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USAG-KA HOSTS CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY: HONORING LEADERSHIP AND WELCOMING A NEW CHAPTER

HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Waggon; CYS
Deputy Director

On June 4, 2025, the U.S. Army Garrison – Kwajalein Atoll (USAG-KA) community gathered in a time-honored military tradition to witness the official Change of Command and Responsibility Ceremony, marking the transition of leadership from Colonel Andrew R. Morgan and Command Sergeant Major Ernest E. Miller to Colonel Matthew J. Cannon and Command Sergeant Major Stanley L. Jackson.

Held at the Richardson Theatre, the ceremony symbolized both continuity and

progress within the USAG-KA mission—honoring the outgoing command team’s service and formally entrusting the installation’s responsibilities to their successors. The ceremony began with the playing of the National Anthems of both the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) and the United States of America, followed by an invocation by Chaplain Mike Klein where he prayed for the “wisdom of Solomon and courage of David” over the new command team.

During the opening of the ceremony, the Girl Scouts presented bouquets tied with red ribbons to command spouses Stacey Morgan and Catrina Miller. The red ribbon symbolizes the bond of loyal-

ty between the host nation and the command spouses, honor and respect for their support and service, and the sorrow felt at their departure. The Boy Scouts followed with a bouquet tied with a yellow ribbon, which they presented to Kate Cannon as a symbol of friendship and a warm welcome to the Marshall Islands.

As the colors—a visual representation of command authority—were passed, USAG-KA bid farewell with deep gratitude for their vision, integrity, and stewardship and welcomed the new command team of Col. Cannon and CSM Jackson.

The Minister of Cultural and International Affairs, Jess Gasper Jr., emphasized the strong partnership be-

tween the RMI and USAG-KA, highlighting positive community relations and a shared commitment to peace and stability in the Pacific. He expressed appreciation for Col. Morgan’s leadership and welcomed Col. Cannon’s continued efforts to foster collaboration and regional well-being. He ended by saying “thank you to the service members whose hard work and dedication is the foundation of peace and stability in this region.”

Ambassador Laura Stone recognized Col. Morgan and CSM Miller for their exemplary leadership and efforts in strengthening ties with the RMI. She welcomed Col. Cannon and CSM Jackson to their new roles, describing

the post as both unique and strategically important, and affirmed that this transition marks a continuation not an end, of the strong partnership between the United States and RMI.

“mission first, people always.” During their tenure, COL Morgan and CSM Miller have been instrumental in strengthening strategic partnerships, supporting quality-of-life improvements,

States and the RMI. Highlighting Kwajalein’s critical role in the security of both nations, he reflected on the lasting impact of the compassion and connection he experienced during his time here. He closed by expressing gratitude to his four children and his wife of 25 years, Stacey, who he thanked for consistently supporting him from Russia to outer space, to Kwajalein, and now on to New Mexico.

CSM Miller shared that his time at Kwajalein has been a life-changing experience, shaped by the cultural exchange, mutual trust, and deep respect shared with the Marshallese community. He emphasized that mission partners are the backbone of success and that it’s not rank, but relationships and trust, that truly matter. Offering words of advice to incoming CSM Jackson, he acknowledged that “there are no easy days, but do it anyway,” adding that the most rewarding moments come from achieving what once seemed impossible. He concluded by thanking his family and became emotional as he expressed heartfelt gratitude to his wife, Catrina Miller.

CSM Jackson thanked the outgoing command team and his family, sharing his enthusiasm for joining Col. Cannon in leading Team Kwaj and advancing its strategic mission. Col. Cannon expressed

gratitude to Col. Morgan for a smooth transition and acknowledged the support of his family, friends, and wife, Kate. He reflected on first learning about Kwajalein in 2009 during his FA40 assignment at NORAD and shared that serving here has been a long-standing goal. Now, sixteen years later, he is honored and grateful to step into the role, saying there is no other job he would rather have.

Col. Cannon and CSM Jackson now take the helm of USAG-KA with a wealth of leadership experience and dedication to service. As they assume responsibility, the community looks forward to their continued commitment to operational excellence, partnership with host nation allies, and the well-being of service members, contractors, and families who call Kwajalein home.

The Change of Command Ceremony not only underscores the professionalism of the U.S. Army but also highlights the enduring relationships between military personnel, civilian staff, and the Marshallese community. It is both a farewell and a welcome filled with reflection, gratitude, and hope.

As USAG-KA moves forward under new leadership, the garrison remains steadfast in its mission and united in its purpose: to support, defend, and strengthen U.S. interests in the Pacific. ❏



