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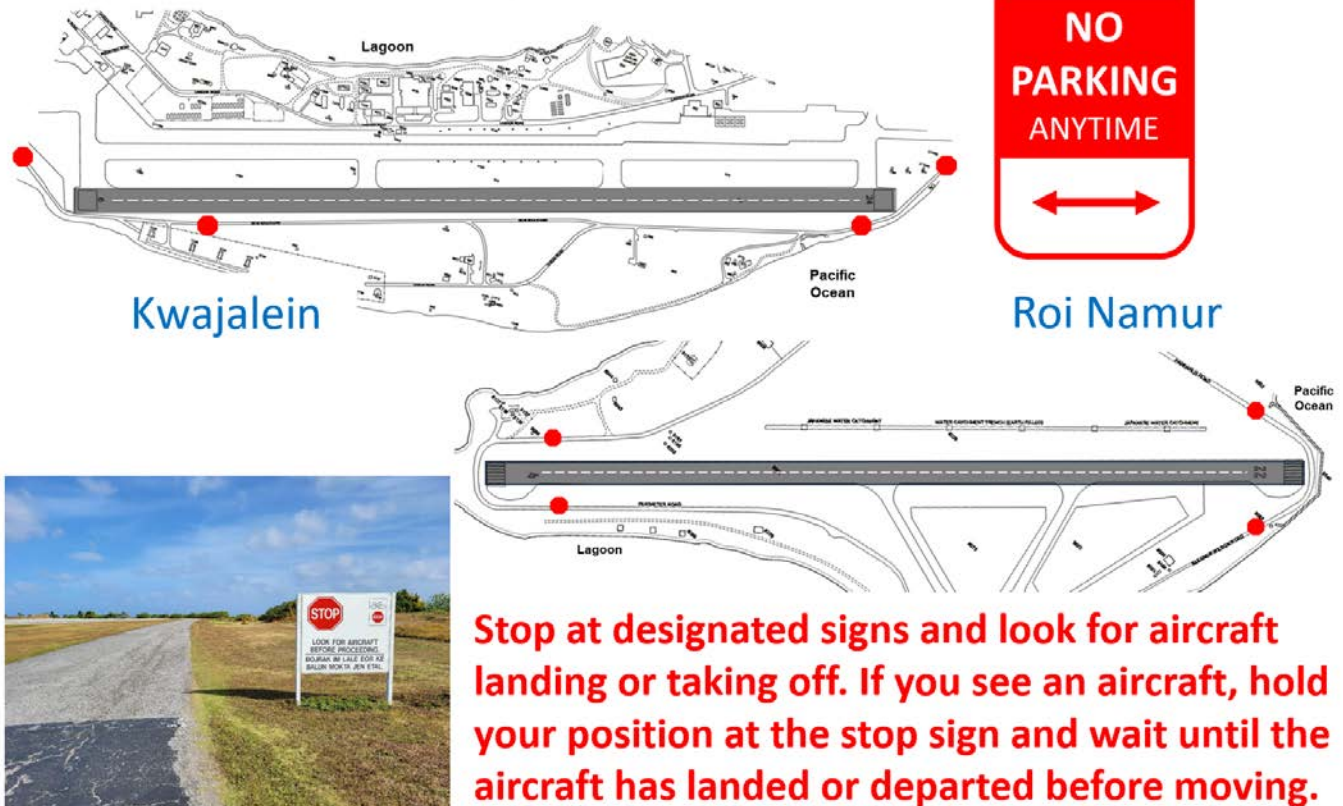


KWAJALEIN & ROI NAMUR, STOP FOR AIRCRAFT!!



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

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EARN YOUR TEAM KWAJ TAB!

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PHOTO BY RITA PYNE

ABOVE: Rita said that this piece was inspired by the roosters on Roi Namur.

COMMUNITY LOCAL ARTIST RITA PYNE

HOURLASS REPORT

In my art, I make lots of different things, mostly mix media art and jewelry.

I prefer using recycled materials as well as beach/nature treasures.

I have enjoyed crafting for as long as I can remember. Growing up in Sweden, I was introduced to fiber and wood crafts at school. My classmates and I learned how to knit, crochet, cross-stitch, wood carving, metal work, etc. I also took pottery classes in high school.

My creative process begins with re-

ceiving inspiration from nature and other crafters and artists. One of my favorite things to do while traveling is visiting the local art, craft shows and markets.

When I approach a new project, I start with my large collection of beautiful pieces from beaches and other places on Kwajalein. I pick up what speaks to me and then I use it to make something that I and others may like and enjoy. The beauty of Kwajalein inspires me—the ocean, palm trees and sea life.

It's hard to pick which of my pieces as my most interesting, but I love turning beach finds into Art!



