9, 2025, the minimum chlorine concentration 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. During 10-21 January 2025, the 7-day rolling turbidity average in the reclaimed water distribution 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 water are necessary. There is no threat to public health or the environment resulting from this turbidity exceedance. Questions? Contact V2X Environmental 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 ewor jorraan ko rejolet dren eo ion Kwajalein. Ilo January 9, 2025, drettoon chlorine ej ekeji wot kin jokjok eo ej dreton tok non jikin liklik dren eo ion Kwajalein (ak non-potable) dren ej ajeje jen jikin in emoj an wallaltok non lalin 1 mg/L standard. Iloan 10-21 January 2025, 7-ran rolling turbidity average in jonok ilon in lok 2.0 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTUs) Standard. Menin ekomman bwe en laplok an tap dren in im ettoon ko jeban loi. Ejjab jelet ejmour non karon im rejan ikkijeen kojerbal dren in (non wutdrikdrik, kwali waa ko, im jerbal ko eirlokwtot) non aikuij ko jet. Jokjok in eban jelet ejmour ak jukjuk bed ilon alik kar ilo ekotak kein. Kajitok kir V2X Environmental ilo 480-0722.



AFN TV: UPGRADES, RESTORATIONS, AND CHANNEL LINEUP UPDATES:

Restored Channels:

- AFN Prime Atlantic, Prime Pacific, Spectrum, Family, Alt. Prime, Alt. Movies.

HD Upgrades:

- Roller, Guide, KTV, and Weather channels now in HD for sharper clarity. Improved signal quality for News, Sports, and Sports II.

Important Notes for Older TVs:

- **Kwajalein:** Perform an auto-scan; select "Antenna (Air)."
- **Roi:** Auto-scan; select "Cable."
- **Meck:** No changes.



AFN TV: UPGRADES, RESTORATIONS, AND CHANNEL LINEUP UPDATES:

New AFN Line-Up:

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|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • 16.1: Prime Atlantic (HD, Time Delayed) | • 18.2: Guide (HD) |
| • 16.2: News (Live HD) | • 18.3: Alt Movies (Live) |
| • 16.3: Prime Pacific (Live) | • 18.4: Spectrum (Time Delayed) |
| • 17.1: Sports (Live HD) | • 19.1: Family (HD, Time Delayed) |
| • 17.2: Sports 2 (Live HD) | • 19.2: Movies (HD, Time Delayed) |
| • 17.3: Alt Prime (Live) | • 20.1: Weather (HD) |
| • 18.1: Roller (HD) | • 20.2: KTV (HD) |
| | • 20.4: NHK (SD) |
| | • 20.5: KPIC (SD, unchanged). |



U.S. ARMY IMAGE BY KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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

COMMUNITY

POSTMASTER UNIVERSITY | CHANGE OF ADDRESS & MAIL FORWARDING

HOURGLASS REPORT

Postmaster here! Great question, glad you asked!

Steps for completing a change of address from a military address, and how military mail is forwarded.

How Do I File a Change of Address for a Military Address?

If you are moving to or from a Military (APO/FPO/DPO) address, you can complete your Change of Address (COA) form in one of two ways:

1. Online at <https://moversguide.usps.com>, or
2. In person via hard-copy PS Form 3575 at a local Post Office™ location.

Special Notes:

- A COA submitted online can only be viewed or canceled via the Internet. It cannot be changed.

- If you file your change of address online and are moving from a military address, your email address must end in .gov, .mil or .edu.

- If you do not have an email address ending .gov, .mil or .edu, you must complete a hard-copy Change of Address PS Form 3575.

How is Military Mail Forwarded?

Military Mail is forwarded according to the following guidelines:

- When mail is sent in bulk to a central military location, the military will be responsible for forwarding mail in

accordance with postal regulations.

- When the United States Postal Service provides service to individual military receptacles, the Postal Service™ is responsible for forwarding mail.

- All Priority Mail Express® Service, First-Class Mail®, USPS Ground Advantage™-Retail, USPS Ground Advantage™, Periodicals, and Package Services mailpieces addressed to persons in the U.S. Armed Forces (including civilian employees) serving where U.S. Mail service operates is forwarded at no added charge when the Change of Address is caused by official orders.

