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COMMUNITY KWAJALEIN ATOLL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION & COMMUNITY COLLABORATION CELEBRATION

HOURLASS REPORT

By Dr. Amy Blakey; Superintendent of KSS

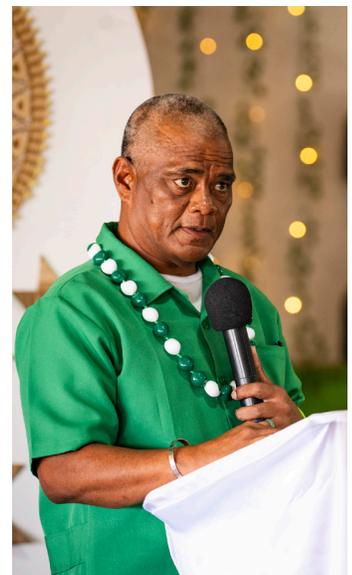
On June 9, 2025, the 18th annual commencement ceremony for Kwajalein Atoll High School (KAHS) was held at the Bolkiem Gym on Ebeye. The event honored the remarkable achievements of the Class of 2025 and celebrated the growing partnership between the Kwajalein School System (KSS), supported by V2X, and the broader Ebeye community.

Distinguished guests in attendance included Irojilaplap Michael Kabua, Senator Kili Kabua, Minister of Finance David Paul, Senator Kitlang Kabua, Mayor Hirata Kabua, Minister of Education Gerald

Zackios, Minister of Justice Wisely Zackhras, RMI Public School System Commissioner Dr. Natalie Nimmer, Associate Commissioner Junior Paul, Deputy Commissioner Jelton Anjain, and V2X senior leadership Angel Tamayo, Fernando Montoya, and Scott Hill.

U.S. Army Garrison – Kwajalein Atoll Commander, Col. Matthew Cannon, and Mrs. Kate Cannon took a meaningful break from their orientation briefings to attend the Kwajalein Atoll High School Graduation & Community Collaboration Celebration on Ebeye. Their presence

underscored the U.S. Army's ongoing commitment to education and cross-community collaboration across the atoll. Also in attendance were Col. Noah Fontanez and Mrs. Stephanie Fontanez, who joined in celebrating the achievements of the Class of 2025 and strengthening ties between USAG-KA and the local community. U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Laura Stone, also participated in the celebration. In a meaningful gesture, Ambassador Stone honored the top graduates with special gifts, recognizing their outstanding





academic achievements and leadership. Together, these distinguished guests demonstrated strong support for the next generation of Marshallese scholars and the continued partnership between the U.S. and RMI educational communities.

Dr. Amy Blakey, Superintendent of KSS, delivered a powerful keynote address

that celebrated the strength, resilience, and aspirations of the graduating class. Her message centered on this year's theme, "Rising Above Challenges with Faith, Courage, and Perseverance," and acknowledged the daily sacrifices and determination of students who pursued their education despite challenges such as long commutes,



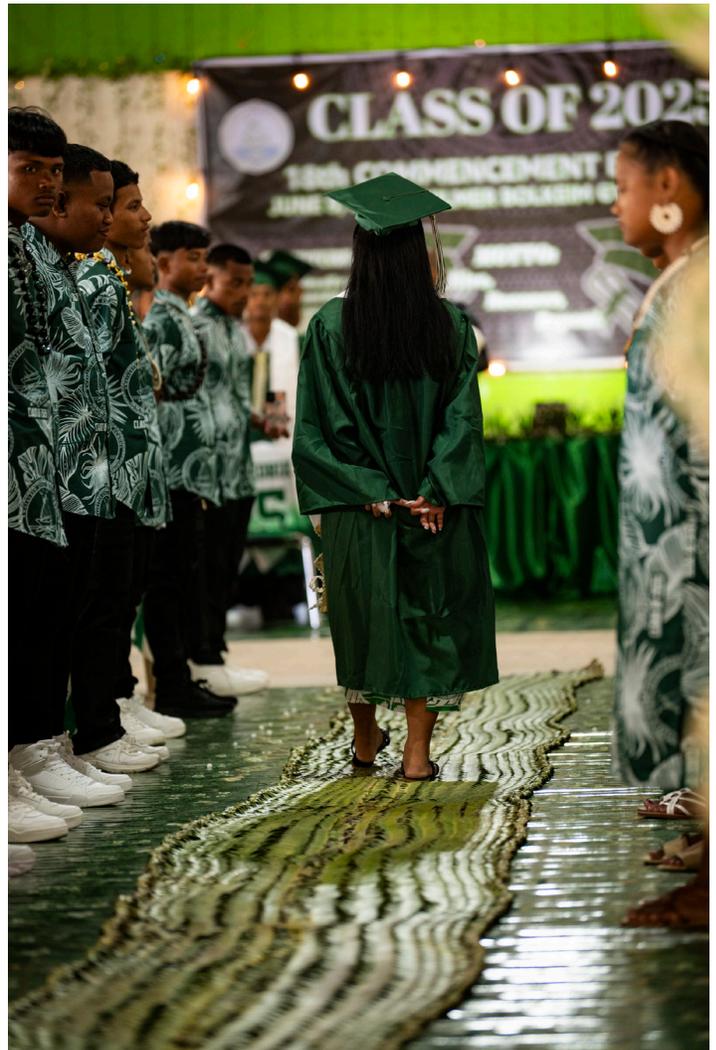
power outages, and limited resources.

