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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, Republic 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/CPSSea-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 Epril 25, 2025.

Kom maron loe EA/OEA Draft in ilo online website <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/CPSSea-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/CPSSea-Based> or by mail to:
Environmental Program Manager/SP2521
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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/CPSSea-Based> or at the following public libraries:
Kwajalein Island's Grace Sherwood Library, and Roi-Namur Library.



**EARN YOUR
TEAM KWAJ TAB!**

Front Cover: Patching Ceremony group shot by Sherman Hogue

Back Cover: South Emon by Melissa Dethlefsen

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

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COMMUNITY

USAKA/USAGKA PATCHING CEREMONY

HOURLASS REPORT

During a sunrise ceremony soldiers assigned to U.S. Army Garrison - Kwajalein Atoll took the next step in the lineage of U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll and U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll during a patching ceremony conducted by U.S. Army Pacific Command's Commanding General, General Ronald P. Clark and USARPAC Command Sergeant Major, CSM Jason Schmidt.

Col Morgan set the stage with some context about military insignia, "Unit symbols have probably been around as long as there have been Armies. In ancient times the

Roman Legions carried standards into battle. Militaries have used insignia on uniforms, on their equipment and displayed distinctive colors and shapes on banners, flags, and guidons. This served two primary purposes:

- First a very practical one: to keep track of who was on your left and right flank on the battlefield in the fog of war and knowing which way to advance.

- But second, and nearly as important: representation of identity with a fellow group of Soldiers united for a common purpose. Unit identity,

cohesion, esprit de corps."

Col. Andrew Morgan – Commander USAKA/USAGKA stated "Today we mark a transitional milestone in the revitalization of Kwajalein as we symbolically recognize that the Commanding General, U.S. Army Pacific, General Ronald P. Clark has assumed the role of Senior Commander for U.S. Army Garrison, Kwajalein Atoll, and that the most fitting way we can observe this connection, is to share the shoulder sleeve insignia of our senior commander and his Theater Army."





“General Clark, it has been our honor to host you on your first visit to Kwajalein in this role, and we’re optimistic about Kwaj’s future under your leadership – as we continue our enduring missions of missile testing and space domain awareness, while realizing our full potential as an asset to USARPAC and the INDOPACOM Area of Responsibility.”

Soldiers were presented with the approved shoulder sleeve insignia of the United States Army Pacific.

The USARPAC insignia was originally designed and approved for U.S. Army forces in the Pacific Ocean areas on October 18, 1944.

The circular patch features a Red Arrow and White Stars on a Blue field.

- The red arrow represents the valor and self-sufficiency of the United States Army Pacific Forces.

- The blue field symbolizes the vast expanse of the command area in the Pacific.

- The white stars represent the North Star, Big Dipper, and the Southern Cross, which locate the command headquarters.

- There are a total of 12 stars, recalling the date of the United States entry into World War II, December 7, 1941, or (12-7-41). 12 stars represent the month of December, 7 stars for the day of the month, and the 4 & 1 stars represent the year.

“Today is a special day as we formally welcome US Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll to the USARPAC team in this patching ceremony. The insignia you are about to put on represents the Axis of advance across the Central Pacific then underway in 1944, Kwajalein sat astride that access of advance when we fought to take control of Kwaj in 1944 as part of Operation Flintlock – and we PREVAILED and today Kwajalein is KEY Terrain with strategic effect in Great Power competition”. – GEN Clark USARPAC Commanding General

