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# USAKA NEW LEADERSHIP, NEW HOPE: KWAJALEIN TOWN HALL OUTLINES PATH FORWARD

## HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Staff Writer

The Kwajalein Atoll community recently came together for a town hall meeting that was anything but ordinary. On Wednesday, August 13, 2025, residents packed the High School Multi-Purpose Room to welcome the new U.S. Army Garrison -Kwajalein Atoll (USAG-KA), Commander Col. Matthew J. Cannon and Command Sergeant Major Stanley L. Jackson, and hear a vision for the future.

Despite a minimal agenda, the message from the new leadership was clear and full of promise. Col. Cannon

wasted no time in confirming his commitment to a thorough review of current policies over his first 60 to 90 days. He assured the community that any revisions would only come after a deep understanding of their original justification.

Cannon also candidly addressed the persistent challenges of island life, from slow shipping and limited supplies to communication hurdles. He then swiftly transitioned to a recap of recent impactful events, highlighting the value of Kwajalein as the missile test sight and the resilience of its workers.





He recognized the community's strong response to recent challenges, including a tsunami advisory, a shark encounter, and the tragic loss of a valued RMI team member. With a heartfelt tone, he praised task force leaders and residents for their timely efforts and compassionate actions.

Looking ahead, Col. Cannon

revealed his request for more funds to tackle critical infrastructure projects, improve resource prioritization and integrate strategic planning for other core projects. To keep the community informed, he also committed to providing biweekly or bi-monthly updates on these projects. Senior Garrison leadership through visits to

the island will remain highly engaged in understanding, supporting, and improving the infrastructure and quality of life on Kwajalein.

The town hall meeting was a powerful display of transparency, commitment, and a shared sense of purpose. It fostered a balance between acknowledging current challenges and instilling confi-

dence in a unified path forward toward progression and stability for the Kwajalein Atoll. ❖



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ABOVE: Col. Cannon and CSM Jackson pose with Class of 2026.



# E-wareness: *What is a Hazardous Waste Collection Area?*



A Hazardous Waste Collection Area is a designated location where a generator (*i.e.*, Kwaj Ops, Utilities, Amec, San Juan, Nan, etc.) accumulates as much as 55 gallons of hazardous waste in containers at or near any point of generation (*i.e.*, shops, project site).

Question, call Environmental at 480-0722.

## MARSHALLESE TRANSLATION

Jikin ae kwobej ko rekauwotata rej ijoko emoj kamelim an department/shop ko likit tarin 55-gallon in kwobej ko rekauwotata ilo container ko ijoko jermal ko rej komon ie. Kajitok, kiir *Environmental* ilo 480-0722.



**Front Cover: Dr. Black by Stephenie Sunkel**

**Back Cover: Sailboat Bigej by Melissa Dethlefsen**

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ABOVE: Mrs. Gerber brought the kindergarten Rikatak kids over for their first eye exams and they had a lot of fun meeting Mrs. Cannon and Dr. Baldrige too.

## COMMUNITY DR. WILL BLACK: BRINGING QUALITY EYE CARE TO KWAJALEIN

### HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Staff Writer

Dr. Will Black, an experienced Optometric Physician, discovered his passion for medicine in high school and quickly found his niche in optometry during his first year of college. He was drawn not only to the clinical side of the profession but also to the personal, one-on-one connection with patients and the business aspect of private practice.

Over the course of 35 years, Dr. Black built a successful optometry career in Idaho, owning and operating five private practices. In 2019, all five practices were acquired by private equity, allowing him to retire in 2022. That same year, he accepted a unique opportunity to provide remote optometry ser-

vices on Kwajalein, thanks to a referral from a friend—formerly a dental hygienist on the island who later became the hospital administrator.

Initially, Dr. Black came to Kwaj for a three-month stint. That experience led to a semi-annual arrangement: he now visits twice a year—mid-July to mid-August and mid-January to mid-February—offering full-scope eye care services to the island's residents. Each month-long visit includes three weeks of scheduled clinic appointments.

What began with cumbersome, manual appointment scheduling—relying on voicemails and callbacks—has since evolved into a streamlined process through an online scheduling platform. This system allows patients to book annual exams,



PHOTO BY STEPHEN ELSON



disease checks, and other services in advance, while also receiving automated reminders. During his current visit, nearly 70% of his patients are new—demonstrating a growing demand for optometry services on the island. Kwa-jeyes.com is his website for booking appointments, and he is currently onsite for appointments through August 16.

