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Keystone Worldwide Day of Play Brings Fun, Leadership, and Community Spirit

HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagnon, Staff Writer

The Kwajalein community celebrated an action-packed afternoon of games, laughter, and teamwork during the Boys & Girls Club of America (BGCA) Keystone Worldwide Day of Play, hosted in partnership with MWR. This annual event encouraged youth and families to put down their screens and join together for active fun. This year's highlight was the ever-popular Shaving Cream Social hosted by MWR.

Under the guidance of Lobo Arelong, CYS Staff and Keystone Advisor, the Keystone Club teens showed incredible leadership throughout the day. From planning the activities and setting up play stations to guiding younger children and keeping the energy high, Keystone youth took real ownership of the program.

Their efforts made the Worldwide Day of Play more than just a chance to run and play—it became a youth-led community celebra-

tion. Parents, staff, and younger participants were impressed by their confidence, responsibility, and ability to create an inclusive and exciting environment.

The event featured activities for all ages, ensuring that everyone could get in on the fun. Highlights included: face painting, active play stations and the shaving cream social organized by age groups for pre-school through high school by MWR.

The Shaving Cream Social had the field buzzing with laughter as each age group took their turn. With gog-



gles for eye safety, a fire truck for cleanup, and plenty of shaving cream to go around, the field quickly turned into a sea of foam and giggles. The messy, giggle-filled showdown reminded everyone that sometimes the best memories come from letting loose and having fun together.

The Keystone World-wide Day of Play and Shaving Cream Social highlighted the power of youth leadership, the value of active play, and the joy of coming together as a community. Thanks to the Keystone teens' hard work, Lobo Arelong's guidance, and MWR's playful spirit,

the event was a shining success—one that participants won't soon forget.

Keystone is open to youth in grades 9–12 and meets at the Youth Center over lunch every Wednesday. Any high school student interested in leadership, service, and fun is encouraged to get involved. The next Keystone-led community event will be the Youth Center Haunted House and Halloween Carnival—sure to be another exciting program for families to enjoy. ▴







Fogging Schedule

- 5:30-7:30 P.M.
- 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
- Safe to use around children and pets



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.





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 22nd -Dec 22nd 2025**

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

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

Email: Amy Blakey blakeya@kwajaleinschools.org

ATTENTION...

Non-Potable Water Distribution System Maintenance

Water Distribution personnel will begin annual flushing of the non-potable water pipes on Kwajalein on Thursday, September 25. For the next four weeks, the water refilling toilets and urinals may be cloudy and slightly reddish brown from sediment accumulated in the pipes in the non-potable water distribution system. The water refilling toilets may remain cloudy for up to a week after we flush the pipes in your area but should slowly clear up.

Call Stan at 480-4400 with any questions.



Front Cover: Shaving Cream Covered Child by Christy Wagon

Back Cover: Aiboojoj An Tulok Ai by Alea Lasley

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- Black-lip pearl oysters
- *Trochus* and *Lambis* snails
- Humphead wrasse and bumphead parrotfish
- Giant grouper and coral trout

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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**

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





PHOTOS BY MELISSA DETHLEFSEN

COMMUNITY

Finding Humanity: The Journey of Kwajalein's Island Therapist

HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Staff Writer

On a quiet stretch of Kwajalein Atoll, there's a modest office where stories are told and healing begins. The man behind the desk, Richard A. Lally, LCMC, has spent more than 25 years listening, guiding, and challenging systems that once left the most vulnerable behind. His path to becoming the island's therapist wasn't straightforward, but each twist shaped the steady presence he is today.

From foster homes to finding purpose, his story begins long before the degrees and titles. For the first seven years of his life, he lived in foster homes before being adopted. Later, he joined the Marine Corps, only to leave service without direction. It was the birth of his daughter that jolted him awake.

College followed, with bartending shifts on the side. Behind the bar, he noticed a curious pattern: strangers wanted to tell him their problems. They trusted him.

"That ultimately helped me determine to major in clinical psychology," he reflects. Initially drawn to working with children, his own history made it difficult to separate heartache from home life. Instead, he shifted toward adults, choosing to face some of the most complex mental health challenges of his time.

By the late 1990s, he was working with individuals with severe mental illness—schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, co-occurring substance use. He quickly discovered

a flaw in the system: people with both addiction and mental illness slipped through the cracks. Clinics turned them away unless one issue was "fixed" before the other.

Rather than accept this, he dove into research, contacting the few experts in dual-diagnosis care. He absorbed everything he could, then translated it into programs. His changes were simple but radical: evidence over dogma, compassion over punishment. Out went the "three strikes and you're

out” rule for relapses—borrowed, unbelievably, from baseball—and in came persistence, patience, and science.

States noticed. They asked him to build programs. Soon he was overseeing mental health services across 71 counties in Georgia, taking people out of prisons and hospitals, giving them keys to apartments, and teaching them to make decisions they had never been allowed to make for themselves.

“What stands out for me was the look on someone’s face when I told them I was there to take them out,” he recalls. “It was a look of pure amazement and joy.”

The next chapter came

when a friend introduced him to a new government program: embedding civilian therapists with military units. It was uncharted territory. There were no manuals, no procedures, just war and wounded families.

On one assignment, he was told a unit had an 80% divorce rate. At first, it seemed hopeless. But then he shifted perspective. Instead of focusing on the broken, he asked the couples who stayed together: What worked? What kept you strong? That insight became a lifeline for others.