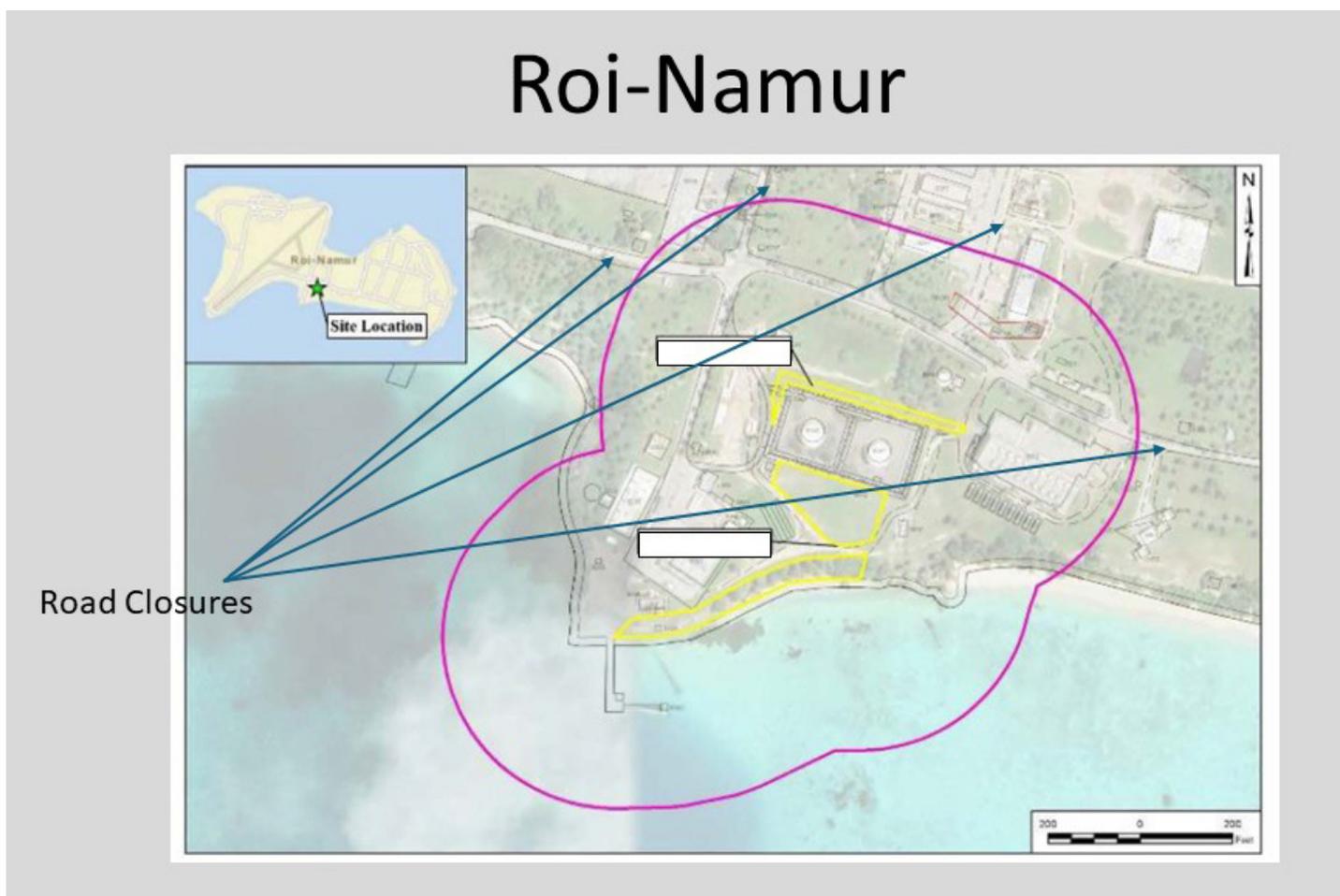


UXO CLEARING FOR CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT

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.



WATER STATIONS!



SAFETY MARSHALS!



AND MORE!!!!

RUSTMAN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

IT TAKES A VILLAGE.... OR AN ISLAND!
VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THE RUSTMAN TRIATHLON!!

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025

EMAIL BOB AND JANE @ JANESHOLAR@GMAIL.COM

Kwajalein Reclaimed Water Standard Violation

The US Army Kwajalein Atoll (USAKA) Environmental Standards (UES) requires public notification when the Kwajalein and Roi-Namur Water Treatment Plants (WTPs) turbidity monitoring and testing procedures are not met. Turbidity from each filtration unit at the WTPs are monitored by inline continuous monitoring equipment capable of recording data at least every 15 minutes. The Kwajalein and Roi-Namur inline continuous monitoring systems have been inoperative for several months. Water operators are collecting manual grab samples for turbidity analysis every 4 hours. Repair or replacement projects for the continuous monitors are being evaluated. Turbidity is the cloudiness or haziness of a liquid caused by particles that are generally invisible to the naked eye and by itself does not cause microbiological contamination. Drinking water from several distribution sites are analyzed weekly by the Kwajalein Hospital Laboratory for microbiological contaminants. There is no threat to public health or the environment resulting from the inoperative inline monitoring equipment. No health-based restrictions are necessary for the normal use of drinking water. If you have questions, please contact the V2X Environmental Department at 480-0722.

