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## “THIS IS THE RMI”: MARSHALL ISLANDS SOCCER TEAM REFLECTS ON HISTORIC FIRST MATCHES

### HOURLASS REPORT

By Isaiah Matthews, Story Writer

For years, the Marshall Islands carried a unique distinction—it was the only nation in the world without a soccer team. That changed in August 2025 when a determined group of athletes pulled on blue and orange jerseys and stepped onto the field in Springdale, Arkansas.

The site was fitting. Northwest Arkansas is home to the largest Marshallese community outside the islands. On game day, families waved flags, drummed, and sang, their voices echoing across the stands.

“The first time I stepped on the field, I felt incredibly honored to represent the Republic of the Marshall Islands,” said Johnathan Koehler, a goalkeeper with the Marshall Islands National Soccer Team. “Being able to step on the field and represent them and their country while assisting the soccer program to move forward is a huge honor.”

Their first match came against the U.S. Virgin Is-

lands. Though the final score read 4-0.

Just days later, against the Turks and Caicos Islands, they celebrated their first two international goals in a spirited 3-2 contest.

“We were excited as a team and far more so than any just one goal because it was the first goal, Koehler said. “It was against a FIFA credited nation, that was not an easier opponent. They’re very tough, very well skilled and being able to see that happen was a boost, huge excitement for not just me, but the entire team.”

Behind the scenes, the journey was far from simple. The Marshall Islands Soccer Federation, founded in 2020, faced challenges of distance, resources, and recognition. Yet on the field, the players turned obstacles into opportunity.

“We never played together before,” said Koehler. “We had only five practices, about an hour and a half each practice to find our groove.”

For many, the debut meant more than just sport—it was

about carrying family pride, honoring the islands, and showing the world that the RMI belongs in global football.

“The most special thing, the reason they chose Springdale, Arkansas, was because of the Marshallese population,” said Danny Razook, a defensive center back with the Marshall Islands national team. “It’s a great honor. Our job now is to inspire the next generation of Marshallese kids to want to play soccer. Knowing that was on our back is a big burden—but it was worth it, to hopefully inspire.”

Off the pitch, the squad bonded over shared meals, music, and stories. By the end of the week, they weren’t just a roster of names; they were a team.

“The chemistry was awesome,” said Koehler. “The work ethic was great. Everybody wanted to be there, give it their all and do their best.”

The debut may not have grabbed international headlines, but for Marshallese everywhere, it was monumental. The sight of their flag

carried onto a soccer field—once unimaginable—became a living symbol of identity, resilience, and unity.

“It was a dream come true,” said Koehler. “I’d been messaged by family members across the U.S. by Marshallese friends scattered across the world. It was already in papers in England, Spain, Portugal, France and in Taiwan. It was all over the world.”

The players know the road ahead is long. But whether the next match is in the islands or abroad, they’ve proven the Marshall Islands can compete, and more importantly, inspire.

“We have a lot of heart,” Koehler said. “We have a lot of love and culture to share with other people and a strong desire to become a FIFA credited nation and show the world what we’re capable of.”





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## COMMUNITY

# YOKWE YUK WELCOME CLUB: HONORING TRADITION, BUILDING COMMUNITY, AND SUPPORTING EDUCATION

### HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagon; CYS Deputy Director

Since its founding in 1956 as the Kwajalein Officer's Wives Club, the Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club (YYWC) has been a cornerstone of community life on Kwajalein. Established to foster social connection and provide support for Marshallese communities, the club evolved into the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club in 1961 and, in 2020, proudly opened its membership to both men and women, welcoming all K- and C-badge holders rebranding itself to be more inclusive and reflect broader community engagement. Today, the YYWC remains committed to its mission: promoting friendship, cultural exchange, and educational opportunities across the Marshall Islands and Micronesia.

What began as a network of social support for families on Kwajalein has grown into a vibrant organization that strengthens ties between island residents and Marshallese communities. Over the decades, YYWC has raised thousands of dollars to fund scholarships and educational initiatives, supporting students throughout the region.

Two key initiatives drive this effort:

- The Bargain Bazaar: Established in 1958 as the Island Thrift Store, the Bargain Bazaar reopened in 1961 and continues to operate near the dock. The shop sells second-hand goods donated by the community, with all proceeds funding education programs in the Marshall Islands and Micronesia.