Dr. Black provides comprehensive eye care, including vision correction, treatment of eye diseases, and prescription eyewear. One ongoing challenge has been the timely delivery of glasses and contact lenses to the island. In the past, shipments sometimes ended up as far away as Hong Kong or Japan. Despite these logistical hurdles, Dr. Black offers an impressive selection of over 250 eyeglass frames and 150 sunglasses.

He has also introduced a valuable educational component to his Kwaj Eyecare by partnering with Arizona College of Optometry to bring fourth-year optometry intern

doctors like current incumbent, Dr. Jared Baldrige to the island, giving him hands-on experience and academic credit. Additionally, he has helped modernize the clinic by transporting up-to-date diagnostic equipment to Kwaj, which remains on-site for continued use during his visits.

“The most rewarding part of this journey is the sense of community,” Dr. Black shared as he reflected on the opportunity to educate the kindergarten class during their first eye exam visit this week. He deeply values the relationships he has built with long-term residents and enjoys welcoming new faces each time he returns. Beyond the clinic, he takes full advantage of the island’s natural beauty—spending his downtime scuba diving, snorkeling, and simply relaxing by the ocean and the pool. ▼



PHOTO BY HEATH CHRISTIE

## 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.



# COMMUNITY RISING TIDES: THE MARSHALL ISLANDS MAKES ITS INTERNATIONAL SOCCER DEBUT

## HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagon; CYS  
Deputy Director

The last nation on Earth without a soccer team, until now. The Republic of the Marshall Islands is finally stepping onto the global pitch. This August, the Marshall Islands Soccer Federation (MISF) launches its first men's national team into international play with two debut matches: August 14 against the U.S. Virgin Islands and August 16 against Turks and Caicos, both hosted in Springdale, Arkansas.

This historic moment marks a major milestone for one of the last sovereign nations in the world without a FIFA or regional football confederation affiliation. And for those on Kwajalein and across the islands, AFN will air both games live and replay them multiple times on Kwaj TV channel 20.2, allowing our community to witness history unfold.

While the MISF was officially formed in 2021, true momentum came in late 2022 when Lloyd Owers, a British UEFA-licensed coach, and Matt Webb, now the federation's Marketing & Commercial Director, connected with MISF President Shem Livai. Inspired by the opportunity to grow something from the ground up, they joined forces and began their work in earnest in January 2023.

Today, Owers serves as both Technical Director and Head Coach of the Marshall Islands men's national soccer team. "Most people wanted to see us play a full 11 v 11 game," said Owers. "It wasn't the right time before—but now it is."

Over the past year, MISF has been developing the sport in Majuro, establishing futbol leagues and identi-

fying local talent. With increasing support from Marshallese communities in the U.S., especially in Kwajalein and Arkansas, the federation recognized that the time was right to take the next step.

"This is about more than one game," Owers explained. "It's the next step toward our goal of full confederation membership in Oceania Football Confederation (OFC) or Association Football Club (AFC)."

The debut squad features players from Majuro, Kwajalein, and the U.S., all selected based on Federation International Football Association (FIFA) eligibility. Players were found through a combination of local scouting, social media outreach, and community connections.

"We're representing Marshallese people all over the world," said Owers. "Our team reflects the global Marshallese diaspora and the movement of our people throughout history."

Support from Scott Hill, V2X Community Services Director and MISF board member and the community on Kwajalein helped identify eligible players and expand the



PHOTOS BY SCOTT HILL





federation's reach.

Pulling together an international team from multiple countries is no easy feat, especially with zero formal funding. The project has been fueled entirely by grassroots efforts: donors, fundraising campaigns, small sponsors, and the unwavering dedication of a tight-knit leadership team.

"It's been a mammoth task," said Owers. "For six months, myself, Matt Webb, Press and Communication Director Justin Walley, and volunteer Woody Watson, have pushed this project forward, step by step."

Springdale, Arkansas was chosen for the debut because it's home to one of the largest Marshallese populations outside of the Marshall Islands. The local response has been enthusiastic, with community members traveling in from across the U.S. to support the team.

"It's incredible to see the community come together for this," said Webb. "We want these games to be a celebration."

The matches are part of the Outrigger Challenge Cup, a tournament created by the MISF. The first edition was held in 2024 in Majuro, featuring futsal matches between the Marshall Islands, FSM, and Kiribati. This year marks the expansion into full

11-a-side international play.

MISF's long-term goals include confederation membership in OFC or AFC, establishing youth leagues and training infrastructure in the RMI, stationing a permanent coach on-island to grow local talent, and creating a pathway for Marshallese athletes worldwide to represent their nation.