- o This free forwarding also applies to mail for household members whose Change of Address is caused

by official orders to persons serving in or who are civilian employees of the U.S. Armed Forces

- If the official permanent change of station order is to an overseas APO/FPO/DPO address, military authorities forward mail between the United States and those addresses. Forwarding is limited to 60 days.

Special Note: Military ZIP Code™ restrictions may change as military units move to different locations. All applicable restrictions for about 3,000 overseas military ZIP Codes are entered into the U.S. Postal Service computer terminals and published in the Postal Bulletin.

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 attender!
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.



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

FOR KWAJ COMMAND TEAM INFO & UPDATES



TEAM KWAJ COMMANDER



@TeamKwajCommander

KEEP FOLLOWING



U.S. ARMY GARRISON - KWAJALEIN ATOLL



NASA ASTRONAUT ANDREW "DREW" MORGAN



@AstroDrewMorgan

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

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

HELP WANTED

To apply for government employment opportunities on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll and worldwide, visit usajobs.gov.

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 dottiethomas@n8tivesyn-ergy.com; call (256) 836-5316 direct and visit <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/Details/2337159/Atmospheric-Science-Technology-LLC/Meteorologist-Kwajalein-Island>.

Kikaha Solutions 30th Signal Battalion Network Enterprise Center, U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein 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.

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

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 jabdwot oil ijelak in drennin air condition eo jen wa eo. Ne elon jabdwot 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 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 ap-



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

pointment 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.

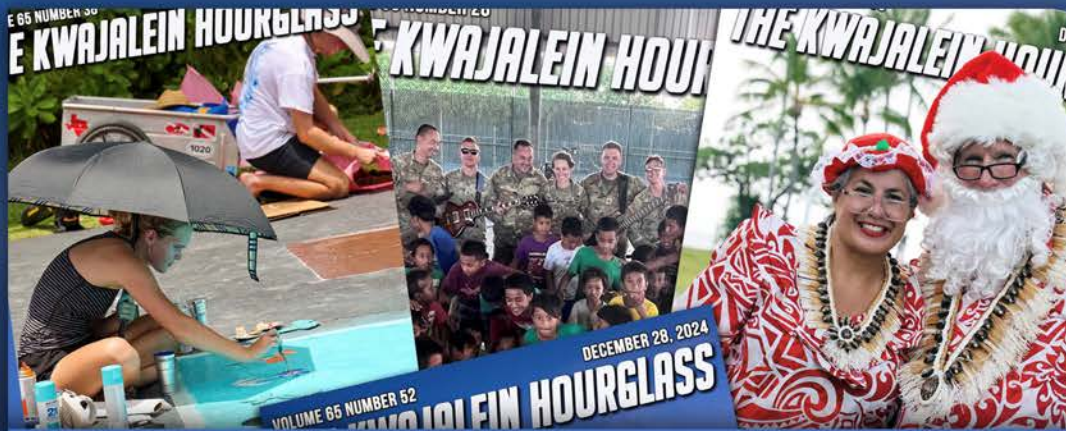
Millican Family Pool Hours. Closed for cleaning on Thursdays. Open noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays and Mondays.

The NEC Testing Center Is Open to the Community - Giving you the head start you need to thrive! - Open Tuesday through Saturday by appointment
Authorized Pearson VUE Test Center. Schedule A test Today!
NEC testing Center, 480-4344, FN 1008-131
ACUITY International
Job Postings for this contract have "Marshall Islands" in the job title.
<https://acuityinternational.com/careers/>
Anyone interested please reach out directly to Melani.Gebhardt@acuityinternational.com

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



Want to receive timely links and files for the very latest
Kwajalein Hourglass Newsletter?



THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



Get on our Email Distribution List! Just send an email to:
kwajaleinhourglass@gov2x.com
Subject: Add me to the Kwajalein Hourglass Email Distro List!

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.