PHOTO BY MELISSA DETHLEFSEN

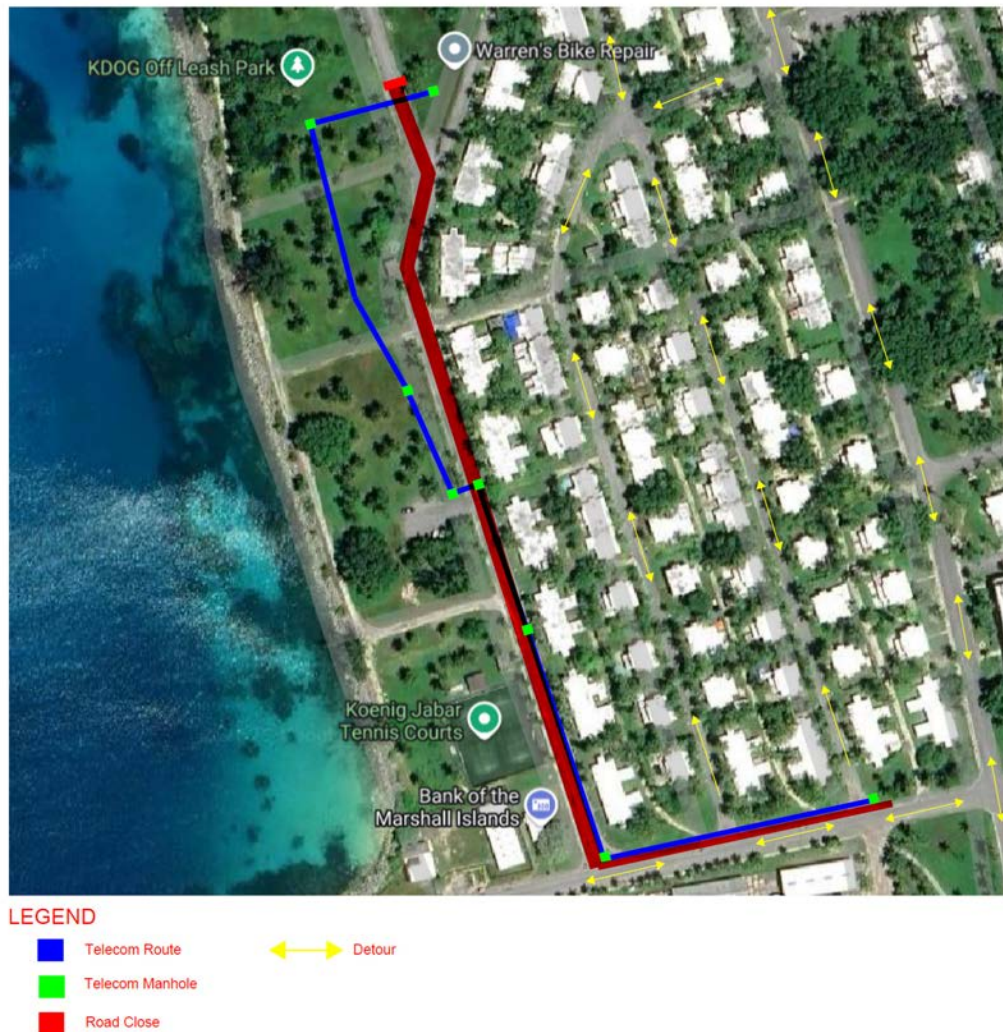


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ABOVE: A collage of some of Rita's sample art pieces.



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.

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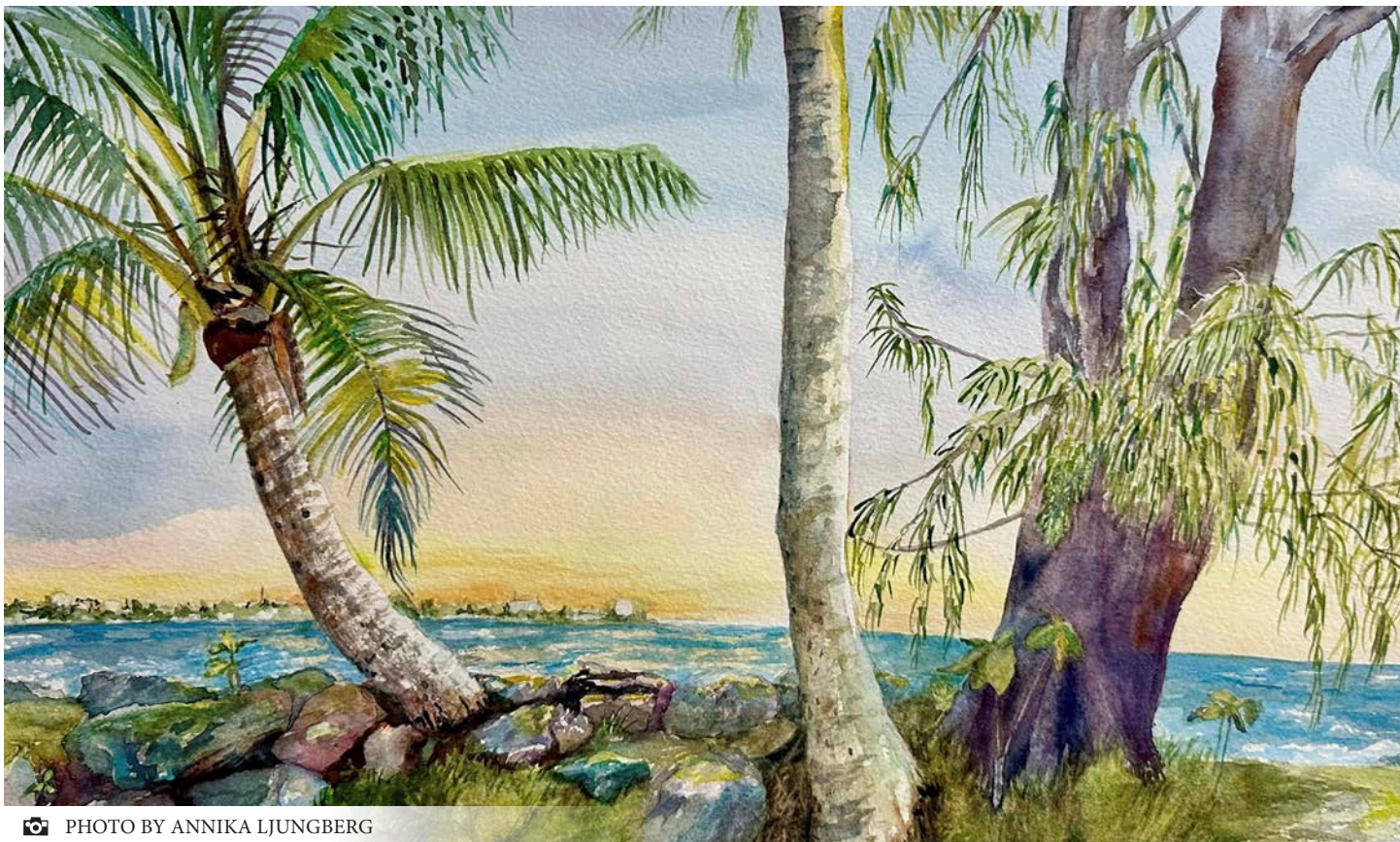


