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# ***THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS***





**Ra eo an Navy ej kir tok eok/kom  
NAN AMI BOK KONMAI  
ilo makitkit ko an  
Navy Conventional Prompt Strike Weapon  
System Flight Tests DEP**

Birokiram in kokkelok mijel eo an US Army koba lok ibben ra eo an Navy emoj aer kebooj juon Draft Document nan Environmental Protection (DEP) ak weween kejarok ilo aer kwalok juon kemlele ikijeer aer kommani makitkit ko kin kommelmel in kokkelok mijel ilo Aelon in Kuwajeleen, weween an naj jelet belaa ko, jekjek in aer naj etale, kojella im riiboot kaki. Ilo kommelmel kein enaj koba kommelmel ko ilo jet jikin ilo lojet, waan ekkeke ko ioon lojet, waan ekkeke ak rakka ko rej jok ilo lomalo, im kein jerpai in tarinae ko jet im ewor tojkeer nan kojerpali ilo eria ko ilo lojet ak ilo jikin kommelmel ko an US Army ilo Aelon in Kuwajeleen, Reublic in an Majel. Ilo Majel in, makitkit ak jerpai in kommelmel in enaj komman ilo Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile ak jikin kommelmel mijel eo an Amedka (USAKA) im ej bed ilo aelon in Kuwajeleen. Kommelmel ko rej komman ilo mejatoto remaron naaj iook lok jikin ko emoj kalikari ilo lo-kilmeej ak jikin ko remulal ak Kwajalein Missile Impact Scoring System (KMISS) im ilo ene idrik etan Illeginni. Nan jipan ikijeer makitkit in kommelmel kein, imaaja in wa im an arnej makitkit remaron komman ilo RTS im barenwot ilo ial in itoitak ko ikotaan jikin kommelmel ko im jikin emmaan wa eo ilo Kuwajeleen.

**Ebellok nan an aolep koba tok**

Navy eo ej karuwaineneik eok nan am linri im komman am ennaan ilo Draft ak Elmokot in an DEP. Ennaan ko jen jabrewot remaron ilok ilo online nan <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/CPSSSea-Based> ak mail e lok nan:  
Environmental Program Manager/SP2521  
Strategic Systems Programs  
1250 10th Street SE, Bldg. 200, Suite 3600  
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5127

**Aolep ennaan ko raikuj ilok ilo online ak ilo mail eliktata Eprol 25, 2025.**

Kom maron loe EA/OEA Draft in ilo online website <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/CPSSSea-Based> ak ilo library kein an public enwot aer ellajrak ijin ilal:  
Kwajalein Island's Grace Sherwood Library, im Roi-Namur Library.



**The Department of the Navy  
INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE  
in the Public Involvement Process for the  
Navy Conventional Prompt Strike  
Weapon System Flight Tests DEP**

The U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command and the U.S. Department of the Navy (Navy) have prepared a Draft Document of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide a description of proposed missile flight test activities at Kwajalein Atoll, the associated potential environmental effects, and procedures for monitoring, notification, and reporting. Testing would involve flight tests from sea-based launch locations, vehicle flight over the ocean, splashdown of boosters in the open ocean, and payload impact either in broad ocean areas or at U.S. Army test sites at Kwajalein Atoll in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Within the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the activity would be located at the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site (RTS) within the United States Army Kwajalein Atoll (USAKA). Flight test payloads would impact at target sites within the deep-water Kwajalein Missile Impact Scoring System (KMISS) range and on land at Illeginni Islet. Flight test support activities such as vessel traffic and human activity would occur at RTS as well as within travel routes between test sites and Kwajalein Harbor at Kwajalein Islet.

**Public Involvement Opportunity**

The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the Draft DEP. Comments may be submitted online at <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/CPSSSea-Based> or by mail to:  
Environmental Program Manager/SP2521  
Strategic Systems Programs  
1250 10th Street SE, Bldg. 200, Suite 3600  
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5127

**All comments must be submitted online or postmarked by April 25, 2025.**

The Draft DEP is available online at <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/CPSSSea-Based> or at the following public libraries:  
Kwajalein Island's Grace Sherwood Library, and Roi-Namur Library.