Jorraan Eo Ilo Reclaimed Water System Eo Ion Kwajalein

Mottan kakien ko an US Army Kwajalein Atoll (USAKA) Environmental Standards (UES) ej aurok bwe ren karon jukjuk in bed eo ioon Kwajalein im Roi-Namur kon wawein liklik dren ko im etali elane lum in dren eo ejjab jejjot nan wawein etale ko im katak kaki. Lum in dren ko ilo kajojo kein liklik ko an WTPs rej jonok wot im walok aer alikar ilo kein jermal ko im naaj koman einwot in mae ien data ko renaj alikar aolep 15 minit. Kein jermal kein an dren ioon Kwajalein im Roi-Namur rekar jab jermal iumwin jejo allon ko. Rijekal in dren ro rekar wonmanlok wot im ebok dren nan kamelmel im lale elane elap ejake eo an lum ilo dren ko. Kilen kakomanman lak im tiljek lok jirik kon dren ko ekar bok jikin nan lale im kajeon kajako lum ko ilo dren iumwn kajojo 4 awa. Ejjelok joraan elap im kauwotata enaj jelet ejmour eo ilo juon kabujuknen eo elane ej koman katak kein jen kein jermal ko an lale dren eo. Ejjab jelet ejmour non karon im rejan ikkijeon kojerbal dren in non aikuij ko jet. Elane ewor am Kajitok kir V2X Environmental ilo 480-0722.



**American
Red Cross**

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!

Online & Virtual Training Provided

No experience needed!

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

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



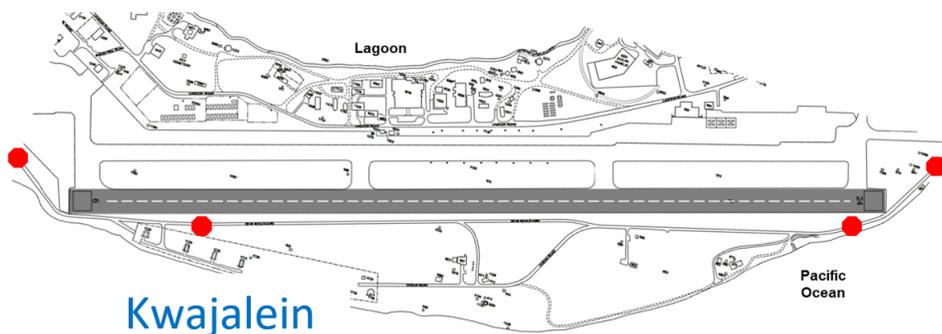


KWAJALEIN & ROI NAMUR, STOP FOR AIRCRAFT!!

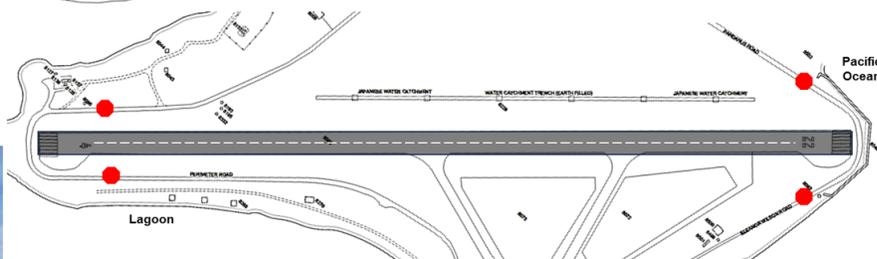


Please remember to stop and look both ways for aircraft on:
Zeus Blvd., Ocean Rd., Perimeter Rd., Pandanus Rd., Eleanor
Wilson Rd.