The event also highlighted the success of the Community RiKatak Exchange Days, an initiative started by Dr. Matt Gerber in 2023. These exchange events brought students and staff from KAHS and KSS together for shared experiences, including campus visits, a joint Career Fair, and athletic competitions. The initiative fostered new friendships among students and meaningful collaboration among educators, strengthening the bond between the two school communities.

Feedback from both staff and students has been overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing how these

experiences enhanced mutual understanding and connection. The goal moving forward is to expand these opportunities even further—creating more regular and purposeful interactions that build lifelong relationships between students and educators across the atoll.

KSS, with the continued support of V2X, is proud of its strong and evolving partnership with KAHS. Dr. Nimmer and Dr. Blakey are committed to growing this collaboration to benefit all students and staff. Together, they envision a future where shared learning, cultural exchange, and educational equity are central pillars of the Kwajalein Atoll's educational community. ▾

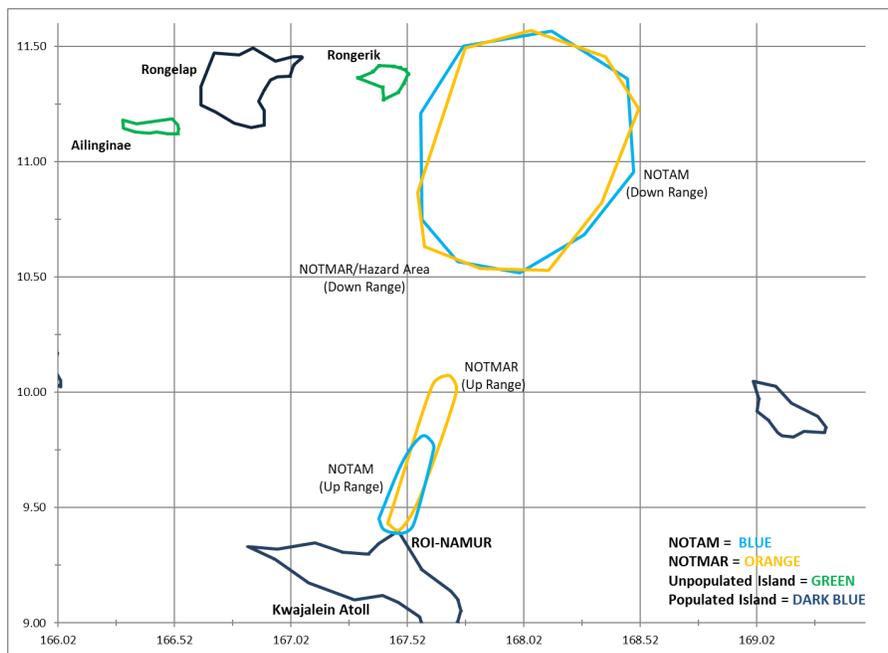


NASA Sporadic E Electro Dynamics (SEED)

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!

Front Cover: Maj. Dai Choi and Son making their way Kwaj Style. Photo by Sherman Hogue

Back Cover: Sunset from Rocks by Melissa Dethlefsen

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COMMUNITY KEEPING THE KWAJ FIGHT CLUB ALIVE

HOURLASS REPORT

MAJ Daekwang Choi, the USAG-KA Host Nation Activities Director, is rapidly coming up on the end of his tour of duty. Naturally, we had questions.