DINNER AT THE ZAMPERINI:
4:30 - 7 PM

SHUTTLES TO/FROM
ZAMPERINI TO HANGAR:
6:30 - 11 PM

COMMEMORATION CEREMONY
AT HANGAR:
7:15 PM

1940'S HANGAR DANCE
FEATURING THE 25TH INFANTRY
DIVISION BAND:
UNTIL 11 PM



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY MINDI GERBER

ABOVE: Kwaj Kitty Luna. She'll greet you at the door like a dog.
BELOW: The Gerber family poses with Luna snuggled in their midst.

COMMUNITY

THE PETS OF KWAJALEIN | MEET LUNA GERBER!

HOURLASS REPORT

If there's one thing you can say that truly stands out about the proud residents of the Kwajalein Atoll, is their deep empathy and compassion for the local animal life. The Kwaj Kitties specifically get a whole lot of love.

It helps that the island's cat community often displays charismatic and endearing personality quirks to more than balance out some of their more challenging genetic issues, making them quite easy to get connected to. The Gerber family is a perfect case in point. Their Kwaj Kitty they've named Luna actually greets them at the door like she's purposely doing an impression of a dog.

"Her demeanor makes us

think she is a dog trapped in a Kwaj cat body!" said Minda Gerber, the Elementary School Counselor. "We are grateful we were able to adopt her and have a furry addition to our family."

"I know many people were happy to hear the CMO talk at the CIE about how the stray cats were getting the same level of proper care just like the cats that are pets," added her husband, Dr. Matt Gerber, the High School Principal. He referenced Commander Col. Drew Morgan's Community Information Exchange meeting last Friday, where Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Norman Means took the time to inform the community about critical information regarding the veterinarian services. He also squashed the rather gruesome circu-

lating rumors regarding how the local cat population was being managed.

"The cats are caught, examined, sprayed/neutered and vaccinated for rabies," he emphasized to the anxious crowd. The vet team also carefully removes from the population those poor cats diagnosed with feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV), which is a viral infection similar to HIV in humans. "We're only trying to maintain a healthy Kwaj Kitty population, that's all," said Dr. Means.

With this good news—and a renewed commitment to always perform our pet care duties responsibly—we can all look forward to enjoying many more years with our precious little furry friends.



COURTESY PHOTO

WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

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Discussion:

So far in January, we have received 1.69 inches of rain through yesterday, which is 1.16 inches below normal for the month. We are now in the heart of the windy dry season (Ellap Kutu) here in the central RMI. Climatologically dry conditions will be the rule until April, when we see precipitation take a major rebound. 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. A thunderstorm day is defined as an "in situ" lightning strike within five miles of the weather station. The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) has taken its normal positioning well south of the RMI, which is the primary reason for the mostly dry weather. We are watching an anomalous northward shift of the ITCZ on Monday and Tuesday, which would result in an increase in shower coverage for Kwajalein. Other than that two-day period, expect only stray possible showers as a result of perturbations in the speed and direction of the general trade-wind flow. This positioning of the ITCZ is the result of the southern hemisphere being in high summer at this time. The ITCZ will follow the summer season for the most part, whichever hemisphere it is in, in this case, removing our most prolific rainmaker from

the picture for our area. The Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO) has now switched to its negative phase over the Marshall Islands. This negative phase will further act to repress widespread shower coverage. The MJO is expected to transition to its more shower friendly positive phase moving into February. 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 -0.2 degrees C below normal. Cooler temperatures in the Pacific to the east of the RMI work to temper our shower activity even more, as almost all of our precipitation producers come from the east. These cooler temperatures are currently waning, as the sea-surface temperatures (SST) return to more of a normal state. Cooler surface ocean temperatures in the central Pacific tend 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 cy-

clone activity.

Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:

None expected. Micronesia is northeast trade wind dominant.