PHOTO BY ANNIKA LJUNGBERG

ABOVE: "Lagoon Slide."
BELOW: Annika in her studio.

COMMUNITY

LOCAL ARTIST ANNIKA LJUNGBERG

HOURLASS REPORT

Ms. Annika Ljungberg has a lovely art studio set up in the spare room in her house. Works in progress are hang up around her studio. She says sometimes she just needs to think on them for a while. Since moving from Cape Cod to Kwajalein, she has adjusted her color palette to include more vivid colors like that of the water and sky surrounding Kwaj.

The watercolor painting of the hut by the ski steps has 30-layers of paint. She says it takes time painting watercolors because you need to wait for each layer to dry.

Annika used to sell her paintings, but now she paints just for her own pure enjoyment. She also teaches watercolor classes on island.

What sort of art do you make?

I do watercolor paintings, and branch into mixed media occasionally.

What material and techniques do you prefer, and why?

I use professional grade paper and paints. Paints don't fade with age and good quality paper does not buckle. I like starting my work with a dripping wet paper and apply paint. There is not much control, but you get wonderful transparency, color blends and soft edges. When completely dry you start applying layers to achieve depth, letting each layer dry before painting. It takes time to build up a painting, so I usually work on a few at the same time. One of the hardest thing to learn is to leave your whites unpainted, since



PHOTO BY MELISSA DETHLEFSEN

there is no true white watercolor paint.

How long have you been making art?

I have been painting watercolors for the past 30 years. Exhibiting primarily in the New England area and in jur-

ied art shows. I have also sold my art online at various sites.

Can you describe your creative process?

Creative process. I see something (usually in nature) that inspires me. I mull over ideas how to represent,



📷 PHOTO BY ANNIKA LJUNGBERG

ABOVE: "Ski Steps."

get reference photos, sometimes I use photo editing tools to test out ie different background colors. I experiment with what watercolors, color mixes and color layers to use. Some paintings come together fast, others may sit for quite a while until I find my path or they get scrapped. There is always another piece of paper to paint.

How do you approach a new project?

I plan out my composition, particularly lighter and darker areas. I start with a light approach, gradually building in darker areas

What on Kwajalein inspires you?

I am inspired by all the beautiful colors on Kwaj. I had to change my palette to attempt to capture water and sky. The beauty of the colors in contrast with the old buildings are also inspiring. I hope to capture the contrast at some point.

What is the best or most interesting artwork you've made? Why?

I have done a lot of interesting projects and commissions, hard to pick one, but perhaps a painting I did of Boston's Fenway park and the Red Sox in action. It was

challenging and fun to depict player movement.



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ABOVE: If a painting does not work out, she tears it up and makes little bugs out of the torn pieces. She then pins them in a display case of like those of an entomology collection.

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:

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

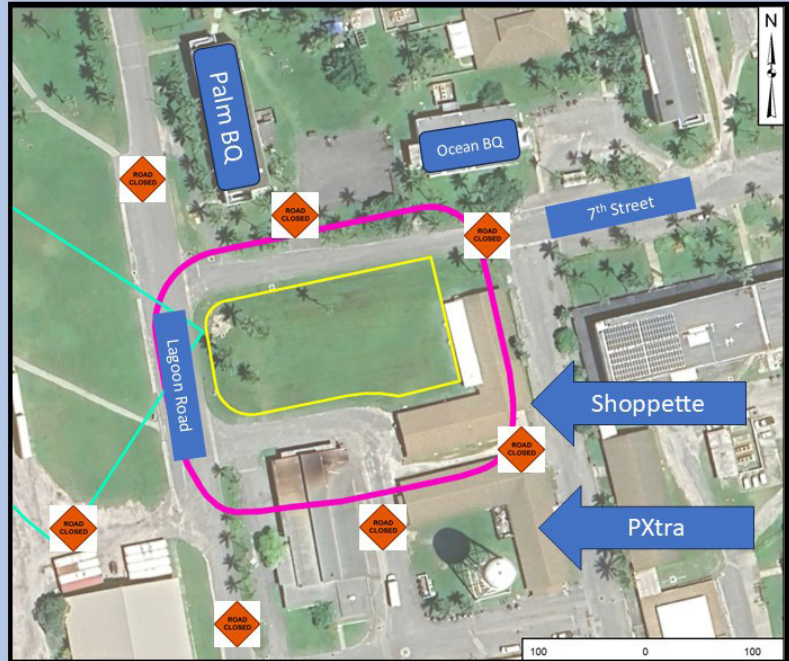


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ABOVE: One of the child participants scored a perfect hit on the dunk tank during the Day of Play event last November 17, 2024.

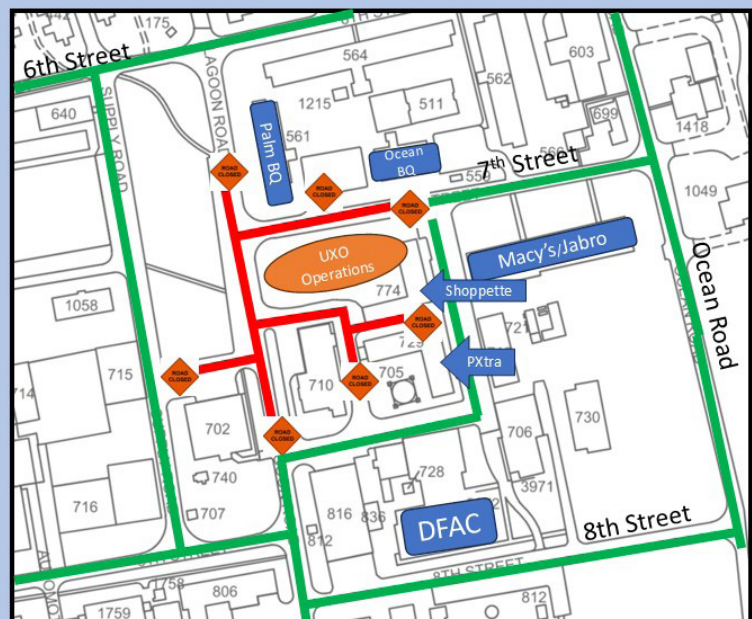
Public Notice – UXO Clearance Operations

- 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

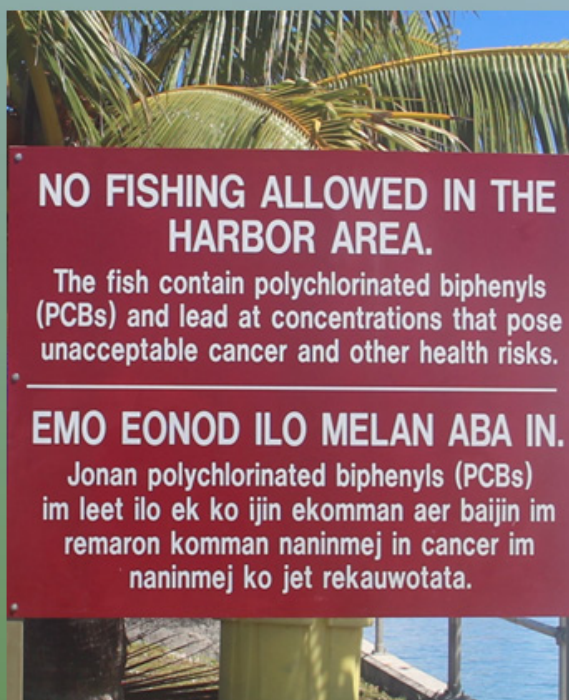


E-wareness: No Fishing Areas

Call 480-0722 for more info

No fishing areas exist at the Kwaj landfill and in the Kwaj, Meck, Roi, and Illeginni Harbors due to PCB and/or heavy metals contamination.

Ejjab melim enwod turin Kwaj landfill ak dump eo im bareinwot ob ko ion Kwaj, Meck, Roi, im Illeginni kin wot PCB im jonan lap in paijin ko ie rej walok jen metal ko.



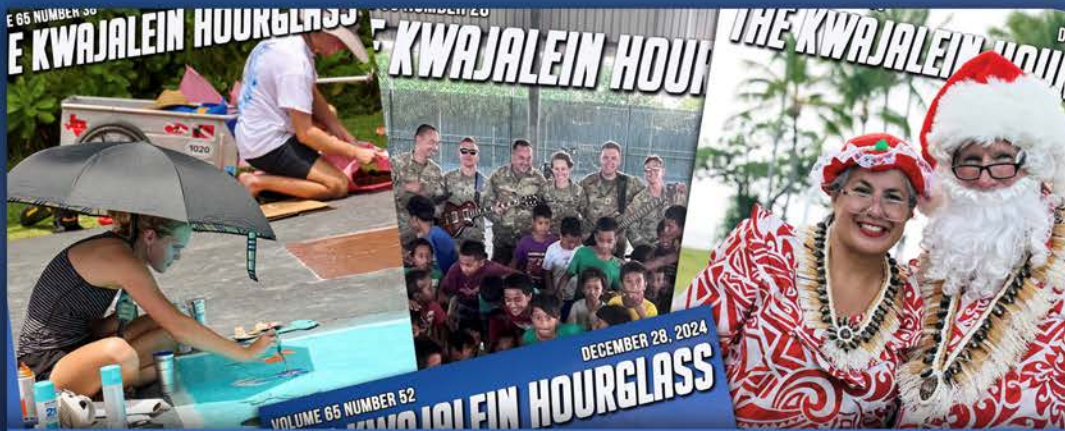
Kwajalein Reclaimed Water Standard Violation

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.