“Who’s going to take over the Kwaj Fight Club when I’m gone?” MAJ Choi asked, with a clear look of concern that mirrored the spirit of my query. “Well, that’s the thing. All the top students were high school Seniors and they’re gone now.”

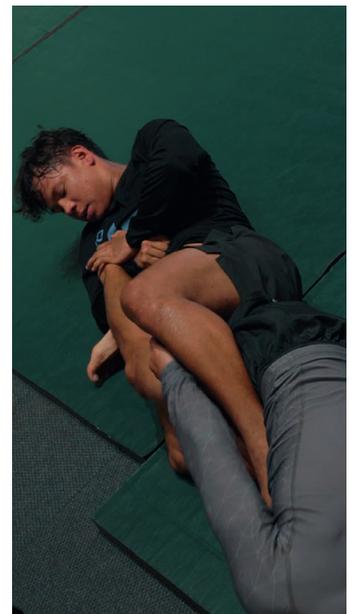
Hoping that some qualified jiu jitsu practitioner will show up sometime soon and keep the workshop going, MAJ Choi began to reminisce over the good times he was blessed to experience with his Fight Club fellows over the last cou-

ple of years. We asked him about the oddly darkened scar tissue nubbin at the top of his right earlobe.

“Oh, yes. That’s the beginning of a cauliflower ear alright. It’s funny, but I started the Kwaj Fight Club hoping that eventually martial artists more advanced than I would show up so I can learn, too. At the beginning, I had to train people up enough where I’d be able to practice drills. The team got pretty good. Back then, they could put me in any hold, and I’d get out of it with no problems. Today, I actually have to put in some effort to escape, which makes me really proud of the time and sweat the team has put in.”

MAJ Choi mentioned some interest in adding the striking component, a wish that fell to the wayside based on the cumbersome safety regulations that would need to be cleared first.

“There’s a rumor that a purple belt is on Kwajalein. I haven’t been able to find them. Hopefully, they will see this and step up to keep the workshop going, maybe even take it to the next level.” The entire time MAJ Choi has been here, the Kwaj Fight Club has been a self-funded labor of love. Providing makeshift mats, mops, towels and bleach to maintain a safe, clean and professional environment to train game residents to be martial artists. X



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LEFT: SAC campers receive their Island Explorer Certificate after their week at Yokwe Summer! K5 side Steve Collelo swims with batfish. RIGHT: CYS Staff Denise Lucich helps campers make Marshallese jewelry.

COMMUNITY

HOW CYS SAC SUMMER DAY CAMP BUILDS SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, AND LIFELONG SKILLS

HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagon; CYS Deputy Director

When parents think of summer childcare, the term “day camp” might sound like a fun, safe place to keep children occupied during work hours. But USAG Kwajalein Atoll CYS School Age Care (SAC) Summer Day Camp is so much more than that—it’s a dynamic, enriching experience designed to help children grow emotionally, socially, and intellectually, all while having fun.

CYS Summer Day Camp is rooted in the belief that learning doesn’t stop when school does. Through structured play, group activities, community partnerships, and hands-on experiences, campers build the skills they

need not only to succeed in school but to thrive in life.

Children in grades K-6 engage in weekly themes such as Under the Sea, Cooking Camp, and Super Hero Training Academy with activities that include science, arts, movement, and team-building, designed to spark creativity, curiosity, and critical thinking.

Camp is a social environment where kids meet new friends, practice communication, and learn how to navigate group dynamics. Whether working together on a project or cheering each other on during a game, campers develop skills such as teamwork, cooperation, empathy and inclusion.

Through intentional group activities and conflict-resolution strategies, children

gain confidence in expressing themselves and working through challenges.

Day camp also provides children with tools to identify and manage their emotions. Daily routines include: Community circles and morning meetings that build a sense of belonging, reflection activities that help children talk about their experiences, and mindfulness and calm-down corners to teach self-regulation. These moments are critical for children to feel seen, heard, and supported—especially during the less structured summer months.

All SAC Summer Day Camp staff are trained not only in safety and supervision, but in child development, positive guidance strategies, and restorative practices. This means your child is support-

ed by caring professionals who understand how to nurture both emotional growth and responsible behavior.

Camp isn’t just about keeping kids busy—it’s about helping them grow into confident, connected, and capable young people. This summer, your child won’t just be looked after—they’ll be inspired.

