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# POWER OUTAGE RESPONSE: ISLAND TEAMS RALLY TO RESTORE CRITICAL OPERATIONS

## HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Staff Writer

Over the weekend, nearly half of Kwajalein experienced a widespread power outage due to a short between two electrical lines that disrupted power across the industrial sector of the island base. The unexpected failure tested the resilience and readiness of the community. Rapid response teams mobilized swiftly to restore essential services.

When asked about why the power outage occurred, Jose Hernandez, Public Works Department Director, reported, "The incident began with a failure in one of the island's underground utility access points, creating a power outage affecting the western side of the island." With urgency high, four specialized teams were activated to manage both emergency power distribution and fault detection.

Rapid Response Action Teams were immediately put in place. Two generator deployment teams—Teams 1 and 2, each comprised of around 10 personnel—were tasked with distributing backup generators across key mission support areas and residential zones. Working around the clock throughout the weekend, these teams ensured generators were fully operational and positioned to power mission-critical systems including communication networks, phone lines, HVAC systems and server rooms.

Simultaneously, Teams 3 and 4, composed of skilled electrical feeder line specialists, conducted a meticulous search to identify the failure's source. Their mission: find the damaged underground utility chamber

responsible for the outage and assess its accessibility and safety.

Initial leads included a suspiciously smoking access point, which was later ruled a false alarm. The real breakthrough came within 24 hours when one of the search teams located the actual compromised site. The feeder zone was immediately cordoned off, and a full-scale technical inspection began.

Investigators determined the outage was caused by decayed wiring connections submerged in water due to recent excessive rain. Though originally built with water-resistant materials, the aging infrastructure had deteriorated after prolonged exposure to moisture, causing widespread corrosion and a critical failure.

The repair has proven to be labor-intensive, requiring crews to work in confined, hot, grime-filled underground conditions to remove and replace thick, corroded cabling. More than 300 feet of new cable is expected to be laid, a process slated to take two weeks due to the complexity of the system and the extent of the damage.

Throughout the crisis, the dedication of the four response teams has been nothing short of exceptional. From generator distribution to hands-on electrical repairs, their combined efforts significantly minimized downtime and kept the heart of the island's operations beating.

Their swift coordination and around-the-clock commitment ensured that vital functions remained powered and mission-critical work could continue with minimal disruption.

A heartfelt thank you goes



PHOTO BY SAMU LASZLO

out to all members of Teams 1 through 4, our mission partners, Bae Stephen, – MV Cable Splicer, Tarry Jacklick – MV Electrician II, and Samu Laszlo, Electrical Utilities Manager. Everyone's diligence, technical skill, and determination under pressure exemplifies the best of our island community. A clear path to full restoration,

with stronger insight into the future protection and stability of our power systems is underway. This is what resilience born from true teamwork looks like. ❏

## HOW TO PREP FOR A POWER OUTAGE

- 1 ASSESS YOUR POWER NEEDS
- 2 CHOOSE A GENERATOR TYPE
- 3 CREATE A POWER OUTAGE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN





ABOVE: left to right standing, Samu Laszlo - Electrical Utilities Manager, Tarry Jacklick - Electrician, Joab Ladrick - Safety, Mwedriktok Adde - Electrician, Volker Jaenke - Distribution Manager, Bae Stephen - Cable Splicer. Crouching is Jaylen Wilkins - HV Electrician and sitting on the cooler is John Canfield - Journeyman Electrician.

**Front Cover: Bae Stephen and Tarry Jacklick performing Power Outage Repair by Samu Laszlo**

**Back Cover: Papa Mau at 1700 by Annette Monk**

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## Coral Reefs Around USAG-KA

- Coral around the atoll is protected by U.S. and RMI laws.
  - No coral is allowed to be taken from USAG-KA.
  - Some coral contains toxins that can cause injury.
  - Protect the environment by not stepping on live coral growth areas.
  - Treat all underwater habitats with care.
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- Wod ko kajojo ibelaakin Kwajalein Atoll rej bed iuumin kien nan kejbarok eo an U.S. im RMI.
  - Ejjelok wod ej aikuj in emakit im buki jen lojet eo an USAG-KA.
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  - Kejbarok ijoko im wod kein rej bed ie im jab bed iraan wod ko kajojo.
  - Kejbarok aolep men kein iuumin lojet ilo am kea.