**EARN YOUR  
TEAM KWAJ TAB!**

**Front Cover: RAAF C-27J Spartan approaches the Kwajalein Atoll for Operation Rai Balang**

**Back Cover: 'Sunrise Clouds.' Photos by Melissa Dethlefsen**

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## INFORMATION

### SPARTAN SUPPORTS FISHERIES PATROL IN MARSHALL ISLANDS

#### HOURLASS REPORT

 Photos by Sherman Hogue]

An Air Force C-27J Spartan and its crew have played a key role in the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency's first maritime surveillance operation of 2025, Operation Rai Balang, conducted under the broader Operation Solania framework.

Operating out of Bucholz Army Airfield, a United States Army airfield located on Kwajalein Atoll in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), the ADF team worked alongside regional partners to pa-

trol and protect Pacific fisheries, helping to detect and deter illegal fishing activity.

Detachment Commander Squadron Leader Nicholas Pound said supporting the operation was not only important for regional security, but also for the livelihoods of Marshallese communities who rely on healthy and sustainable fisheries.

"Illegal fishing directly impacts the food security and economic wellbeing of Pacific nations like the RMI," Squadron Leader Pound said.

"Being part of Operation Rai Balang is about working together with our Pacific partners to safeguard these critical resources, ensuring future generations can continue to benefit from them."

The Spartan's ability to operate from Kwajalein Atoll provided a strategic advantage, allowing the crew to cover vast areas of ocean quickly and effectively.

Squadron Leader Pound highlighted the significance of being able to launch from Bucholz Army Airfield.

"The support from our American colleagues at the US Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll has been outstanding," he said.

"They opened their base to us without hesitation, providing everything we needed to operate successfully. It's a great example of international engagement working on multiple levels – between Australia, the Marshall Islands, the US, and the broader Pacific community."

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US Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll has been outstanding.

The deployment demonstrated the flexibility of the C-27J Spartan, an aircraft well suited for operations in remote locations and small airstrips across the Pacific.

Squadron Leader Pound said the operation highlighted how close collaboration between nations strengthened regional resilience.

“Partnerships like this highlight how Australia, the US, and our Pacific neighbours can come together to support a secure, stable and prosperous region,” he said.

“We’re grateful to the US Army for being such welcoming hosts, and proud to have contributed to an operation that delivers real outcomes

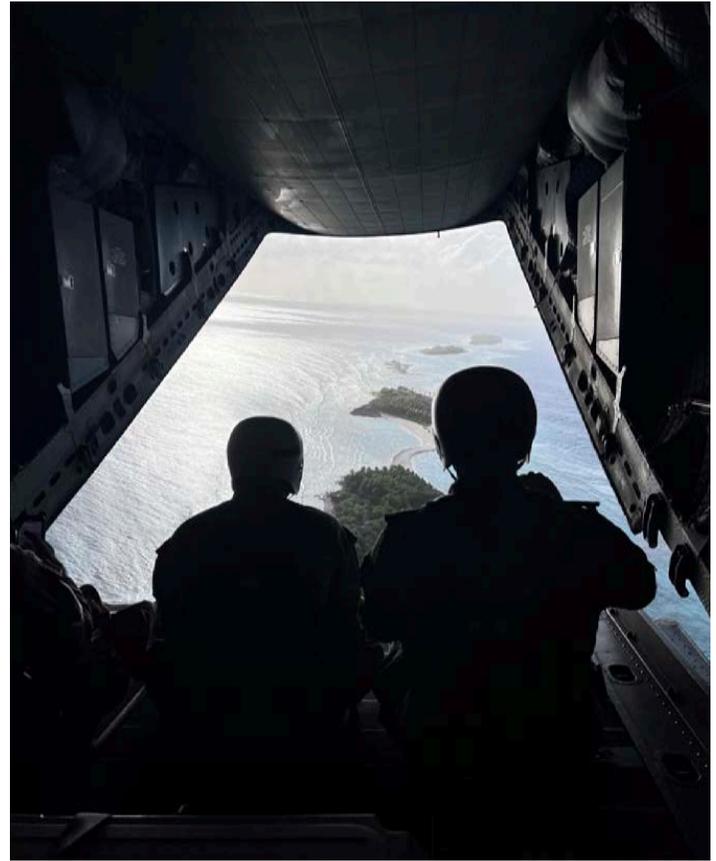
for the people of the Marshall Islands and the Pacific.”