To learn more about or to register for CYS SAC Summer Day Camp, contact Stephanie Brown at stephanie.brown@gov2x.com, stop by CYS Central Registration during normal operating hours Tuesday-Saturday, 7:00am-5:30pm, or call 480-2158. Let’s make it a summer of growth, joy, and lasting friendships! ▾



ABOVE: Mike Sakaio hosts our summer campers at the Marshallese Cultural Center.

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
cost is \$40 and payable at sign-up.

Participants must attend both days to receive credit for the course.



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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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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COMMUNITY

THE BARGAIN BAZAAR: WHERE COMMUNITY AND PURPOSE MEET

HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagnon; CYS Deputy Director

Tucked into the heart of Kwajalein Atoll is a small shop with a big mission—the Bargain Bazaar, a cornerstone of the Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club’s (YYWC) community service and fundraising efforts. More than just a thrift store, the Bargain Bazaar is a hub of connection, generosity, and impact.

Operated entirely by YYWC volunteers, open on Wednesdays 4:30-6:30pm, the Bargain Bazaar offers gently used clothing, household goods, toys, books, and more—all at budget-friendly prices. The proceeds from every sale directly support education-

al grants and scholarships throughout the Marshall Islands and Micronesia. This makes each transaction at the shop not just a purchase, but a powerful contribution to a larger cause.

The Bargain Bazaar is overseen by a dedicated Board, including Chair, Nellie Walter and Co-Chair Charlotte Nienow, who ensure smooth operations, clean and inviting spaces, and well-stocked supplies. Regular board meetings, seasonal decorating, donation pickups, and organized shift scheduling are all part of the behind-the-scenes effort that keeps the shop running.

At the heart of the Bargain Bazaar’s success are the vol-

unteers—individuals who give their time, energy, and heart to keep the shop open and thriving. As Walter says, “many hands make light work!” From sorting donations and stocking shelves to staffing the register and assisting customers, volunteers make everything possible.

Thank you to every Bargain Bazaar volunteer—past and present—who has contributed to the shop’s legacy. Your service not only sustains the store, but fuels educational opportunity and community uplift across the region.

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated Bargain Bazaar leadership and volunteers:

2024-25 Adult Volunteers: Sandee Colby, Christi Car-

dillo, Karen Read, Mark Gaspar, Darcy Oswald, Amy La Pointe, Yaya Johnson, Rita Pyne, Venessa Pyles, Sarah Morrissey, and Amber Fox

2024-25 Teen Volunteers:

Meleah Vereen, Emily Walter, Austin Walter, and Matthew Walter.

Your commitment of time and energy helps make a lasting difference in our community. We appreciate each and every one of you!

Volunteering at the Bargain Bazaar is open to all members in good standing of the Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club. New volunteers complete one supervised shift before working independently, and flexible shifts are available throughout the month. Bargain Ba-



zaar volunteer, Christi Cardillo shared, “working at the Bargain Bazaar is a great way to meet people from our host nation, as well as other expats working here in Kwajalein Atoll.” Access the Bargain Bazaar by entering through DSC security and walking around the fence.

To get involved:
Join YYWC if you haven't

already, contact Keri Jones at keriandblair@gmail.com for membership information

Contact Nellie Walter at nelliew25@hotmail.com for Bargain Bazaar volunteer information

Attend a brief orientation and get started!

Your time can make a real difference—one donation, one sale, one smile 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



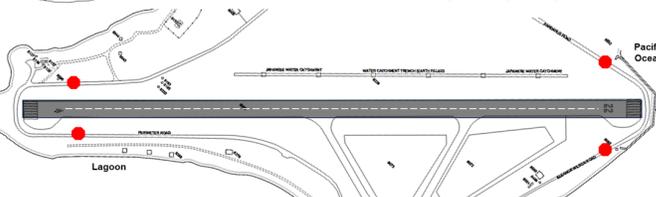
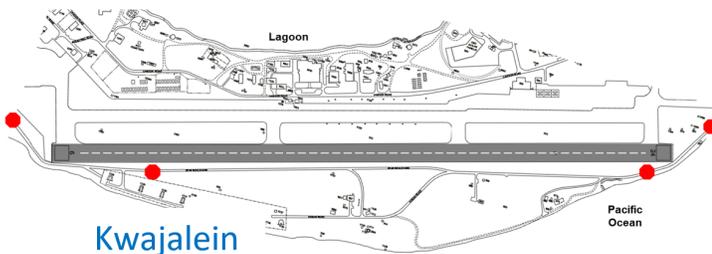
KWAJALEIN & ROI NAMUR,

STOP FOR AIRCRAFT!!



