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THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



Ella Martindale plays with her new toy she caught during the holiday float portion of the tree lighting ceremony in downtown Kwajalein Dec. 4. For more, see page 4.

Photo by Sheila Bigelow

RANGE OPERATION SCHEDULED

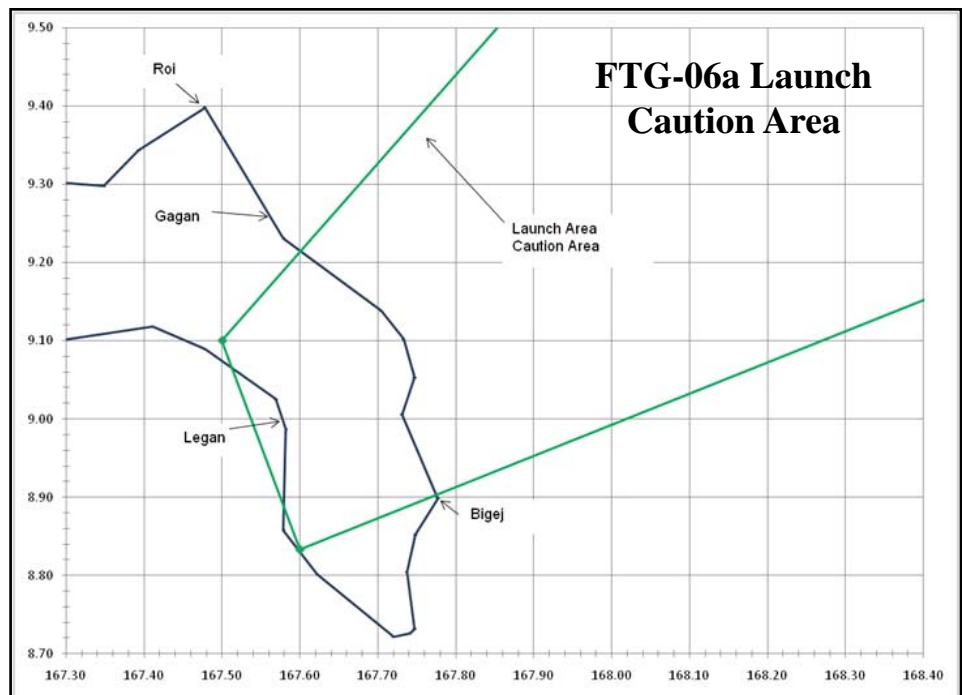
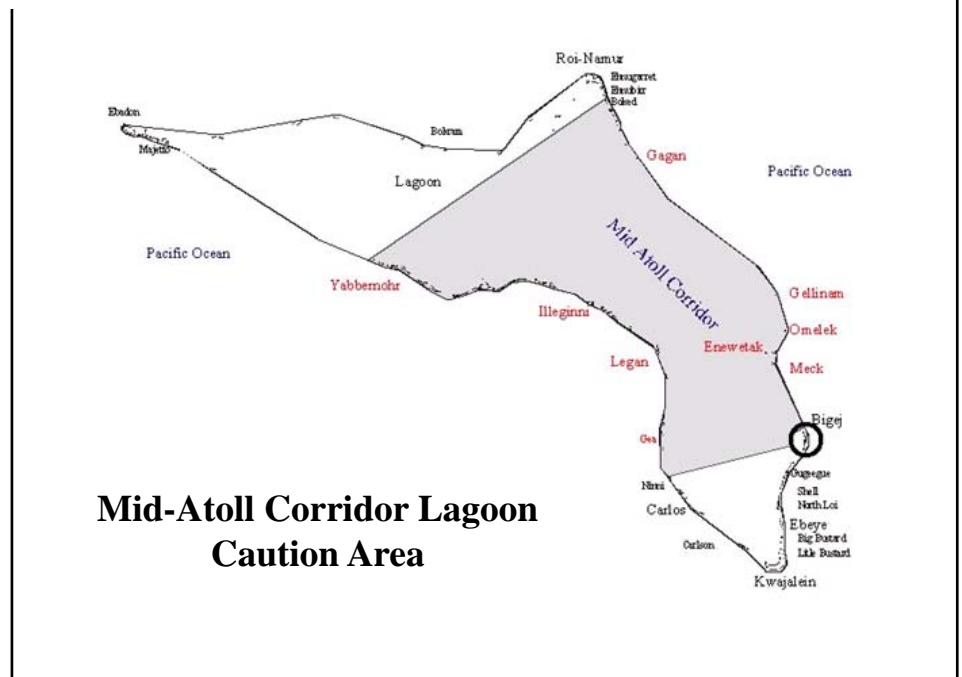
A Range Operation is scheduled for Dec. 15. Caution times are 3:45-10 a.m. In conjunction with this operation, during this time, a caution area will extend into the open ocean east and west of the mid-atoll corridor. Dec. 16 and 17 are backup days for this operation.

The mid-atoll corridor will be closed from 4:01 p.m., Dec. 11 through mission completion. The caution area extends from the surface to unlimited altitude.

Questions regarding the above safety requirements for this mission should be directed to USAKA Command Safety Directorate, Kwajalein Range Safety Officer, at 51910.

Juon ien kokemelmol missile enaj koman ilo ran in Wednesday 15 December 2010. Awa ko rekawotota ej 3:45am jimarok lok nan 10:00am jibon. Ilo awa kein ba kaki, ijoko renaj kauwotota ej malo ko tulik turear im malo ko turilik in ene ko iloan aelon in.

Ene ko ilo iolap in aelon in renaj kilok jen 4:01pm awa elkin raelep ilo 11 December 2010 nan ne ededelok koke-melmel kein. Ne ewor am kajitok jouj im call e lok Kwajalein Range Safety opija ro ilo 5-1910.



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Australian Ambassador to RMI, Susan Cox, visits Kwajalein, Ebeye

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Australia has continued a positive relationship with the Republic of the Marshall Islands, striving to provide grants and aid to help supplement quality of life projects on islands throughout the atoll. The honorable Susan Cox, Australian Ambassador to the RMI, Palau and Federated States of Micronesia visited Kwajalein and Ebeye Dec. 4-7, to examine and discuss possible projects that could be supported by Australian grants.