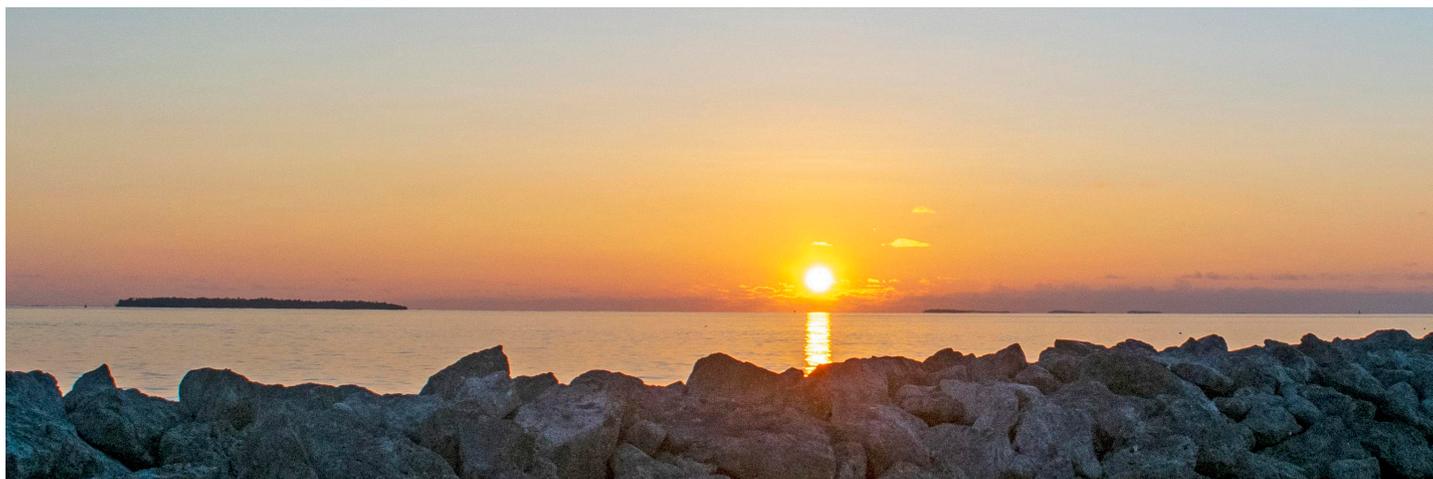
If aircraft are on approach or taking off, you must hold your
position and wait!



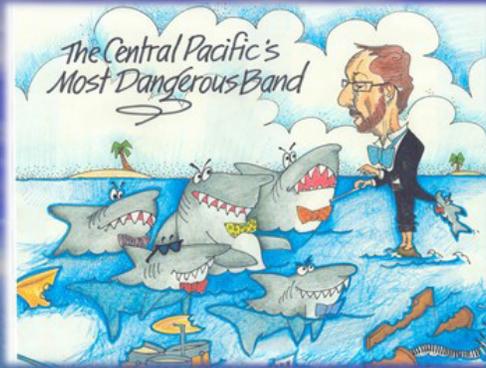
Roi Namur



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.



\$50/ea



37th Annual

Kwajalein H.S. Stage Band Ballroom Dinner Dance

MP Room - Sunday, **May 4 @ 6:30 p.m.**

To purchase tickets, please visit the HS office starting
April 16 Between 8 - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

As a school fundraiser, alcohol will not be served or permitted.

Limit 2 tickets/person OR reserve one full table for 10 for \$550.



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.

Now Showing at the Yuk Theater

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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.





COLLAGE BY MELISSA DETHLEFSEN

COMMUNITY KWAJALEIN RUNNING CLUB | BOB & JANE SHOLAR

HOURLASS REPORT

Bob and Jane Sholar have been organizing The Kwajalein Running Club's events for years. It is truly a labor of love for them. The club offers year-round events for all ages. Bob has been actively organizing events since around 1994. He has participated in events since the 1980's when he did his first Rustman. He currently holds the men's Rustman record set in 1993.