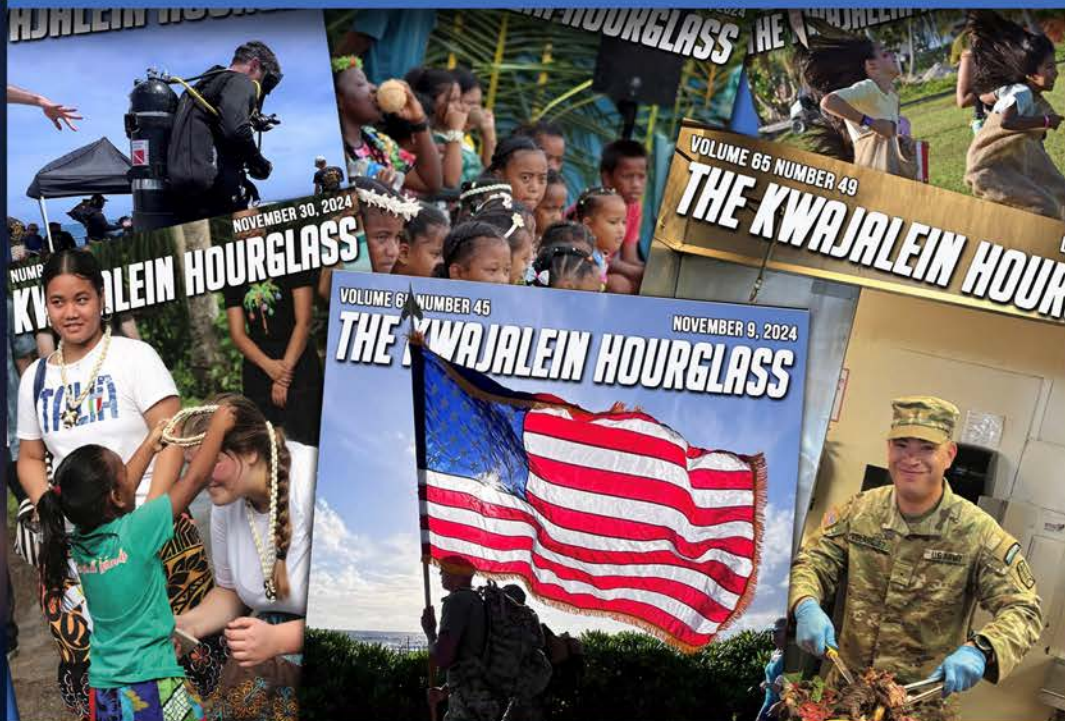
Jorraan Eo Ilo Reclaimed Water System Eo Ion Kwajalein

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 eirlok wot) 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.

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!



U.S. ARMY IMAGE BY KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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

COMMUNITY

POSTMASTER UNIVERSITY | GETTING A HANDLE ON MISSING MAIL

HOURGLASS REPORT

Postmaster here! Great question, glad you asked!

If you think your package or mail is lost or delayed, follow these steps to help us find your mail.

Whether you are sending it or receiving it, your mail is important to you and to the U.S. Postal Service®. When mail is missing or delayed, we want to find it. If you think your package or mail is lost or delayed, follow these steps to help us find your mail.

Missing Mail is mail that has not been delivered by the expected delivery date. This applies to packages that are undelivered, lost, or late. If it has been lost, late or missing for 7 days or more, you can:

- Go to for additional information: Find Missing Mail on USPS.com.
- Submit a Missing Mail search request at Missing-Mail.USPS.com
- File a claim (for insured items meeting the appropriate timeframe).
- Visit your local Post Office™ location for assistance in filling out a Missing Mail request.

What type of mail is eligible for search?

The Postal Service™ will attempt to find and return your lost item(s), but submitting a search does not guarantee a successful outcome. We will return any mail piece from which we can locate a good address or match with an official search request. For the

safety of our customers and employees, we cannot search for or return the following:

- Hazardous Material
- Live Ammunition
- Opened Hair/Beauty Products
- Over the Counter Drugs
- Prescription Drugs
- Perishables / Food
- Handguns - e.g. pistols, revolvers, and other firearms capable of being concealed on the Person, will only be returned to a licensed dealer on your behalf.

For more information regarding USPS safety restrictions and mailing guidelines, please visit USPS Shipping Restrictions.

To request a search for your missing mailpiece, go to

MissingMail.USPS.com and sign in or register. Complete your search request form by providing all the required information and select submit. You will receive confirmation that your search request has been submitted. You can also go to the Missing Mail Search History to check the status of your request at any time. If you are not ready to submit your search request, you may submit as a draft. Drafts expire after 7 days.