- The Micronesian Handicraft Shop (Mic Shop):

Founded in 1963, showcases and sells high-quality handicrafts created by artisans from across Micronesia. Located downtown, it not only promotes cultural heritage but also generates income for educational assistance.

These operations, combined with seasonal bake sales and fundraising events, make up the foundation of YYWC's Educational Assistance Committee, created in 1963 to administer scholarships and allocate funds where they are needed most.

Mark your calendars for Monday, September 8, 2025, as we launch the new season with the YYWC Sunset Social—an annual event reimagined for the entire community. This festive evening will feature light refreshments, music, and a warm welcome to new and returning members. Guests will have the opportunity to learn about volunteer opportunities, sign up for committees, and explore the exciting calendar of events ahead.

New this year: the Kwaj Smoke-Off Contest will add a delicious twist to the social. Amateur and experienced



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grill masters alike will compete for the title of Kwaj's Best BBQ, with attendees sampling entries and voting for their favorites.

The 2025–2026 calendar is packed with creative and interactive events designed to bring people together and raise funds for education:

- Kwaj Clue (January 18, 2026): A family-friendly mystery biking adventure where teams solve clues island-wide to crack the case of the missing Glow-in-the-Dark Coral Sample.

- Amazing Race Kwajalein (February 2, 2026): An island-wide adults only challenge inspired by the hit TV show, featuring physical and mental tasks at multiple checkpoints.

- Date Night Series kicks off with an Elegant Valentine's Dinner (February 15, 2026) at Vet's Hall, featuring dinner and live music.

- Annual Ladies' Holiday Luncheon at the Commander's Residence (December 2025): A festive afternoon of cultural exchange and holiday cheer with honored guests from Ebeye.

- Collaborative Cultural Events: YYWC partners annually with the Kwajalein Art Guild for two signature events—

- o Photography Show (August 31, 2025) showcasing local photographers

- o Island Impressions Art Show & Music Evening (January 25, 2026) featuring curated art and live performances at the Commander's Residence.

YYWC thrives because of the dedication and creativity of its members. Whether you want to volunteer at the Bargain Bazaar, help run an event, or lend your talents to the Mic Shop, there's a place for you in our community.

Membership is open to all K- and C-badge holders. Joining means more than attending events—it's about making a difference in the lives of students across Micronesia and building lifelong friendships on Kwajalein.

For more information on membership, volunteering, or upcoming events, follow YYWC on social media or email us at [christywag@yahoo.com](mailto:christywag@yahoo.com). 📧



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## COMMUNITY

# FROM THE ICE TO THE ATOLL: A FLIGHT MEDIC'S JOURNEY SPANS THE GLOBE

HOURLASS REPORT

By Isaiah Matthews, Story Writer

The cold in Antarctica is something most people can't imagine, but Rebecca Craig doesn't focus on that. What stands out to her more is how quiet it was.

"When I first landed in Antarctica, it was nothing around," said Craig, a flight medic now working at Kwajalein Hospital. "We stepped off the plane. We all had our big red puffy coats on, our bunny boots and our goggles. It was a little bit dark on the horizon and hardly any light out there."

The remote environment was unlike anything she had seen before.

"It was just a different landscape that I'm not typically used to," she said. "Then it was a lot to fathom how far distance actually is."

Before working in Antarctica, Craig had already served

as a flight medic in remote locations. Her job often meant working with limited equipment, no backup and a need to stay calm in emergencies. She became used to thinking on her feet and making do with what was available.

"I was allowed to do a lot more than what I'm used to," she said. "We have walking blood banks. If we need the blood, we find somebody who has matched the same patient's blood. We would take blood from the donor, run it into a bag, test it and run it back into the patient."

In Antarctica, Craig's main job was to support the health of scientists and workers at a research station. But she also took on another unexpected task: herding penguins out of harm's way.

"It was our responsibility as the fire department to get the penguins off the runway

and off the road," Craig said. "So, to get a penguin off the road or tarmac, you can go and talk to them, or kind of approach them. Usually, they do not like contact, but they are curious animals."

Sometimes that didn't work, so she and others used bamboo sticks to gently make noise and guide the penguins away from danger.