When was the club formed on Kwajalein?

The original Kwajalein Running Club was formed circa 1970 as The Kwajalein Jogging Club. It had a peculiar emphasis on logging many miles recorded by the club. That style waned. In

the late 1970s, a new flavored running club emerged. The new club focused on novelty runs, but preserving distance challenges such as a local annual marathon and the annual Rustman Triathlon (1980). Enthusiastic members, teachers, radar engineers, and whatnot built a busy schedule with either a fun run or a themed event every other weekend. That annual schedule persisted until approximately 2018, when the event schedule was cut in half. However, the themed events persist:

- Rustman Triathlon
- Rusty Family- Kids Triathlon
- Turkey Trot Prediction Run
- Sweetheart 4 x 1 Mile Relay
- Downwind Dash

KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

U.S. Army, Kwajalein Atoll,
Republic of the Marshall Islands

Tuesday
May 4, 1993

Broken records highlight Rustman



Bob Sholar checks out his time as he approaches the finish line in the Rustman Triathlon. (U. S. Army photo by Glenn Hibberts)

Sixty-three local athletes competed and broke many records Sunday in the 1993 Rustman Triathlon. Bob Sholar broke the longtime triathlon record set in 1983 by almost 5 walloping minutes to win the Rustman Triathlon with a time of 2:06:21. Sholar also broke the record for the running portion of the race with a time of 40:41. High school students Mike Ratigan and Andrea Lindborg broke the swimming records with times of 12:32 and 13:10 respectively. Paul Belarde won the cyclist portion of the event with a record-breaking time of 1:06:11 for 26 blistering miles. And Killer Bees with Byron White, Paul Belarde and Thom Brewer set the team record with 2:06:05.

Taking 10 minutes off her previous best time, Laura Clark won the

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Paupers Marathon
Columbus Day Run

How many members does the club have?

Membership is informal by participation. There are about 200 participants over the various events. Kwajalein Running Club is a partner of USAG-KA FMWR for events. Leadership is informal by volunteerism. Interested parties can be added to the KwajaleinRunningClub@gmail distribution list to receive notification of events and event results. Kwajalein Running Club also advertises upcoming events on local social media Facebook pages, Hourglass, and Roller.

There are informal member gatherings after work during the week. To join in contact Bob Sholar.

What events does your club organize, and when do they happen?

Columbus Day Run- Tuesday, the Columbus Day Holiday in October

6.5 or 13 mile walk/run around the island circumference at 6AM.

Turkey Trot Prediction Run - November

Participants predict how long it will take for them to cover the course. Closest predictions win Turkeys! Other predictions with fun and silly prizes. Fun for all ages and abilities.

Paupers' Marathon and Relay- Happens in early December and coincides with the Honolulu Marathon. Originally started for those that could not afford to fly to Hono for the "real" marathon. Can be done individually or on a team. Route consists of 10 loops. Start time typically 3AM to beat the heat.

Sweetheart 4 x 1 mile- February

Another favorite! Four person teams. Each person runs one mile. Teams pre-register and receive handicaps based on age and sex.

Downwind Dash- March

Run your fastest mile with the win at your back. Lucas Robins ran a 4:50 mile this year!

Rustman Triathlon- April.
1K swim, 42k Bike, and 10K Run

Rusty Family Triathlon- May

A shortened version of the Rustman Triathlon targeted to kids. This is NOT meant to be a sprint triathlon. Some non-competitive adults have participated with Bob's approval.

500 yard swim, 10 mile bike, 2 mile run.

Do you need to be a member to participate in these events?

Membership is not required to participate in events.

Your largest event is the upcoming Rustman. Can you explain how the Rustman came to be?

Rustman was inspired by the Ironman Triathlon in Hawaii. It was shortened (A LOT) to attract participants. The First Rustman was held in 1980 and has been held annually since then.

The Rustman is roughly an Olympic distance triathlon:

1K swim, 42k Bike, and 10K Run. That translates to: 1000 yard swim, 26 mile bike, and 6.2 mile run. Originally, only individuals participated in the Rustman. A team component was added in 1990.