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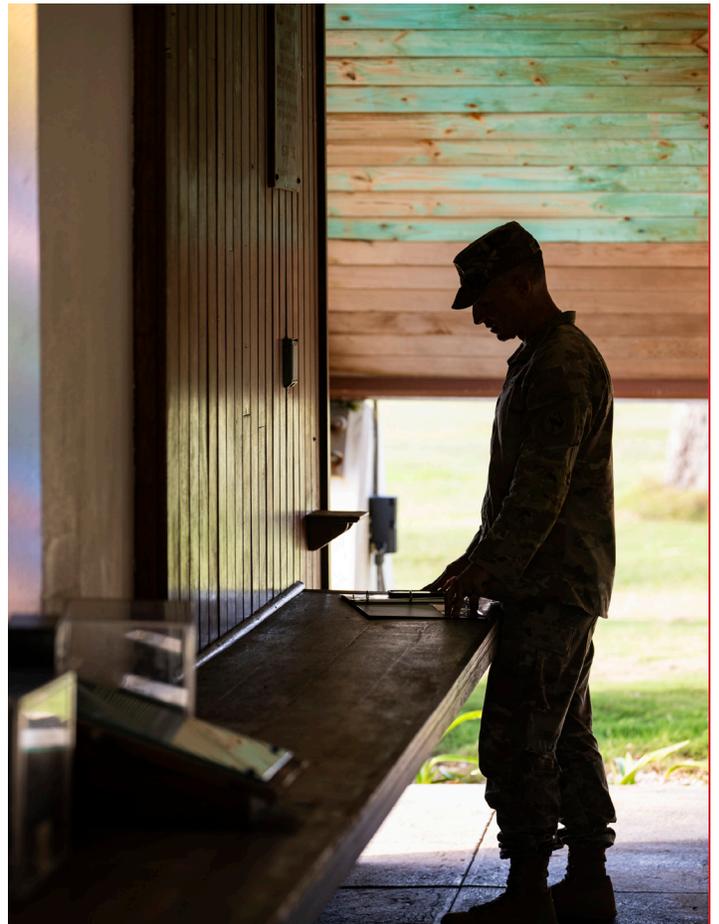
Deputy Director Kenneth M. Estabrook delivered remarks on behalf of Brenda Lee McCullough, Director of IMCOM Pacific. Her words highlighted the unique challenges of this command—situated on an island of less than three square miles but responsible for more than 1,200—making it the Army’s most demanding O6 post. With its remote location, the installation faces constant logistical complexities, from rogue waves and power plant issues to unpredictable supply deliveries. Estabrook recognized Col. Morgan’s leadership in formalizing Team Kwaj and noted that both Col. Morgan and CSM Miller embodied the principle of

enhancing installation readiness, and maintaining USAG-KA’s vital role in national security and missile defense operations. Their collaborative leadership style, commitment to community engagement, and focus on mission excellence have left a lasting impact.

Col. Morgan shared a meaningful memory from early in his command, when he and CSM Miller took part in a training exercise on an outer island, followed by a promotion ceremony on Ebeye for a soldier who had joined the U.S. Army many years prior. He described the moment as a powerful symbol of the enduring partnership between the United



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Kwajalein Recreational Boat Captain Class



Monday and Tuesday 16-17 June 5:00pm-7:00pm
Sign up at the Small Boat Marina by Saturday 14
June to reserve your spot in the class. Course
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Participants must attend both days to receive credit for the course.

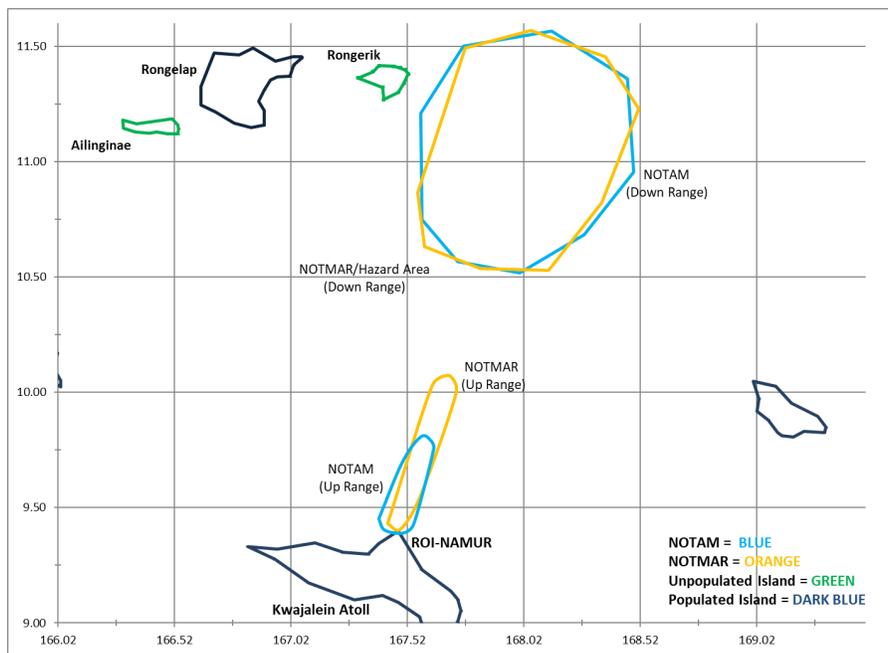


NASA Sporadic E Electro Dynamics (SEED)

Around the 13 June – 4 July timeframe NASA will be conducting a launch of NASA Sporadic E Electro Dynamics (SEED) and will consist of two individually launched sounding rockets with several days in between. Planned impact is north of Kwajalein Atoll in the Broad Ocean Area (BOA).

The Mid-Atoll Corridor WILL be open during this timeframe.

If traveling in the area during this time frame, avoid the indicated areas during the testing window.