What do I need to file a Missing Mail search request?

You will need the following to complete a Missing Mail search request for a lost mailpiece:

- Mailer and Recipient ad-

dressess.

- Date of mailing.
- Tracking number(s) (highly recommended, if available).
- Important information pertaining to the mailpiece (type of container, size and color of container or packaging). For example, 12 x 10 brown box cover in stickers.
- Detailed description of contents (title, color, size, brand, make, model, etc.) of each item. Attach photos, if available, to help identify contents.

When can I file a Missing Mail search request?

- The earliest the Missing Mail application will allow you to submit a search request is seven days after the original date of mailing.
- The latest the Missing Mail application will allow you to submit a search request is 365 days after the original date of mailing of the mailpiece. We strongly suggest that you submit your search request as soon as possible within the 7 to 365 day window.

How do I check the status of my Missing Mail search request?

You can access the Missing Mail Search History page in the Missing Mail application to view the status of all your submitted search requests. You will also receive email notifications with status updates of your submitted searches. The emails will be sent to the email address that was provided in the "Whom can we contact about this search?" section on the search request form. In addition to email notifications for status updates, you will also receive a final resolution email for the return of the mailpiece or the expiration of the search request.

What happens if my lost mailpiece is recovered?

If your Missing Mail search request is successfully matched and your lost mailpiece is recovered, the Postal Service™ will rewrap your mail and send it to the address that was provided on the completed search request form. You will also receive an email notification indicating that your mailpiece has been found and the missing mail search request status will indicate, "Mail piece Found".

What happens if my lost mailpiece is not found?

A search will continue to run for matches in the Missing Mail system until it expires. If a search request is unable to connect to any matches and eventually expires, then you will receive an email notification indicating that your item was unable to be found. Unsuccessful searches status will change to "Expired".

Can I include multiple items in my Missing Mail search request?

If your mailpiece contains multiple items inside, you can include all of those items in single missing mail search request. Please be sure to include descriptions for each item. After completing the description for your first item, select the option to add another item under the 'Contents of Your Mailpiece'. You cannot, however, include multiple mail pieces in a single search request. You must submit a separate missing mail search request for each missing mail piece.

Can I edit a submitted search request?

You can edit the contents of your mailpiece by selecting

your search request from the Missing Mail Search History page and then selecting the edit option. You are able to add or remove items or adjust the details of an item. However, you will not be allowed to edit any other information provided on your submitted search request. If other information is incorrect on the submitted search request, you do have the option to cancel the search request and submit a new request with the accurate information.

How do I cancel a search request?

You have the ability to cancel a submitted search request by navigating to your Missing Mail Search History page. From this page, you must locate the submitted request and select the "X" to the right of your request or select the request and choose the 'Cancel' option. The status of your search request will change to "Cancelled". No further matches will be attempted and no further email notifications will be sent.

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.

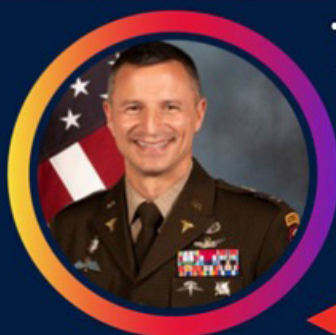
12. Final event, "Board of Review" -- meet with Col. Morgan face-to-face individually or in a small group with all requirements fulfilled. Schedule with garrison front office. Discussion items may include but are not limited to; TEAM KWAJ pact - "Healthy Community of Excellence," Kwaj history, Marshallese 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.



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

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NASA ASTRONAUT ANDREW "DREW" MORGAN



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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

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ABOVE: Sample screen of the new Roller format with 'crawl' feature on the AFN channel.
BELOW: LCV Audio Visual Manager Randall Hisle poses next to the AFN channel monitor.

COMMUNITY

A MAKEOVER FOR AN OLD FRIEND | THE NEW ROLLER

HOURLASS REPORT

In the old days (pre-Internet), Kwajalein residents only had three television channels to choose from. One of them showed a wealth of pertinent local information that slowly rolled from the top of the screen to the bottom in a continuous loop, similar to the movie credits roll. The community affectionately called the channel “the Roller” and the name stuck, all the way to the modern day.

Later, in the digital age, the formatting would switch to the much more familiar slideshow format, and now, that era too has come to an end, introducing the Multi-Zone Display in the Roller’s second rebirth!

Why the Roller? It’s basically an alternative way to disseminate local island information to the community. We can see it as a safe back up—along with the radio station—to the more popular streaming services, etc., people use on their devices. In the case of an emergency,

take comfort in the fact that you will be able to count on the Roller to find out what you’ll need to know.

In the new Multi-Zone Display, the “zone” part means that the screen is segmented. Each part provides a different point of information for the viewer’s needs, enabling the community to ingest more info at a glance than in the slideshow version. The main zone at top-center retains the traditional info the people will expect, while other zones have useful info for new arrivals to the island. During an emergency, there’s an option for the segmented format to collapse into the single big frame, and different departments and the PAO office, can post on the Roller directly and instantly.

The music plays in the background, with info breaking in at key parts of the day.