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

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



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

Kwajalein Drinking Water Notice Important Information

Recent tests showed a small amount of a chemical called Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) in Kwajalein's drinking water that was slightly elevated than allowed. The minimum standard for a locational rolling annual average (LRAA) is 0.080 mg/l. The tests revealed that three sampling locations had TTHM levels of 0.081 mg/L, 0.082 mg/L, and 0.092 mg/L.

This is ***not an emergency*** and does not require you to boil your water.

What happened? TTHMs form when the disinfectants like chlorine, that are used to clean our water, reacts with natural organic materials in the water source. A charcoal-based filtering system is used in the water treatment plant to reduce TTHM levels.

What's being done? The spent charcoal in the filter system is currently being replaced with clean charcoal. This will lower TTHM levels and ensure our water quality.

Do I need to take action? No. You do not need to boil your water or take any other steps. If you have health concerns, please consult your doctor.

Note: Long-term exposure to high levels of TTHMs may have health effects, but the amount found in Kwajalein's water and the short duration of the exceedance pose minimal risk.

For questions, contact Environmental Services at 480-0722.



Melele Ko Raurok Ikijeen Drenin Draak Eo Ioon Kwajalein

Ilo kar teej ko maan tak ekar walok jirik in kamikol eo im jej nae etan (TTHMs) ilo dren in idraak ko ioon Kwajalein im ekar lap jen jonan eo kar kotmene. Jonan driklok in jonok emoj an kar (LRAA) kwalok ej 0.080 mg/l. Teej eo ekar kalikar im kwalok ke ekar wor jilu katak ko im ewor TTHM lebok in 0.081 mg/L, 0.082 mg/L, im 0.092 mg/L.

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Ta eo ewalok? TTHMs ej walok tok einwot juon chlorine eo im einwot emoj an jejjot, eo im ej jerbale nan kareoik dren ko, ej ejaak im koba ippen kij ko remon ilo dren ko. Kein liklik eo im eiton einwot juon charcoal ej jerbale nan kareoik im kadriklok jonan TTHM.

Ta eo emoj komane? Jaarkool kein emoj kojerebale nan ien liklik eo an dren kein ej aikuj im kakaal kon jaarkool kaal im erre. Wawein in ej jiban kadriklok TTHM im kajejjot eman eo an dren eo.

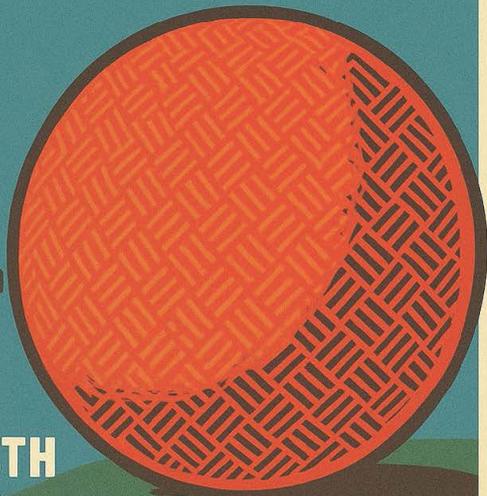
Aikuij ke bok kilton ko? Jab. Kwojjab aikuij boili dren eo nimum ak komon jabdrewot. Ne ewor am uwota ejelet ejmour, jouj im lolak tokto eo am.

Note: Ne ej aitok am kar bok ak idraak jen dren ko ewor TTHMs emaron jelete ejmour eo am, ijo wot ke jonan eo rakar loe jen drenin draak ko ioon Kwajalein im jonan mokaj in aer kar loe im jerbale ejjab lukun kauwotata.

Non Kajitok, kir Environmental Services ilo 480-0722.

MWR SUMMER SPORTS COED KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

TOURNAMENT STARTS JUNE 24TH
TEAMS ARRIVE 5PM FOR SIGN-UP
FIRST GAME STARTS @ 5:30PM
LOCATION RAGAN FIELD
TEAMS WILL BE 8-10 PLAYERS
EACH TEAM NEEDS 3 MEN AND WOMEN



Slice & Dice with Dad

Sunday, June 29th
2:00-5:00pm



Dads and Teens
are invited
MP Room

Sign-up at Youth Center
480-3796



This opportunity is for students
registered at the Youth Center.