In the event of a missile failure there is an unlikely probability that debris may fall on populated and unpopulated land masses in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. As an immediate precautionary measure, local population should stay 150 feet away from any mission debris and report the location of the debris to the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll.



EARN YOUR TEAM KWAJ TAB!

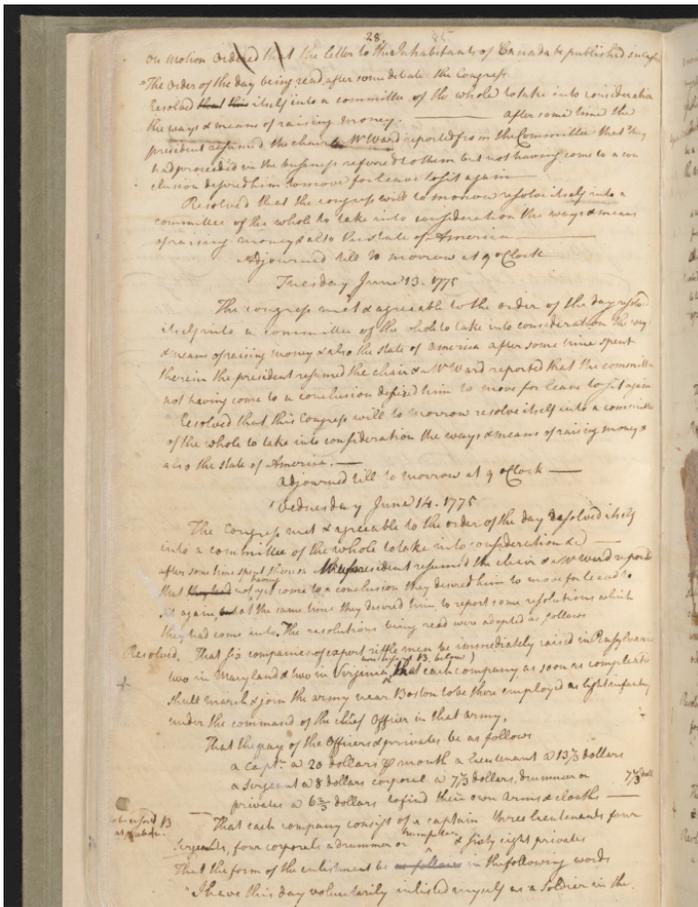
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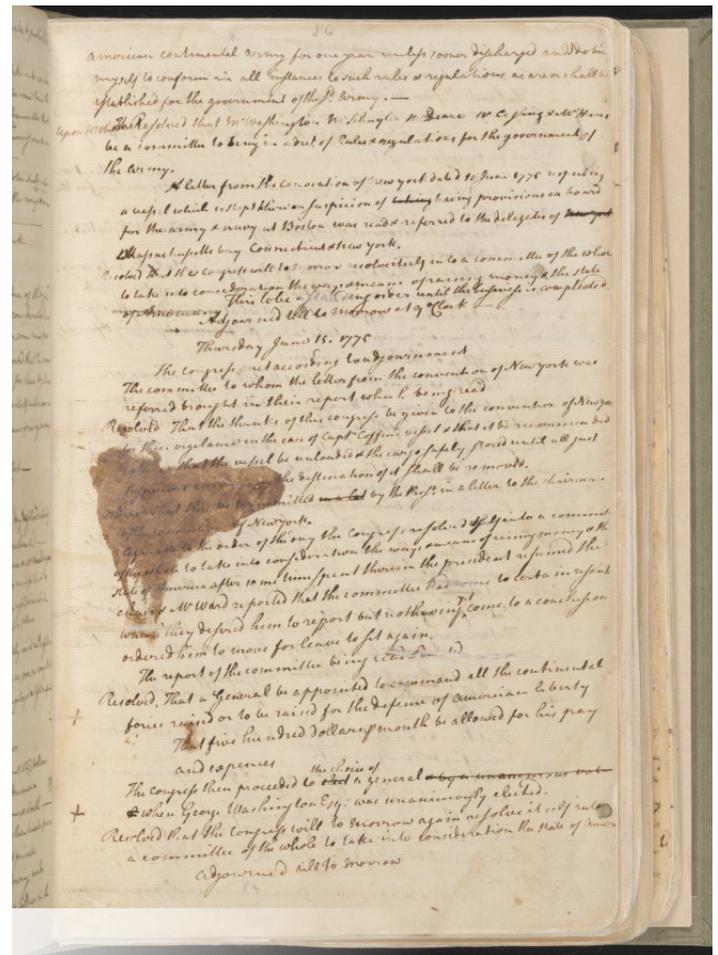
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THE CREATION OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY

HOURLASS REPORT

By Sharon Watkins Long; USASMDC Command Historian

On 4 July 2026, the nation will celebrate its semi quincentennial or 250th birthday. The U.S. Army however is actually one year older. Following the April 1775 battles of Lexington and Concord, John Adams and other members of the Second Continental Congress called for the “nationalization” of the various New England militia units gathered around Boston. On 14 June 1775, the Second Continental Congress issued its resolution establishing a Continental Army. The foundation of this Army was the 20,000-militiamen besieging

Boston and an additional 5,000 located in New York. At the same time, the Congress directed that ten additional companies of expert riflemen be raised in Pennsylvania (6 companies), Maryland, and Virginia (2 each). As each company was created, they were to march to Boston to support those units. By early/mid-July, 13 companies, including 9 from Pennsylvania, were heading to Boston.