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## Lifeguard Class

- **Registration: Sept. 20 – Oct. 04, 2025.**
- **Class Dates: Sundays and Mondays  
October 12 – Nov. 10, 2025**

**This course requires a series of tryout swim tests.  
Tryout date and time:  
Tuesday, Oct. 07 4:00-6:00pm  
at Millican Family Pool**

**Questions or to register please contact Cliff Pryor at 480-2848  
or [clifford.pryor@gov2x.com](mailto:clifford.pryor@gov2x.com)**

- ***Participants must be at least 15 years old by the last day of the course.***







PHOTOS BY TODD WERNER

ABOVE: Dive Day participants and supporters pose after participating in the Challenge Coin Scavenger Hunt.

## COMMUNITY WOMEN'S DIVE DAY 2025: A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY AND OCEAN ADVENTURE

### HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagon, Hourglass Staff Writer

Women's Dive Day 2025 was a tremendous success, bringing together over 30 divers and snorkelers to celebrate the ocean and the diving community.

For the past decade, PADI Women's Dive Day has become the most celebrated day of diving worldwide. What began as an initiative to welcome more women into the sport has evolved into a global movement that unites divers of all genders, ages, races, backgrounds, and abilities. The day inspires confidence, creates connections, and strengthens our collective commitment to protecting the ocean.

This year's Women's Dive Day on Kwajalein was no exception. Participants were

welcomed with custom-designed swag bags by Kendra Robinson and Lexie Brown, filled with stickers, hair ties, and headbands. Afterward, divers gathered for a pre-dive safety briefing led by David Spears, ensuring everyone was prepared before heading out to explore the underwater world.

Adding an exciting twist, the Kwajalein Scuba Club introduced a challenge coin scavenger hunt. Organized by Kendra Robinson and Christy Wagon, five sets of coins were hidden among underwater landmarks, requiring navigation skills and teamwork to uncover. Each buddy team received a clue, and the hunt transformed the day into more than just a dive, Suzy Riccardi shared, "I'll admit, I got serious about the coin hunt. It was the perfect





mix of fun and friendly competition. I can't wait for the next one. Maybe next time I'll actually find some coins! But it was fun even coming up empty-handed."

Christi Cardillo shared that what drew her to Women's Dive Day was both the ease and the camaraderie: "Couldn't pass up the opportunity to dive and not have to haul a tank. But in reality, I also saw the posts and thought it'd be a great opportunity to get out of the classroom and into the water with colleagues, like my dive buddy, Heather Miller, who I work with at the high school." She added that the event also inspired her to dive more often: "I think it's likely to get me back in the water more often. Some other teachers and I said we should try to get in an after-school dive at least once a month. It's even better if we can take some of our kids out. Doug Hepler and I used to do that when I first arrived on Kwaj years ago—when Annie Hepler and Carrie Corley were my students. "

Following the dive, the club came together for a cookout, with special thanks to Blair Jones and Dustin Carmichael for keeping everyone well-fed at the grill.

Reflecting on the event, Suzy Riccardi shared, "I enjoy Women's Dive Day each year—it's one of my favorite dives that the scuba club organizes. No matter our backgrounds or experience levels, we all come together. It's great to have so many amazing women divers here on Kwaj!"

The Kwajalein Scuba Club extends its gratitude to the women divers who inspire us all, and to the men who support them. The club is already planning more challenge coin scavenger hunts in the future—details will be shared in the KSC newsletter and on Facebook.

Mark your calendars for the next big adventure: the Haunted Wreck Dive on October 12, 2025. ❧





# 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 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.



## 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

# CARING FOR KWAJ'S FOUR-LEGGED RESIDENTS: ISLAND WELCOMES NEW VET TECH

### HOURLASS REPORT

By Isaiah Matthews, Hourglass Staff Writer

For the first time since February, pets on Kwajalein have a dedicated advocate on the island. After completing her veterinary technician certification in January, Alea Lasley, a licensed veterinary technician, has arrived to fill a role that was in a rotational approach, which limited important health care for on island pets.