Participation categories include Male and Female competitors in :

Youth- 12 years old and under

Teen- 13 - 19 years

Open- 20- 39 years

Masters- 40- 49 years

Seniors - 50- 61

SSE- Social Security Eligible -62 plus

Who holds the current record for the Rustman, and when was it set?

Bob Sholar holds the men's record for the Rustman, finishing in 2:06:21 in 1993. Bob set the record on his sixth Rustman.

Sharon Greenbaum holds the women's record for the Rustman set in 2001 with a time of 2:13:43. Sharon competed in seven Rustman Triathlons and set the record while doing her third Rustman. X

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

2. Kwajalein Art Guild – kwajaleinartguild@gmail.com

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

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>.

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 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



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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

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





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 WWII era U.S.
Army Engineers
4-blade Camillus
Pocket knife w/
bone handle and
steel liners!**

**Do you get it
right?**





PHOTO BY CHRISTY WAGNON

COMMUNITY

UNDERWATER EASTER EGG HUNT

HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagon, CYS
Deputy Director

Every Easter, while most people are combing through grass for brightly colored eggs, the members of the Kwajalein Scuba Club take their hunt to a whole new level—beneath the waves. Donning BCDs and bunny ears, divers gathered with tanks full and fins ready to descend into lagoon for the club's second annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt. Hidden among coral reefs and tucked into sandy crevices are dozens of vibrant, waterproof eggs. It's a fun new tradition that blends

the thrill of treasure hunting with the wonder of exploring an underwater world—and for these ocean lovers, there's no better way to celebrate the season.

On the morning of the event, KSC members hid one hundred and twenty blue, yellow, and purple eggs off of Emon Beach. Later, divers gathered along the shore, some wearing festive bunny ears included in their event bags to celebrate the occasion. Following a safety briefing and buddy checks, the teams made their way into the water to begin the underwater egg hunt. Thir-

ty-eight divers took part in the underwater adventure, and one lucky team emerged with an impressive haul of 21 eggs, while a few others surfaced empty-handed. But in the spirit of scuba club camaraderie, the more successful teams generously shared "sympathy eggs" with those who came up short, ensuring everyone ended the day with a smile.

I chatted with Kendra Robinson, KSC president about the event and she told me, "This event is great because it's a fun, unique, and exciting way to celebrate Easter. As we considered different events

for the year, I knew, based on feedback this one had to be at the top of the list. Not only did we have a great turnout, but it's something a diving family can enjoy together."

No eggs are hidden deeper than 40 foot and that allows our junior divers to actively participate. After about an hour underwater the divers' eggs turned into raffle tickets where a number was drawn and a prize was given. Very generous donations from The Bike Shop Kwajalein, Bali Shop, Kwajalein Scuba Club, and Kwajalein Dive Center included gift certificates, stickers, hats, masks,

sunglasses, head bands, and regulator holders.

Ian Rumfelt, one of our junior divers, had a blast during the dive. “I had a lot of fun – I got to hang out with my friends a lot. The best part was being underwater after my ears had gotten used to being underwater,” he shared. Although Rumflet didn’t manage to find any eggs, he gave a big shoutout to the egg hiders for doing such an

excellent job at hiding the eggs. He did end up with some “sympathy eggs,” which scored him a “cool scuba headband.” Rumfelt made a point to thank the Morrissey family for allowing him to join them as a dive buddy.

Robinson would like to extend her gratitude to the amazing team that helped her hide the eggs: Randy Hisle, Kristine Cartee, and Christy Wagnon. She also

thanks Amanda and Donald McQuarrie for assisting with a post-event sweep to collect any eggs that went unfound. A big thank you goes to David Spears for coordinating tank delivery to and from the event, along with his crew—Justin Welles and Rajesh Ramsingh Swaroopa Bai—who also helped set the event boundaries. Lastly, heartfelt thanks to our safety divers—Evan Gill, Cliff Prior, Keri

Jones, and David Spears—for keeping everyone safe and being ready in case of an emergency.