The Continental Congress provided specific guidance for the composition of these companies. Each company would be composed of a captain, 3 lieutenants, 4 sergeants, 4 corporals, a drummer (or horn player) and 68 privates. The resolution also noted that the personnel

were to be paid as follows: a captain @ 20 dollars per month; a lieutenant @ 13 ½ dollars; a serjeant [sic] @ 8 dollars; a corporal @ 7 ½ dollars; drummer or [trumpeter] @ 7 1/3 dollars; privates at 6 2/3 dollars. At this point they were directed to find their own arms and clothes.

As defined by the oath of service, each person volunteered to serve for one year, unless discharged at an earlier date, adhering to the rules and regulations established for said Army. To address this important factor, Congress also established a committee, composed of George Washington, Philip Schuyler, Silas Deane, Thomas Cushing and Joseph Hawes, to draft the rules and regulations for the

government of the Army.

One day later, on 15 June 1775, the Continental Congress, “the delegates of all the colonies, from Nova-Scotia to Georgia,” unanimously elected George Washington to serve as the Commander in Chief of the new Continental Army. ❖

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

[The Continental Army | The Center of Military History](#)

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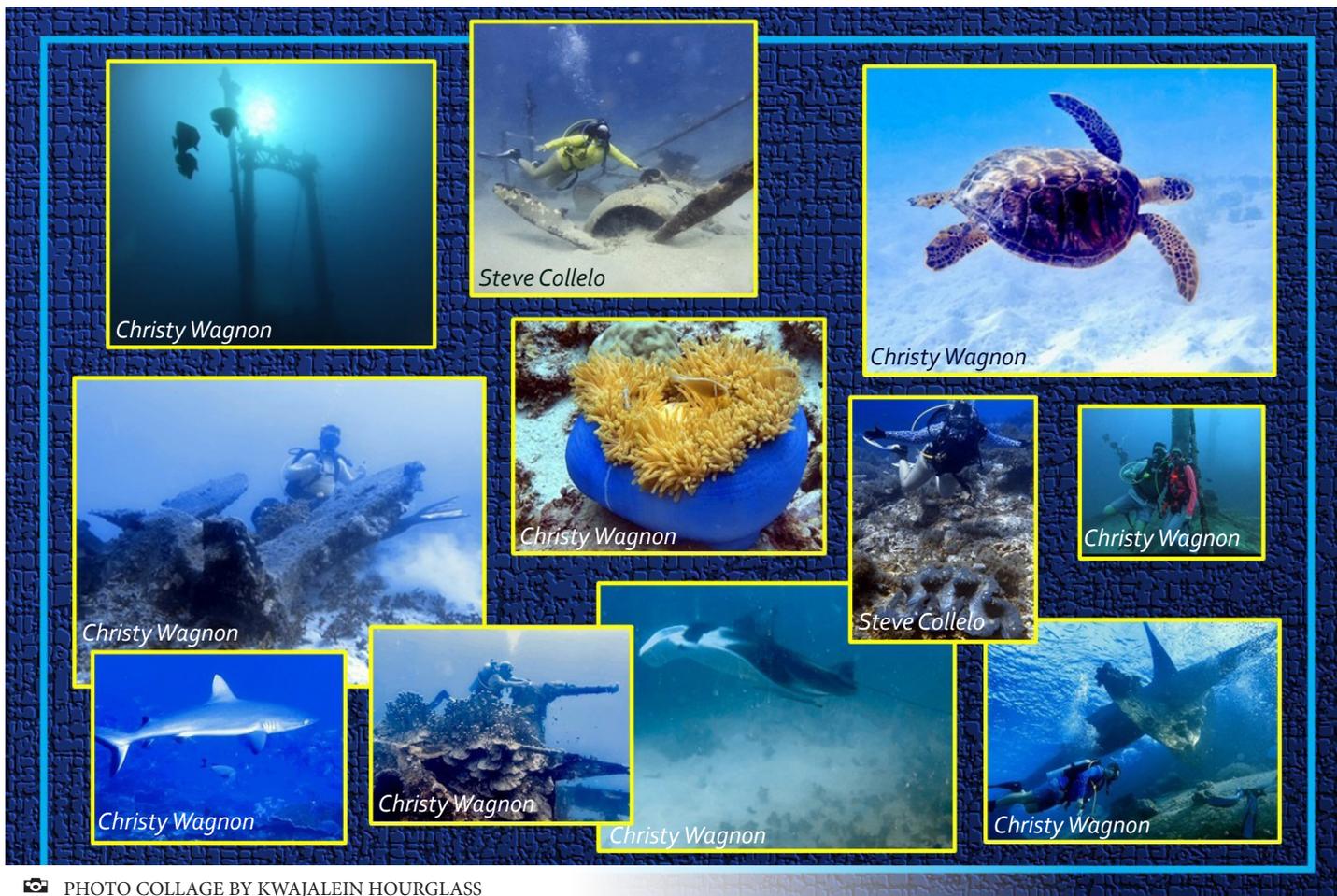


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SCUBA CLUB OFFERS UNMATCHED DIVING ACCESS AT KWAJALEIN ATOLL

HOURGLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagnon, CYS Deputy Director

Founded in 1958, the Kwajalein Scuba Club (KSC) is not only one of the oldest organizations on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll, but also the largest, with 196 active members and seasonal totals in 2025 reaching around 210, including TDY personnel.