Colonel Andrew Morgan, Commander US Army Kwajalein Atoll and US Army Garrison – Kwajalein Atoll, said the mission demonstrated the strength of shared partnerships in the Pacific.

“We were proud to host our Australian friends at Bucholz Army Airfield,” Colonel Morgan said.

“Supporting operations like these shows how, together, we can achieve common goals for the security and prosperity of the region. It was a privilege to provide the ADF a base to operate from while helping our Marshallese partners.”

Operation Rai Balang is one of several maritime surveillance operations coordi-



nated by the Forum Fisheries Agency each year, bringing together defence and law enforcement agencies to com-

bat illegal fishing across the Pacific. ▼

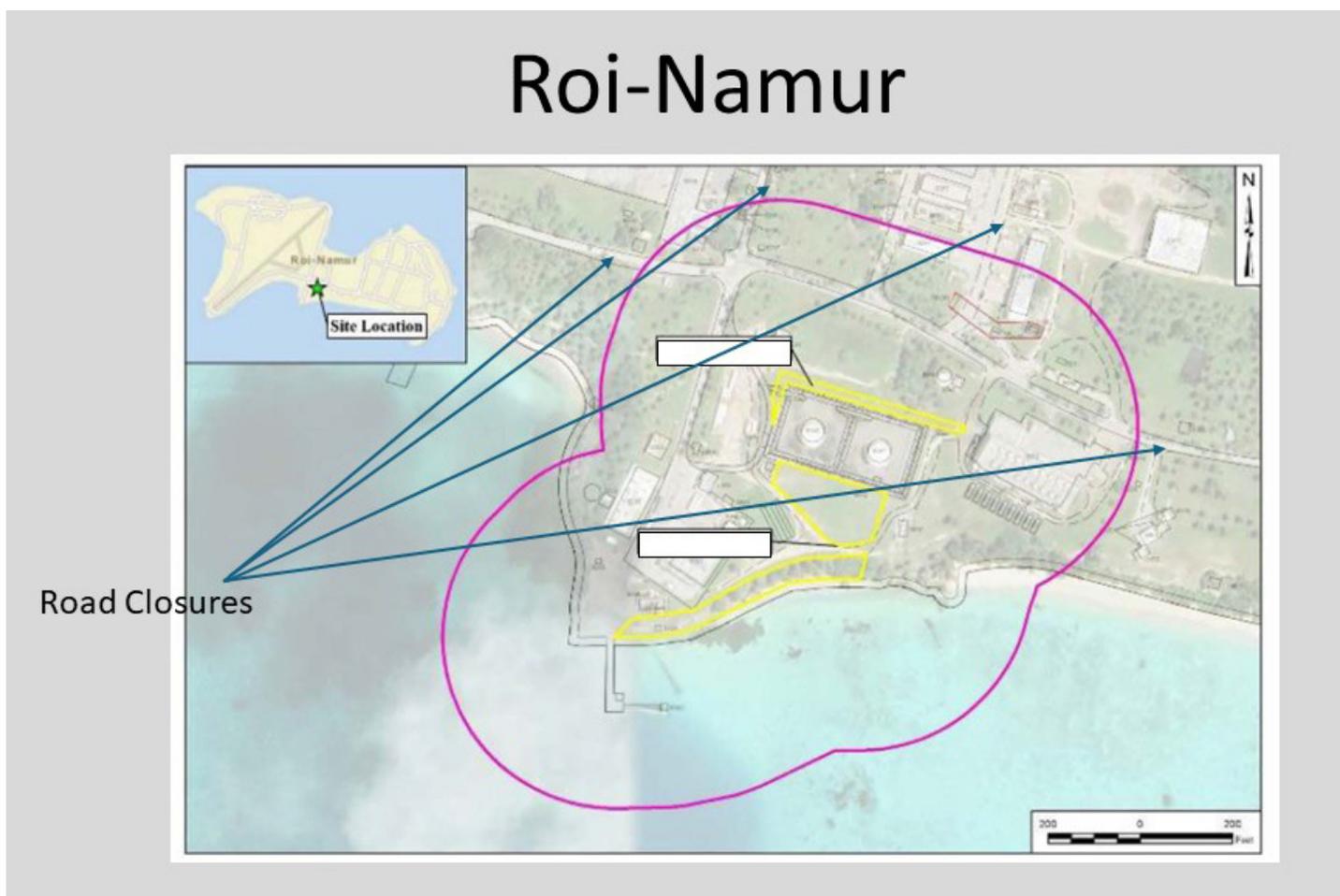


# UXO CLEARING FOR CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT

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





### LEGEND

- Telecom Route
- Telecom Manhole
- Road Close
- ↔ Detour

# 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 Building 806 across the road going to TMH-21 as shown in red. It will still be passable during daytime and **full road close at night** from 1900 to 0400 projected start date March 30, 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.



COLLAGE BY MELISSA DETHLEFSEN

# COMMUNITY

## KWAJALEIN PROFILES | JIM STEPCHEW

### HOURLASS REPORT

The Kwajalein Yacht Club was founded over 70 years ago and has long been a staple of Kwajalein's sailing community. The clubhouse is located next to Camp Hamilton, with burgees from all over the world hanging from the ceiling. Besides supporting local sailing, they also put together some of the largest events on Kwajalein, including the Swashbucklers Ball and the Spring Break Music Festival. This weekend, the festival will celebrate its 25th anniversary.