"Sport plays a huge role in national identity," said Owers. "It gives people something to believe in and rally around." To the next generation of Marshallese players, Owers offers encouragement, "Keep playing. Keep showing interest. Fill out our eligibility form. We want to find you and help you represent your country."

For the team, the fans, and the country, this debut is more than just two games—it's a declaration: The Marshall Islands has arrived on the world soccer stage.

"All of it makes me proud," said Owers. "We've gone from nothing to something big in a short time. And we're just getting started."

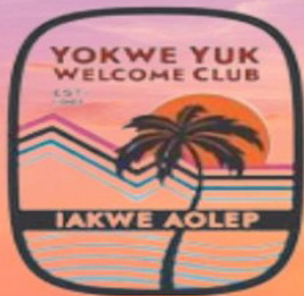
You can follow the journey on AFN Kwaj TV channel 20.2 or on Instagram @rmisoccer.

If you are Marshallese and play soccer, fill out the eligibility form on the MISF website at [www.misf.org](http://www.misf.org).

The journey has begun—RMI is here to stay. ▼







**YYWC SUNSET SOCIAL**  
**September 8, 2025**  
**Emon Beach Pavilion**  
**6:30–8:00pm**

**Join us for a fun, family-friendly event and discover how you can help support education in the Marshall Islands and Micronesia! Enjoy games for all ages, delicious food and drinks, and a raffle with exciting prizes for both kids and adults.**



## COMMUNITY

# GET READY TO SET SAIL: THE KWAJALEIN LABOR DAY CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA RETURNS!

### HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagon; CYS Deputy Director

Kwajalein's favorite splash-filled showdown is back! On Labor Day, Monday, September 1, the waves at Emon Beach will be alive with creativity, competition, and plenty of cardboard as the annual Kwajalein Cardboard Boat Regatta kicks off another unforgettable race.

This beloved tradition challenges participants to put their engineering and artistic skills to the test by building seaworthy vessels out of an unlikely material: cardboard. That's right—boats must be constructed using only cardboard, tape, and paint. No plastic, foam, or any materials intended to enhance buoyancy are allowed. It's all about raw ingenuity, teamwork, and how well your cardboard creation can stay afloat!

Participants are encouraged to get creative with boat designs and themes. From pirate ships to rocket ships—if

you can imagine it and build it out of cardboard, it's fair game. But remember: it's not just about style—it's about staying afloat and paddling across the finish line.

#### Boat Building Rules:

- Boats must be made entirely from cardboard.
- Tape and paint may be used for decoration and assembly.
- No materials may be used to add buoyancy (e.g., foam, plastic, or sealed containers).
- All boats must be human-powered—no motors or propulsion systems allowed.
- Safety vests must be worn during the race.

Whether you're racing or spectating, the event promises fun for all ages. So gather your crew, grab some cardboard, and start building! The Kwajalein Labor Day Cardboard Boat Regatta is your chance to make waves—and memories—on the island.