Cox was hosted by U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll and visited Ebeye Monday with COL Joseph Gaines, USAKA Commander, Jelton Anjain, RMI Liaison to USAKA, and Mike Sakaio, USAKA Host Nation representative. The group arrived on the Ebeye dock and was greeted by Gary Elaisha, Director of Ebeye Catholic Schools. Elaisha accompanied the group to the Kwajalein Atoll Local Government building to meet with the honorable Mayor Johnny D. Lemari. There, Cox and Lemari discussed the challenges faced on Ebeye. Lemari voiced that they struggle with electricity, water, health and education.

Cox and Lemari first discussed power and electricity on Ebeye. Lemari informed her that there is an island-wide generator that provides power; however, when that goes out, only those that have their own stand-by generators continue to have power. Some businesses have a stand-by generator, however most homes do not.

Water has been a challenge on Ebeye for some time. Over the years, water quality improvement projects have been made to improve potable water access to



Australian Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Susan Cox, hands out kangaroo pins to the school children of Ebeye public school Monday.

most island residents. The most recent project began in September by the European Union. The EU funded the purchase of plastic water catchment tanks to be connected to homes on Ebeye. At this time, all 250 catchments have been installed and connected on Ebeye and 30 on Carlos. The second phase of the project is expected to begin in March 2011. Their target is to obtain 100 percent coverage on Ebeye, Carlos, Carlson, Ebadon and Enniburr. Cox explained that the Australian government is committing support to the RMI next year to help them develop a new water policy. After her meeting with Lemari, Cox was taken to a nearby house so she could see one of the new water catchments that were recently installed by the EU project.

Cox visited the Ebeye hospital and spoke with Tommy Milne, Hospital Administrator, and Irene Paul, Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Health, about the functions and services of Ebeye Hospital. While Ebeye is supplemented with aid from organizations like Canvasback and Pacific Partnership, the Ebeye community is still strained with certain illnesses such as diabetes and pneumonia. Cox toured all areas of the hospital. She was shown the trailers that were brought over from Kwajalein and fashioned into quarantined quarters for TB patients. The Center for Disease Control just inspected the trailers and adjustments are being made before they will be available for use. Cox encouraged the Ebeye hospital staff to keep up the good work they are doing. "It's good to do preventative



Ambassador Susan Cox and USAKA Host Nation representative Mike Sakaio talk with the school children of Ebeye public school Monday.

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Santa arrives by boat for 43rd annual tree lighting ceremony

Article and photos by Sheila Bigelow
Managing Editor

What says 'holidays' better than Santa arriving at Kwajalein on a boat, palm trees lit with Christmas lights, 80 degree sunny weather and holiday hula dancing? Nothing – well, not on Kwajalein anyway. This is the type of holiday celebration we are accustomed to every year and we love it.

Dec. 4 was the 43rd annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Kwajalein. The festivities began at the Small Boat Marina where a crowd of eager children chanted Santa's name and squealed with excitement, waiting for the big man's arrival. After several minutes of anticipation, the red suit finally appeared as Santa was escorted up the dock by USAKA Commander COL Joseph Gaines, SGM Hohn Wolf and Recreation Manager Mandie Morris. Immediately the crowd of children erupted in cheers and applause. Santa made his way through the crowd, asking the kids if they have been good this year, and rewarded them with trinkets and candy.

After Santa made his way through the crowd, he climbed aboard the locally-famous Holiday Float to begin the parade. Volunteer wheel-walkers escorted the float and stood by to be sure the kids kept a safe distance from the vehicle. Volunteers on the float, along with Santa, tossed candy and toys to the street, the kids scrambling and laughing as they snatched up each piece. The float went from the Small Boat Marina, down 8th Street, left on Lagoon and finally down 7th Street to the downtown area. The mass of children,



For the 43rd Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony this year, the 30-foot-tall palm tree in front of AAFES in downtown was lit with hundreds of colorful lights. COL Joseph Gaines, USAKA Commander, Ben Jahnke and Lauren Sykes, winners of the George Seitz Elementary School Patriotic Christmas Card Contest, and Santa counted down from 10 and pulled the lever to light the tree. The community event was held Dec. 4 in the downtown mini-mall area on Kwajalein.



Santa hands out candy to all the good little boys and girls of Kwajalein at the Small Boat Marina Dec. 4.

followed by their parents, accompanied Santa the whole way.

The downtown scene was an explosion of holiday cheer. Community Activities and AAFES did a fantastic job with the decorations. The Kwajalein community crowded downtown in their holiday gear – Santa hats, elf hats, reindeer antlers, red, green and everything else ‘holiday’ you could think of. Residents took some time to enjoy sales at AAFES and the wonderful food and drink available. Dick Shields and the High School Band kept the group in the holiday spirit with some light holiday music to start the program. Then *Pure Polynesia*, made up of Palepa Smith, Mike Sakaio and Russell Beniamina got the crowd moving and swaying to *Silver Bells*, *Tahiti te Marama* and *Silent Night*. Pastor Rick Funk acted as Master of Ceremonies and officially began the evening of events with a welcome and Invocation.

Kris Kovas took the stage to announce the winners of the raffle winners of the evening. The first prize was a Zune MP3 player, won by Jeffery Wase and she also gave

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Alex Crawford happily plays with his new toy that he caught during the holiday float. Santa and his helpers tossed candy and toys from the float to the kids.



Carrie West and Dane Bishop help Santa by tossing candy and toys off the holiday float to the kids Dec. 4 during the tree lighting ceremony on Kwajalein.



The High School Choir, directed by Cheryl Shields, performs at the tree lighting.



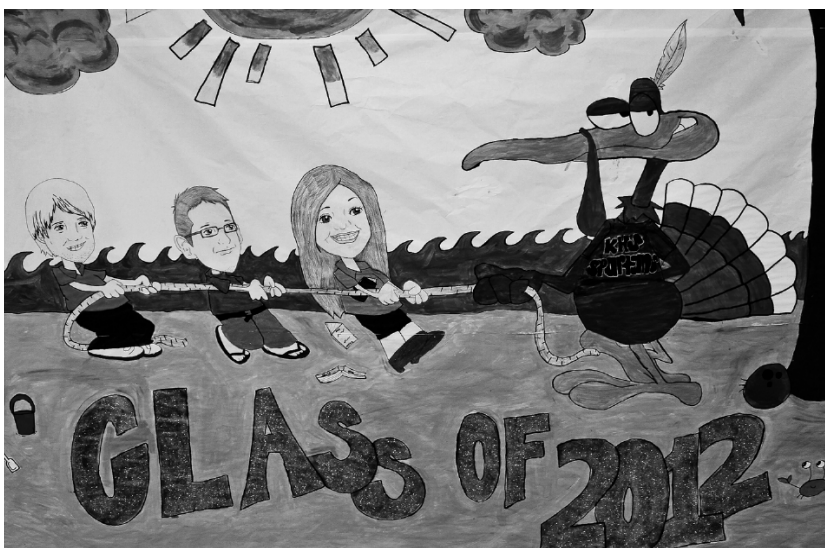
The Kwajalein Girl Scouts laugh hysterically as they sing *Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer* at the tree lighting ceremony Dec. 4 in the downtown area of Kwajalein.