Penguin herding, she said, wasn't about chasing the birds, it was about being patient and reading their behavior.

After eight months in Antarctica, Craig returned to a much different setting: the tropical climate of Kwajalein Atoll. Despite the change in scenery, she said the work shares some similarities.

"The similarities are that we're so far away from any type of particular help," she said. "We do have good phy-

sicians and good medical care on Kwajalein, but anything as high critical care would be a long time coming. So, we have to be able to manage that patient for longer times."

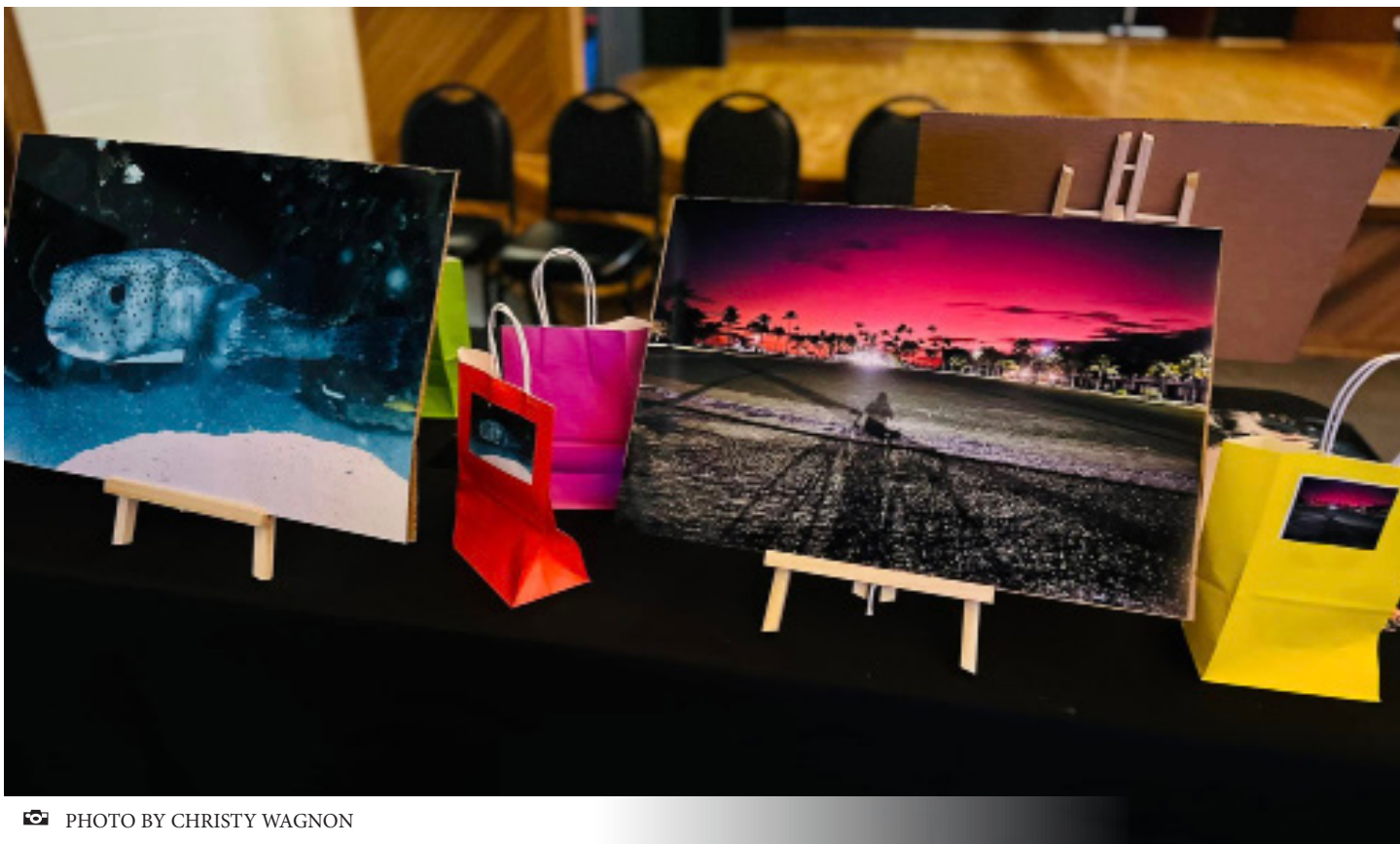
On Kwajalein, flights in and out can be limited, and in some cases, emergency evacuations take hours. Being prepared to provide care over long periods is part of the job.

