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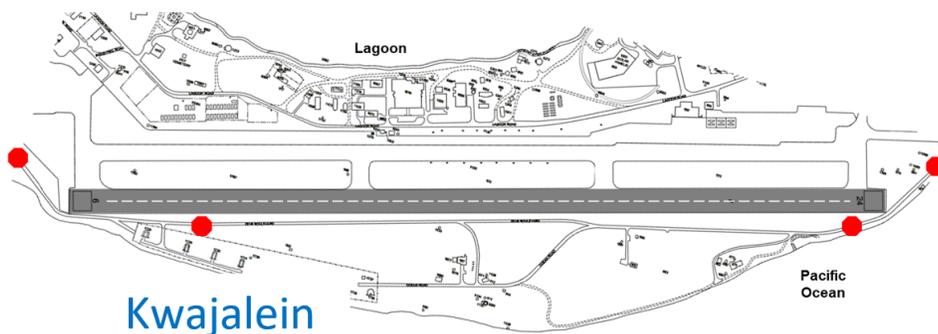


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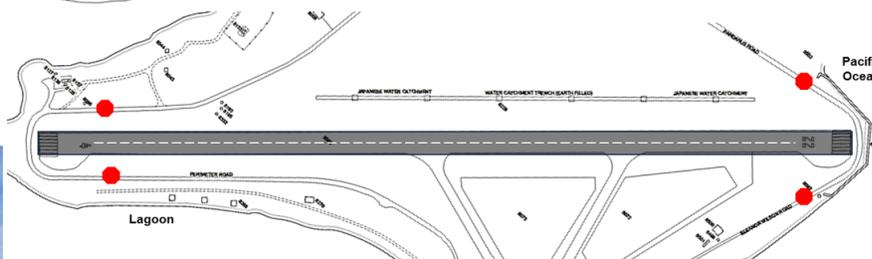


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If aircraft are on approach or taking off, you must hold your
position and wait!



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.



EARN YOUR TEAM KWAJ TAB!

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Back Cover: Sunrise Beach by Melissa Dethlefsen

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COMMUNITY

THE FINAL TOWN HALL | COMMANDER COL. DREW MORGAN

HOURLASS REPORT

Before the Town Hall event started, we found Commander Col. Drew Morgan and Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller huddled with the Audio Visual team. Carefully going over the flow of the evening to ensure everyone was on the same page, the scene was a perfect symbol of how Col. Morgan's Command Team demonstrated a confident competence in leadership born from being thoroughly informed and prepared.

Once satisfied, the two made their way around the Kwajalein High School Multi-Purpose Room, shaking hands, fist bumping and exchanging warm spoken

greetings with the early arrivals at this very last Town Hall we'd get to share with Col. Morgan and CSM Miller this past Tuesday, May 13, 2025. The show began with a moving photo slideshow of highlight images throughout the Command Team's time here on Kwajalein Atoll. CSM Miller then took the mic and joked that the door prizes were the only reason for the huge turn-out.

Col. Morgan shared a curious fact about Russian Cosmonauts, whom he trained with in preparation for his mission to space. They held an interesting superstition of avoiding using terms like "last" and "final" for events or other concluding activities

before launching into space, fearing that to do so invited bad luck or other misfortune. Instead, they substituted a Russian word that literally translates as "ultimate." "So, in that same tradition," offered Col. Morgan. "This will be the Ultimate Town Hall." A chuckle rolled through the packed MP Room, as we all tested how the new title felt on our tongues.

A video clip played of NASA Astronaut Col. Anne McClain giving Col. Morgan a warm send-off from her spectacular view from the International Space Station. Col. McClain reminded the Team Kwaj community that their mission is important, and it is our beloved home before

floating a Team Kwaj spirit stick in front of the camera. Col. Morgan was clearly very moved, calling the special shout out from his Space Flight Battle Buddy and long-time dear friend a "mic drop."

Col. Morgan gave a short and touching timeline breakdown of his family's discovery of the Kwajalein Atoll, and their subsequent deep-dive into the islands' history and traditions. "We came to love Kwajalein in our diligent self-study; we love it even more today now that we've experienced the community," he said. Col. Morgan spoke of the virtuous principles of the TEAM KWAJ Pact that the Command Team introduced to us in his first Town Hall,

explaining that even though the incoming Commander very well may have his own version, that these principles would continue to guide us as they were timeless.

He reminded us of the great challenges we all experienced over the last couple of years, which included the Roi-Namur megawave and the challenges with the Pow-

er Plant. The ability to assemble the team and meet those challenges head-on to emerge victorious on the other side cannot be overestimated.

Both Col. Morgan and CSM Miller stressed that Kwajalein's best days still lay ahead as the Command Team has not only listened and worked assiduously to meet the community's needs, but they also

successfully increased Kwajalein visibility at the highest levels of U.S. government leadership. With Lieutenant General Gainey's help, that new-found visibility has led to movement that will measurably improve infrastructure, mission and community quality of life.

CSM Miller shocked everyone by breaking character in

an emotional moment. "People are watching, and things may be moving slowly, but you *will* have a better Kwaj!"