As one of last year's participants shared, "Our boat

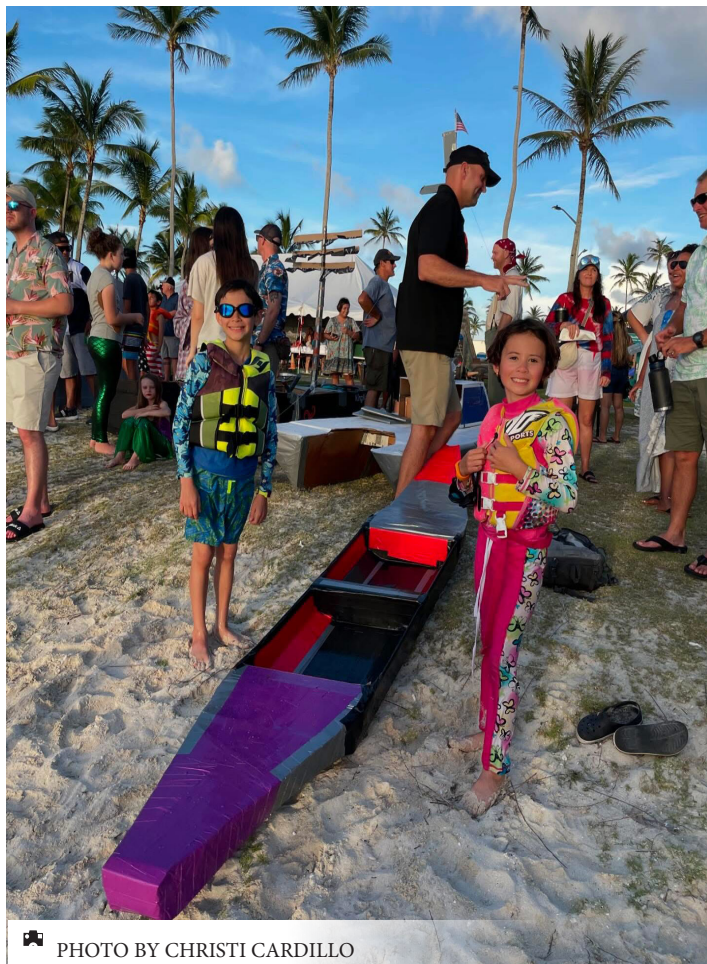


PHOTO BY CHRISTI CARDILLO



PHOTO BY STEPHEN ELSON



didn't make it halfway before sinking, but we laughed so hard we didn't care. It's the kind of event that brings the whole community together, whether you win, lose, or swim."

For more information or to register your boat, stop by the library or call 480-3332. Boats must be registered no later than August 28th. All cardboard pieces and crafts are removed from the lagoon. See you at the beach! 🏖️



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## POWER OUTAGE NOTICE

### FY21 Kwajalein Army Family Housing Construction

Project: FY21 Kwajalein Army Housing Construction

Nan, Inc. construction company, has begun mobilization and preliminary activities for the upcoming power tie-in works from existing power distribution for the FY21 Kwajalein Army Family Housing project. **ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2025 THERE WILL BE A THREE HOUR CONTINUOUS POWER OUTAGE 2230-0130H** The outage will affect the areas highlighted on the map.

Nan, Inc. will secure each area with barriers and safety signage. For inquiries, please contact the project team at 480-2548. Nan, Inc. appreciates the support and cooperation of the community for this transformative construction project.

Mahalo,  
Nan, Inc.







# IT'S KITTEN SEASON

Interested in Adopting a Kwaj Cat?

Call **480-2017** or stop by the **Vet Clinic** to inquire and gather the paperwork.

## Foster Parents also wanted!

Call or Email us your information if you would like to become a Kwaj Cat foster parent!

[kwajvetclinic@acuityinternational.com](mailto:kwajvetclinic@acuityinternational.com)

## Do your part to eliminate mosquitoes:

- Check for standing water where mosquitoes breed
- Dump any accumulated water at least weekly
- Manage vegetation and eliminate accumulated leaves

Dump standing water



## Do your part to eliminate flies:

- Do not add food waste directly into open trash cans such as the Emon Beach trash containers, large black trash cans, or residential green trash receptacles.
- Always seal food and animal waste inside trash/plastic bags before adding to trash cans.
- Periodically clean outdoor trash receptacles.







## Fogging Schedule

- 5:30 PM-7:30 PM
- Roi-Namur: Aug. 19-20, 2025
- Kwajalein: Aug. 26-28, 2025
- Weather dependent
- Avoid fogged area for ~30 minutes

## Fogging with Eco-friendly EcoVia EC Insecticide

- Liquid botanical oil insecticide
- Active ingredients include Thyme Oil & Rosemary Oil
- Safe to use in and around homes and near water
- Safe to use around children and pets



# Kwaj Smoke Off

**Think you're the top grill master on Kwajalein? Prove it at the first annual YYWC Sunset Social Smoke Off!**  
**Pick your protein, fire up the grill, serve your samples, and let the community decide the winner.**  
**Ready to compete?**  
**Sign up here:**

<https://forms.gle/8XVbtTkuSU4gzNgg8>





#### Why We Secure Our Cats

- Island cats can breed only with each other > higher risk of inbreeding.
- Inbreeding = severe deformities and sickness in kittens > passed to future generations.
- Securing helps keep the cat population healthy.

#### How It Works

- Not a “mass euthanasia” - only cats with FIV or FeLV.
- All cats are tested first.
- FIV/FelV is spread by bites, grooming, or sharing bowls > weakens immune systems.
- Healthy cats receive Rabies and FVRCP vaccines to protect them long-term.

## ATTENTION PET OWNERS

THE VET IS COMING TO THE ISLAND  
SEPTEMBER 1ST TO SEPTEMBER 15TH.