Craig said working in remote places teaches you to rely on yourself and your team, and to keep improving, no matter where you are.

"If you're a good person, good people would find you," she said. "So always keep looking ahead and always keep being the person you want to be."

From frozen tundra to island airstrips, Craig brings the same dedication to her work, no matter the location.





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## COMMUNITY

### THE KWAJALEIN ART GUILD: A CREATIVE HOME FOR EVERYONE

#### HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagon, CYS Deputy Director

On an island best known for science, service, and sea, the Kwajalein Art Guild (KAG) quietly nurtures a different kind of excellence—creativity. Today's KAG welcomes artists of every level and discipline, inviting anyone with a spark of curiosity to make, share, and celebrate art together.

The KAG's current vision is simple and generous: provide a space where artisans of all levels can explore, practice, and share their work. That spirit shows up in everything the KAG does—from entry-friendly classes to gallery-style showcases—so neighbors who may not think of themselves as “artists” discover they are.

“Kwajalein is a very, very

small community, and a lot of times we don't know the caliber of our friends,” KAG President Stephanie Fried reflected. “The Art Guild brings those talents out, especially when members teach classes—expert or not.”

Alongside a steady rotation of classes, the KAG anchors the island's creative calendar with two craft fairs each year and, in partnership with the Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club (YYWC), two major shows: the island-wide Art Show and the Photography Show.

The current Art Show emerged from a collaboration with a previous YYWC lead and was intentionally styled to feel like an elegant evening out—“a fancy cocktail party” that gave attendees an excuse to dress up and take in painting, sculpture, fiber arts,

stained glass, and more. The newer Photography Show riffs on that idea with a medium that resonates widely on Kwaj. With so many casual and avid photographers here, the show draws fresh voices and lowers the barrier to participating in the arts.

Equally important, these events aren't just marketplaces. “The Art Show is about showing an artist's creation without requiring large quantities to sell,” Fried said. It's a venue to gather in a new way, meet people you might not otherwise, and be inspired by what your neighbors make.

Everyone who calls Kwajalein home is welcome—in individuals and families alike. Many members first discover the KAG through a class and stay for the fellowship. It's not a club for professionals; it's a

community for anyone who wants to explore creativity in any form.

The KAG encourages participation through approachable classes and hands-on workshops. Teaching is part of the magic—members who try leading a class often find new confidence in their own practice, and participants leave with skills, friends, and momentum to keep creating.

Art here is personal. In a close-knit community, creative work becomes a conversation—between neighbors, with the ocean and sky, and across disciplines. Shows and classes reveal the surprising depth of talent tucked into everyday life on island.

Like many local groups, the KAG navigates a smaller population and has a constant need for extra hands, espe-

cially for big shows and class instruction. If you've been looking for a meaningful way to contribute or an excuse to learn that art you've been curious about—

Responding to surging interest (stained glass, in particular, has a waitlist), the KAG is launching an Art of the Month series featuring rotating themes and classes:

- August: Photography
- September: Tie-Dye
- October: Stained Glass
- November: Painting
- December: Holiday Crafts

More themes are in the works, and members are encouraged to pitch ideas and lead sessions.

The KAG also invests in the next generation through a senior scholarship built on three pillars: building community, supporting the KAG community, and practicing the arts. Seniors apply in the spring and interview with KAG members to discuss their projects and what art means to them.

"I hope the Art Guild continues to give our technically oriented community an outlet to express their creative sides," one leader shared. That sentiment echoes across members' stories: Zoe King shared, "The purpose of the Art Guild spoke to me. I love learning stained glass and teaching others. The space is

open any time—which matters when you're a full-time working mom." Fried agrees, "I've always loved working with my hands. As president, I get to help create a community that encourages people to try new creative arts. That's the best part."

In the end, the KAG is about joy, expression, and connection. "We can always do art alone," King said, "but being in the Guild means we get to share that with others."