Photos by Lynn Leines

Dick Shields is the 'Leader of the Pack,' which consists of Matt Groen, left front, Ric Fullerton, middle, and Phil Lindert, right. Cheryl Shields' 'pack' is Carol Hockenberger, left, Paula Fluhrer, middle, and Laura Callaway, right.

Turkey Bowl is Kwajalein Jr/Sr High School's 'homecoming,' spirit week



The juniors won the poster contest with their caricatures of teachers Matt Groen, Phil Lindert and Laura Callaway.

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Media Specialists

Turkey Bowl is annual tradition for Kwajalein Jr/Sr High School, one that simulates a homecoming for our small school. This year's Turkey Bowl was a bit different than other years, with the assembly starting after lunch.

The week preceding Turkey Bowl Day is a spirit week when students can dress up in ways not usually allowed by school rules. The spirit days designated this year included Pajama Day, Tacky Day, Superhero and Sports Day. On the day of Turkey Bowl, students wore their class colors.

At the Turkey Bowl assembly, students enjoyed an assembly in which their classmates and teachers perform comical skits and beautiful dances. This year's MC's were the energetic Kori Dowell and Natasha Tomas. The two were



Left to right, Eathan Trimble, Shawn Brady and Dane Bishop dance to *If I Had You* during the Turkey Bowl finale.

a delightful pair, cracking jokes and breaking out in dance between acts. The student audience roared with laughter when they witnessed their teachers dancing to *Leader of the Pack* in poodle skirts and leather jackets. Dick and Cheryl Shields exhibited their talents as the 'leaders of their packs.' A group of students from varying grade levels also performed an amusing Thanksgiving skit in which Connor Manning could not speak English and America Wrobel simply didn't speak at all.

Then things mellowed out for a beautifully performed hula and a captivating dance by the Rikatak kids. The audience "ooed" and "awed" at the heart-warming dance performed by coupled pairs dressed in formal outfits and bright colors.

The show kicked back into gear with the finale act, which was started off with Tyler Stepchew doing an interpretive dance to *Bye Bye Bye* by Nsync. Then freshmen boys Jun Jun Davis, Connor Manning and JJ Wase danced to *California Girls* by Katy Perry and junior boys Shawn Brady, Eathan Trimble and Dane Bishop danced to *Pocket Full of Sunshine* by Natasha Bettingfield. Then, more boys danced to *If I Had You* by Adam Lambert and *DJ Got Us Falling In Love* by Usher. Everyone in the finale then joined together to perform a final dance to *Let's Get Physical* by the Glee Cast.

After the assembly, students and teachers headed to Coral Sands for the afternoon beach activities, which was largely composed of a huge relay course set up by Jason Kettenhofen. Participants had to perform many physical and intellectual tasks. The tiebreaker, consisting of finding information in a newspaper, yielded the final winners, the seniors. The seniors then did the obstacle course again against the staff and were very upset to lose by a small margin.

Overall, Turkey Bowl was a great experience for Kwajalein Jr/Sr High School and the community, and everyone is looking forward to this exciting event again next year.



Rikatak students Meskoe Alfred, Roanna Zackhras, Michael Pedro and Malkie Loeak pair up and perform a heart-warming dance at Turkey Bowl.



Will McPhatter and Mary Doerries entertain the audience with a skit from *Saturday Night Live*.



The high school drama class performs a Thanksgiving skit.

Santa visits children at the Grace Sherwood Library on Kwajalein



Eli Wiggins



Sydney Hall



**Match, Maze,
Moxie Diehl**



**Colette Walker
Mia Kattil**



**Mason & Hannah
Finley**



**Savannah,
Brenna & Kelly
Burnham**

medicine; it's the best kind of medicine there is," Cox told them. Before departing, she provided Milne and Paul with the necessary information to look up grants that could potentially help Ebeye hospital services.

Education was another challenge voiced by Lemari. Cox informed him that Australia has grants available to assist with government schools; they have a direct aid program and a small grant scheme. They supply aid not only for educational materials but also support sport programs as well. She gave Lemari the information needed to apply for them through the Australian Embassy website. Gaines discussed a recent visit made to Ebaddon by USAKA staff on Nov. 17. Ebaddon is in the far northwest portion of Kwajalein Atoll. He described the school there as a one-room, open facility, with no desks, chairs or room dividers. Children go to school there until eighth grade and then finish school on Ebeye. He suggested to Cox that a small investment made there could go a long way.

Cox visited the public elementary and middle school campus and met with Hiram Malolo, Assistant Secretary of Education. Malolo outlined some challenges faced within the public school system on Ebeye. The first challenge is the teaching staff; they often leave Ebeye for better jobs with a higher salary. The other major challenge is teaching materials. Textbooks used on Ebeye are written based on what is being learned outside the RMI and is not relative to what the students who live here need to learn; Malolo would like the textbooks to contain material that is more local



Ambassador Cox greets students at Fr. Leonard Hacker High School on Gueegegue Monday afternoon.

to the RMI. Another challenge is that the buses they use to transport high school students to Gueegegue often break down and are damaged by the deteriorating roads. The buses travel 6.9 miles between Ebeye and Gueegegue each school day. Cox suggested looking into a Rotary Program that may donate bicycles to students so they may have alternate transportation should the buses be unavailable. After her visit with Malolo, Cox went into the school yard and mingled with some of the school children. She explained to the children that she is from Australia and handed out little koala figures and kangaroo pins.

After lunch at Litaki's Restaurant, Cox and the group took a boat to Gueegegue to tour the high school there. They were met by Terry Hazzard, Principal of Fr. Leonard Hacker High School and Julian Ricklan, Principal of Kwajalein Atoll High School. The students gathered on benches on the porch and listened while Cox spoke to them about the importance of education. She explained that students their ages are the future of the Marshall Islands and that they are the most important people that her country wants to help. She told them if they work hard and stay in school, they can make a difference for the Marshall Islands. Cox asked the students what the biggest challenge at their school was and if Australia could do anything for their school what would it be? The students were shy but after some encouragement, they answered that they need a new bus and better textbooks. After Cox spoke, the students joined together and sang her two songs in Marshallese.