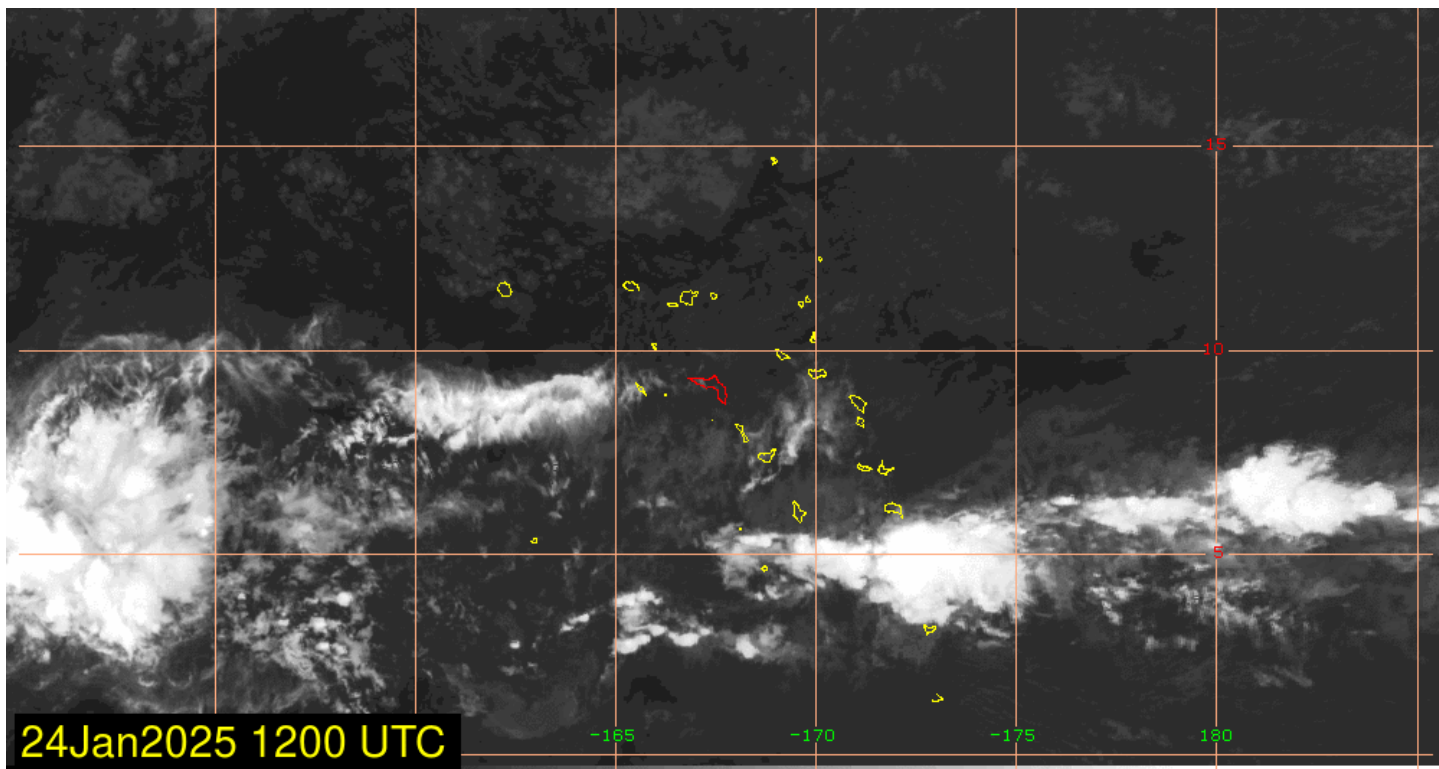
Swell / Tide Inundation for Kwajalein Atoll and Wake Island:

The new moon will occur on the 29th, which will allow our tidal range to increase over the next seven days. This new moon will induce more of a perigean spring tide, as the Moon will be closer to the Earth at its new moon phase, meaning that the high tides will be higher than normal with peaks on the 30th and 31st at five feet and high tides over four feet from the 27th through the 2nd of February. These higher high tides can be more of a concern, as it is the Windy Season with stronger winds driving surf onto eastern facing shores. At this early moment, it is not looking like any above normal trade-winds will occur, but we will be keeping our eyes on it. Trade-winds out of the northeast will sustain in Windy Season fashion, and be mostly in the middle to upper teens with higher clear-air gusts and near any showers between 20-25 knots. Look for the winds to come down some Sunday night into Monday and the start of the workweek, becoming more due easterly, as Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) moves closer to the central RMI with it increased shower coverage. At

this point, gusty winds near showers can become an issue. As is typical during January, there will be times when a Small Craft Advisory (SCA) will be issued due to periods at which winds over 20 knots will sustain for a span of at least 30 minutes. Right now, it is looking like Thursday evening into Friday will see conditions on the open lagoon and ocean warrant a SCA. At this time, we are not looking at any issuance of a High Surf Advisory (HSA) for any part of the atoll. We will be watching Roi-Namur, as we move closer to the end of the month for at least some minor splash up/over as well as the eastern reef.

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

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WEATHER DISCUSSION

Dry and windy conditions continue to be the norm through the end of the week and the upcoming weekend. Subtropical ridging to the north continues to promote dry, sinking motion in the upper atmosphere and suppress shower activity. There will be occasional shower chances generated by areas of localized trade wind convergence, but any showers should be brief and light as is typical this time of year. The main weather feature will continue to be the winds, with the ridging to the north expected to break down slightly due to a strong mid-latitude cyclone that will track across

the Pacific and reposition the high pressure system that has brought us our strong winds throughout this past week. This cyclone will help disrupt trade wind flow just enough to bring down wind speeds from the upper teens into the lower and middle teens starting this weekend and lasting through the middle of next week. Therefore, Small Craft Advisories (SCA) will be less likely during this period as winds likely remain below the warning criteria. The Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) will also attempt to build into the central RMI early to mid-week next week and could increase shower potential for a few days. However, there is a bit of uncer-

tainty as models have been inconsistent on the positioning and timing of the ITCZ. RTS will analyze the latest data as it comes in and adjust the forecast accordingly.

SATURDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers. Winds will be NE-ENE at 14-19 knots with some gusts in the low 20s and higher gusts near showers.

SUNDAY

Mostly sunny with stray showers. Winds will be NE-E at 13-18 knots, decreasing a few knots during the afternoon with higher gusts near showers.

MONDAY


Partly sunny with stray showers. Winds will be NE-E at 12-

17 knots with higher gusts near showers.

NEXT WEEK

Generally dry and breezy conditions to persist with the potential for a bit more shower activity mid-

week. Winds to remain in the middle teens with lower chances for a Small Craft Advisory or High Surf Advisory being issued through mid-week.

 SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:53 p.m.	3:55 a.m. 3:42 p.m.	2:39 a.m. 2.2' 2:43 p.m. 3.5'	8:08 a.m. 0.8' 9:27 p.m. 0.3'
MONDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:54 p.m.	4:52 a.m. 4:40 p.m.	3:20 a.m. 2.6' 3:23 p.m. 4.0'	8:56 a.m. 0.4' 9:58 p.m. -0.2'
TUESDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:54 p.m.	5:49 a.m. 5:39 p.m.	3:54 a.m. 3.0' 3:59 p.m. 4.4'	9:36 a.m. 0.0' 10:29 p.m. -0.5'
WEDNESDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:54 p.m.	6:44 a.m. 6:38 p.m.	4:26 a.m. 3.4' 4:33 p.m. 4.8'	10:12 a.m. -0.3' 11:00 p.m. -0.7'
THURSDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:55 p.m.	7:35 a.m. 7:36 p.m.	4:58 a.m. 3.7' 5:07 p.m. 5.0'	10:48 a.m. -0.6' 11:32 p.m. -0.9'
FRIDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:55 p.m.	8:24 a.m. 8:31 p.m.	5:31 a.m. 3.9' 5:41 p.m. 5.0'	11:23 a.m. -0.7' -----
FEBRUARY 1	7:10 a.m. 6:55 p.m.	9:10 a.m. 9:25 p.m.	6:05 a.m. 4.0' 6:15 p.m. 4.9'	12:03 a.m. -0.9' 11:59 a.m. -0.6'

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Until Next Week!