The Kwajalein Art Guild welcomes all community members to get involved. Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Art Annex, where members can connect and share ideas. Volunteers are always needed—whether it's lending a hand at a craft fair, helping with a show, or even teaching a class—no professional experience required, just a love for creativity. Be sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming KAG/YYWC Photography Show on Sunday, August 31, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at CRC 6, where guests can enjoy an evening of striking photography, desserts, and camaraderie. Attendees are encouraged to dress up for the occasion, making it a special night to celebrate art, community, and creativity.

Whether you're picking up a brush for the first time, dusting off a camera, or shaping glass under expert guidance, there's a place for you at the Kwajalein Art Guild. Come create with us. ❖

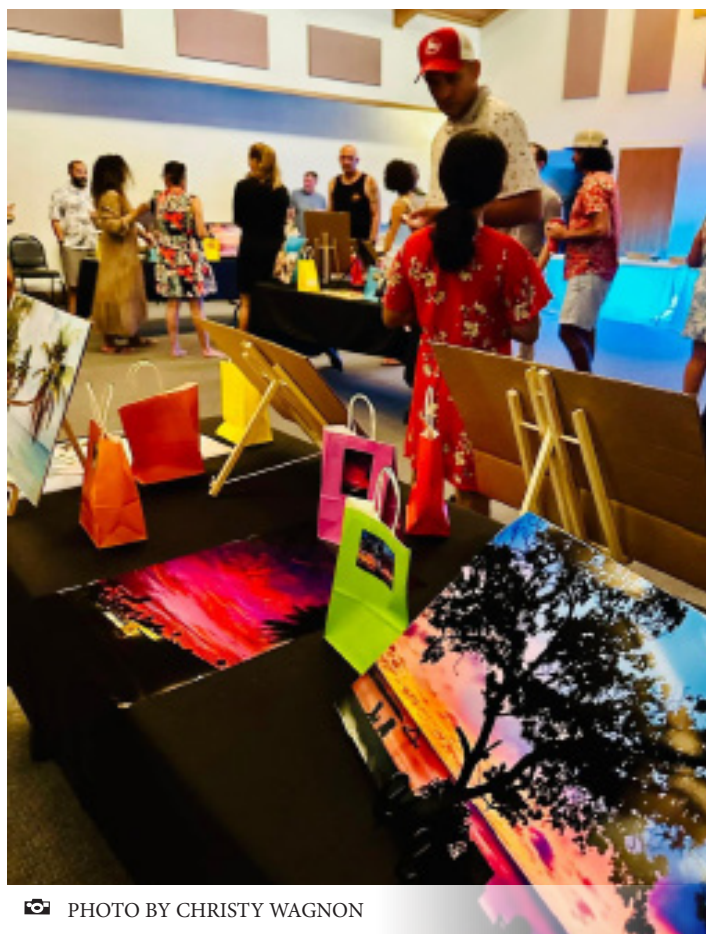


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## POWER OUTAGE NOTICE

### 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,

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# Housing Assessment



Assessment officials will be conducting assessments of housing on Kwajalein Atoll from 2-8 October.

Go to <https://assetcalc.net/?redirect=army>.

Once on the page put in Kwajalein for the location then your housing unit number, then the date and time you would like. Online appointment sign-up will close on 25 Sept. If you have not signed up by then call 480-3450 to schedule an appointment.

Please note that the resident has to be there for the assessment. If you will be off island during the inspection dates your house sitter needs to be present.

All pets need to be secured and kept away from the inspectors during the walkthrough. Please keep your pets in a kennel until completion of the walkthrough.

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

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# COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

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**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](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.



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SHARP Victim Advocate

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### 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.

**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

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**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. Morn-

ing 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.

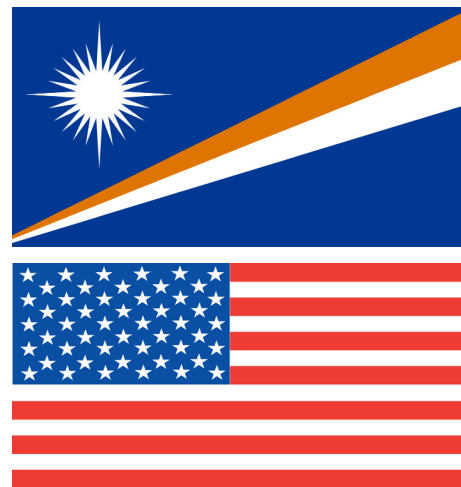
**Smoking.** USAG-KA, smoking is permitted in designated smoking areas only. Smoking and cigarette butt receptacles must be at least 50 feet from the entrance of facilities.