CALL THE KWAJALEIN VETERINARY  
CLINIC TO SCHEDULE YOUR  
APPOINTMENT AT 480-2017

OR E-MAIL THEM AT  
KWAJVETCLINIC1@ACUITYINTERNATION  
AL.COM

HOURS OF OPERATION: TUESDAYS -  
SATURDAYS FROM 7:30 AM TO 4:30 PM



Now Available by Appointment...

## PASSPORT PHOTO SERVICES

Located on the 2nd floor of Bldg. 805 on Kwajalein. When taking your photo, remember the following guidance for a successful shoot:

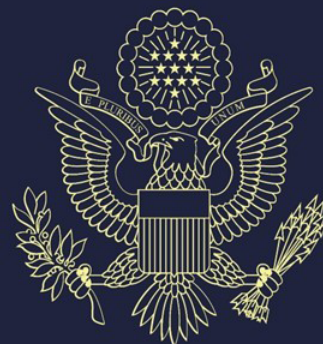
- Directly face the camera without tilting your head.
- Have a neutral facial expression with both eyes open and mouth closed.
- Take off your eyeglasses, headphones or wireless hands-free device.
- Do not wear a uniform, clothing that looks like a uniform, or camouflage.
- Remove hats or head coverings or submit a signed statement or doctor's note that says you must wear it for religious or medical purposes.

To schedule an appointment,  
contact IMD/AVD personnel at:

[KwajaleinHourglass@gov2x.com](mailto:KwajaleinHourglass@gov2x.com)



## PASSPORT



*United States  
of America*



## FREE Blood Pressure Checks!

### Kwajalein Hospital is offering BP Checks!

Help us bring awareness and education to the community!

Outside the DFAC

Date: Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the  
month

*starting August 20th*

Time: 1630 to 1800



### Why it matters:

High blood pressure is the #1 risk factor for strokes  
Let's take care of ourselves and each other!







Even though we are in a remote location that is difficult to get to, we still need to be vigilant and aware of our surroundings here at our home on Kwajalein Atoll.

August 2025 marks the sixteenth year of dedicated focus on Antiterrorism Awareness Month, a critical period for reinforcing the security of our Army communities.

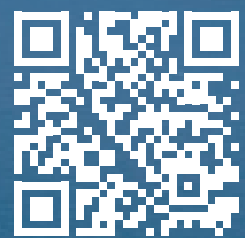
Our capacity to deter adversaries and prevail in any operational environment - from competitive engagement to large-scale combat - hinges on the proactive security posture of every USARPAC team member.

Through collective vigilance and decisive action, we will reinforce our defensive posture and decisively "Get in Position to Compete, Fight, and Win."

**"If you See Something,  
Say Something"**

Call USAKA Law Enforcement at 480-4445

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Click QR Code to jump to social page

Kwajalein



MIA Project

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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 advertisements*

*and announcements intended for the Hourglass and the AFN Roller Channel be formatted as PowerPoint slides.*

*Graphic designers are asked to maintain a generous margin (.75-1-inch) around all sides and to size fonts no smaller than pt. 20.*

*If your Roller Channel advertisement requires a special expiration date, please note this for the Roller team in the body of your message.*

### Deadlines for Submissions

*Send advertisements for the Kwajalein Hourglass and the AFN Roller Channel to [kwajaleinhourglass@gov2x.com](mailto:kwajaleinhourglass@gov2x.com) on Wednesdays by close of business/Thursday morning.*

*Roller Channel ads are accepted on a rolling basis by 4 p.m. for a mid-week and late-week update. Ads received after 4 p.m. will be loaded in the next update. Please ensure you submit ads in good time to ensure timely upload.*

For more information, reach out to the USAG-KA Command team through the USAG-KA Facebook page.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**AFH Construction Is Ongoing.** Nan, Inc. Construction is scheduled to commence the telecommunication scope of work for the Kwajalein Army Family Housing project in our community. Residents and commuters should be aware of possible changes in traffic patterns and to plan their routes accordingly. Nan, Inc. Construction is committed to minimizing any inconveniences, and we will strive to ensure a smooth and efficient construction process.

**ArMA.** Log in to ArMa, the Army Maintenance Application, to report issues for all buildings maintained by the Department of Public Works. Contact Public Works at 480-3550.

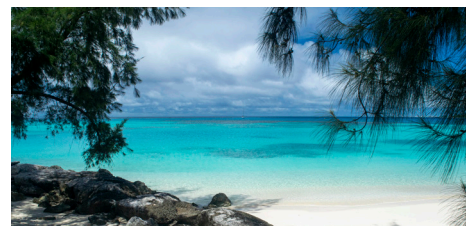
**CAC Office.** Before your visit to the Common Access Card Office, ensure all paperwork is completed by your human resources representative before making an appointment. Bring two forms of government-issued IDs with you. Walk-in appointments are welcome, but there may be a wait. CAC Office Hours, Bldg. 835, are Tuesday – Saturday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.; (Lunch: noon - 1 p.m.). Call 480-8496.