Even though there would only be a week of crossover between Col. Morgan and the incoming Col. Matthew Cannon, the Commander revealed that the two have been in contact for about a year to ensure a smooth transition. ❖

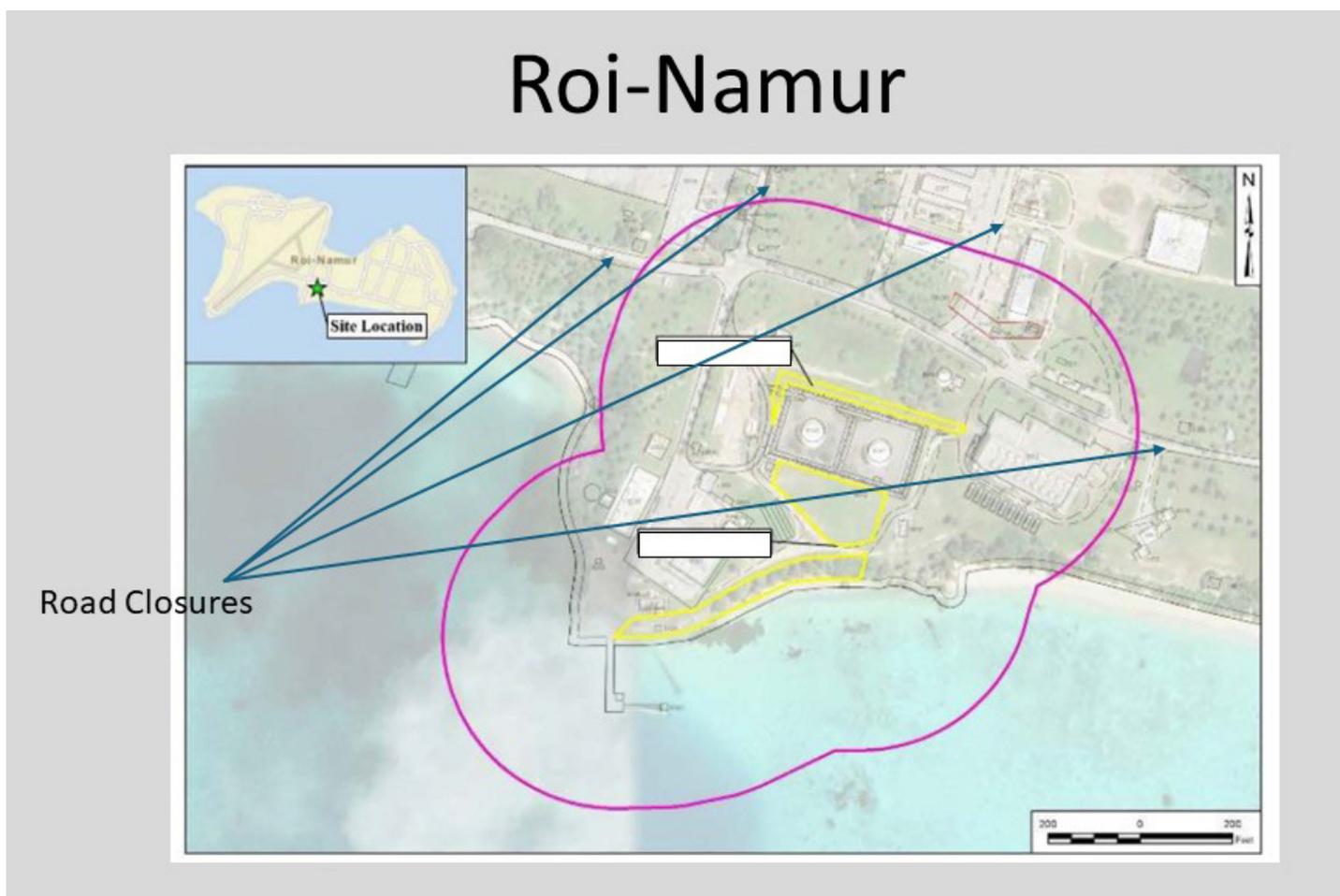


UXO CLEARING FOR CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT

On Roi-Namur Beginning 21 February Operations will be conducted at night from 2000-0430 Monday-Friday. The following maps show Road Closures, Exclusion Zones, & Operations Overview

Roi-Namur POL/AST

- Construction operations anticipated to start 21 February
- Operations will be conducted at night from 2000-0430 Monday-Friday
- UXO Techs will conduct clearance operations in identified areas
- Barricades will be placed to signal all pedestrians and vehicles to use alternate routes
- Please avoid traveling or traversing in the indicated areas without a UXO Escort





**American
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Volunteer Opportunity at Kwajalein Atoll

Join the American Red Cross and help bring our Services and Programs to the Kwajalein Atoll community!

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Contact **Alana Wilson** at alana.wilson@redcross.org

Let's work together to build a more prepared and resilient community.



Remember the 3-R's of UXO Safety!



RECOGNIZE



RETREAT



REPORT

Unexploded ordnance are munitions that fail to detonate during live fire training. They are **extremely dangerous** and could explode if tampered with, even though the Kwajalein ordnance is 80-years-old.

NEVER touch UXO and report the location of **ANY** suspected UXO to the UXO Team **IMMEDIATELY** at:

Phone: 480-1550/1433

Email: Darren.r.Wheeldon.ctr@army.mil



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Now Showing at the Yuk Theater

Saturday, MAY 3

“Star Wars: Episode IV – A New Hope”
(1977) (PG) 134 min.

Sunday, MAY 4

“A Thousand and One” (2023)
(R) 117 min.

Saturday, MAY 10

“The Forge” (2024)
(PG) 124 min.

Sunday, MAY 11

“The Fabulous Four” (2024)
(R) 98 min.

Saturday, MAY 17

“Strange World” (2022)
(PG) 102 min.

Sunday, MAY 18

“Nope” (2022)
(R) 130 min.

Saturday, MAY 24

“Mufasa: The Lion King” (2024)
(PG) 118 min.