Ms. Dethlefsen got a chance to sit with Mr. Jim Stepchew, a long-time member of the

Kwajalein Yacht Club, to answer some of our questions.

#### When was your club formed on Kwajalein?

The earliest written record I've seen was dated 1953. It might have been started earlier by the Navy folks.

#### What are some of the club's traditions?

Biggest one is the Swashbucklers Ball  
 Sunset Thursdays  
 Sunfish regattas & races  
 Parade of Lights  
 Past traditions- Commodores Ball, Roi regatta, Beer-can races

#### What kind of activities does your club organize, and how often do they happen?

We sometimes hold a New Year's Day sunfish regatta. The KYC has been the sponsor of the Spring Break Music Festival for the past 25 years, happens every year.

Family Sunfish regattas, 2 or 3 times a year. Swashbucklers Ball, every year. It is one of the bigger events on Kwaj.

#### How many members does the club have?

Usually around 100.

#### When and where does

#### your club meet?

We meet on the last Saturday of the month at the KYC club house.

- 5:30- Happy Hour
- 6:30- Meeting
- 7:00- Potluck Dinner

#### What are the benefits of being a member?

As a member you can visit most yacht clubs around the world. Some of the bigger and fancy clubs won't allow you in. Once you are checked off as a competent captain on the Sunfish you can go sailing anytime on one of our Sunfish. ⚓



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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.

### MARSHALLESE TRANSLATION

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Ak kiir *Environmental* ilo 480-0722.



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Service to the Armed Forces

## 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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We provide all necessary training. Just bring your passion and commitment to helping others!