**Demolition at the Capt. Louis S. Zamperini Dining Facility.** Phase three of the Zamperini DFAC demo has begun and is projected to be finished March 2026 for the dining and serving area. Be careful around the dining facility during the phases.

**Do Not Take Cultural Artifacts.** It is illegal to remove cultural resources from the atoll. This includes any protected species, unexploded ordnance, WWII-era artifacts and ancient Marshallese artifacts. These resources are protected under U.S. federal and RMI law. Contact the Kwajalein Archaeology Office at 480-8867.



Contact the USAG-KA Sexual Harassment/ Assault Response and Prevention Victim Advocate  
Sergeant First Class Darrius Hodge  
SHARP Victim Advocate  
Work: 480-1419  
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







**American  
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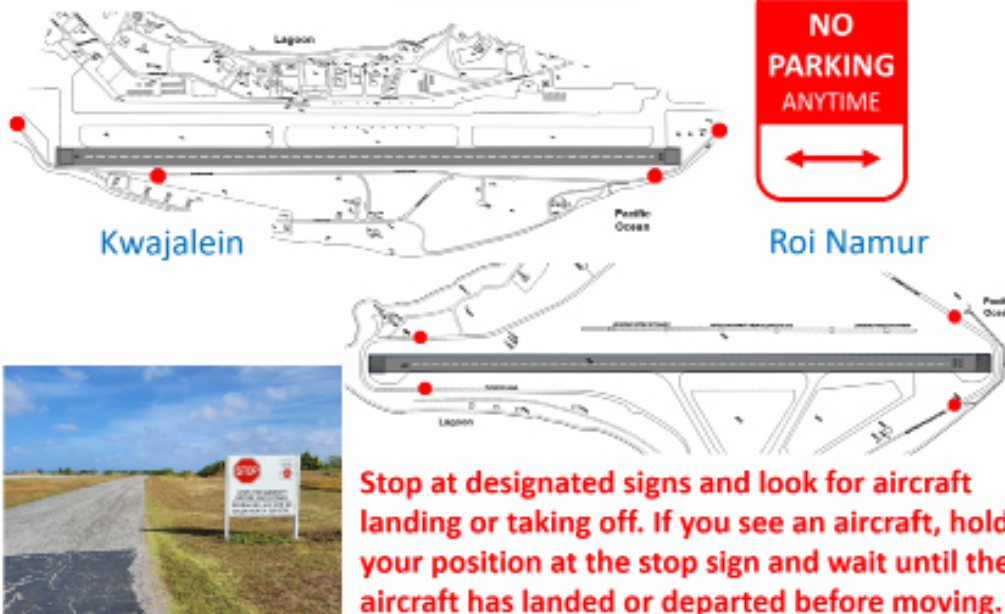
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(PG) 110 min.

**Sunday, August 3**  
"The Terminator" (1984)  
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**Saturday, August 9**  
"Mufasa: The Lion King" (2024)  
(PG) 118 min.

**Sunday, August 10**  
"A Few Good Men" (1992)  
(R) 138 min.

**Saturday, August 16**  
"Shrek Forever After" (2010)  
(PG) 93 min.

**Sunday, August 17**  
"A Complete Unknown" (2024)  
(R) 161 min.

**Saturday, August 23**  
"Sing 2" (2021)  
(PG) 110 min.

**Sunday, August 24**  
"Nosferatu" (2024)  
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# WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

## Discussion:

So far in August, the weather station recorded 2.93 inches of rain about 3.78 inches below normal for the month. So far in 2025, we have only received about 34.5 inches of precipitation, which is more than 13.5 inches below normal for the year, keeping Kwajalein Atoll in drought conditions. Troughing in the winds ENE-E-ESE will keep increased shower coverage in the picture this afternoon as well as a bump in the thunderstorm risk for the central RMI with a lull tomorrow. The trend is for increased shower coverage as we move toward the end of the month. Monday morning will see a bounce as well as the 28th through the 30th. The thunderstorm risk is always elevated with heavy showers in late August. From the 26th through the 30th, the atmospheric waves (troughing) will give the atoll an even greater risk of thunderstorms. There was one thunderstorm day over the last seven days for Kwajalein Island and another this morning for Roi-Namur. 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 a bit uncertain, but there are indications of a robust phase for the Pacific. The trend is now positive for the MJO, which will help to enhance rainfall coverage for the RMI moving toward the 1st of September. The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) will remain modestly active in the vicinity of the central RMI and allow for troughing to pass over the atoll with augmented shower coverage during the next seven days. The El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is in ENSO-neutral conditions as a whole. There has been a recent episode of cooler than normal sea-surface temperatures (SST) in August between the RMI and the Date Line. This along with the negative MJO are the reasons for the now drier than normal August.