Sunday, MAY 25

“One of Them Days” (2025)
(R) 97 min.

Saturday, MAY 31

“Moana” (2016)
(PG-13) 137 min.



All showtimes start at 7:30 p.m.



During the dry months here on Kwajalein Atoll, we all need to be diligent in conserving non-potable water. In an effort to control water usage please limit the watering of plants to 30 minutes every other day.

Thank you for your efforts in conserving our precious resources.

RANGE OPERATION ANNOUNCEMENT

RONALD REAGAN BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TEST SITE

A RANGE OPERATION IS SCHEDULED FOR 21-22 MAY 2025. CAUTION TIMES ARE 7:00 PM. (1900hrs) THROUGH 2:11 A.M. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS OPERATION. 22-23 MAY IS BACKUP DAY WITH SAME CAUTION TIMES.

DURING OPERATIONS, NOTICE TO MARINERS (NOTMAR) AND NOTICE TO AIR MISSION (NOTAM) CAUTION AREAS WILL EXTEND INTO THE OPEN OCEAN NEAR THE KWAJALEIN ATOLL AND SURROUNDING AREAS.

THE MID-ATOLL CORRIDOR WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1600 HOURS, 17-MAY-2025 THROUGH ACTIVITY COMPLETION. THE CAUTION AREA EXTENDS FROM THE SURFACE TO UNLIMITED ALTITUDE.

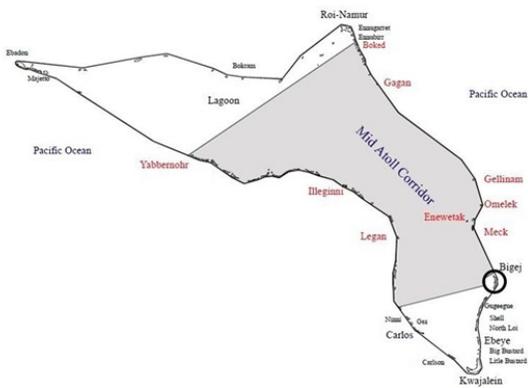
SEE THE ROLLER AND HOURGLASS DATED 10MAY & 17MAY FOR A MAP OF THE CLOSED AREAS. QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO REAGAN TEST SITE (RTS) MISSION SAFETY OFFICE AT (808) 580-2230.

JUON IEN KOKEMELMEL ENAJ KOMAN ILO RAN KO 21-22 MAY 2025. AWA KO REKAUWOTOTA EJ JEN 7:00PM JOTA LOK NAN 2:11AM IN JIMAROK/JIBON. 22-23 RAN EJ BACKUP NAN KOMEMELMEL IN.

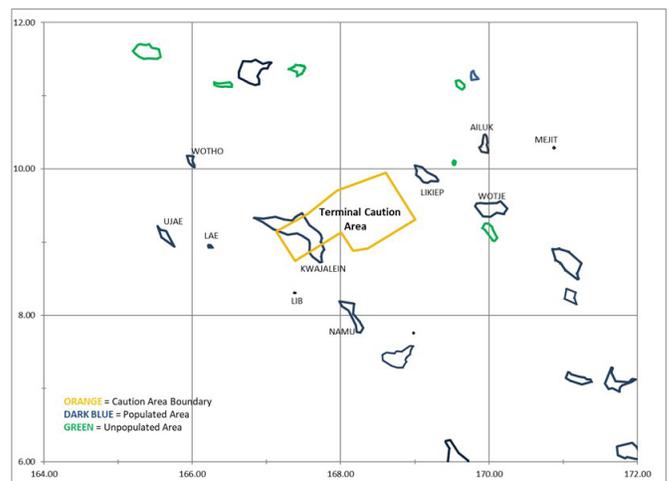
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ENE KO ILO IOLAP IN AELON IN (MID-ATOLL CORRIDOR) RENAJ KILOK JEN 4:00PM AWA ELKIN RAELEP ILO 17 (JONOUL JILJILMUJON) RAN IN MAY NAN NE EDEDELOK KOKEMELMEL KEIN.

LALE ROLLER IM HOURGLASS EO JUON 10 RAN AK 17 RAN IN MAY NAN AM LALE IA KO REJ KILOK. NE EWOR AM KAJITOK JOUJ IM CALL E LOK KWAJALEIN RANGE SAFETY OPIJA RO ILO (808) 580-2230.



MID-ATOLL CORRIDOR CLOSED FROM 1600 HOURS, 17-MAY-2025 THROUGH OPERATION COMPLETION OR FLAGS ARE REMOVED



**Broad Ocean Area and Caution Area
RTS AIROPS 436/1 (NOTAM & NOTMAR CAUTION AREAS)**

The mid-atoll corridor will be closed from 4:01 p.m. through mission completion.





PHOTO BY MELISSA DETHLEFSEN

COMMUNITY ANNUAL BALLROOM DINNER DANCE

HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagon, CYS Deputy Director

The Annual Ballroom Dinner Dance, a popular collaboration between the music department, culinary arts classes, and the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) at Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School, was held Sunday night, May 4. Considered one of the community's premier events, tickets sell out quickly each year. The evening offers guests a chance to dress up, enjoy a meal prepared and served by students, and hit the dance floor.