Contact **Alana Wilson** at [alana.wilson@redcross.org](mailto: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](mailto:Darren.r.Wheeldon.ctr@army.mil)



# Keystone *Variety Show*





PHOTO BY RACHEL RACZYNSKI

ABOVE: Ethan Venghaus, Keystone Club President, delivering the check to the student who is having their tuition paid on Ebeye.

# COMMUNITY

## THE KEYSTONE VARIETY SHOW

### HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagon, CYS Deputy Director

The Annual Variety Show, organized by the Keystone Club, was a charming event featuring fifteen diverse acts, ranging from dance and band performances to solo acts, skits, piano pieces, and even an EDM video. All of this took place before an enthusiastic audience of two hundred community members.

Rachel Raczyński, CYS Youth Education Specialist and Event Organizer shared, "During the dress rehearsal there was so many things that went wrong (projector didn't work, audio started at the

wrong place, performers entered the stage at the wrong place, etc.) but the Keystone Club learned that in order to have anything successful they needed to first embrace the mistakes, and work through them. They certainly did just that. They brought the community together at the Variety Show and it was the best one I have seen yet!"

The Keystone Club is a leadership and service program for young people ages 14-18, offered by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA). It focuses on developing leadership skills, promoting community service,

and encouraging academic success. The program aims to inspire young individuals to become responsible, caring citizens and positive role models in their communities.

Every year the Keystone Club chooses a cause to donate funds to and this year it was to support tuition for a student on Ebeye. The funds raised by the Variety Show were enough to pay for the tuition for this individual student for the next two years. Keystone President, Ethan Venghaus, had the pleasure of delivering the funds to the appreciative student on Ebeye the day after the event. ▾



PHOTO BY MELISSA DETHLEFSEN



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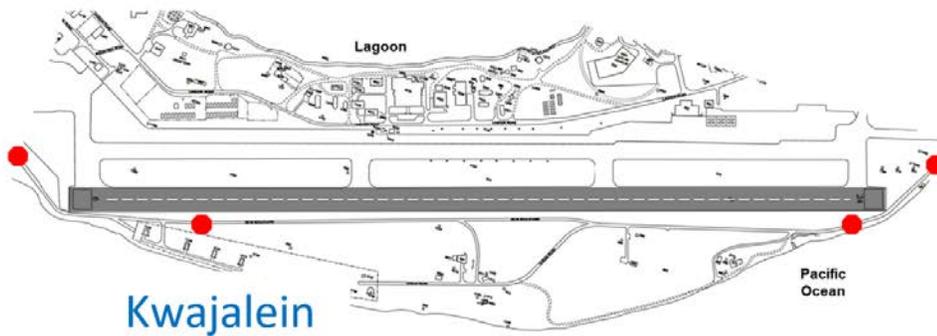


# KWAJALEIN & ROI NAMUR, STOP FOR AIRCRAFT!!

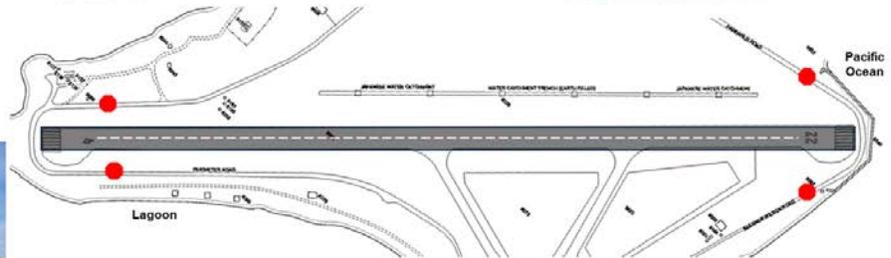


Please remember to stop and look both ways for aircraft on:  
Zeus Blvd., Ocean Rd., Perimeter Rd., Pandanus Rd., Eleanor  
Wilson Rd.

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



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.**



# Spring Craft Fair

Monday, April 28 | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. @ CRC Gymnasium

Want to be a Vendor?