We’re confident the upgrade in technology will provide a more satisfying Roller experience. Don’t be shy about sharing your thoughts!



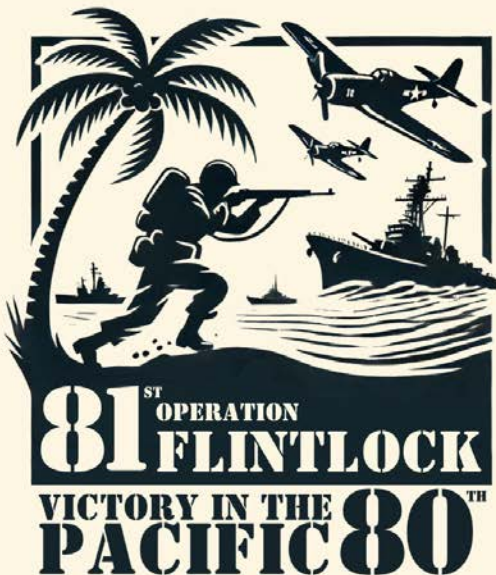
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WHAT COULD THIS BE? 🤔



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.



Schedule of Events

7 FEBRUARY

6:15am Heritage Ruck March, Emon Beach

7pm Movie "Unbroken" (PG13) at the Richardson Theater



8 FEBRUARY

7pm Movie "Midway" (PG13) at the Richardson Theater



9 FEBRUARY

4:30 - 7pm Special dinner at Zamperini

7:15pm Operation FLINTLOCK 81st Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony at the Hangar

Until 11pm Hangar Dance, featuring 25th Infantry Division Band

WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

Discussion:

So far in January, we have received 1.74 inches of rain through yesterday, which is 2.01 inches below normal for the month. Showers are a bit more likely tomorrow afternoon for the central RMI due to broad troughing, and into the beginning of the work-week due to speed convergence in the trade-winds. 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 diminished slightly, but is expected to recover south of the RMI tomorrow, moving its central axis a bit closer to the central RMI for the bump in shower chances, but for the rest of the next seven days, it will be to far south to have any direct impact on augmenting our shower coverage. The 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 this case, removing our most prolific rainmaker from the picture for our area. The Madden-Julian Oscillation

(MJO) is currently in 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 for the RMI in the second week of February. The El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is in mild La Nina conditions with the central Pacific (ocean to the east of the RMI) slightly 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 cyclone activity.

Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:

None expected. Micronesia is northeast trade wind dominant.

Swell / Tide Inundation for Kwajalein Atoll and Wake Island:

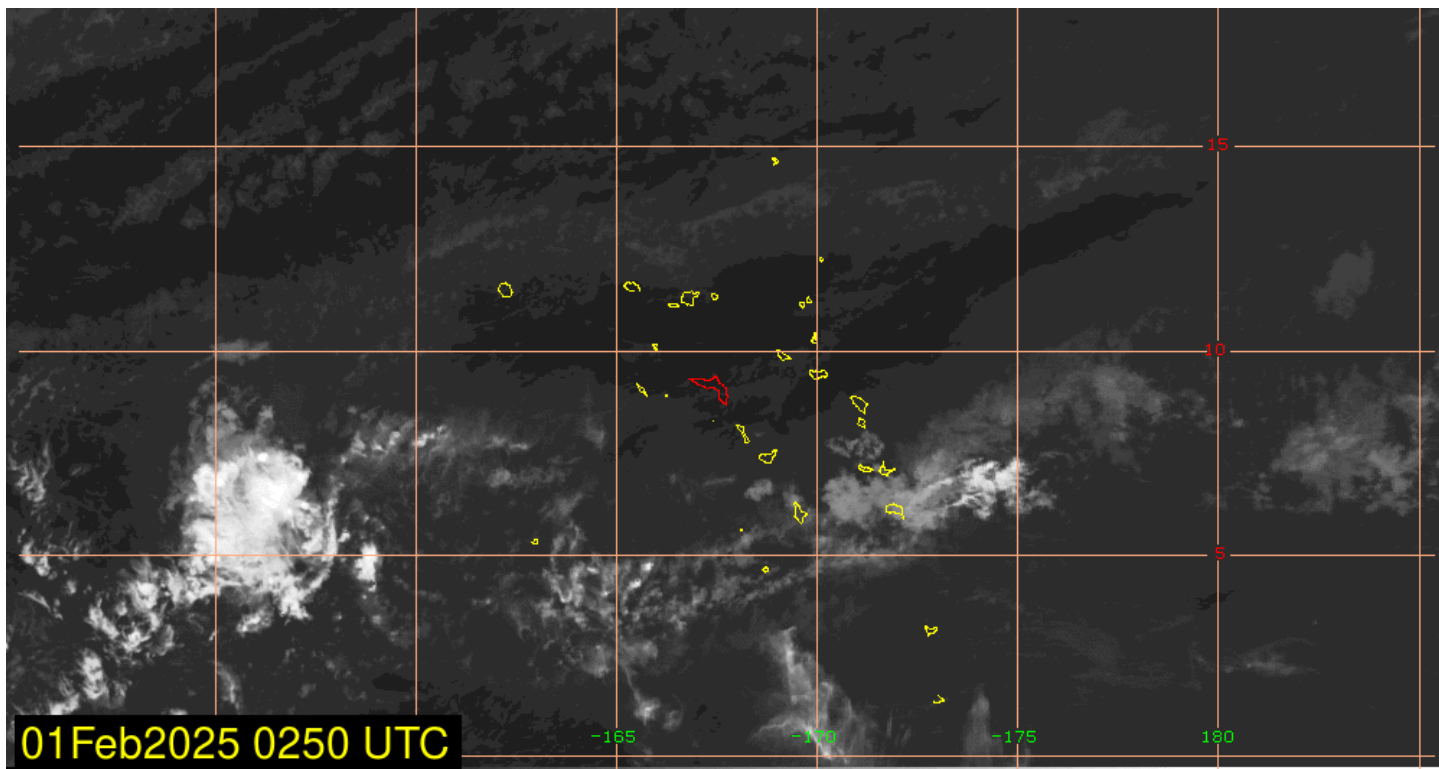
Yesterday was the new moon. This new moon induced a perigean spring tide, as the Moon was closer to the Earth, meaning that the high tides will be higher than normal with peaks today and tomorrow at five feet and high tides over four feet until the 2nd of February. These higher high tides are more of a concern during the Windy Season with stronger winds driving surf onto eastern facing shores. At this point only minor slash-over is expected around the high tides. The waxing half-moon will be on the 5th along with neap tides. Trade-winds out of the northeast have been slightly higher than normal in January, which is what is expected with the minor La Nina conditions that are being experienced in the western Pacific.