Each year, the Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School band pre-

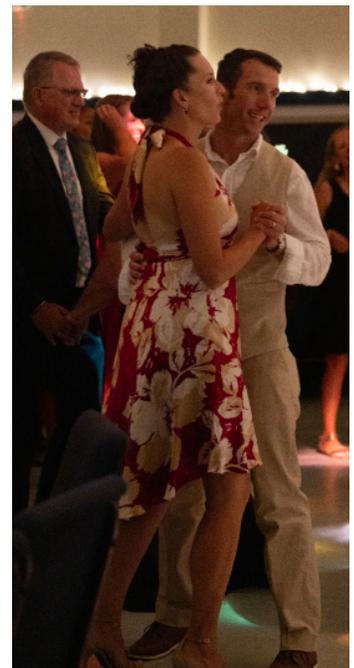
pares a core set of standards to streamline rehearsal time and encourage mentorship among student musicians, according to band advisor Kyle Miller. Veteran players help guide new members, and the group builds on that foundation by adding selections from their other concerts. The final setlist typically includes around 35 tunes, offering a balanced mix of swing, Latin and ballads.

"It's a really energizing experience on stage because it's so different from our curricular band concerts," Miller said. "We're providing the entertainment, but we're not the sole focus of the evening — the guests are having a

night out to socialize."

Miller noted that performing live music brings a different kind of elegance compared to a DJ. "Our setlists, like a DJ's, can influence the energy of the crowd," he said. "But really, it's about the kids putting on a great show and demonstrating what they can do."

Some of Miller's favorite pieces this year included "Moondance," "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," and new additions like "Feeling Good" and "Save the Last Dance for Me." Featured guest performances also stood out, including the Advanced Vocal Ensemble, AJ Parra, Sofia Morgan and Lauren Fontanez.



Student Aqualisa Calep shared that her favorites of the night were Besame Mucho, Boogie Woogie, and Macarena. “It was lively and full. It was amazing that you can feel so much energy from the floor that it makes you have the same energy in the way you play. One stand out for me was watching Mr. and Mrs. King’s new foot work that happened to fit to almost every song we played.”

Student Rachel Harper shared that she too enjoyed Moondance and Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, and

shared, “I think for the most part the room was electric as the energy and the crowds dancing followed suit to our fast-paced music. However, slower songs made the space feel more intimate.”

In addition to a great night of music, guests were also treated to a meal prepared by Kendra Robinson’s pastry arts and culinary arts classes. Students were able to choose whether they wanted to work the front or back of the house. From there, if a student had a family member attending, they would typically

take care of that table or volunteer if they know someone well at another table. Robinson shared, “there is definitely not a shortage of students excited to help out with this event.”

The students spent countless hours on the logistics of the event, they helped in choosing the protein served, researched different pasta sauces and practiced making several different parts of the dish beforehand. Different classes focused on different parts of the meal. For example, Baking and Pastry Arts

focused mainly on bread and pasta, while Culinary Arts worked through the protein, side, and sauce.

There are always challenges in a fast-paced kitchen/restaurant environment - balancing moving items from one area to another to switch out warming items and items that need to be cooked. Another challenge is lack of experience as the students don’t have the opportunity to work in an environment beforehand, like Ballroom Dinner Dance provides, so working as a team, and depending on others can be difficult. Robinson is very proud of how the students worked through each issue that arose, “most of the problems are solved by leaning on others and working together.”

Robinson shared that it was also great to have spare adult hands to help, “I could not have survived this event without the help of Heather Miller in the front, and Christi Cardillo and Michelle Huwe in the back.”

For Robinson, one of the most memorable moments comes at the end of the evening.

“The students are so exhausted, but I love listening to them reflect on what some of the problems were and what we can do to make improvements,” Robinson said. “But they’re also proud of the work they just completed, and that’s always a great moment as a teacher — to see them reflect but also be proud of their accomplishments.”

Community members widely agree that the Annual Ballroom Dinner Dance is a highlight of the year, offering a unique blend of student talent, fine dining and live entertainment. Many residents mark their calendars in anticipation, making it a must-attend tradition each spring. ▼



Introducing Presence: Live Online Teletherapy Services for Kwajalein Students K-12

1 What is Presence?

Presence is an online educational platform designed to efficiently and accurately identify the services students need to succeed in school and life. Clinicians conduct evaluations remotely using the largest digital library of assessments from leading publishers.



2 Modern Therapy Platform

As the need for student evaluations in areas like learning, behavior, and academics continues to grow, it can be hard for schools to keep up. Presence helps by providing extra support through licensed online school psychologists and modern tools. This means Kwajalein students can get the help they need faster and more efficiently—making sure no child is left waiting for support.

Contact: Kristi Warwick
warwickk@kwajaleinschools.org

5 Occupational Therapy

Presence has experienced online occupational therapists (OTs) who support KSS by providing therapy and conducting evaluations through a modern, interactive platform. Through live, online, and personalized sessions, our OTs help students make meaningful progress toward their individual goals.

Contact: Christy Potter
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3 Mental Health Counseling and Behavioral Services

Presence provides live, online therapy for KSS students (with parental consent) through licensed mental health professionals. Support is available one-on-one or in small groups to meet each student's needs.

GSES Contact: Mindi Gerber
gerbermi@kwajaleinschools.org

KJSHS Contact: Carmen Parra
parrac@kwajaleinschools.org



6 Timely Support

Presence ensures KSS students receive individualized services without delays. Staffing shortages can make timely evaluations and support difficult, but Presence provides access to a network of licensed clinicians and a secure, HIPAA- and FERPA-compliant platform, helping educators stay on track and effectively meet student needs.



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4 Educational Evaluations

Presence, a leader in online psychoeducational evaluations, simplifies the assessment process with a vast network of professionals and a comprehensive library of top-tier assessments. This ensures efficient, accurate evaluations for KSS students.