Email:

1. Zoe King – [alekz\\_zoe@yahoo.com](mailto:alekz_zoe@yahoo.com)

2. Kwajalein Art Guild – [kwajaleinartguild@gmail.com](mailto:kwajaleinartguild@gmail.com)

Complete the Home-Based Vendor Application to receive your vendor number (Available through MWR)



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.

# 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](mailto: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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# 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](mailto: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 [LCKWajaleinFlyRoi@versar.com](mailto:LCKWajaleinFlyRoi@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](mailto: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.

[Audrey.Hughes@gov2x.com](mailto:Audrey.Hughes@gov2x.com)  
[Wilson.Kaisha@gov2x.com](mailto:Wilson.Kaisha@gov2x.com)  
...or stop by Bldg. 856, Rm 101

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](mailto:Melani.Gebhardt@acuityinternational.com)

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:



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**Saturday, APRIL 5**  
"Finding Nemo" (2003)  
(G) 100 min.

**Sunday, APRIL 6**  
"Joy Ride" (2023)  
(R) 95 min.

**Saturday, APRIL 12**  
"Puss in Boots" (2011)  
(R) 90 min.

**Sunday, APRIL 13**  
"Face Off" (1997)  
(R) 138 min.

**Saturday, APRIL 19**  
"Ice Age: Collision Course"  
(2016) (PG) 94 min.

**Sunday, APRIL 20**  
"The Blackening" (2022)  
(R) 97 min.

**Saturday, APRIL 26**  
"Ralph Breaks the Internet"  
(2018) (PG) 112 min.

**Sunday, APRIL 27**  
"No Hard Feelings" (2023)  
(R) 103 min.

All showtimes start at 7:30 p.m.



## RICHARDSON THEATER



Due to equipment issues, there will be **NO** movies screened at the Richardson Theater until further notice.

We apologize for the inconvenience.

Family friendly movies will now be featured at the Yuk Theater on Saturdays. And mature audience movies will show on Sundays.





ABOVE: Anne Hisle, Joe Rubon and Carl Pacarro pose in front of their catch taken this past weekend.  
 BELOW: A plentiful catch of mostly yellowfin tuna and one dogtooth tuna.

# COMMUNITY TROLLING FOR FISH AT ROI-NAMUR

## HOURLASS REPORT

[📷 Photos by Randall Hisle]

Fishing in Roi-Namur is a uniquely satisfying experience. The area isn't accessible to the general public both because of the isolation and governmental restrictions. This makes trolling in the under-fished waters feel like it's all yours to enjoy.

'Trolling' is a fishing technique that involves pulling fishing lines behind the boat as it coasts along at a low speed. The point is that it will cause the lure to mimic the movement of natural prey as it giggles in the boat's wake.

The open sea surrounding Roi-Namur is full of the highly prized big fish—that can weigh from 15-150 lbs.—and can include Yellow fin tuna, skip jack, Mahi-Mahi, Dogtooth tuna and various others. With such mighty targets on the menu all year long, it's not a good idea to fish with regular standard fishing rods, which would quickly snap in two should such prized scores like a Marlin take the lure.

Instead, from the heavier trolling application, you'll need to use rods & reels designed to fasten to the deck. Others may prefer the han-

dline, which is a fishing line attached to a nylon rope. For this latter, one must be mindful of how the handline is pulled in, as your instinct is to twist the rope around your hand to get a better grip, but a large fish will have a much BETTER grip and will very well snatch you into the drink!