Winds have come down a bit at the moment. This is due to the subtropical high-pressure ridges to our north taking quite a beating from transiting mid-latitude storms across the northern Pacific, as is typical in winter. Moving into the second half of the weekend and workweek, winds will recover back to the upper-teens with routine gusts well into the 20s. This is mainly due to less storm activity in the northern Pacific to batter the subtropical high-pressures, that tend to

tighten the surface pressure gradient, to create the higher winds. 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. At this time, a High Surf Advisory (HSA) for any part of the atoll is not in effect. On the 4th of February, swells on the open ocean will be to about 10 feet at times, so we will be watching these conditions for a possible HSA on that day. There will be some minor splash-over around high tide on that day for the shore of the eastern atoll from Roi-Namur to Kwajalein 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

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WEATHER DISCUSSION

Dry and windy conditions look to once again be the norm for the end of the week and the upcoming weekend. A subtropical high-pressure system will gradually strengthen during this time, which will work to both suppress shower activity during this time period and gradually tighten the pressure gradient across the RMI. Only occasional stray, trade-wind-convergence-induced showers are expected, and any showers should be brief and on the lighter side. Thunderstorms are not expected due to a lack of strong surface convergence that would be need-

ed for deep convection. Winds and wave heights will both gradually increase throughout this time period as a result of the tightening pressure gradient. Winds could potentially reach or exceed Small Craft Advisory (SCA) criteria starting Monday, but wave heights are expected to remain below High Surf Advisory (HSA) criteria.

SATURDAY

Mostly sunny with stray showers. Winds will be NE-E at 14-19 knots with higher gusts, especially near showers.

SUNDAY

Mostly sunny with stray showers. Winds will be NE-E at 15-20 knots with some gusts in the low-mid 20s

and higher gusts near showers.

MONDAY

Mostly sunny with stray showers. Winds will be NE-E at 16-21 knots with some gusts in the mid-20s and gusts in the upper 20s possible near showers.

NEXT WEEK

The dry and breezy pattern is expected to continue throughout much of next week as well. Winds could exceed or come close to SCA criteria from time to time. Wave heights could be as high as around 10 feet, but they are still expected to remain below HSA criteria.



	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:56 p.m.	9:54 a.m. 10:18 p.m.	6:39 a.m. 4.0' 6:49 p.m. 4.5'	12:35 a.m. -0.7' 12:37 p.m. -0.4'
MONDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:56 p.m.	10:37 a.m. 11:11 p.m.	7:16 a.m. 3.9' 7:24 p.m. 4.0'	1:07 a.m. -0.5' 1:17 p.m. -0.1'
TUESDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:56 p.m.	11:23 a.m. -----	7:56 a.m. 3.7' 8:02 p.m. 3.4'	1:40 a.m. -0.2' 2:03 p.m. 0.4'
WEDNESDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:57 p.m.	12:10 p.m. 12:06 a.m.	8:45 a.m. 3.4' 8:49 p.m. 2.7'	2:16 a.m. 0.3' 3:02 p.m. 0.9'
THURSDAY	7:09 a.m. 6:57 p.m.	1:02 p.m. 1:03 a.m.	9:58 a.m. 3.1' 10:19 p.m. 2.0'	3:00 a.m. 0.7' 4:52 p.m. 1.3'
FRIDAY	7:09 a.m. 6:57 p.m.	1:57 p.m. 2:03 a.m.	12:08 p.m. 3.0' -----	4:18 a.m. 1.1' 7:46 p.m. 1.1'
FEBRUARY 8	7:09 a.m. 6:57 p.m.	2:56 p.m. 3:04 a.m.	1:33 a.m. 2.0' 1:55 p.m. 3.3'	6:52 a.m. 1.2' 8:55 p.m. 0.6'

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