Contact: Kristi Warwick
warwickk@kwajaleinschools.org

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.



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>.

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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 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

It is recommended that graphical adver-

tisements 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.

For more information, reach out to the USAG-KA Command team through the USAG-KA Facebook page.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



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

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 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

HELP WANTED

For employment with contractors within the U.S. Army Garrison - Kwajalein Atoll please check contractor company websites for employment opportunities.

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

Kwajalein / Roi Namur Licensing
Classes on Kwajalein are every Wednesday @0900 Marshallese @1245 Expats (by appointment only as class side is limited)
Classes are in Bldg. 856 Rm 101, Vehicle Maintenance Compound
Roi classes every 2nd Friday in Bldg. C, timed based on flight schedule
No registration needed for Roi classes.
To register, send email to either of the following:
Audrey.Hughes@gov2x.com
Wilson.Kaisha@gov2x.com
...or stop by Bldg. 856, Rm 101

An advertisement for OPSEC (Operational Security). The background is a sunset over a field with a silhouette of a soldier's helmet on a tripod. The text is in yellow and white on a dark grey background. At the bottom left is the U.S. Army logo and the text "Like and share @USArmyOPSEC".

OPSEC IS NOT RETROACTIVE.
THINK BEFORE YOU SHARE INFORMATION. ONLINE AND OFFLINE.

U.S. ARMY
Like and share @USArmyOPSEC



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.

**Last Week's What
Could THIS Be?
History Item:**

**A pot of
Lustre-Creme
Shampoo
with lanolin.**

**Did you
get it
right?**



E-Wareness: Ocean Dumping



“Jokbej Iljojet”

Ejab melim jolok kwobej ko ilojet. Kejbarok lojet in ad nan emanlok eo an kab lonlok in ekk!

“Garbage In – Garbage Out”

Waste disposal into the ocean is **NOT** permitted. Keep the ocean clean and be rewarded with beautiful water and plentiful fish!



**Ra Eo An Navy
Ej letok melele ke
Enaj wor kommelmel in kokkelok Mijel
EA/OEA, im FONSI**

Ra eo an Navy eo an Amedka ear bojok nan juon Final Environmental Assessment / Overseas Environmental Assessment (EA/OEA) nan an etale weween an jelet belaaq ko elane enaj komman kommelmel in kokkelok mijel ilo malo kein jimor ilo woden bwil kein ilo Atlantic im Pacific. Dreenju ak kommelmel in emaron koba teej ko rej komman ilo belaaq ko ilo lojet, wa ko rej ekkeke ioon lojet, rakot ko rej jok ilo lojet, weween an kein jerpak ko rej ektaki ilo mejatoto jelete aolepen eria ko ilo lojet, ak ene eo ilo juon jikin kommelmel an Army ilo aelon in Kuwajeleen, ilo Majel. Bedbed ioon melele ko rar walok ilo EA/OEA. Navy eo emoj an kojemlok ilo an ba ke ejaak in Proposed Action ak kar lomnak in makutkut eo ejamin jelet aurok in belaaq eo ej jeboole armej im men ko ie, im ejamin kakkure belaaq ko ilo lojet ak lomalo. Ilo ekkar, ejelok men en eaikuj komman nan kebooj juon Environmental Impact Statement (ak juon konono ikkujeeen an naj jelet belaaq ko ilo ene) ak Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (weween an naj jelet lojet ak malo ko), im Navy eo emoj an kadedelok juon Finding of No Significant Impact (Joon men eo ej kwalok ke eban jelete) (FONSI) / Finding of No Significant Harm (FONSH) (juon men eo ej kwalok ke eban kakkure) jen Navy Conventional Prompt Strike Weapon System Flight Tests (ak jen jerpak in kommelmel kein an Navy).

Kojella nan aolep armej bwe melele kein

Kom maron loe EA/OEA im FONSI/FONSH eo eliktata an Navy ilok nan online ilo <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/CPSSea-Based> ak kom maron bar loi ilo public library kein enwot: Norfolk's Slover Memorial Main Library, ilo Virginia; Cape Canaveral Public Library, ilo Florida; Jacksonville Public Library, ilo Florida; City of San Diego Central Library, ilo California; Oxnard Downtown Main Library, ilo California; Kitsap Regional Library-Poulsbo, ilo Washington; Seattle Public Central Library, ilo Washington; Anchorage Public Library, ilo Alaska; Hawai'i State Library ilo Honolulu; Kwajalein Island's Grace Sherwood Library im Roi-Namur Library, ilo Majel.

**The Department of the Navy
PROVIDES NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
for the Navy Conventional Prompt Strike
Weapon System Flight Tests
EA/OEA and FONSI**



The U.S. Department of the Navy (Navy) prepared a Final Environmental Assessment / Overseas Environmental Assessment (EA/OEA) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of conducting missile flight tests in both Atlantic and Pacific Ocean regions. Testing would involve flight tests from sea-based launch locations, vehicle flight over the ocean, splashdown of boosters in the ocean, and payload impact either in broad ocean areas or on land at a U.S. Army test site at Kwajalein Atoll in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Based on the analysis presented in the EA/OEA, the Navy has concluded that implementation of the Proposed Action will not significantly impact the quality of the human and natural environment and will not significantly harm the environment of the global commons (high seas). Accordingly, there is no requirement to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement or Overseas Environmental Impact Statement, and the Navy has completed a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) / Finding of No Significant Harm (FONSH) for Navy Conventional Prompt Strike Weapon System Flight Tests.