The next event for the KSC will be the Tattoos and Tutus event celebrating Mother’s Day and Father’s Day in May. Stay tuned to the KSC Facebook page for announcements. ▼

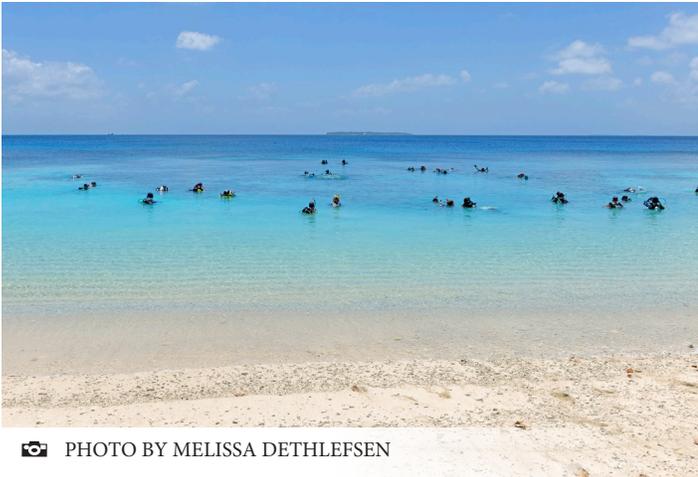


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Kwajalein Island Trash & Recycling

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.



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Sunday 20 April 2025

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DEVEILED EGGS

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KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS PHOTO

ABOVE: Ms. Brandi Mueller gives a presentation of diving historic wrecks in international waters for the Kwajalein Scuba Club.

COMMUNITY

VISITING UNDERWATER MUSEUMS | BRANDI MUELLER

HOURGLASS REPORT

At the Community Recreation Center this past Wednesday, April 16, 2025, the Kwajalein Scuba Club members enjoyed a special treat. Brandi Mueller thrilled the attentive audience with a ten location global dive site presentation featuring her own stunning photographs of World War equipment and vehicle remains laying at the bottom of the great deep.

Showcasing excerpts from her latest book, *Underwater Museums*, Brandi walked the audience through each site, sharing unique dive site information, fascinating historical trivia, and funny and sometimes harrowing personal anecdotes the author,

photographer adventurer experienced in her amazing travels. A couple of times during the presentation, almost casually, Brandi explained that she helped pioneer many new wreck dive sites, to later share the coordinates with others to allow the greater scuba community to come enjoy them, too. This gave the unmistakable impression of a truly high-level expert diver.

This fits in Brandi's amazing story as has dived since she was 15-years-old, beginning her international diving experience as a foreign exchange student in New Zealand, securing her destiny as she would move on to teach children how to dive as

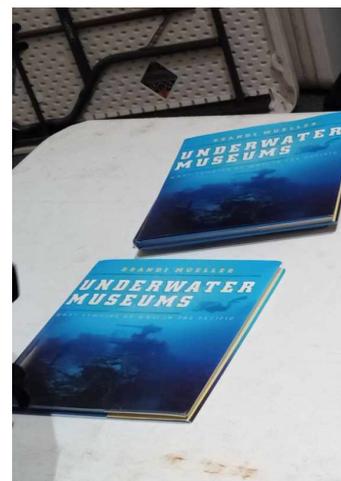
a member of ActionQuestion in the British Virgin Islands.

Despite her knowledge and comfort as a formal Divemaster, even Brandi isn't immune from the awe a mortal can feel in the inherent dangerous and truly alien environment. She showed a photo of a corroded and bent ladder, the only thing holding up a massive war vehicle invisible outside the top of the photo's edge, and she quipped, "My mom would definitely not like this dive. What am I doing with my life?" to an appreciative and understanding titter from the audience.