Membership in KSC is more than a hobby—it’s a requirement. Under current garrison policy, recreational diving on Kwajalein is restricted to club members. No membership means no diving.

Cliff Pryor, the club’s safety officer, earned his Open Water certification in 1981 and became a certified instructor in 1998. In this time, he has

logged over 4,000 dives and issued hundreds of certifications. He arrived on Kwajalein on March 29, 2015, and describes local diving as “a bucket list destination in our own backyard.” According to Pryor, the cost of a year-long KSC membership is comparable to a single two-tank dive at most destinations worldwide.

KSC President Kendra Robinson named the Northeast Wreck (NE Wreck) as her favorite dive site. “No question,” she said. “I love that it’s accessible from shore, but the best part is seeing the giant turtles. I couldn’t believe them the first time we came across one.”

Kwajalein Atoll offers a wide range of diving experiences,

from deep-water dives and beginner-friendly shore entries to World War II wrecks like the Prinz Eugen. Divers can also encounter vibrant anemones, sharks, turtles, and giant clams—making it a destination with something for everyone beneath the surface.

For those without a regular dive buddy, the Bike Shop Kwaj hosts Sunday Night Dives. Participants must sign up in advance, and the host ensures everyone is paired before entering the water.

The club meets monthly, typically on the third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in CRC Room 6. Annual safety meetings take place in December and January in the MP Room and are mandatory

for renewing dues, signing paperwork, and viewing the safety video. Monthly meetings often feature guest speakers, updates on safety procedures, and community announcements.

KSC also hosts several popular events throughout the year, including the Underwater Easter Egg Hunt, Women’s Dive Day in August, the Haunted Wreck Night Dive in October, and Scuba Santa in December accompanying the annual boat parade of lights.

Diving at Roi-Namur is currently on hold as the Kwajalein Scuba Club works to formally absorb the former Roi Scuba Club. Club officers are in the process of inspecting and servicing equipment

to ensure safety, with plans to reopen diving operations on Roi by July 2025. One of the most popular sites at Roi is the Airplane Graveyard, known for its striking collection of sunken World War II aircraft.

For those new to scuba,

the club recommends starting with a Discovery Dive through the Bike Shop Kwaj or the Kwajalein Dive Center. This introductory session includes basic instruction and a supervised dive up to 40 feet—offering a low-pressure opportunity to see if diving is

a good fit.

Divers arriving on Kwajalein with current certification need only pay KSC dues, watch an orientation video, and complete a check-out dive or O-Dive with an instructor to gain access. From there, they can take advan-

tage of the island's abundant dive opportunities—either by boat or with a shore buddy.

For more information about membership, Discovery Dives, or certification courses, contact the Bike Shop Kwaj or the Kwajalein Dive Center. X

Roi Water Aerobics Tuesday & Friday 1800-1900

Looking for fun and a low-impact way to stay fit and healthy? Look no further! Join us!

I ❤️ Water Aerobics

The V2X Propel Well-being Program, coupled with the desire to do my part to help the Roi Namur community make a full recovery from the megawave was my inspiration for starting the Roi Water Aerobics. The DPW Department, Contractors, Sub Contractors, as well as the Roi Community, has continued to work hard to get Roi Namur back on track. Our swimming pool received a beautiful make-over, and I felt that getting the community in the pool for not just pool parties, but for social, fun, exciting community water aerobics would benefit everyone!

The Roi Aerobics Exercisers are in tune with the V2X Propel Well-being Program's commitment to helping us achieve our best health. Water aerobics is suitable for people of all ages. The buoyancy of the water reduces impact, making it a gentle and low-impact workout for those with joint pain or other limitations. It also offers numerous benefits, such as improved strength, flexibility, and cardiovascular health. You don't need to be a strong swimmer to participate in water aerobics, as the shallow end of the pool is a safe and comfortable environment. Water aerobics sessions are enjoyable and social, providing a fun and motivating way to stay active. The Roi Exercisers can modify the exercises to accommodate different fitness levels and abilities, making it suitable for beginners and experienced exercisers alike.

Looking for fun and a low-impact way to stay fit and healthy? Look no further—come join the Roi Water Aerobics Exercisers at the pool, on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1800-1900. ~Annette Allison; V2X Materials Supervisor

EARN YOUR TEAM KWAJ TAB

1. Attend Col. Cannon'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. Cannon face-to-face individually or in a small group with all requirements fulfilled. Schedule with garrison front office. Discussion items may include but are not limited to; TEAM KWAJ pact - "Healthy Community of Excellence," Kwaj history, Marshallese culture, military/strategic missions and their significance, and future operational potential.

Once you have the first 11 items completed, contact Terri Wilson at 480-4322 or at terri.l.wilson20.civ@army.mil to set up a date/time with the commander for the final event.



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

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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 jabdwtok 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

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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.