**Taxi Service.** Call 480-TAXI (8294) or 3341 to book your ride at least 24 hours in advance of check-in time.

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## Kwaj Grief Support Group

The journey through grief can feel overwhelming, especially when faced alone. Our **Grief Support Group** offers a safe, understanding space for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. Here, you can share your story, listen to others who are walking a similar path, and find comfort in knowing you are not alone.



## Registration Info

Register open now through for the fall session

Session runs **Sept 8<sup>th</sup> -Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 2025**

Day/time: **Monday evenings 6 to 7:30 pm**

Location: George Seitz Elementary School~ **Coconut Room**

Email: Amy Blakey [blakeya@kwajaleinschools.org](mailto:blakeya@kwajaleinschools.org)



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Let's work together to build a more prepared and resilient community.



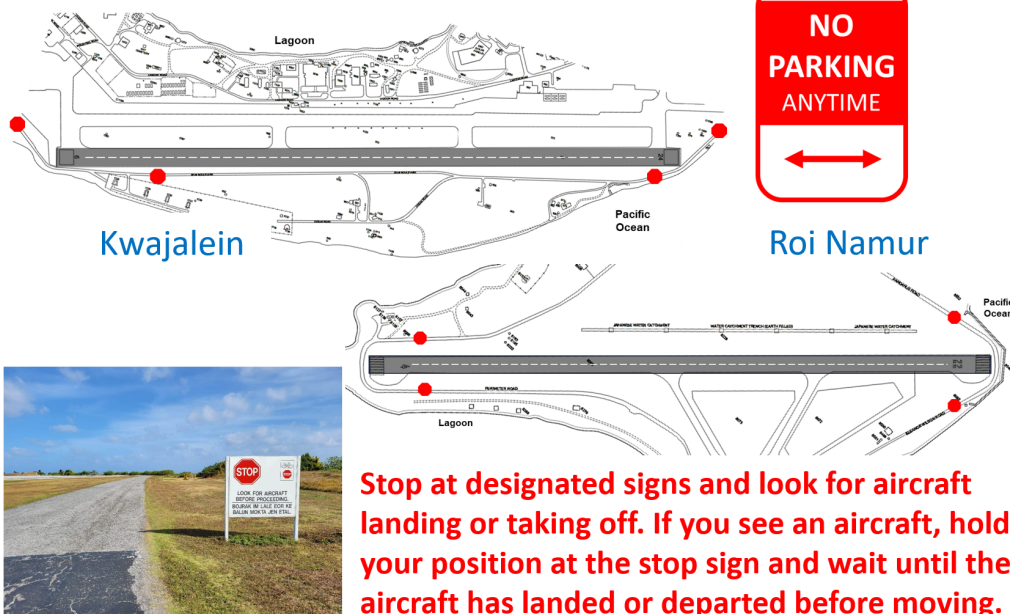
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**Stop at designated signs and look for aircraft  
landing or taking off. If you see an aircraft, hold  
your position at the stop sign and wait until the  
aircraft has landed or departed before moving.**

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# Now Showing at the Yuk Theater

**Saturday, August 2**  
"Sonic The Hedgehog 3" (2024)  
(PG) 110 min.

**Sunday, August 3**  
"The Terminator" (1984)  
(R) 107 min.

**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)  
(R) 132 min.

**Saturday, August 30**  
"A League of Their Own" (1992)  
(PG) 128 min.

All showtimes start at 7:30 p.m.

## **E-Wareness: Compressed Gas Cylinder Storage**

- ✦ Protect cylinders from weather and heat
- ✦ Contents must be labeled per OSHA
- ✦ Separate by type and compatibility
- ✦ No flames or sparks within 50 feet
- ✦ Label empty cylinders as EMPTY



### ***Jikin Kakon Compressed Gas Cylinder Ko***

- ✦ Kejbarok cylinder ko jen menen im dret
- ✦ Renaj aikuj label nan read im melele kaki ekar non OSHA
- ✦ Kejenolok ko aerwotjuon jen ko jet
- ✦ Ejjelok kobatat ak kijeek turinlok 50 ne
- ✦ Label e kin EMPTY elane ejjelok kobban

# Kwajalein Island Trash & Recycling

Residential Trash Collection  
Yard Vegetation Collection  
Hazardous Waste Pickup Line

48C-1760  
48C-1030  
48C-8368



## 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 can bins 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/landfill.