Notice of Availability

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COMMUNITY BOY SCOUTS ON KWAJALEIN | JACKSON LADD

HOURGLASS REPORT

By Melissa Elkins

When Jackson Ladd of Kwajalein's Boy Scout Troop 314 began considering options for his Eagle Scout service project, he knew the greatest service impact would be somewhere on Ebeye. There, Jackson discovered the Ebeye Deaf Education Center (EDEC), a class that supports Deaf students from kindergarten through high school.

Through one hearing teacher and two Deaf assistant teachers, the students of EDEC are taught in American Sign Language (ASL). In and outside of school, this Deaf community operates as a family, and their classroom itself is a central element to

their daily lifestyle.

Jackson found out that some students use the classroom sink to brush their teeth when arriving to school in the morning, due to lack of oral hygiene supplies or water at home. Deaf residents also do not have access to a dentist that can explain oral care to them in their primary language. Learning of these dilemmas prompted Jackson into action.

After having the classroom area surveyed, Jackson went to work gathering supplies. He chose to create a shelf over the classroom sink that would house individual oral hygiene kits, labeled with the students' names. But more importantly than supplies, Jackson desired to give the

students knowledge.

For his presentation, he used a visual slide show and a credentialed ASL interpreter to disseminate important information on oral hygiene. He also provided hands-on experiments to show the students how teeth can become damaged if left unbrushed, and manipulatives to demonstrate proper brushing and flossing techniques.

The students enjoyed being quizzed over their understanding of healthy vs unhealthy foods, and were surprised to learn the importance of brushing for two whole minutes. They were very excited to be provided a flashing visual timer, and a supply of mouthwash to be used should their school sink lose water due to construc-

tion or conservation.

As a part of his project's criteria, Jackson also demonstrated emerging leadership skills by guiding fellow boy scouts through supporting his efforts. With the help of their leaders, boys from Troop 314 assisted in transporting supplies from Kwajalein to Ebeye, built a new shoe rack for the students, and performed some minor repairs in the classroom. The Deaf students countered this kindness by teaching the scouts the manual ASL alphabet, thus opening a channel of communication between new friends.

For more info about the Boy Scouts on Kwajalein, you may contact Ben Ladd at bentladd@gmail.com. X



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Kwajalein Island Trash & Recycling

Residential Trash Collection 480-1760
Yard Vegetation Collection 480-1890
Hazardous Waste Pickup Line 480-8858



TRASH & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

The Green Residential TRASH receptacles are collected every **Tuesday and Friday**.

The blue RECYCLE bins are also collected every **Tuesday and Friday**.

The large black General Solid Waste Community Containers are emptied on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Safety First! Please keep any curious children away from the Compactor Truck as it feeds contents into the truck.

Recyclable materials are also collected by both *solid waste* and *horizontal maintenance personnel*, in conjunction with general trash collection. Currently the island only recycles glass, aluminum, metal, and bulk organic materials. **Cardboard and plastics are not recycled materials on Kwajalein.** These items should be placed into the general trash stream for disposal/incineration.



Residential users will be given a **green trash** receptacle and a smaller **blue receptacle** for recyclable materials. It is requested that residences place their recyclable items into the blue containers, and stack larger materials next to the bins. Lawn clippings and leaves should be bagged and placed next to bins. Palm fronds and coconuts should also be stacked up next to the bins for removal by horizontal maintenance personnel.

Dome Home Trash & Recycling



V2X will be installing Green Residential Trash bins and Blue Recycle bins at each Dome Home. This will be a new experience for our Dome Home residents that we hope will enhance your stay on our island.

Please be sure your personal property and potted plants are set safely back from the road.

Please keep curious children away from the Compactor Truck as it visits each Dome.

CARDBOARD and PLASTICS are not recycled on Kwajalein.

TRASH and RECYCLE bins are collected Tuesday and Friday.

You can deposit all glass, aluminum, bottles and metal into the same blue recycle bin.

For Questions, call 480-1760



Effective May 23 - August 7, 2025

SUMMER HOURS

Wednesday - Sunday :

1:30 - 9:30 P.M.



YOUTH LOCK-IN

MAY SAT.-SUN. 24-25

- 9 -10 P.M. ----- Arrival/Free Time/Expectations
- 10 -10:30 P.M. ----- Potluck/Split Into Teams
- 10:30 -11:30 P.M.- Team Song/Trivia/Team Puzzles
- 11:30 -1 A.M. ----- Team Minute-to-Win-It Games
- 1 - 3 A.M. ----- Limbo/Dodgeball in MP Room
- 3 - 5 A.M. ----- Movie/Free Time
- 5 - 6 A.M. ----- Free Time/Clean Up
- 6 A.M. ----- Departure Home

INCOMING 8TH - 12TH GRADE & RECENT HIGH SCHOOL GRADS!

Sign up (potluck: no candy or soda) & permission forms located at the Youth Center.

Permission forms due Wednesday, May 21.

Spots limited, so turn in permission forms much prior to due date.



Youth Center Phone #480-3796

Students are required to be registered at the Youth Center to attend.



PHOTO BY MELISSA DETHLEFSEN

ABOVE: Zamperini DFAC Manager Jourdan Williams shares friendly banter with customer John Ahern, Fire Prevention Assistant Chief.

COMMUNITY

KWAJALEIN PROFILES | JOURDAN WILLIAMS

HOURLASS REPORT

Radiating a potent combination of patient calm, friendly good humor, and professionalism, Ms. Jourdan Williams made a striking figure in her one-inch shy of six-foot frame. Just coming up on her goth-day as the V2X Food Services Manager, we seemed to have caught her at the perfect time.