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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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YYWC FUNDRAISING IN ACTION: \$38,000+ INVESTED IN EDUCATION ACROSS THE PACIFIC

HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagnon; CYS Deputy Director

Thanks to the collective generosity of the Kwajalein community and the incredible work of our volunteers, the Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club (YYWC) awarded \$38,015 in educational grants this year—supporting schools and students across outer islands, Micronesia, Ebeye, Majuro, and nonprofit organizations (NPOs).

The Education Assistance Committee (EAC) reviewed applications from different schools before distributing grants, which typically range from \$500 to \$3,000, are used

for a wide array of educational needs—everything from classroom supplies and technology to school furniture and student learning tools. This year's average award was approximately \$1,700 per school.

From Assumption School in Majuro to Northern Islands High School in Wotje, schools used the funds to purchase much-needed supplies including new textbooks for core subjects, Laptops, projectors, and sound systems to support digital learning, sporting equipment to promote physical fitness and school pride, basic infrastructure like tents, fans,

water coolers, and furniture to improve comfort and learning conditions. “The new textbooks have not only enhanced the learning experience for our students but have also boosted their academic performance and overall school morale,” shared Vice Principal Padre from Assumption School.

In Ebeye, Kwajalein Atoll High School shared that YYWC funding helped provide drinking water for students who often come to school without food or basic necessities. Tents and coffee urns supported both daily needs and large school events. “Most of our students

come from low-wage families and cannot afford bottled water for the day. The igloos help us provide free drinking water to everyone.”

Northern Islands High School used the funds not just for sports equipment but also to grow a fishing club that teaches students real-world life skills. “Our fishing club helps students learn skills they can apply for survival beyond school... It’s an investment in their future.”

Though total grant requests exceeded \$96,000, the \$38,000 granted by YYWC created measurable improvements in learning, safety, equity, and well-being. This



funding is made possible by the community's continued support of YYWC operations, especially the Bargain Bazaar and Micronesian Handicraft Shop, which generate the majority of the organization's income along with YYWC Special Events such as the Thanksgiving and Easter Bake Sales.

YYWC extends its heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed time, money, and

energy to make this year's grants possible—including committee members Stephanie McCutcheon, Allison Choi, Stephanie Fontanez, Rachel Raczynski, Nikki Hensley, Christy Wagnon, Sheila Rumfelt, Katie Colello, and Christi Cardillo.

Komol tata to all YYWC donors and volunteers. Your support is changing lives—one student, one school, one island at a time. ▼



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.

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



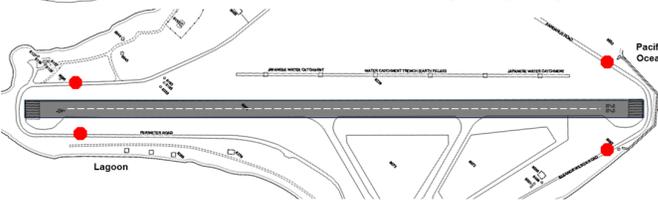
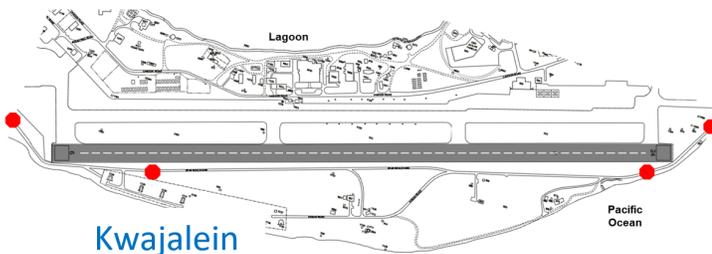
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STOP FOR AIRCRAFT!!



Please remember to stop and look both ways for aircraft on:
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If aircraft are on approach or taking off, you must hold your position and wait!