E-wareness: Stormwater Pollution Prevention

Stormwater discharges are a significant source of pollutants. Stormwater can become polluted as it flows over contaminated surfaces. This leads to contamination of lagoon waters and potential damage to corals and other marine species.

What can you do?

- Good housekeeping
- Preventive maintenance on vehicles and equipment
- Maintain spill prevention and quick response supplies
- Preserve sediment erosion control
- Manage storm water runoff
- Employee training

For more information on stormwater pollution prevention or training opportunities, contact V2X Environmental at 480-0722.



E-wareness: Kejbarok jen paijin in an toor dren

Ijoko elap an toor dren ie rej jikin ko elap menin paijin/kij ko remaron in bar walok ie. Ekka wot an jede paijin kein jen ijoko dren eo ej toorlok ie. Elane ej toor dren kein nan lojet innem enaj kakure lojet eo, wod ko ie im menin mour/eddrek ko ie.

Ta komaron komane?

- Karreo
- Kejbarok wot jermal ko bwe in driklok an nej walok jorren im kein jermal
- Kojermal spill kit ko im mokaj nan jermal ko
- Lale men ko rej elejo bwe renjab toor
nan lojet
- Manage e drenin wot ko ial ko
- Etal nan Training ko nan ekatak

Nan melele ko relaplok ikijeen wewein kein ak training, call e V2X Environmental ilo 480-0722.