"It feels good to be the permanent vet tech," Lasley said. "I'm glad to be here. It's work that needs to be done, and I'm prepared to provide quality care to the cats and dogs on the island."

Lasley's days are filled with routine checkups, assisting with surgeries, and advising pet owners on care and preventive health. In a close-knit community where animals are considered family, her presence offers peace of mind to residents who have gone months without consistent veterinary support.

"Being able to perform diagnostics on island makes a huge difference for pet owners," Lasley said. "Instead of waiting for an off-island vet or shipping samples, I can run tests right here and get results quickly. It helps me make faster, more accurate decisions about treatment."

Lasley's journey to becoming a certified vet tech took years of hard work and dedication. Her training covered everything from anatomy and nutrition to emergency care—skills she now uses daily in this remote setting.

"I wanted to be a vet since I was four years old," Lasley said. "Then, at 17, I realized vets aren't as hands-on as vet techs. So I changed my path."

Living and working on Kwajalein presents unique

challenges. Limited resources mean she often has to be resourceful, working closely with pet owners and making the most of what's available until off-island veterinarians can assist with more complex cases.

"Recently, I had a dog come in with a growth on its foot," Lasley said. "We scheduled the surgery for when the vet comes. I am excited about removing it from the dog's foot."

Adjusting to the position hasn't been without its hurdles. After a long stretch of rotating temporary technicians, each with their own methods, Lasley said she had to establish consistency.

"After having multiple temporary techs, each accustomed to doing things their way, it created a slew of hurdles for me to overcome," she said. "But I've started to put new protocols in place and educate pet owners, which is already making a difference."

Still, the rewards outweigh the challenges. Lasley says the most fulfilling part of her job is seeing results in real time. "I recently had a dog come in for a routine checkup, and we decided to take an X-ray," Lasley said. "Being able to do that on-site means we don't have to wait for a specialist to come in or send the dog off-island. It gives us the ability to detect issues early, even when the dog seems perfectly healthy."

As she settles into her new role, Lasley is already thinking about long-term improvements.

"My goal is to build a stronger foundation for animal care on the island," she said. "That includes more education for pet owners, better record keeping, and making sure the animals here get the best care possible—even with

limited resources."

With her skills, compassion and a fresh perspective, Lasley isn't just filling a gap—she's becoming a trusted member of the community, one furry patient at a time.