Residential users will be given a green trash receptacle and a smaller blue receptacle for recyclable materials. It is requested that residents 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.



## 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](mailto:Darren.r.Wheeldon.ctr@army.mil)



## Controlled Power Outage Towards Progress

On the Nights of 1 and 2 Sept, 8pm – 4am window of opportunity

Should not exceed 60 minutes before generators kick in

If generator for your location does not kick in call the Service desk at 480-3550

### Summary

Who: MVL Contractor, ATCT Project

What: Cut & Cap Feeders 3 and 4 going into existing ATCT B901

Where: ATCT Project Site

When: Monday, 1 Sept, 8pm-4am

Why: Tuesday, 2 Sept, 8pm-4am

The outage is required to terminate power to existing ATCT, B901 to proceed with demolition of the facility.

### Affected Facilities:

- FN507: Yuk Theatre
- FN566: Vet Clinic and Opt
- FN603: Med Clinic
- FN699: Radiology Lab
- FN700: Admin
- FN702: Admin
- FN714: Paint Warehouse
- FN716: Retail Warehouse
- FN735: VZK
- FN806: IT/IMD
- FN807: Police Station
- FN835: PMO
- FN856: Aircraft Maintenance
- FN901: Existing ATCT
- FN904: Fire Station
- FN915: Fire Prevention Shop
- FN949: Air Marshall Islands
- FN967: Rotary Hangar
- FN1058: Medical Warehouse
- FN1059: DOE/Medical Facility
- FN1160: Fire Station Annex
- FN1418: Ocean View Club
- FN1759: Admin, Finance
- FN1791: Self Help

# SCHEDULED POWER OUTAGE



POWER OUTAGE TESTS FOR THE 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ARE POSTPONED UNIL FURTHER NOTICE.  
MORE UPDATES WILL BE PUBLISHED ONCE RECEIVED.

## Controlled Power Outage Towards Progress

Night of 3 Sept, 8pm-4am



### Summary

Who: MVL Contractor, Medical Clinic Project

What: Connect new transformer to Feeder 7 to power LSA Site

Where: Medical Clinic LSA

When: Wednesday, 3 Sept, 8pm-4am

Why: This outage is required provide power to the newly erected LSA for staff executing the Medical Clinic project.

Should not exceed 60 minutes before generators kick in

If generator for your location does not kick in call the Service desk at 480-3550

### Affected Facilities:

- FN1013: Con Shop
- FN1022: Warehouse
- FN1028: Gen Maintenance
- FN1060: Log Kormela
- FN1060: Firing Range
- FN1075: USACE
- FN1129: Warehouse
- FN1159: BSR Bathing
- FN1276: Temp ATC Club
- FN1517: LN2 Building
- FN1520: Recycling Center
- FN1521: HAZMAT Storage
- FN1522: Gen Storage
- FN1529: Incinerator Control
- FN1531: Incinerator
- FN1542: Pest Control
- FN1549: Solid Waste Man. Office
- FN1658: DMS Storage
- FN1659: TACAN

- Arkel LSA (TSTK and Echo)
- Nan COSA
- Parsons COSA
- Parsons LSA
- Parsons Batch Plant

# WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

## Discussion:

With that big boost of precipitation yesterday, the weather station recorded 6.47 inches of rain in August, about 2.6 inches below normal for the month. So far in 2025, we have only received about 38 inches of precipitation, which is 12.5 inches below normal for the year, keeping Kwajalein Atoll in drought conditions. With the positive MJO and strong ITCZ over the central RMI, increased shower coverage and possible thunderstorms will remain in the picture for the rest of today and through the overnight until a little after sunrise. More ENE-E-ESE troughing of the winds will bring increased shower coverage on Saturday with a slight chance of a thunderstorm. The long weekend will see isolated shower coverage from time to time but no long duration rain events. There was one thunderstorm day over the last seven days for Kwajalein Island and 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's

(MJO) eastward progression had slowed some over the eastern Indian Ocean, but its positive phase is now working into the western Pacific. This positive phase will be conducive to increased shower coverage for the next seven days. The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) will remain well established throughout the rest of the day and then fragment as well as diminish in organization tomorrow into the weekend near the RMI. The El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is in ENSO-neutral conditions as a whole tending to support normal rainfall values. A quick episode of slightly cooler than normal sea-surface temperatures (SST) in August between the RMI and the Date Line is contributing to the atoll's drought conditions this month. A brief return to La Nina conditions is expected during the northern late fall and early winter.