Cox now has a better understanding of the conditions on Ebeye and suggested numerous ways for their government to apply for Australian grants to aid their challenges. "I notice that we have not funded Ebeye for a long time," Cox told Lemari. "We get good applications from Majuro, but I'd like to see some from Ebeye." It is clear that Australia's government is keen to providing assistance to their Marshallese friends and it is greatly appreciated and respected by the RMI.



Jesse Riketa, right, shows Ambassador Cox and COL Gaines one of the new water catchment systems funded by the European Union project on Ebeye.



Left to right, Iley Kickhofel, Matthew George and Cameron Jones of the K Krew, show off their best hip hop dance moves.



Left, Elena Rowell and Heather Ansley enjoy their holiday treats during the tree lighting ceremony Dec. 4.



Santa joins Rick Funk and SGM Hohn Wolf on stage.

away a \$100 AAFES gift card to winner John Irwin. Later in the evening, the winner of the PTO Sun bike raffle was announced and the lucky winner was Kim Yarnes.

The Jr/Sr High School Choir treated the community to some lovely music, directed by Cheryl Shields. They sang *Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire* and *Carol of the Bells*. Next the Kwajalein Girl Scouts bravely stood up to sing their songs completely acappella. Their rendition of *Must be Santa* was a big hit with the crowd. They had everyone laughing, smiling and clapping. They themselves couldn't stop giggling and smirking. They finished their performance with *Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer* and *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*.

Next was the dancing portion of the evening. Masina McCollum's Hula Ladies and *Pure Polynesia* performed a beautiful dance to *Tahitian Aparima*. They were followed by the popular K Krew, directed by Allison Kickhofel. Kids ranging in ages from preschool to middle school showed off their best hip hop moves, even busting out some break dancing. The High School Band gave another performance of *Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow* and *Winter Wonderland*.

Next it was time for the big event of the evening – the Tree Lighting. Gaines took the stage and thanked all the performers of the night. He then introduced the 'special guest' of the night. "This special guest has traveled by air plane, train, automobile, by foot, by bicycle, canoe and finally boat, coming all the way from the North Pole, through Ebeye, Majuro, Roi and finally here to Kwajalein Atoll. I'd like to welcome our special guest for this tree lighting – would Santa Clause please join me?" At the sounds of cheers, applause and some hyper squealing by the little ones, Santa made his grand entrance onto the stage. Gaines invited Ben Jahnke and Lauren Sykes, winners of the George Seitz Elementary School Patriotic Christmas Card Contest, up to the podium to help light the tree. Everyone counted down from 10 and Jahnke and Sykes pulled the lever and the Holiday Palm Tree was lit!

The community mingled downtown, listening to the charming and delightful sounds of the Community Band as they played their Christmas Carol concert. It was yet again an unforgettable evening and sure did get everyone in the typical Kwajalein holiday spirit – island-style.



Left to right, Mike Sakaio, Palepa Smith and Russell Beniamina of *Pure Polynesia* perform downtown.



Santa and his helpers tossed candy and toys from the holiday float while the wheel-walkers made sure the kids kept a safe distance from the vehicle. The float was just the beginning of the tree lighting ceremony's festivities Dec. 4.



Left to right, Lindsey Cochran, Kori Dowell and Julie Alves perform a beautiful hula with Masina McCollum's Hula Ladies at the tree lighting ceremony Dec. 4.



Jordan Hadley, left, and Dori deBrum sport reindeer antlers while they perform with the High School Band at the tree lighting ceremony Dec. 4.

USAKA surveys islets in Kwajalein Atoll

By Mike Sakaio
USAKA Host Nation Office

USAKA command undertook the task of surveying several islets within the Kwajalein Atoll on Nov. 17 to determine their feasibility and safety as landing zones for the new USAKA helicopters.

With the assistance of the RMI Liaison's Office, the USAKA team first stopped on the islet of Mejatto. Mejatto is populated by the residents of Rongelap Atoll, numbering from 350 to 400 people. The site surveyed was an open field area adjacent to the Mejatto elementary school. Measurements were taken of the site and coordinates mapped with the aid of a GPS. Next was the islet of Elanak. Elanak is not populated except for a caretaker family that oversees the facility for the Airline of the Marshall Islands Inc. Elanak islet is used exclusively as an airstrip that serves the communities of Mejatto and Ebaddon.

Following the site survey of Elanak, the USAKA team next stopped at Ebaddon islet. Ebaddon is located at the westernmost tip of Kwajalein Atoll, some 125 kilometers from

Kwajalein islet where USAKA is located. Ebaddon is home to approximately 100 residents that include 35 school-age children. On Ebaddon, the site surveyed was an open sports field located in the vicinity of the community center, surrounded by a church and an elementary school building. While on Ebaddon (and at the request of the RMI government), the team also took the opportunity to look at the elementary school and gather preliminary data on its condition, continued usability, and school needs.

While conducting site surveys at the three islets, the USAKA team also ensured the delivery of much needed food, education materials,



COL Joseph Gaines, USAKA Commander, visits with residents of Ebaddon while there surveying the island in November.

and other goods to the communities of Mejatto and Ebaddon. The items donated were collected and coordinated by the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club of Kwajalein and kept strong a 40-year tradition of giving during the Christmas season.

COL Gaines holds teen town hall on Kwajalein

By Mike Sakaio
USAKA Host Nation Office

COL Joseph Gaines held a town hall meeting with the USAKA teens at the Kwajalein Jr/Sr High School MP Room on Nov. 18. In addressing the teens questions, Gaines emphasized that he would like to under-promise but deliver more. Additionally, he conveyed to the students that he has to make the right decision even though it may not necessarily be the popular decision. He pointed out that Army assets are for mission-related tasks and not for recreational use. He encouraged the teenagers to e-mail, call or visit him and he welcomed suggestions from them in the improvement of quality of life.