The presentation was fun and educational, and all are encouraged to check out

Brandi's official websites for more information about her unique perspective in brilliantly sharing the beauty of our world. ⚓

www.brandiunderwater.com



WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

Discussion:

Through yesterday, we have received 2.08 inches of precipitation in the month of April, which is 1.23 inches below normal for the month. So far in 2025, we have only received 6.38 inches of precipitation, which is 7.80 inches below normal for the year. As of April 15th, the NWS has now designated Kwajalein Atoll as experiencing Severe Drought (D2) on a scale of D1-D4. There will be little chance of any significant rainfall for the next seven day until Wednesday with a bump expected due to some broad troughing in the winds. No thunderstorm days 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 negative phase, which is further expounding the dry conditions, but is expected to become mildly positive by late month for a bit of hope in the shower department. The

El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is still in la Nina 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 drought conditions affecting Kwajalein Atoll and the northern RMI so far this year. The La Nina conditions have had an unusually greater effect in the central Pacific than their normal greater impact on the tropical eastern Pacific, where La Nina is now waning. This waning will most likely lead to ENSO-neutral conditions this summer, which will help alleviate our current drought conditions.

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, and still not in a favorable envi-

ronment for tropical cyclone activity along with 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 waning half-moon on the 21st, and will be entering a neap-tide situation with all high-tides below four feet until the afternoon of the 24th. Winds will maintain at about 14 knots today and tomorrow, and then settle down to about 12 knots Friday evening and Saturday with a bump back to the mid-teens on Sunday. Look for the winds to return to the lower teens on Monday and for the start of the work week. Winds will be higher on the open lagoon and ocean. 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. ▾



Kwajalein Pet Parents



Bring your Kwaj pets to the vet clinic and meet our veterinarian that will be on island from April 23rd to the 28th.

For appointments, please call 480-2017





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WEATHER DISCUSSION

Generally limited shower activity is expected through the weekend into early next week, as high pressure continues to dominate the weather pattern over the RMI. Subtropical ridging to the north will continue to promote dry, sinking motion throughout the atmospheric column, suppressing shower activity. A low-pressure system in the mid-latitudes will gradually weaken the ridging, resulting in lighter wind speeds in the lower teens over the next several days. Any showers that do

occur this weekend will be light and brief. Thunderstorms appear unlikely due to a lack of instability or areas of stronger low-level convergence needed to generate deep convection. The Inter-tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) remains unorganized and with little impact to our local weather. The dry pattern is expected to continue for the majority of the upcoming work week.

SATURDAY

Partly cloudy with stray showers. Winds NNE-E at 9-14 knots with higher gusts near showers.

SUNDAY

Partly cloudy with stray showers. Winds NE-E at 9-14 knots with higher gusts near showers.

MONDAY

Partly cloudy with stray showers. Winds NE-E at 9-14 knots with higher gusts near showers.

NEXT WEEK

A dry pattern appears likely to be in place throughout much of next week. The only shower chances will be generated by occasional areas of trade wind convergence. Winds will remain in the low to mid teens as the week progresses. ▼

SUN-MOON-TIDES

	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:37 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	12:08 a.m. 11:56 a.m.	7:50 a.m. 3.3' 8:26 p.m. 2.1'	1:03 a.m. 1.0' 2:47 p.m. 1.2'
MONDAY	6:37 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	1:00 a.m. 12:51 p.m.	9:23 a.m. 3.0' 11:40 p.m. 2.1'	2:01 a.m. 1.4' 5:12 p.m. 1.3'
TUESDAY	6:37 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	1:50 a.m. 1:46 p.m.	11:43 a.m. 3.1' -----	4:44 a.m. 1.6' 6:56 p.m. 1.0'
WEDNESDAY	6:36 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	2:37 a.m. 2:40 p.m.	1:12 a.m. 2.6' 1:05 p.m. 3.5'	6:45 a.m. 1.2' 7:43 p.m. 0.5'
THURSDAY	6:36 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	3:23 a.m. 3:34 p.m.	1:55 a.m. 3.3' 1:57 p.m. 4.0'	7:46 a.m. 0.7' 8:21 p.m. 0.1'
FRIDAY	6:35 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	4:07 a.m. 4:27 p.m.	2:32 a.m. 3.9' 2:40 p.m. 4.3'	8:32 a.m. 0.1' 8:55 p.m. -0.3'
APRIL 26	6:35 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	4:52 a.m. 5:23 p.m.	3:07 a.m. 4.5' 3:20 p.m. 4.5'	9:15 a.m. -0.3' 9:29 p.m. -0.6'

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!