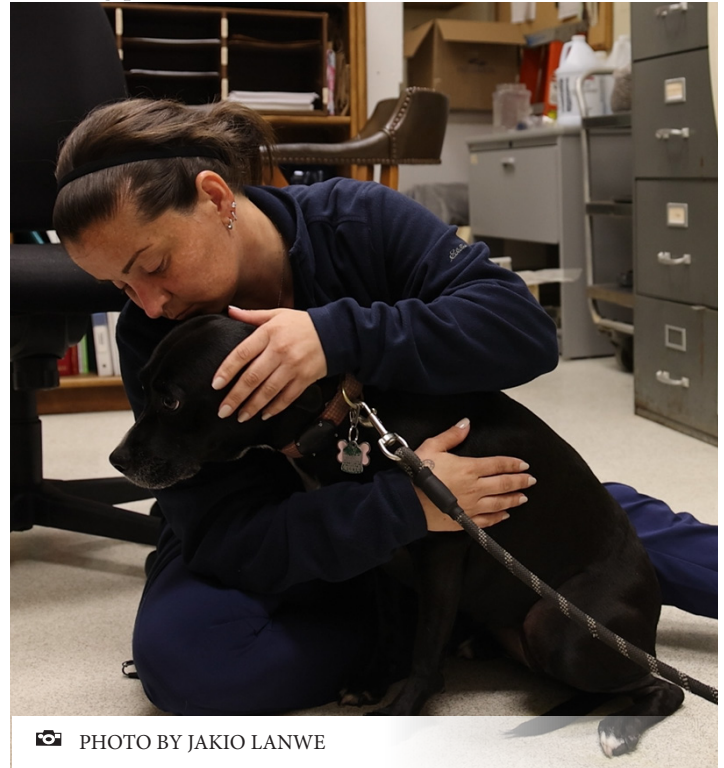


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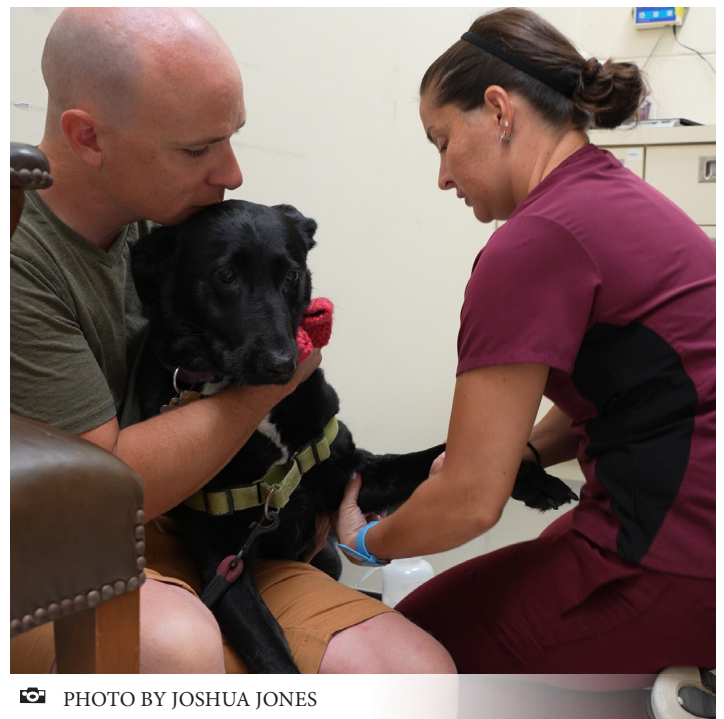


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PHOTO BY LEXIE BROWN

## COMMUNITY SNORKELING WITH SEA LIFE: BRINGING THE OCEAN TO LIFE IN A COLORING BOOK

HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagon; CYS  
Deputy Director

For many people, snorkeling is an exciting vacation activity. For Lexie Brown, it's a lifelong passion—one she's found a new way to share through her recently published coloring book, *Snorkeling with Sea Life*. This unique book invites people of all ages to experience the underwater world of Kwajalein, not just through vivid photographs or videos, but by picking up a set of colored pencils and bringing her encounters

to life.

Lexie's inspiration came from the last two years of snorkeling around Kwajalein and documenting her experiences online. "Snorkeling is amazing, but getting to document and share those experiences with others is what I am passionate about," she says. Encouraged by friends to create fun and educational resources for kids, she decided a coloring book was the perfect blend of art, science, and personal storytelling.

The sea creatures featured in the book were chosen

from the most memorable encounters she regularly sees and those that made a lasting impression. Each illustration began as a screenshot from her popular snorkel recap videos on YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram. The result is a collection of pages that are both realistic and engaging, accurately depicting the animals' true appearance in their natural environment.

While many coloring books opt for whimsical, cartoon-like interpretations, Lexie was committed to accuracy. "It was important to me that the photos looked exactly like the sea life did under the water," she explains. By doing so, she hopes to help children (and adults) not only enjoy coloring but also learn to recognize and appreciate marine life as it truly exists.

One of Lexie's personal favorites in the book is Buddy, the first octopus she interacted with regularly. His image graces the cover, drawn from their very first meeting. Clarke, her clownfish friend, also makes an appearance inside.

Lexie's passion for the sea began early. "I remember opening my science book in 3rd grade and seeing a whale shark and just knowing I'd see a whale shark one day. I haven't seen one yet, but it was the first life goal I've ever set," she recalls. Diving with her dad between the ages of 12 and 14 deepened her love for the ocean, and living near the sea again feels like coming full circle.

Her curiosity about marine life extends beyond the local reefs. If she could snorkel anywhere in the world right now, the Galapagos Islands—with their unique black iguanas—and Oahu to see tiger sharks are at the top of her list.

Though the photos in the book span two years of snorkeling adventures, the process from concept to completion took just one month. Lexie leaned on trusted resources, like the Underwater

Kwajalein website, to ensure accuracy.