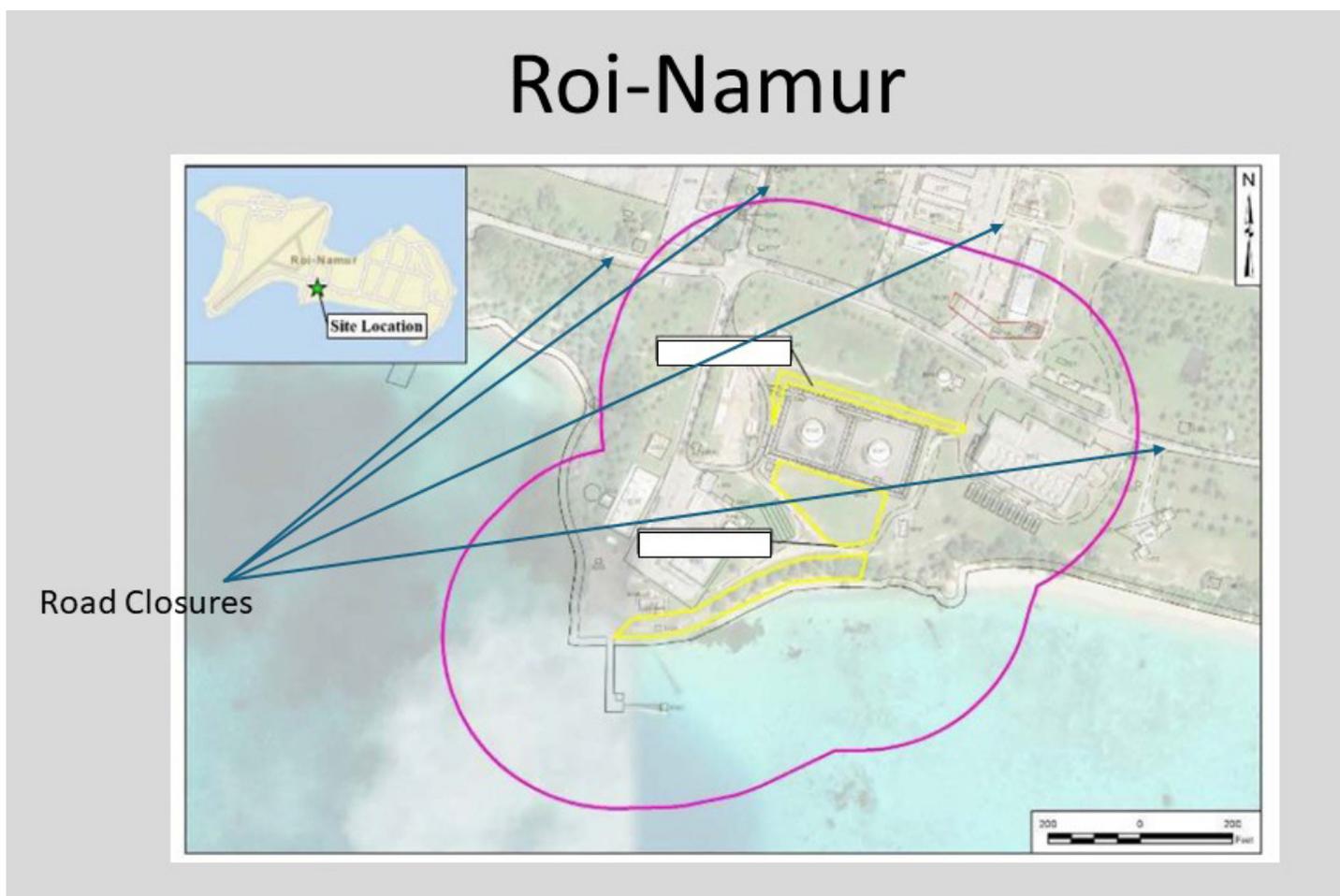
Stop at designated signs and look for aircraft landing or taking off. If you see an aircraft, hold your position at the stop sign and wait until the aircraft has landed or departed before moving.

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





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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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SUNDAY, JUNE 1
"Monkey Man"
(2024) (R) 121 min.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7
"Coco" (2017)
(PG) 1105 min.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8
"Deadpool and Wolverine" (2024)
(R) 128 min.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14
"DC – League of Super Pets"
(2022)
(PG) 105 min.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15
"Scream" (1996)
(R) 111 min.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21
"Lightyear" (2022)
(PG) 100 min.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22
"The Black Phone" (2021)
(R) 103 min.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28
"Minions: The Rise of Gru"
(2022)
(PG) 87 min.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29
"The Shining" (1980)
(R) 146 min.



All showtimes start at 7:30 p.m.



E-wareness: Drum Labels

Contact Environmental at 480-0722 for information.

Labels provide vital information about chemical hazards and help prevent accidents. All hazardous materials and waste drums must be properly labeled. Hazardous Waste is now translated to Marshallese. Contact V2X Environmental with questions.

MARSHALLESE TRANSLATION

Label ko rej letok melele ko raurok ikijeen ta eo ej bed ilowan drum eo im remaron in bobrae kij jen jorran. Aolep container ak drum ko ewor men ko rekauwotata ie rej aikuj in wor aer label. Kojerbal label in Marshallese, "KWOBEJ KO REKAUWOTATA" Kir V2X Environmental Department kin kajitok.



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.



4 Psycho-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



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
potterc@kwajaleinschools.org

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.

WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RIS WEATHER STATION STAFF

Discussion:

Into the first week of June, we have recorded 0.22 inches of rain, which is 0.83 inches below normal for the month. So far in 2025, we have only received 13.10 inches of precipitation, which is 11.64 inches below normal for the year. The drought situation for the RMI is a mixed bag. Conditions still remain worse in the Ratak Chain, improving only slightly for Kwajalein Atoll, remaining in moderate drought. The overall rainfall deficit trend for our part of the Pacific has improved slightly, but has much ground to make up. Showers coverage will be rather moderate for the next seven days over the atoll, with minor troughing in the trade-flow bringing periods of showers and longer intervening spans of drier weather. Friday during the day and Sunday morning are looking at greater shower coverage with more impressive troughing in the winds (going from east-northeast to east-southeast). The near doldrum conditions and troughing in the winds will bring a slightly elevated thunderstorm risk for the next few days. 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 or thunder heard. The Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO) remains disorganized into early June with rather lack-luster eastward progression, but is currently in a positive phase, which gives an advantage to increased shower coverage for the RMI through the first half of June, if good surface lifting mechanisms like the ITCZ are over the RMI. The El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) has now transitioned to ENSO-neutral conditions. With the end of La Nina, the transition to ENSO-neutral favors increased shower coverage, as we also move into 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 still just outside its climatological tropical cyclone season, thus little threat is expected for the first half of June.