“I have a really good handle on what needs to be done to get the Zamperini DFAC where Sr. Leadership would like it to be. It’s not about the food *per se*, but about bringing the personnel together. It’s challenging to get the team to work together if there

is conflict—if they don’t like each other. It can be difficult, but we’re making it happen.”

When asked about her own background in the industry, Jourdan revealed that she’d been cooking/baking since she was 8-years-old, and began her adult career in food service catering. “Anything having to do with food, I’ve done it.” Originally from Atlanta, GA, her journey led to her owning a brick-n-mortar bakery. “I’ve had it since 2021. My next goal is to have an accompanying food truck, a goal I’m trying to reach soon, which has turned me into a workaholic. Kwajalein is very

beautiful, but unfortunately, I haven’t had a chance to see as much of it as I’d like.” Jourdan listed karaoke with friends and hosting game nights as some of her favorite activities when she does get to unwind.

“What are my favorite foods?” she queried back, amused. “Well, I am Southern. Soul food is my favorite.” Jourdan began her contracting life with KBR stateside. Although initially interested, she missed out on an opportunity to contract in Poland, but the idea of overseas contracting intrigued her once the seed was planted. Jourdan actively began applying

for OCONUS positions that some friends had showed her and was thrilled to find herself working in Jordan-V2X for a few years. “It was a whole new world,” she said. “I loved it. In the Middle East you could travel almost anywhere easily. I traveled to Egypt for \$300 and had the time of my life.”

Although she subscribes to the Christian faith, she sports a proud Arabic script tattooed on her inside right forearm. “It says, *‘Live your life with no regrets.’* It perfectly reflects my life of adventure and accomplishment. I’ll settle down when I’m done.”

KWAJALEIN HOSPITAL

Helping the community navigate healthcare needs after-hours with RN4U NURSE LINE:

RN4U NURSE LINE:
480-RN4U(7648)



What is RN4U?

RN4U is an after-hours nurse line designed to promote patient safety and appropriate use of emergency services. The on-call nurse is available to assist in determining the level of care needed.

When is RN4U After-Hours Nurse Line available?

Tuesdays - Saturday from 1630-0730,
Sundays & Mondays: 24 hours
(excluding Garrison Holidays)



For medical emergencies please dial 9-1-1 immediately

For non-urgent clinic questions during normal business hours,
please call the hospital at 480-2223



WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

Discussion:

At the mid-point in the month of May, we have recorded 2.39 inches of rain, which is 0.60 inches below normal for the month. So far in 2025, we have only received 10.90 inches of precipitation, 9.17 inches below normal for the year. Things have improved in May, but Kwajalein Atoll is still in Severe Drought (D2) conditions on a scale of D1-D4. The dry conditions are even worse in the Ratak Chain, where Wotje Atoll has now been classified in Extreme Drought (D3). The trend will be to erode the drought conditions due to the change in the El Nino state of the central tropical Pacific. Look for increased shower coverage on the second half of Saturday into early Sunday morning, and a more significant increase in shower coverage for the first half of the workweek. The thunderstorm risk will also be augmented during these periods, but more so on the latter. No thunderstorm days occurred over the past seven days. A thunderstorm day is defined as an "in situ" light-

ning strike within five miles of the weather station. The Madden/Julian Oscillation (MJO) remains a bit incoherent as a result of rapid movement, but is currently in a mild positive, which gives an advantage to increased shower coverage for the RMI until at least the end of the month. The El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) has now transitioned to ENSO-neutral conditions, as La Nina has officially ended for the Pacific. This transition will be favorable to increased shower coverage, as we also move into the start of the rainy season. Sea surface temperatures (SST) in the central Pacific between the RMI and the Date Line are now at about normal. Besides increased rainfall, these warming near normal SSTs tend to favor tropical cyclone development, but the RMI is not currently in its climatological tropical cyclone season, thus little threat is expected in May.

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 spring for the northwest Pacific, but still rest outside a favorable environment for tropical cyclone activity, as sea surface temperatures in the western Pacific are still in their climatological cool state, and south to north shear in the mid-levels of the atmosphere remains unfavorable for TC development.

Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:

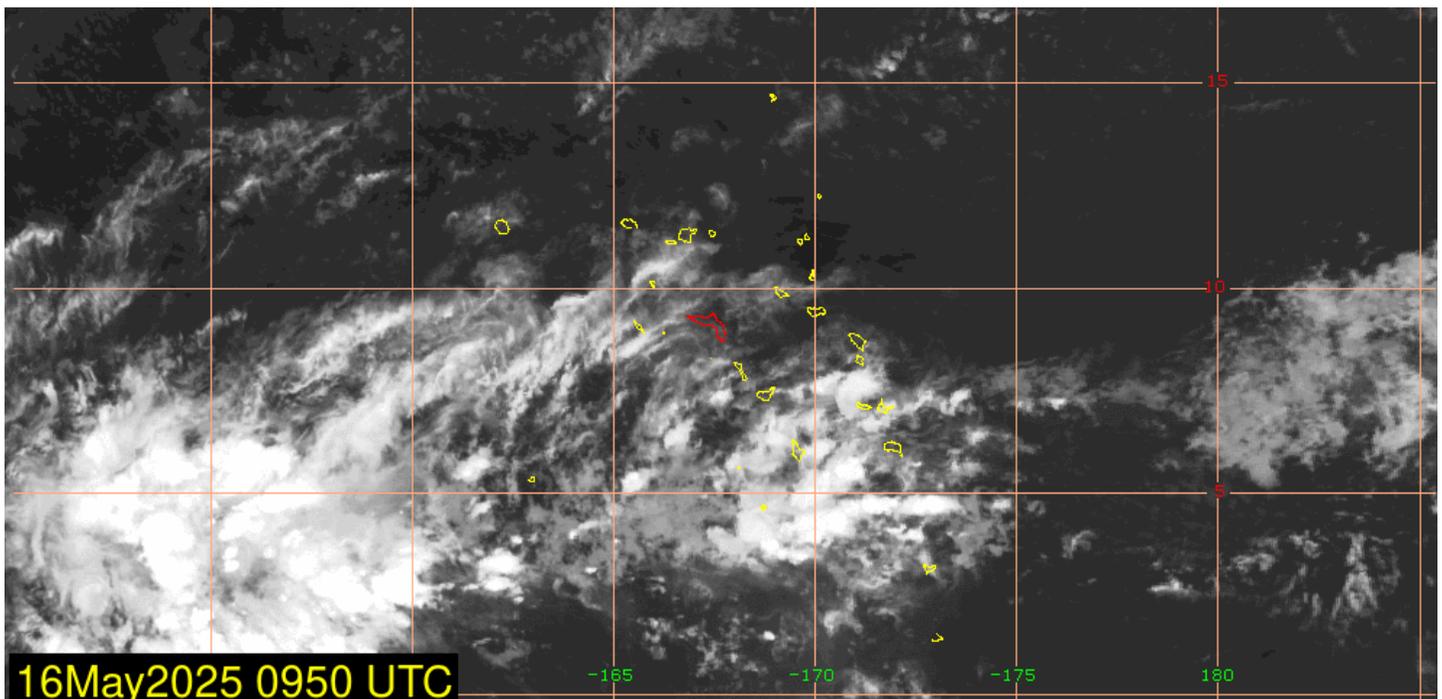
None expected. Micronesia is northeast trade wind dominant.

Swell / Tide Inundation for Kwajalein Atoll and Wake Island:

We are now moving into a waning half-moon, which will occur on the 20th. Expect neap tides with high tides above four feet until the morning of the 17th, then not again until the 24th. Winds will be in the middle to upper teens today, and then settle into the mid-teens until about the second half of Sunday, when they will be mostly in the low teens with a low point in the upper single digits to low teen on Tuesday with the arrival on the arrival

of the troughing on Tuesday into Wednesday. Gusty outflow winds will be possible at that time near heavy showers, which could briefly initiate a SCA. Small Craft Advisory (SCA) or High Surf Advisory (HSA) conditions are not expected for the next seven days.

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. X





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WEATHER DISCUSSION

The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) has reorganized to the south over the southern Marshall Islands and is expected to gradually push northward. However, it will remain south of the atoll for the next couple of days. As the ITCZ edges closer to the central RMI, isolated showers may develop—primarily over Kwajalein Island and the southern portion of the atoll. By Sunday morning, the ITCZ is expected to shift westward and move out of the area, bringing in pleasant and mostly dry weather for the weekend. In the meantime, look for east-north-

easterly winds in the mid-teens and mostly sunny skies. Some evening cloud cover is possible due to debris clouds associated with the approaching ITCZ. Looking ahead to early next week, forecast models indicate an atmospheric wave moving through the region, which will likely increase the chance of rain showers and could bring a slight risk of thunderstorms.

SATURDAY

Partly sunny to mostly cloudy at times with stray showers and at times isolated showers. NE-E at 13-18 knots with higher gusts near showers.

SUNDAY

Partly sunny with

stray showers. NE-E at 12-17 knots with higher gusts near showers.

MONDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers. NE-E at 12-17 knots with higher gusts near showers.

NEXT WEEK

Stray to isolated showers with stray chance of thunderstorms to begin the workweek, with winds from the NE-E at 10-15 knots with higher gusts near showers. ⚡



SUN-MOON-TIDES

	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:02 p.m.	11:46 p.m. 10:46 a.m.	7:04 a.m. 3.8' 7:37 p.m. 2.6'	12:33 a.m. 0.6' 1:45 p.m. 0.7'
MONDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:02 p.m.	----- 11:40 a.m.	7:57 a.m. 3.6' 8:50 p.m. 2.4'	1:19 a.m. 0.9' 2:49 p.m. 0.9'
TUESDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:02 p.m.	12:33 a.m. 12:33 p.m.	9:10 a.m. 3.4' 10:32 p.m. 2.5'	2:27 a.m. 1.2' 4:12 p.m. 1.0'
WEDNESDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:02 p.m.	1:17 a.m. 1:25 p.m.	10:41 a.m. 3.3' -----	4:08 a.m. 1.4' 5:35 p.m. 0.8'
THURSDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:03 p.m.	2:01 a.m. 2:16 p.m.	12:02 a.m. 2.9' 12:05 p.m. 3.4'	5:51 a.m. 1.2' 6:40 p.m. 0.6'
FRIDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:03 p.m.	2:44 a.m. 3:09 p.m.	1:04 a.m. 3.4' 1:11 p.m. 3.6'	7:07 a.m. 0.8' 7:30 p.m. 0.3'
MAY 24	6:29 a.m. 7:03 p.m.	3:28 a.m. 4:03 p.m.	1:53 a.m. 4.0' 2:06 p.m. 3.8'	8:05 a.m. 0.3' 8:14 p.m. 0.0'

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Until Next Week!