A question was asked whether the gym floor could be fixed or replaced. To date, estimates are being looked at for repairing the gym floor. This is high on Gaines's priority list. Another question was raised related to the CRC stage and whether it could also be fixed or resealed because of splinter concerns. The Directorate of Public Works has looked into the issue, and it was determined that it was not a safety hazard, that the stage was still useable; still it will be added to the list of potential projects. One teen asked whether they could rent a room at the CRC after 9

p.m. Per Community Activities, this is not possible as the CRC supervisor must leave on the last ferry and therefore there is no availability of supervision. At present, the hours of operation should be adequate with the CRC open seven days a week from 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

One asked whether they could get sparklers for the use on Fourth of July; unfortunately AAFES will not be stocking these during the next Fourth of July event. Another asked whether new projectors and better seats could be procured for the outdoor family theater. To date, Community Activities will be purchasing three new projectors for the three USAKA theaters — two on Kwajalein and one on Roi. A question was also asked as to whether the teenagers who took the boating class could get refunded for the cost of the class. Community Activities will review the possibilities for refunds; however, if the refund is made, the license will no longer be valid, and the applicant would have to wait until he/she reaches age 18 before they are eligible to retake the licensing class. Another question raised to Gaines was whether an exception could be made for 16-year-olds to operate ski boats. Gaines reviewed the issue and he has decided that there will not be an exception to policy granted for the operation of b-boats and speed boats.



Sixteen servicemembers die in Afghanistan

Six soldiers died while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. They died Nov. 29, in Nangarhar province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when an insurgent attacked their unit with small arms fire. Killed were **Sgt. 1st Class Barry E. Jarvis**, 36, of Tell City, Ind.; **Staff Sgt. Curtis A. Oakes**, 29, of Athens, Ohio; **Spc. Matthew W. Ramsey**, 20, of Quartz Hill, Calif.; **Pfc. Jacob A. Gassen**, 21, of Beaver Dam, Wis.; **Pfc. Austin G. Staggs**, 19, of Senoia, Ga. and **Pfc. Buddy W. McLain**, 24, of Mexico, Maine. They were assigned to the 1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

Cpl. Chad S. Wade, 22, of Bentonville, Ark., died Dec. 1 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Sgt. Matthew T. Abbate, 26, of Honolulu, Hawaii, died Dec. 2 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary

Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Sgt. 1st Class James E. Thode, 45, of Kirtland, N.M., died Dec. 2 at Sabari District, Khowst Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 1457th Engineer Battalion, 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Lance Cpl. Lucas C. Scott, 20, of Peebles, Ohio, died Dec. 3 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Staff Sgt. Jason A. Reeves, 32, of Odessa, Texas, died December 5 at Gardez District, Paktia Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 2nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 66th Military Intelligence Brigade, Hohenfels, Germany.

Sgt. Nicholas J. Aleman, 24, of Brooklyn, N.Y., died Dec. 5 while supporting combat operations in Paktia province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the Deployment

Processing Command-East, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Cpl. Derek A. Wyatt, 25, of Akron, Ohio, died Dec. 6 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Pfc. Colton W. Rusk, 20, of Orange Grove, Texas, died Dec. 6 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Staff Sgt. Vincent W. Ashlock, 45, of Seaside, Calif., died Dec. 4 in Khost province, Afghanistan, in a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 890th Engineer Battalion, 168th Engineer Brigade, Lucedale, Miss.

Sgt. Jason D. Peto, 31, of Vancouver, Wash., died Dec. 7 from wounds received Nov. 24 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.



Lucky Winner

The lucky winners of the AAFES monthly prize drawing are the Westhoff family, shown here with Subway manager Colin Smith, left. For the month of November the prize was a turkey. The Westhoffs purchased a Subway sandwich and added extra meat to their sandwich to be eligible for the contest. Check with AAFES for information on their monthly prize drawings.

KRS and CMSI Job Listings for On-Island Positions will be available at the Kwajalein, Roi-Namur and Ebeye Dock Security Check Point bulletin boards, the bulletin board by the Continental Travel Office, the Roi-Namur Terminal/Post Office bulletin board and at Human Resources in Building 700. Job Listings for Contract Positions will be available at www.krsjv.com, on the bulletin board by the Continental Travel Office and on the Roi-Namur Terminal/Post Office bulletin board. Full job descriptions and requirements for Contract openings are located online at www.krsjv.com.

KRS employment applications are continually accepted for Casual Positions in the Community Services Departments, Medical Department and the HR Temp Pool. Some of the Casual positions are: Recreation Aides, Medical Office, Media Services Specialist, Substitute Teacher, and HR Temp Pool Office Support. Questions? Call 54916.

LOST

GOLD LINK bracelet with tiny gold nuggets. Has high sentimental value. Lost on Dec. 4 between the Elementary School and the High School. Please call Masina McCollum at 51459.

TURQUOISE mask and blue snorkel at Emon Beach on Dec 5 or 6. Call Rob at 54835 or 53639.

BLUE water bottle with black flip-top lid. Last seen at Ivey Gym. Call 54876.

TORTOISE shell prescription sunglasses. Please call 51160 at work or 55613 at home.

WANTED

FENCE in good condition. Call 55590 after 6 p.m. or 53417 during the day.

ESPRESSO maker and Little Tykes style plastic slide in good condition. Call 53693.

TWO-DRAWER file cabinet in good condition. Call Barb at 52728 or 52262.

WESTERN Digital WDHD player and also any large external drives to archive DVD library. Call 53290.

PATIO SALE

SATURDAY, Dec. 18, 1-5 p.m., quarters 138-A.

FOR SALE

FOUR-BURNER grill with one and a half tanks of gas, \$80; two bags of potting soil, seed starter mix and assorted seeds, \$25; Sun bike, single speed, with back rack, fender, hand brake and removable bags, \$150; three plastic patio chairs, \$7 each or \$15 for all; metal frame with fabric patio chair, \$15; ceiling fan, less than one year old, with light and mounting bracket, wired for outside, \$45; green plastic two-person bench, \$15; free outside workbench, not pretty but stable and wood shelf unit used on porch. Call Amy at home, 52301, or at work, 51416.

CATAMARAN, 25 feet, twin 115hp Yamaha four-stroke engines, huge fish wells, spacious deck, perfect for fishing, diving, camping and fun, \$38,000. Call Kim at 51256.

WEEDS, seasons one through three, \$10 each; Heroes, seasons one and two, \$15 each; Madmen, season one, \$10; Philips iPod boom box, \$80; Waterpick showerhead, \$2; Wii Fit bundle, board and game, \$75; kiteboard package, best offer; Vito alto saxophone, \$250; wood-backed movie posters of Scarface, Taxi Driver and more, \$50 each; instant pop-up tent, \$50; Nikon Coolpix camera, 8MP, like new, \$80; Xbox 360 elite, 120GB, two wireless controllers, recharge station, extra battery packs, recharge wires and nine games, \$400 and Bionaire hepa air filter, \$20. Call Jeremy at 52525.