The book is designed for all ages, but Lexie hopes it will especially inspire children to love and care for the ocean. "As a kid I loved to color, and I still do, but my hope is that these pages inspire the next generation to love, appreciate, and care for sea life." She also shares a fun fact about one of her illustrated friends: "Turtles can live for so long, most of them are probably older than me!"

Seeing kids enjoy her work is one of Lexie's biggest rewards. "It honestly makes me the happiest! My snorkel recaps started as an inspiration from sharing pictures and videos with my friends' kids back home. I'd type out what everything was and send a picture, and one day I realized I should put it together into a video and that is how my snorkel recaps were born."

This is only the beginning. Lexie is already dreaming of more coloring books and even a children's series about octopuses, whose distinct personalities make them fascinating characters. She's also working on a sea life sticker collection.

Her advice for anyone wanting to create their own coloring book? "Create it about something you love, and it will be fun and a gift to your future self."

For more information about Lexie's art, reach out to her on Instagram at @lexienicolebrown.

Whether you're an experienced diver, a child discovering the ocean for the first time, or simply someone who enjoys coloring, *Snorkeling with Sea Life* offers a creative way to connect with the beauty beneath the waves. X



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## 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 you 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, S

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

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
- FN896: Aircraft Maintenance
- FN901: Existing ATCT
- FN904: Fire Station
- FN915: Fire Prevention Shop
- FN946: Air Marshall Islands
- FN997: Rotary Hangar
- FN1058: Medical Warehouse
- FN1058: 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: Med 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 you location does not kick in call the Service desk at 480-3550

### Affected Facilities:

- FN1013: Gen Shop
- FN1022: Warehouse
- FN1028: Gen Maintenance
- FN1030: Firing Range
- FN1030: Firing Range
- FN1075: USACE
- FN1129: Warehouse
- FN1159: BSR Berthing
- FN1278: Tuna ATC Club
- FN1517: LN2 Building
- FN1520: Recycling Center
- FN1521: HAZMAT Storage
- FN1522: Gen Storage
- FN1528: Incinerator Control
- FN1531: Incinerator
- FN1542: Pest Control
- FN1549: Solid Waste Man. Office
- FN1658: DMS Storage
- FN1659: TACAN

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



# POWER OUTAGE NOTICE

## FY21 Kwajalein Army Family Housing Construction

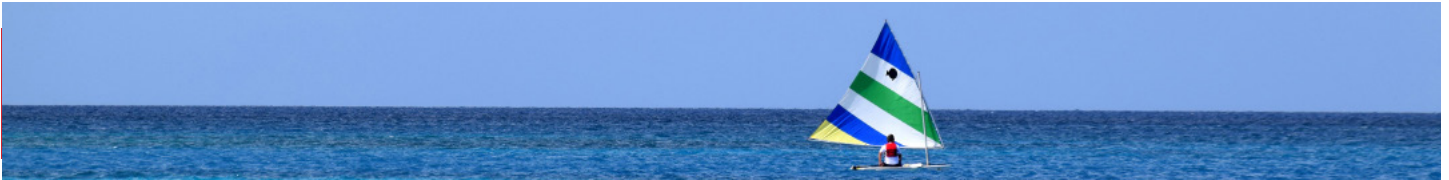
Project: FY21 Kwajalein Army Housing Construction

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.



### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> -Dec 22<sup>nd</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)







# 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.





# 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.

Advise using the following address on a computer to register <https://assetcalc.net/?redirect=army>



## 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/8XVbtTkuSU4gzNqg8>





#### 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



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## 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!