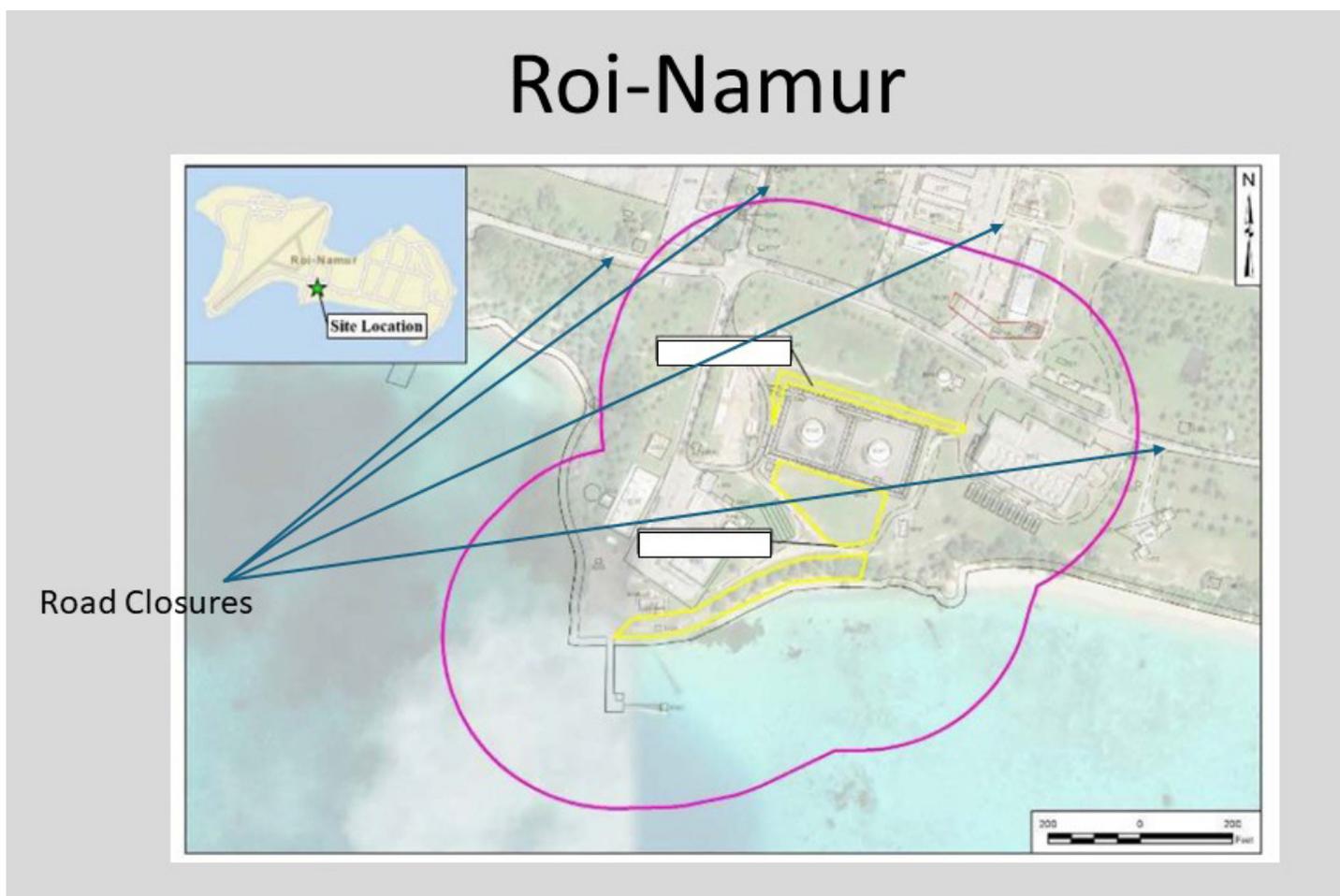


UXO CLEARING FOR CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT

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

Roi-Namur POL/AST

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





American Red Cross

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Volunteer Opportunity at Kwajalein Atoll

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

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



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Now Showing at the Yuk Theater

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.



WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RIS WEATHER STATION STAFF

Discussion:

At about the mid-point in June, we have recorded 3.89 inches of rain, which is 1.01 inches above normal for the month. This represents the first above normal point in a month this year. So far in 2025, we have only received 16.77 inches of precipitation, which is an improvement at 9.80 inches below normal for the year. The drought situation for Kwajalein is still in the Severe Drought D2 on a scale of Do to D4, though this week's heavy showers have done some to improve the situation. Now in the wet season, stray showers, at a minimum, should be expected at any time during the day, with Saturday and Sunday morning seeing more significant increased shower coverage. There will be more of a dramatic bounce in shower coverage in just over a week, with a higher amplitude atmospheric wave transiting the area from the east. Saturday night into Sunday morning is looking at an augmented thunderstorm risk with another elevated risk in just over a week. 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) has become more organized, as it moves across the Pacific from the west. This acts as more of a positive for enhanced shower coverage for the Marshall Islands, when the Inter-tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) is nearby. The El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) has now transitioned to ENSO-neutral conditions. With the end of La Niña, 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 cyclone 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:

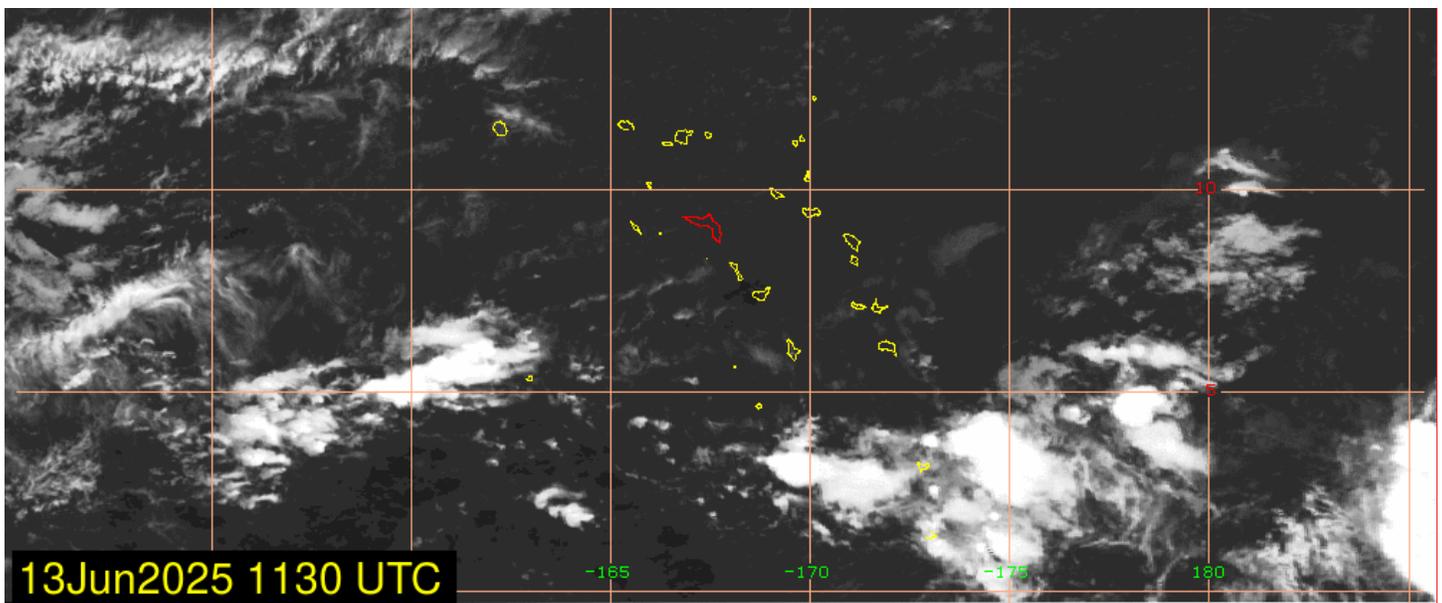
None expected. Micronesia is northeast trade wind dominant.