Fishing in Roi-Namur is highly recommended for our little community. To maximize your experience, please contact the Kwajalein Atoll International Sportfishing Club for tricks & tips. ⚓





*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](mailto:Sherman.hogue.civ@army.mil) but do not pick up, or remove the object.*

## 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. In February 2025, 87% of all reclaimed water samples were  $\geq 0.5$  mg/L chlorine concentration which is less than the required 95% standard. Chlorine is added as a disinfectant at the Point of Entry into the Reclaimed Water System. **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 chlorine minimum. 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. Kar February 2025, 87% in sample ko rar ilon in  $\geq 0.5$  mg/L chlorine concentration eo erik jen jonin ej required 95% standard. **Ejjab jelet ejmour non karon im rejan ikkijeem kojerbal dren in (non wutdrikdrik, kwali waa ko, im jerbal ko eirlokwot) non aikuij ko jet.** Jokjok in eban jelet ejmour ak jukjuk bed in ilo an kalik karelok jen drettan chlorine eo. Kajitok kir V2X Environmental ilo 480-0722.

HEY, POSTMASTER! IS THERE AN EASIER WAY TO CREATE A CUSTOMS FORM FOR MY SHIPMENTS?



IMAGE BY KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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

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#### HOURGLASS REPORT

Postmaster here. Great question! Glad you asked!

Did you know that you can use your mobile device or desktop computer and Customs Forms Online to enter Customs information (no weight or dimensions), print a receipt, and take the online customs form to the Postal Associate.

If you cannot print the online customs form receipt, you can enter data on the online customs form from your smartphone, then present the customs form receipt barcode generated on your

smartphones to the Postal Associate. The Postal Associate will then weigh and measure the item, select the desired service type, collect payment and print the customs form.

In addition, although USPS considers mailings to and from APO, FPO, and DPO Codes domestic mail, please be mindful that APO, FPO, and DPO Codes outside of the main customs territory of the United States (i.e., the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the territory of Puerto Rico) are subject to international mailing standards

governing the transportation of dangerous and prohibited items through the mail.

For more details regarding quantity limitations and packaging requirements for certain mailable goods (i.e., lithium batteries, mailable liquids, etc.), please see:

- International Shipping Prohibitions & Restrictions
- USPS Publication 52, Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail, in combination with the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, International Mail Manual (IMM).

Stay tuned for our next article where we do a deeper dive into restrictions.

As always, thanks so much for the support for our Postal staff!



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

## UXO DISPOSAL OPERATIONS --- SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2025

UXO demo team will be conducting operations at  
UXO Disposal Site Kwajalein 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The area indicated in the map will be off-limits until operation is complete.



## Road Closures

- **Do not cross any barriers. If the barriers remain up after 0500, do not cross.**
- UXO Clearance Operations are ongoing in the area overnight
- Lagoon Road as shown to the right will be closed.
- Please use the dirt road closest to the lagoon.
- Roads in red will be closed each night Monday-Saturday 03 April – 17 April
- Roads will be closed from 1900 - 0500
- Any questions reach out to Mike Flinchbaugh at 480-4255



# WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

## Discussion:

We received 0.98 inches of rain for March, which is 2.58 inches below normal for the month. So far in 2025, we have only received 5.37 inches of precipitation, which is 5.91 inches below normal for the year. However, so far in April, we have received 1.07 inches of rainfall, which is 0.66 inches above normal for the month. The central RMI remains in a moderate drought, but we are now transitioning to a wetter pattern, with an active Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) residing just to our south and bringing periods of wetter weather. The wetter conditions are expected to continue for at least a few more days, and the presence of substantial mid-level moisture means some heavy showers will be possible as well. Some upper-level troughing will provide colder temperatures and divergence aloft, which will augment the thunderstorm risk as well. One thunderstorm day occurred over the past seven days. A thunderstorm day is defined as an

“in situ” lightning strike within five miles of the weather station. The Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO) is currently in its positive phase in early April, which is responsible for the increase of shower coverage for the central RMI. It is expected to switch back to its negative phase over the next week or so, which will likely transition the Atoll back to drier weather. The El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is still in la Niña conditions with the sea surface temperatures (SST) in the central Pacific between the RMI and the Date Line below normal. Cooler temperatures in the Pacific to the east of the RMI tend to work against increased shower activity, and are one of the main reasons for the moderate drought conditions affecting Kwajalein Atoll and the northern RMI for first part of the year, but there now seems to be changes that are starting to appear in the eastern Pacific, which are acting to erode the la Niña conditions across the whole of the tropical Pacific. ENSO-neutral is favored to develop by the end of April, and persist through the

Northern Hemisphere summer.