# Patriot Day



*Join U.S. Army Garrison - Kwajalein Atoll  
as we honor the 2,977 Men, Women, and  
Children that paid the ultimate sacrifice on*

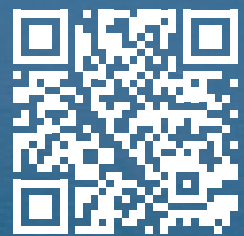
*September 11, 2001.*

*The ceremony will be held September 11th,  
8am at the flag poles.*

*Inclement weather location will be the Memorial Chapel*



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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

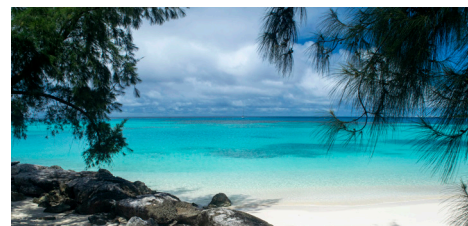
Sergeant First Class Darrius Hodge  
SHARP Victim Advocate

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 jabdwot oil ijelak in drennin air condition eo jen wa eo. Ne elon jabdwot 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Audrey.Hughes@gov2x.com)  
[Wilson.Kaisha@gov2x.com](mailto:Wilson.Kaisha@gov2x.com)  
...or stop by Bldg. 856, Rm 101



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Contact **Alana Wilson** at [alana.wilson@redcross.org](mailto:alana.wilson@redcross.org)

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



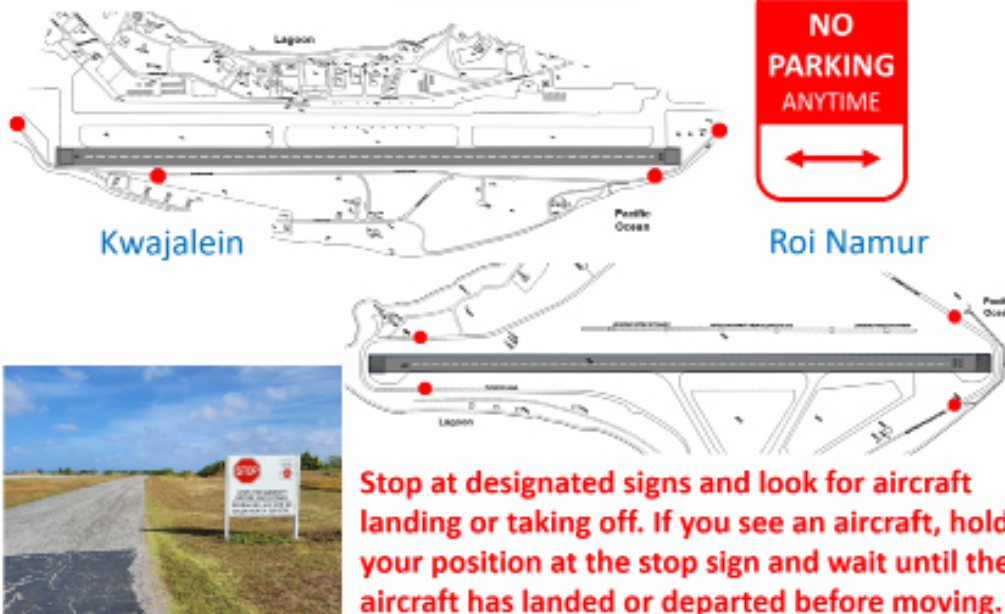
**KWAJALEIN & ROI NAMUR,**

**STOP FOR AIRCRAFT!!**



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

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



**Stop at designated signs and look for aircraft  
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your position at the stop sign and wait until the  
aircraft has landed or departed before moving.**



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## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

"Dog Man" (2025)  
(PG) 89 min.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

"A Time To Kill" (1996)  
(R) 149 min.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

"Paddington in Peru" (2024)  
(PG) 106 min.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

"Companion" (2025)  
(R) 97 min.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

"Luca" (2021)  
(PG) 95 min.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

"Flight Risk" (2025)  
(R) 91 min.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

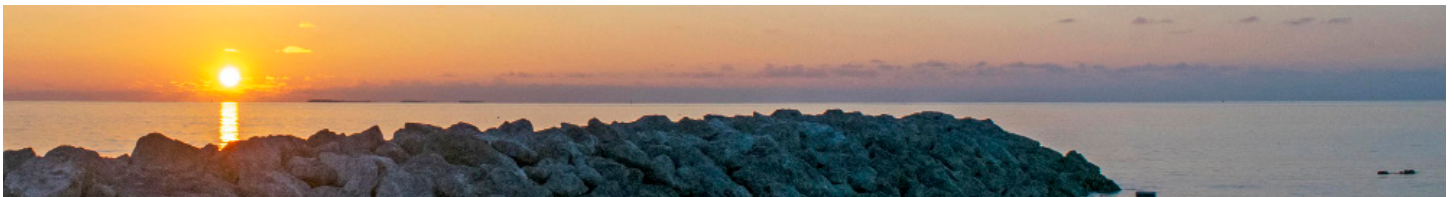
"Migration" (2023)  
(PG) 83 min.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

"Heart Eyes" (2025)  
(R) 97 min.