## Tropical Cyclones:

None for the RMI. We are now in the tropical cyclone season for the western Pacific and entering the peak of the season as we move toward September. Look for a slightly higher chances of tropical cyclone de-

velopment for the western Pacific as we approach September first.

## Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:

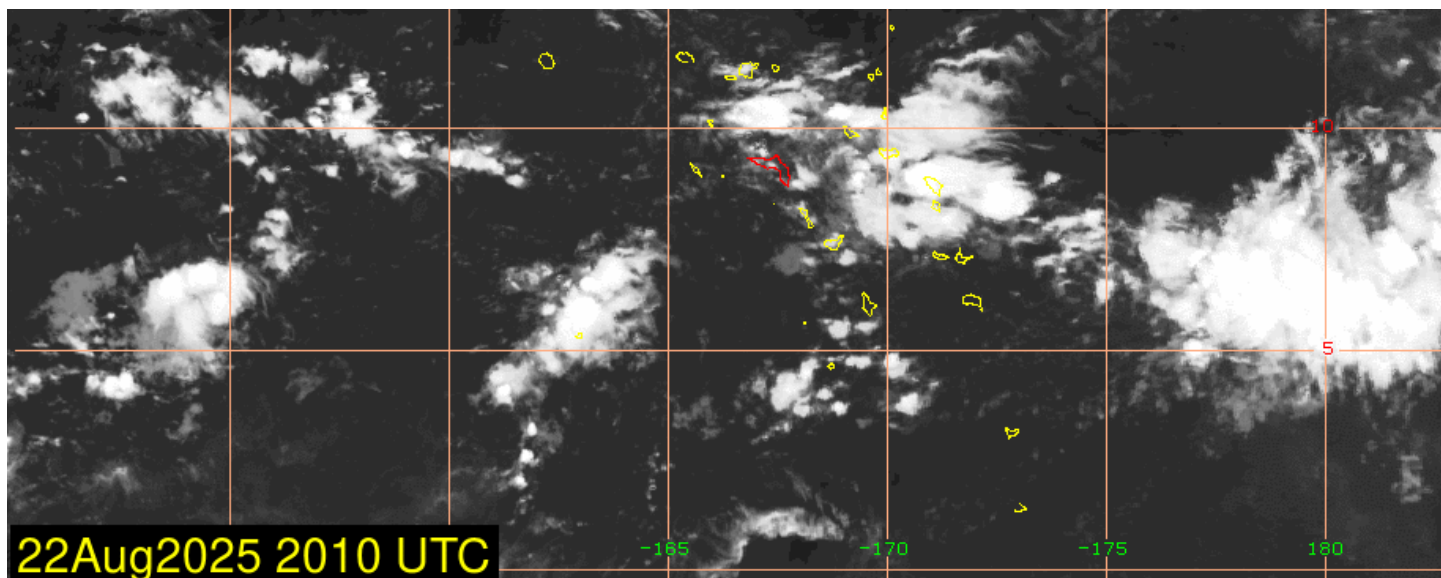
Low risk: Eastern Micronesia and the RMI are expected to be east-northeast to east-southeast trade wind dominant.

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

The New-Moon will occur on Saturday with a max high tide of 4.6 feet the next day. This is the time of the year when we see higher swells affecting the south side of the island due to powerful winter storm transiting between Australia and Antarctica. Winds: As the afternoon progresses, we will see the winds fall down to near doldrum levels around 4-8 knots into tomorrow. Winds will recover to the low teens on Saturday afternoon and climb higher to the middle teens on Sunday. These winds will come down some on Monday as they veer ENE-E-ESE on Monday. Gusty outflow winds are possible as a result of heavy showers just off to the east for short periods. There is a chance that a Small Craft Advisory (SCA) could be issued

on the open lagoon for a short period during any strong showers just to the east of the lagoon. High Surf Advisory (HSA) conditions are not expected for the next seven days. We will see some very long period southern swells from major winter storms between Antarctica and Australia, but the heights are only about a foot the 24th through the 25th.