Tropical Cyclones:

No significant tropical cy-

clone activity expected to affect anywhere in Micronesia, the Mariana Islands, Wake Island or Hawai'i. We are almost in climatological spring for the northwest Pacific. As we move deeper into the summer season for our hemisphere, we will see the risk of tropical cyclone activity increase.

Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:

None expected. Micronesia is northeast trade wind dominant.

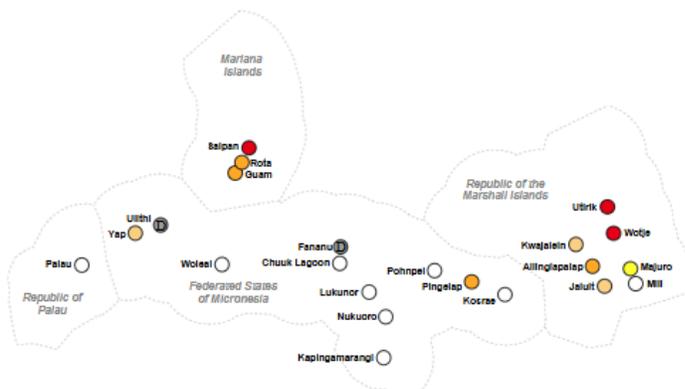
Swell / Tide Inundation for Kwajalein Atoll and Wake Island:

We are waxing to a full moon on the 11th. Expect high tides above four feet from the 9th to the 16th. Winds will remain in the teens through the rest of today, and then start to take a major hit on Friday, as the surface pressure gradient relaxes. By Friday afternoon, the winds will only be in the upper single digits, and from Saturday through Sunday, becoming more southeasterly as well. The winds will struggle to get out of the middle single digits, becoming calm at times on Saturday and Sunday. The only exception will be possible gusty outflow

winds near heavy showers. Expect the winds to recover on Monday back into the upper single digits and lower teens. Small Craft Advisory (SCA) on the open lagoon is possible for short periods of time near heavy showers. 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. ▾

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Map released: Thurs. May 15, 2025

Data valid: May 13, 2025 at 8 a.m. EDT

Intensity

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data



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WEATHER DISCUSSION

Calm and mostly dry weather is expected across Kwajalein Atoll as we head into the weekend. A relaxed pressure gradient will bring light winds, mostly in the single digits, throughout the weekend. Only a few stray showers are likely, with the majority of any rain occurring during the early morning hours due to nighttime instability. By Monday, a building subtropical high to the north will tighten the pressure gradient, increasing winds and restoring the trade wind pattern. Unsettled weather could make its return Tuesday and remain in place through mid-week, as the Inter-tropical Convergence

Zone (ITCZ) strengthens and shifts into the region. Increased wind speeds may enhance surface convergence, and with upper-level support in place, there's a potential for stray thunderstorms Tuesday evening into Wednesday.

SATURDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers. Winds light and variable 5-10 knots with higher gusts near showers.

SUNDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers. Winds light and variable 5-10 knots with higher gusts near showers.

MONDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers. Winds NE-E at 9-14 knots

with higher gusts near showers.

NEXT WEEK

Increased shower activity beginning Tuesday through mid-week as the ITCZ makes its return to the RMI. Stray thunderstorms are possible during this time. Winds are expected to increase to mid-teens out of the east-northeast. Expect decreasing shower coverage and increasing trade winds potentially in to the upper-teens towards the end of the work week. ⚡



SUN-MOON-TIDES

	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:30 a.m. 7:07 p.m.	4:31 p.m. 3:45 a.m.	2:24 a.m. 3.7' 2:40 p.m. 3.0'	8:49 a.m. 0.6' 8:32 p.m. 0.5'
MONDAY	6:30 a.m. 7:07 p.m.	5:20 p.m. 4:26 a.m.	2:57 a.m. 4.0' 3:17 p.m. 3.1'	9:25 a.m. 0.3' 9:06 p.m. 0.3'
TUESDAY	6:30 a.m. 7:07 p.m.	6:12 p.m. 5:11 a.m.	3:30 a.m. 4.2' 3:53 p.m. 3.2'	10:00 a.m. 0.1' 9:40 p.m. 0.2'
WEDNESDAY	6:30 a.m. 7:07 p.m.	7:05 p.m. 5:59 a.m.	4:03 a.m. 4.3' 4:28 p.m. 3.2'	10:34 a.m. -0.0' 10:13 p.m. 0.1'
THURSDAY	6:30 a.m. 7:08 p.m.	7:59 p.m. 6:52 a.m.	4:37 a.m. 4.4' 5:02 p.m. 3.2'	11:08 a.m. -0.1' 10:48 p.m. 0.1'
FRIDAY	6:30 a.m. 7:08 p.m.	8:52 p.m. 7:46 a.m.	5:11 a.m. 4.4' 5:37 p.m. 3.2'	11:43 a.m. -0.1' 11:23 p.m. 0.2'
JUNE 14	6:30 a.m. 7:08 p.m.	9:43 p.m. 8:42 a.m.	5:46 a.m. 4.4' 6:14 p.m. 3.1'	12:19 p.m. -0.0' 11:59 p.m. 0.3'

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!

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