All showtimes start at 7:30 p.m.



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# Trebuchet Challenge!

SUNDAY, SEPT 28 4:30PM

COMPETE TO CREATE THE BEST  
TENNIS BALL HURLING  
TREBUCHET CAPABLE OF HITTING  
THE CENTER OF THE FLOATING  
DOCK AT EMON BEACH

HOSTED BY ISLAND MEMORIAL CHAPEL  
Questions? Contact Jason Huwe (4913)

## 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)





# WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

## Discussion:

We finished August recording 8.30 inches of rain at the weather station, about 2.1 inches below

normal

for the month. So far in 2025, we have only received about 40 inches of precipitation, which is

12.5 inches below normal for the year, keeping Kwajalein Atoll abnormally dry. Isolated showers

today with greater coverage tomorrow with ENE-E-ESE troughing in the winds. Isolated showers for

the weekend with more significant showers on Sunday during the day and a trend toward increased

shower activity next week. The highest thunderstorm risk will be for the second half of tomorrow

with another augmented risk on Sunday. There were no thunderstorm days over the last seven days for

Kwajalein

Island. 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) remains in its positive

phase over the western Pa-

cific. This positive phase is conducive to increased shower coverage when

working with other surface forcing mechanisms. The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) is

currently rather lack-luster but has already started to re-establish and will assist with the

troughing and keeping the winds in the upper single digits to low teens. 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) is continuing some into September between the RMI and the Date Line

contributing to the atoll's lower than normal rainfall.

## 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:

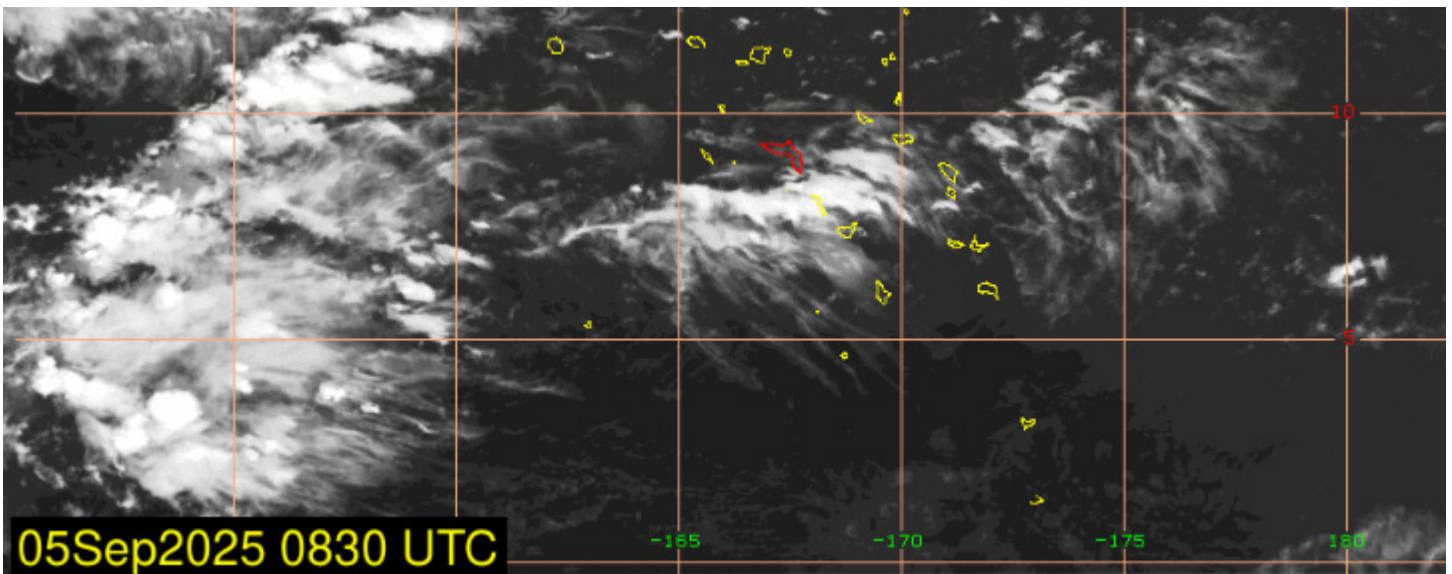
Low risk: Eastern Micronesia and the RMI are expected to be east-northeast to east-southeast trade wind dominant.