HEAVY-DUTY bike trailer, \$150. Call Rick at 52201.

LEGOS, larger size for two to seven-year-olds, six complete sets including cowboys, city, airport and Winnie the Pooh comes in its own storage box, \$40 and wooden puzzles, \$2 each. Call 52681.

HYPERLITE Motive 144 wakeboard with bindings, \$200; Panasonic plasma TV, 46 inch, 720 pixels, \$600; Casio Pathfinder paw2000-1, barometer, altimeter and compass watch, brand new, \$200; microwave, \$50; Aqualung dive fins, \$40 and Scuba Pro boots, size extra large, \$20. Call Dan Tate at 52222 or 52023.

FREE-STANDING deck with handrails, 10x6 feet, \$200; Hobie Getaway catamaran, 2007, fast and comfortable, excellent condition, includes sails, Tiger Trax wheels and teal Sunbrella material for boat cover, \$5,000, all reasonable offers considered and large, healthy potted plants, price negotiable. Call 53003 or 50619 for more information.

COLUMBIA Mark II sailboat, 26 feet, in the water on one year, mooring, dinghy and 5HP motor, boat shack, trailer, five sails in excellent condition, CD/iPod/radio/stereo,

KRS/CMSI/BAI Employees Only

Employees enrolled in the company-sponsored health benefit plan will be required provide the necessary documents to your FCE HR Benefits Representatives in order to maintain dependent coverage or add new dependents to your health benefit plan. If you haven't submitted the DEV form and/or documents yet, you must do so by Dec. 15. Contact your FCE HR Benefits Representatives at 50939 or 51888 with any questions. Forms, FAQs and additional information are available on the HR Sharepoint site.

2009 10HP Honda kicker, toilet, sink, VHF radio, life sling, barbeque grill, 406 EPIRB, swim platform, sleeps four, everything works and is a great boat, sailed to many places here at Kwaj and to Namu Atoll, buying a bigger boat, \$12,000. Call Ryan Vahle 52222 or 52590.

SONY Trinitron WEGA TV, 27 inch, perfect for BQs, \$100; Max Burton induction table top cooker, 1500 watts, not a hot surface, \$75; Whirlpool microwave, 1,000 watt, \$50 and free small rice pot with purchase. PCS sale. Call 51307 and leave a message.

BOYS TAPOUT shirts size 14/16, new, \$14; girls twin-size Hannah Montana comforter and pillow case, \$15; chicken rooster blanket tapestry throw, \$10; two low beach chairs, \$6 each; women and junior dresses, size medium five, seven and nine, \$5-\$10 a piece; coloring books, \$5; games, \$5; Hannah Montana book bag, \$5; hooked-on-phonics type book set, brand new, \$15; Dora scrabble game, new, \$5 and Mickey Mouse stuffed animal, medium-size, \$13. Call 53221.

KEYS FITNESS motorized treadmill, \$350; two outdoor rocking chairs, white \$35 each; multi-colored Christmas tree, prelit, four feet, \$20; toaster oven, \$20; Technics five disc changer, \$20; Kenwood five disc changer \$20; large plants, \$15 and small to medium plants, \$5. See at 138-A or call Janice at 54572.

CD/DVD PLAYER, Sony, \$30; dehumidifier, \$25 and CD rack, wood veneer, holds 180 CDs, \$10. Call 54364 or 58091.

BOAT SHACK on lot 84, sail boat lot, large storage and work bench, tools, \$2,000 or best offer. Contact Ron Sylvester at home, 52625, or at work, 58989.

ORCHIDS and other plants. Please call 50939 or come by at 473-A.

CHRISTMAS tree, seven feet tall, excellent condition, \$40; christmas lights, \$5 each and girl's dresses, size 14, great for christmas, dance or special occasions, worn once, \$25 each. Call 52544.

PORTABLE dishwasher for 400 series with attachments

Religious Services

Catholic

5:30 p.m., Saturday, in Island Memorial Chapel.
9:15 a.m., Sunday, in Island Memorial Chapel.

Protestant

8 and 11 a.m., Sunday, on Kwaj.
Roi-Namur service at 7 p.m. on Friday

Baptist

9:40 a.m., Sunday, in elementary school music room.

Latter-day Saints

10 a.m., Sunday, in CRC, Room 3.

Jewish services

Second Friday of the month in the REB. Times will vary. Contact the Chaplain's office, 53505, for more information.

Café Pacific

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 18
Teriyaki chicken	Roast pork loin	Meat lasagna	Lemon/pepper chicken	Beef steak	Chicken cacciatore	BBQ brisket
Seafood pasta	Turkey tetrazzini	Veggie lasagna	Beef stew	Bratwurst/sauerkraut	Italian mix grill	Baked wings
Eggs benedict	Quiche lorraine	Veal Alfredo	Potato wedges	Turkey casserole	Beer-battered cod	Mini taco bar
Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: N/A	Grill: Buffalo burger	Grill: N/A	Grill: Ranchero burger	Grill: N/A
Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Minute steak	Meatloaf	Thai chicken	Pork cutlet	Flank steak	Chinese spicy chicken	BYO pizza
Buffalo wings	Chicken stir-fry	Mushroom couscous	Chicken cottage pie	Chicken breast	Pork ribs adobo	Pork chops
Macaroni and cheese	Fried eggplant	Pineapple Mahi	Potato o'brien	Chef's choice	Korean tofu/veggies	Chicken stew

to connect permanently, \$100 and Dell laptop Vostro A860 1.6 GHZ, 2GB ram, 140 GB hard drive, Vista OS, like new, \$400. Call Bryan at work, 51433, or at home, 52036.

GIANT simple bike, white, decent condition, rides well, \$100. Call 52434 and leave a message.

RECLINER, \$75; queen-size bed frame, \$125; JVC TV/VCR, \$25; Panasonic VCR, \$25; clock radio/CD player, \$10 and assorted plants. Call 51034 between 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

THREE scooters, one year old, A5 large 200 millimeter wheel Razor, normal Razor and a kick-and-go scooter, \$20 each or all three for \$50. Call 52642.

AQUARIUM, 30 gallon, hood light, filter system, many extra parts, \$75. Call 53759.