## 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 development 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 waxing half-moon will occur on the 31st with a neap tide situation and all high tides below until the sixth. 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: after today, the winds will come down to their typical August levels mostly in single digits. Sunday will experience the lowest winds topping out in the middle single digits to light and variable at times outside of showers. During periods of heavy showers, gusty outflow winds are possible. 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.

**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. X

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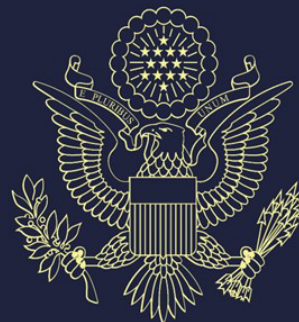
- Directly face the camera without tilting your head.
- Have a neutral facial expression with both eyes open and mouth closed.
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To schedule an appointment,  
contact IMD/AVD personnel at:

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



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## WEATHER

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

### WEATHER DISCUSSION

Expect drier weather to settle over Kwajalein as the workweek wraps up. The trough that brought showers to the atoll Thursday evening has shifted west, allowing for a break from the rain on Friday. This drier pattern should continue through most of the weekend, aside from the occasional stray, garden-variety shower. Winds will generally be from the northeast to east at 5-10 knots, with periods of calm possible at times. Looking ahead to early next week, a strengthening subtropical ridge is expected to bring gentle east-northeastly trade winds to the region. This will help maintain a stable atmosphere over the atoll and keep shower chances low through at least the first half of the week.

### SATURDAY

Partly sunny with isolated stray showers. Winds ENE-ESE at 5-10 knots, with higher gusts possible near showers.

### SUNDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers. Winds NE-E at 5-10 knots, with higher gusts possible near showers.

### MONDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers. Winds NE-E at 3-8 knots, occasionally calm, with higher gusts near showers.

### NEXT WEEK

Partly sunny with stray showers to begin the workweek. Winds generally from the NE-E at 3-8 knots, occasionally calm, with higher gusts possible near showers.

SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:41 a.m. 6:58 p.m.	12:38 p.m. -----	7:40 a.m. 2.3' 8:26 p.m. 2.7'	2:05 a.m. 1.0' 1:39 p.m. 0.9'
MONDAY	6:41 a.m. 6:58 p.m.	1:31 p.m. 12:26 a.m.	8:16 a.m. 1.8' 10:18 p.m. 2.4'	3:15 a.m. 1.3' 2:08 p.m. 1.3'
TUESDAY	6:41 a.m. 6:57 p.m.	2:24 p.m. 1:17 a.m.	1:49 p.m. 1.7' -----	7:44 a.m. 1.3' 5:56 p.m. 1.5'
WEDNESDAY	6:41 a.m. 6:56 p.m.	3:18 p.m. 2:11 a.m.	1:12 a.m. 2.7' 2:26 p.m. 2.1'	8:25 a.m. 0.8' 7:45 p.m. 1.1'
THURSDAY	6:40 a.m. 6:56 p.m.	4:10 p.m. 3:06 a.m.	2:10 a.m. 3.2' 2:52 p.m. 2.6'	8:52 a.m. 0.3' 8:30 p.m. 0.5'
FRIDAY	6:40 a.m. 6:55 p.m.	4:59 p.m. 4:02 a.m.	2:48 a.m. 3.7' 3:19 p.m. 3.2'	9:18 a.m. -0.1' 9:05 p.m. 0.0'
SEPTEMBER 6	6:40 a.m. 6:55 p.m.	5:46 p.m. 4:57 a.m.	3:21 a.m. 4.2' 3:46 p.m. 3.6'	9:45 a.m. -0.5' 9:39 p.m. -0.4'

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!*