## Tropical Cyclones:

No significant tropical cyclone activity expected to affect anywhere in Micronesia, the Mariana Islands, Wake Island or Hawai'i. We are coming out of climatological winter for the northwest Pacific, still working against tropical cyclone activity along with increased shear and the cooler sea surface temperatures (SST) between the RMI and the Date Line.

## Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:

None expected. Micronesia is northeast trade wind dominant.

## Swell / Tide Inundation for Kwajalein Atoll and Wake Island:

We are moving toward a half-moon on the 5th, and will experience neap tides over the next several days. Winds look to be in the mid-upper teens over the next few days before decreasing to the low-mid teens throughout most of the next week or so. Winds will be higher on the open

lagoon. Not expecting Small Craft Advisory (SCA) conditions nor High Surf Advisory (HSA) is anticipated for the next seven days. There may be gusty winds from showers into the low 20s, especially today and tomorrow.

**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. ▾





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## WEATHER

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#### WEATHER DISCUSSION

Somewhat drier weather can be expected as we head into the weekend following a wet end to the work-week. A few weak trade wind troughs will keep shower activity slightly elevated over the next few days, but a weekend wash-out is not expected. Winds are expected to maintain speeds in the middle teens before dropping into the low teens by next week. A generally dry and less breezy pattern is looking more and more likely to take hold next week as a strong mid-latitude cyclone helps to reposition the

sub-tropical high pressure system in a less favorable area for creating strong trade winds over the RMI. Our rain chances next week will remain on the lower side as the Inter-tropical Convergence Zone struggles to get organized over the region.

#### SATURDAY

Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers during the morning decreasing to stray during the afternoon and a possible stray thunderstorm. Winds NE-E at 10-15 knots with higher gusts possible near any showers.

#### SUNDAY

Partly sunny with isolated showers and a possible stray thunder-

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

#### MONDAY

Partly sunny with isolated showers and a possible stray thunderstorm. Winds NE-E at 12-17 knots with higher gusts near showers.

#### NEXT WEEK

Drier conditions look to take hold next week, with only occasional shower chances from areas of trade wind convergence. Winds will be on the lighter side, with east-northeasterly winds generally in the low-mid teens likely throughout much of the upcoming work week. ❄️

SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:44 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	1:41 p.m. ---	11:51 a.m. 2.8' -----	3:06 a.m. 1.7' 7:36 p.m. 1.1'
MONDAY	6:44 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	2:35 p.m. 2:38 a.m.	1:55 a.m. 2.3' 1:35 p.m. 3.2'	7:12 a.m. 1.5' 8:19 p.m. 0.7'
TUESDAY	6:43 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	3:25 p.m. 3:24 a.m.	2:28 a.m. 2.8' 2:22 p.m. 3.5'	8:10 a.m. 1.0' 8:47 p.m. 0.4'
WEDNESDAY	6:43 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	4:11 p.m. 4:05 a.m.	2:53 a.m. 3.3' 2:54 p.m. 3.8'	8:45 a.m. 0.6' 9:11 p.m. 0.1'
THURSDAY	6:42 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	4:56 p.m. 4:43 a.m.	3:16 a.m. 3.7' 3:21 p.m. 4.1'	9:14 a.m. 0.3' 9:32 p.m. -0.1'
FRIDAY	6:42 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	5:39 p.m. 5:19 a.m.	3:39 a.m. 4.0' 3:46 p.m. 4.2'	9:41 a.m. -0.0' 9:53 p.m. -0.3'
APRIL 12	6:41 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	6:22 p.m. 5:54 a.m.	4:01 a.m. 4.3' 4:10 p.m. 4.3'	10:07 a.m. -0.2' 10:14 p.m. -0.4'

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

*Until Next Week!*