CANNONDALE Prophet mountain bike, 2008, full suspension, light weight brushed aluminum frame, zero rust, excellent condition, retails for \$1,800, asking \$1,000 or best offer. Call Jason at 52663.

PROM dresses, many colors and styles, dance shoes and dance clothes. Call 53221.

RED SEADOO, 2002, needs new engine or rebuilt, boat shack 30, \$500; red and tan Renell boat, 19 feet, inboard-motor, needs fiberglass work, with boat shack 52, \$6,000; Lamborghini female bike, \$25; waterproof housing for iPod Nano, second generation, \$20; Puma soccer shoes, women's, size seven, used twice, \$15; two male Sun bicycles, \$75 each and camping utensils set, new, \$20. Call BJ at 52279 or 52222 or email brianne.l.mcdonald@gmail.com.

CAL 20 SAILBOAT, good condition, new mooring lines, bottom recently cleaned, includes extra parts, safety gear, storage shed with tools and four HP outboard kicker motor, \$5,000. Call 51357 or 50617 for more information.

BAYLINER Trophy, 1990, 23 feet; Twin Yamaha, 2006, 115HP, four-stroke engine, 140 gallon internal fuel tank and new trailer, \$35,000. Call 58240.

CROWN LINE boat, 27 feet, all fiberglass, V hull fishing cruiser, 350 mercruiser, plus 15 HP, boathouse 309 and trailer. Call to inquire at 59662 or e-mail: hammerheadhe rb@hotmail.com.

BOAT LOT 19 with Cal 20 and mooring, \$1,500 or best offer and Pontoon raft, \$300 or best offer. Call Dennis at home, 54676, or work, 54321.

FRIGIDAIRE energy star dehumidifier, 70 pint, new, \$275. Please call Jay at 52529 or 53651.

QUEEN-SIZE Sleep Number bed, \$1,000 or best offer; Sony TV, 27 inch, with remotes, \$100 or best offer and Sony reciever, \$50. Call 52674.

FISHER-PRICE space saver high chair, three-position recliner, height adjustment, converts to a booster seat for toddler dining, \$45. Call Stephanie at 51213 if interested.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

GIRL TALK is in need of Christmas decorations for the Laundromat. All donations will be graciously accepted until

today. If you would like to donate, please contact Masina McCollum at 51459. Help spread Christmas cheer.

CELEBRATE the holidays luau style with fellow Kwajalein Scuba Club members at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 12, at the Pacific Club. Main dish, beverages and entertainment provided. Please bring a side dish to share. Free to members. Contact Jeff Griswold at ibjgriswold@yahoo.com for more information and to RSVP.

THE REB will be displaying Nativity sets of all varieties from the hobby shop, homemade, and sets from around the world from 6-8 p.m. on Dec. 13. Come see the displays, enjoy the Christmas spirit and eat some Christmas treats. If you want to display a nativity set call Erika at 59815.

KRC will be hosting its annual Pauper's Marathon at 6 a.m. on Dec. 13. Individuals and team relays are welcome. Join us by running or walking the event or by cheering on the participants. Contact Bob Sholar at 50957 for more information.

THE HOBBY shop will celebrate the holidays with our annual Christmas party and open house from 6-9 p.m. on Dec. 15. All island residents are welcome. We will have holiday goodies and hot apple cider and will give away door prizes throughout the evening. Come enjoy.

KWAJALEIN Jr/Sr High School and CYSS "A Holiday Art Exhibit" is from 6:30-8 p.m. on Dec. 16 at the Namo Weto Youth Center. Come view the fabulous artwork created by our Island teens and help choose which pieces will be selected to enter the Boys and Girls Club of America National Fine Arts Contest.

SIGN UP for the December Birthday Bash by Dec. 16 for the Dec. 18 bash. Stop by the Retail Services Office Building 805 to sign up. Must be 21 years old to enjoy your complimentary cocktails and cake. Questions, call the Retail Office at 58228.

SCUBA SANTA will arrive at Emon Beach at sunset on Dec. 19. This is a great event for kids of all ages.

SANTA'S elves will be collecting letters to Santa through Dec. 19. Children wanting to send Santa a wish list should drop their letters off in Santa's mailbox located in front of the Post Office. Envelopes should include the child's first and last name and PO Box number. Santa wants to ensure each child receives a response before Christmas.

LOCAL fixed-wing flights to and from Roi-Namur will be canceled on Dec. 25. Rotor wing support is available in the case of an emergency. Please contact 52102 with questions.

HOLIDAY POST OFFICE Shuttle Service offered by Automotive Services will begin Nov. 30 at 10 a.m. and end Dec. 31 at 12:30 p.m. Shuttle service hours are from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Wednesday service is from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Customers must travel with their packages to their quarters. Please call 53341 or 58294 for service.

SMALL BOAT MARINA winter hours, November to February, are 1-6 p.m. on Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday through Monday and closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

CYSS START SMART Tee Ball 2011 parent and child skill development program is open to boys and girls ages three to five in Pre-K. Register from Dec. 7-Jan. 8. Program dates are from Jan. 26-March 2. Stop by CYSS Central Registration Office, Building 358 for Program Registration or call 53796 for more info.

CYSS YOUTH BASEBALL, softball, coach pitch and tee ball registration is open from Dec. 7-Jan. 8. Player fee is \$45. The season dates are from Jan. 20-March 12. Open to everyone in kindergarten through sixth grade. Volunteer coaching opportunities available. Registration and league information at CYSS Central Registration Building 358 or contact 52158.

NEW YEARS Eve bingo blow-out is coming soon. Questions, call Darren Moore at 55599.

ORDER your holiday bakery needs such as cakes, pies, breads and pastries early. Stop by the Mobile Kitchen from 6 a.m.-noon on Tuesday-Saturday to place your orders. Questions? Call the bakery at 53445.

HURRY, schedule your catered holiday party with us or plan your catering pick-up. Limited dates available. Call 53338 for details.

KRS IS REQUESTING customers to please return any dishes or silverware that may have been borrowed from Café Pacific or Café Roi. A collection box will be placed at the back door of the facilities. No questions asked.

RECENT SIGHTINGS OF small Portuguese Man-of-War, dime-size, have been identified oceanside on Kwajalein. Take extra precautions when you are in the water. To prevent injuries, avoid the areas they frequent. They are commonly oceanside but have been seen in the lagoon and around beaches as well. Symptoms of a sting are burning, redness, stinging, swelling of lymph nodes and long welt lines. In severe reactions, difficulty breathing and cardiac arrest may occur. If stung, rinse the area with plenty of water and remove tentacles by rinsing with water or lifting off with a credit card. If the reaction is severe, contact emergency services.