Swell / Tide Inundation for Kwajalein Atoll and Wake Island:

With the full moon yesterday, we are now moving toward a waning half-moon phase, which will occur on the 18th. High tides will also diminish to the neap phase with less than four feet starting on the 17th. Winds will be generally out of the ENE in the middle teens, but will increase to the middle to upper teens on Sunday and Monday. In about a week, winds will come down to the upper single digits and low teens, as the atmospheric wave transits the area. Gusty outflow winds are possible near heavy showers on Sunday morning and more so when the atmo-

spheric wave transits the area in just over a week. A Small Craft Advisory (SCA) may be issued for short periods of time on the open lagoon and ocean during instances of gusty outflow. 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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WEATHER

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WEATHER DISCUSSION

Expect dry weather and moderate winds to persist across Kwajalein Atoll. There's a very low chance for significant rainfall over the next few days, with only stray showers expected at most. Winds will primarily be from the east-northeast, ranging from the low to mid-teens (knots), and may pick up slightly throughout the weekend. Skies will remain mostly sunny, with occasional low-level cumulus clouds. A slight trade wind surge is expected on

Sunday, which could bring a minor increase in shower activity. Winds will strengthen into the upper teens as the weekend wraps up. The dry weather pattern and moderate to fresh winds should persist into the start of the workweek, with this trend likely continuing through the first half of the week.

SATURDAY

Mostly sunny with stray showers. NE-E at 11-16 knots with higher gusts near showers.

SUNDAY

Partly sunny with

stray showers may become isolated at times. NE-E at 13-18 knots with higher gusts near showers.

MONDAY

Partly to mostly sunny with stray showers. NE-E at 14-19 knots with higher gusts near showers.

NEXT WEEK

Partly to mostly sunny with stray showers to begin the workweek, with winds from the NE-E at 14-19 knots with higher gusts near showers. ⚡

SUN-MOON-TIDES

	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:31 a.m. 7:08 p.m.	10:31 p.m. 9:36 a.m.	6:24 a.m. 4.3' 6:54 p.m. 3.1'	12:57 p.m. 0.1' -----
MONDAY	6:31 a.m. 7:09 p.m.	11:16 p.m. 10:29 a.m.	7:04 a.m. 4.2' 7:40 p.m. 3.0'	12:39 a.m. 0.4' 1:40 p.m. 0.3'
TUESDAY	6:31 a.m. 7:09 p.m.	11:59 p.m. 11:21 a.m.	7:50 a.m. 4.0' 8:34 p.m. 3.0'	1:25 a.m. 0.7' 2:28 p.m. 0.4'
WEDNESDAY	6:31 a.m. 7:09 p.m.	----- 12:11 p.m.	8:44 a.m. 3.7' 9:41 p.m. 3.0'	2:21 a.m. 0.9' 3:23 p.m. 0.6'
THURSDAY	6:31 a.m. 7:09 p.m.	12:41 a.m. 1:02 p.m.	9:49 a.m. 3.4' 10:58 p.m. 3.2'	3:33 a.m. 1.1' 4:26 p.m. 0.7'
FRIDAY	6:32 a.m. 7:10 p.m.	1:23 a.m. 1:54 p.m.	11:07 a.m. 3.2' -----	5:02 a.m. 1.1' 5:34 p.m. 0.6'
JUNE 21	6:32 a.m. 7:10 p.m.	2:07 a.m. 2:49 p.m.	12:13 a.m. 3.4' 12:28 p.m. 3.1'	6:32 a.m. 0.9' 6:40 p.m. 0.5'

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!