## 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 Thurs-

day 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

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

## WEATHER DISCUSSION

Showers are expected today and into the end of the work week as a weak trade wind wave moves through the area. This activity is being driven by a fragment of the Inter-tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) situated over the central RMI. While a stray thunderstorm can't be ruled out, the risk remains low due to a stable upper-level atmosphere. Winds will be light to moderate from the east to southeast, with gusts reaching into the low 20s near passing showers. As the wave exits the region on Saturday, drier conditions are expected to return for most of the weekend. However, a second weak wave could bring a slight increase in showers on Sunday. Looking into next

week, the ITCZ may strengthen, potentially leading to a wetter start to the workweek.

### SATURDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers. Winds NE-E at 8-13 knots, with higher gusts possible near showers.

### SUNDAY

Partly sunny to mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Winds NE-ESE at 7-12 knots, with higher gusts possible near showers.

### MONDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers. Winds NE-E at 10-15 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

### NEXT WEEK

Partly sunny to mostly cloudy with stray to isolated showers to begin the workweek. Winds generally from the NE-ESE at 10-15 knots, with higher gusts possible near showers. ⚡



	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:40 a.m. 6:54 p.m.	6:31 p.m. 5:51 a.m.	3:53 a.m. 4.6' 4:15 p.m. 4.1'	10:12 a.m. -0.8' 10:13 p.m. -0.7'
MONDAY	6:40 a.m. 6:54 p.m.	7:15 p.m. 6:44 a.m.	4:25 a.m. 4.8' 4:46 p.m. 4.4'	10:41 a.m. -1.0' 10:47 p.m. -0.9'
TUESDAY	6:40 a.m. 6:53 p.m.	7:59 p.m. 7:37 a.m.	4:57 a.m. 4.9' 5:17 p.m. 4.6'	11:10 a.m. -1.0' 11:22 p.m. -0.9'
WEDNESDAY	6:40 a.m. 6:52 p.m.	8:45 p.m. 8:31 a.m.	5:29 a.m. 4.7' 5:49 p.m. 4.6'	11:39 a.m. -0.9' 11:59 p.m. -0.8'
THURSDAY	6:40 a.m. 6:52 p.m.	9:33 p.m. 9:27 a.m.	6:03 a.m. 4.3' 6:23 p.m. 4.4'	12:09 p.m. -0.7' -----
FRIDAY	6:40 a.m. 6:51 p.m.	10:26 p.m. 10:26 a.m.	6:37 a.m. 3.7' 7:00 p.m. 4.1'	12:38 a.m. -0.4' 12:39 p.m. -0.3'
SEPTEMBER 13	6:39 a.m. 6:51 p.m.	11:23 p.m. 11:27 a.m.	7:14 a.m. 3.0' 7:42 p.m. 3.6'	1:21 a.m. 0.0' 1:11 p.m. 0.2'

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.



## Fogging Schedule

- 5:30 PM-7:30 PM
- Roi-Namur: Sept. 30-Oct 1, 2025
- Kwajalein: Sept. 23-25, 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
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A large blue and white ship, possibly a tugboat or a small cargo ship, is positioned in the lower-left foreground. It features a prominent yellow crane on its deck. The ship is situated on a body of water that reflects the bright sunlight. The sky is a vibrant blue, filled with numerous white, fluffy clouds. A bright sun is located in the upper-left quadrant, casting a strong glow and creating a lens flare effect. The overall scene conveys a sense of maritime activity and a bright, sunny day.

*Until Next Week!*