REMINDER to all residents that it is USAKA policy that when walking your pet you have items capable of picking up and disposing of animal feces. There have been numerous reports of residents walking their pets over the last few weeks that have not been picking up after their pets. Please be good neighbors and pick up after your pet.

E-TALK. Waste generation increases during the holidays. Help minimize waste this holiday season. Remember, the beauty of a gift is in the gift itself, not in excessive packaging.

SAFELY SPEAKING. Use only UL approved lights and no more than three strands linked together. Never put lighted candles on or near a tree.

REDUCE energy consumption during peak times. For government workers, electricity is mission-critical. When heat waves strike, take action to ensure reliable power supplies. Some steps you can take to conserve energy are to turn off decorative lights or lights not in use, shut off electronic equipment when not in use and set thermostats to lower temperatures.

Café Roi

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 18
BBQ chicken	Roast beef	Mahi sandwich	Teriyaki chicken	Sloppy joes	Meat calzone	Hamburger steak
Roast pork loin	Chicken with bacon	Spicy wings	Coca-cola ham	Roast pork	Spaghetti	Turkey wrap
Ham/cheddar quiche	Egg McMuffin	Potato wedges	Chicken rolls	Mac and cheese	Zucchini sticks	Onion rings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 18
Shanghai ribs	Turkey breast	Fried chicken	Top sirloin	Fried chicken	Chicken enchiladas	Roast chicken
Ginger cod	Pot roast	Pork chops	Chicken cordon bleu	Meatloaf	Steak fajitas	Beef Bourmainone
Chicken fried rice	Stuffing	Mashed potatoes	Baked potatoes	Vegetables	BYO nachos	Penne in pesto

Traweeks PCS after 10 years on Kwaj

Article and photo by Sheila Bigelow
Managing Editor

After almost 10 years of service to U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll/Reagan Test Site, Billy and Lauren Traweek are moving on to their next assignment. USAKA/RTS staff held a farewell luncheon and ceremony Wednesday to thank the Traweeks for their hard work and dedication while here at USAKA.

Traweek has acted as the RTS Range Safety Officer for seven years. The programs he worked on while here at USAKA/RTS were both important and impressive, including roles as Command Safety Director and Range Safety Engineer for all RTS launch programs; it total, Traweek has overseen 17 major launch missions. "That is a tremendous accomplishment," COL Joseph Gaines, USAKA Commander, said.

Traweek was given an Achievement Medal for Civilian Service for exceptional service while serving as the Range Safety Officer at USAKA/RTS. He was honored for his dedication and support toward the planning and execution of several missions and for demonstrating an outstanding and unwavering commitment to mission success.

LTC John Eggert, RTS Director, took a moment to personally thank

Traweek for his hard work and professionalism. "A lot of great professional work has been done by both of these individuals right here. He's been working in the business for 31 years and...you just can't replace him. Someone with that much experience just doesn't happen every day so it's a testament to his character and the type of person that he is. We couldn't have gotten those 17 missions off without his professional analysis and his knowledge of rocket systems." Eggert praised Lauren for her work in the Micronesian Shop and with the YYWC. "She's able to run organizations, manage organizations and administer organizations, plus be the driving force behind a lot of those organizations and that's a rare quality to have for any community, let alone the small community we have here on Kwajalein. We are going to miss both of these individuals very much." Eggert presented them with a framed montage photograph of missions and photos of Kwajalein with a signed matte from Traweek's co-workers.



COL Joseph Gaines, right, awards Billy Traweek an Achievement Medal for Civilian Service Wednesday. Traweek and his wife, Lauren, middle, are heading to Bristol, England for their next assignment.

The Traweeks have lived a fulfilling life here on Kwajalein, both professionally and personally. In the past 10 years they have done over 800 SCUBA dives, travelled to Bali, New Zealand, Thailand, Hong Kong, Pohnpei and Kosrae, and sailed to Namu, Majuro and Roi-Namur.

Traweek will be heading to Bristol, England to be the Technical Liaison between the U.S. Navy and the Royal Navy.

Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Sunday: Mostly cloudy, 20 percent showers. Winds: E-ESE at 10-15 knots.
Monday: Partly sunny, 30 percent showers. Winds: ENE-ESE at 6-11 knots.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, 40 percent showers. Winds: Variable at 4-8 knots.
Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, 20 percent showers. Winds: ENE-E at 5-9 knots.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: ENE-E at 7-12 knots.
Friday: Partly sunny, <10 percent showers. Winds: ENE-E at 11-16 knots.

Annual total: 84.71 inches
Annual deviation: -9.80 inches

Call 54700 for updated forecasts or visit www.rts-wx.com.

Sunrise/set Moonrise/set High Tide Low Tide

Sunday	6:54 a.m./6:31 p.m.	11:42 a.m./11:56 p.m.	7:59 a.m., 2.7' 8:03 p.m., 3.3'	1:58 a.m., 0.4' 1:42 p.m., 0.9'
Monday	6:54 a.m./6:32 p.m.	12:20 a.m.	8:53 a.m., 2.6' 8:53 p.m., 2.9'	2:41 a.m., 0.7' 2:37 p.m., 1.2'
Tuesday	6:55 a.m./6:32 p.m.	12:57 p.m./12:39 a.m.	10:08 a.m., 2.5' 10:04 p.m., 2.6'	3:37 a.m., 0.9' 4:01 p.m., 1.4'
Wednesday	6:55 a.m./6:33 p.m.	1:35 p.m./1:23 a.m.	11:36 a.m., 2.7' 11:39 p.m., 2.4'	4:47 a.m., 1.0' 5:51 p.m., 1.4'
Thursday	6:56 a.m./6:33 p.m.	2:15 p.m./2:08 a.m.	12:49 p.m., 3.0' 1:01 a.m., 2.5'	7:16 p.m., 1.1' 7:04 a.m., 0.7'
Friday	6:56 a.m./6:34 p.m.	2:58 p.m./2:55 a.m.	1:42 p.m., 3.4' 2:01 a.m., 2.7'	8:12 p.m., 0.7' 7:54 a.m., 0.5'
Dec. 18	6:57 a.m./6:34 p.m.	3:44 p.m./3:44 a.m.	2:25 p.m., 3.7' 2:25 p.m., 3.7'	8:56 p.m., 0.3'