**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. ⚠





# WEATHER

RIS WEATHER STATION STAFF

## WEATHER DISCUSSION

Occasional showers are expected across Kwajalein Atoll to end the work week and start the weekend. The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) is reorganizing near the south-central RMI. While the peak storm activity may stay south of the atoll over the weekend, the ITCZ will remain in close enough proximity to the atoll to send a series of atmospheric waves through the region, bringing a wetter pattern over the weekend and into early next week. The next atmospheric wave is expected to arrive early Saturday morning, increasing shower and thunderstorm coverage and bringing moderate northeasterly winds. A trade wind surge arrives Saturday evening and extends into Sunday, increasing winds into the upper teens with isolated showers during the day. By mid-afternoon Sunday, winds will decrease back to the upper single digits and shift to the east-southeast as the atmospheric wave pushes through the area. Showers will increase once again early Monday. By Monday afternoon the atmospheric wave exits the area and winds will decrease further to light and variable with periods of calm. Showers should taper off Monday afternoon,



	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
<b>SUNDAY</b>	6:41 a.m. 7:02 p.m.	7:12 a.m. 7:43 p.m.	4:49 a.m. 4.6' 5:07 p.m. 4.0'	11:06 a.m. -0.7' 11:04 p.m. -0.5'
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:41 a.m. 7:01 p.m.	7:59 a.m. 8:21 p.m.	5:17 a.m. 4.5' 5:33 p.m. 4.0'	11:31 a.m. -0.6' 11:33 p.m. -0.5'
<b>TUESDAY</b>	6:41 a.m. 7:01 p.m.	8:44 a.m. 8:58 p.m.	5:43 a.m. 4.4' 5:59 p.m. 4.0'	11:54 a.m. -0.5' -----
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:41 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	9:28 a.m. 9:35 p.m.	6:07 a.m. 4.1' 6:24 p.m. 3.9'	12:01 a.m. -0.3' 12:16 p.m. -0.3'
<b>THURSDAY</b>	6:41 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	10:13 a.m. 10:14 p.m.	6:30 a.m. 3.7' 6:48 p.m. 3.7'	12:29 a.m. -0.1' 12:37 p.m. -0.1'
<b>FRIDAY</b>	6:41 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	11:00 a.m. 10:54 p.m.	6:53 a.m. 3.2' 7:14 p.m. 3.4'	12:57 a.m. 0.2' 12:58 p.m. 0.2'
<b>AUGUST 30</b>	6:41 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	11:48 a.m. 11:38 p.m.	7:16 a.m. 2.8' 7:44 p.m. 3.1'	1:27 a.m. 0.6' 1:18 p.m. 0.5'

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leading to a generally drier second half of the day.

### SATURDAY

Partly sunny with isolated showers and a possible stray thunderstorm. Winds NE-E at 10-15 knots, increasing to 14-18 knots during the evening and overnight, with higher gusts possible near showers.

### SUNDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a possible stray thunderstorm. Winds NE-E at 13-17 knots, decreasing to ENE-ESE 8-13 knots in the afternoon, with higher gusts possible near showers.

### MONDAY

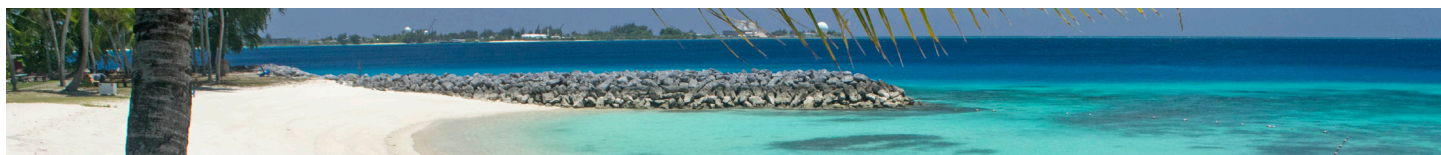
Partly sunny with widely scattered showers and a possible stray

thunderstorm early, decreasing to isolated showers in the afternoon. Winds SE-E 7-12 knots with higher gusts possible near showers, becoming light and variable.

### NEXT WEEK

An active Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) may shift north over the Atoll, increasing shower activity for

the week. Winds will be from the northeast in the upper single digits through mid-week, and reduce to calm, doldrum-like conditions for the latter part of the week. Shower coverage will generally increase as the week progresses. Stray thunderstorms may accompany some of these showers.





*Until Next Week!*