Over 14 years, this work took him from Georgia to Iraq, Okinawa, and South Korea. He be-

came known for innovation, independence, and the ability to walk into the hardest spaces with calm and curiosity.

Alongside this work, Richard also served as a Critical Incident Responder. About 12 years ago, he was recruited by a crisis response group called Black Swan, which provided training for licensed professionals to support communities during bank robberies, train or airplane accidents, large-scale layoffs, and sudden employee deaths. The work was intense, demanding him to walk into workplaces on some of their darkest days. “I am rather proud of this work because of the significant efforts required to remain calm

in these events,” he reflects.

One story stays with him. He was often called to the same business after employee deaths, where he would check in at the security office. One day, upon seeing him walk in, a guard yelled back to his colleague, “Dr. Death is here!” Startled, Richard asked him to repeat it. The guard explained the nickname: staff knew that if Richard showed up, it meant someone had died. Richard chose not to challenge it further—other than clarifying that he wasn’t responsible for the deaths. With characteristic humor and resilience, he carried the nickname with a quiet dignity, seeing it as a reminder of





the trust people placed in him at their lowest moments.

Now on Kwajalein Atoll, his office is quieter, but his philosophy remains the same. Therapy, he says, isn't about perfection—it's about movement. Small steps matter: a pause before reacting, a night of better sleep, a clearer sense of self.

He speaks often about

his “six pillars” of success: progress, values, self-awareness, improved functioning, resilience, and above all, a strong therapeutic alliance. Clients describe him as supportive, compassionate, and often funny—a reminder that healing doesn't always have to be heavy.

“The most important part of therapy,” he says, “is making sure clients feel understood, safe,

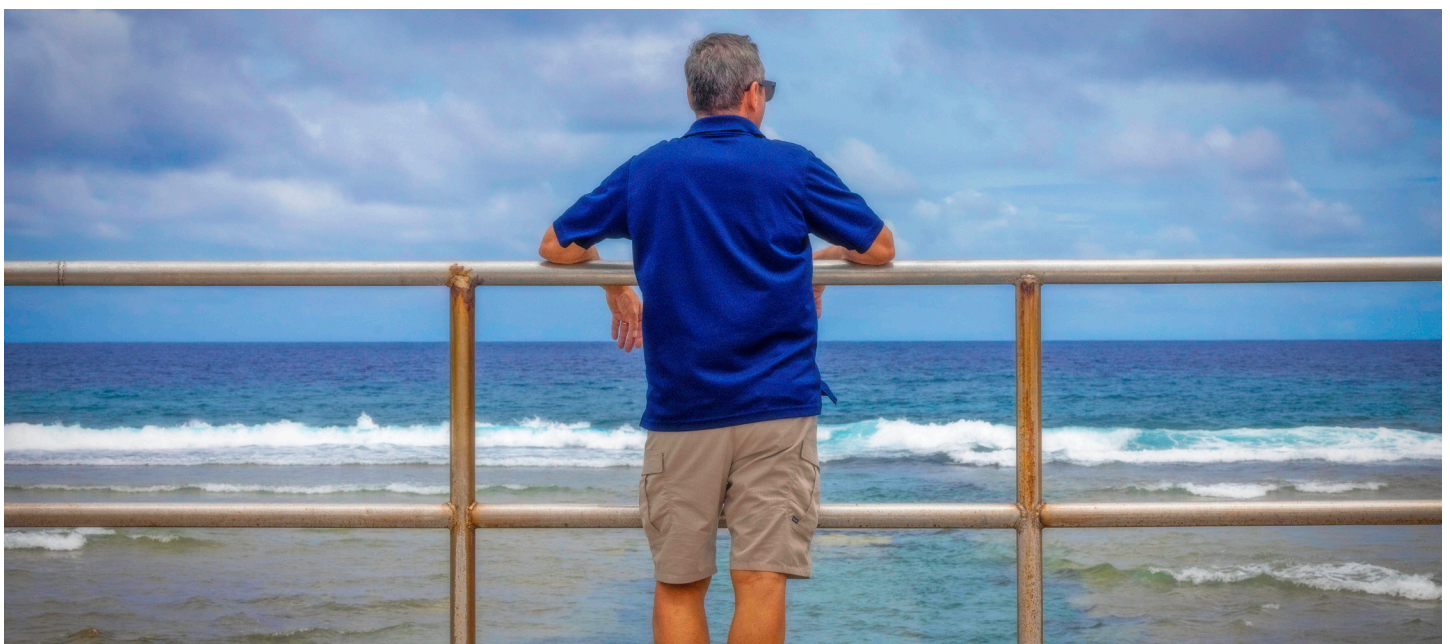
and less alone. Sometimes that experience itself is the healing.”

Decades in demanding roles have taught him discipline in caring for himself. He runs almost daily, practices meditation, and takes short walks between sessions. In Baghdad, he was forbidden from making friends due to confidentiality rules. In Okinawa and other isolated posts, time zones left him with small windows to reach loved ones. Still, he leaned on the same tools he encourages clients to use: exercise, reflection, resilience.

Away from work, Richard finds his greatest grounding in family life. He and his wife, Mindy, are raising three children, who remind him daily of the importance of balance, laughter, and love beyond the office walls.

Looking back, what threads his story together isn't just professional expertise—it's conviction. Conviction that people are more than their diagnosis. That progress matters more than perfection. That dignity and compassion belong in every program, every office, every interaction.

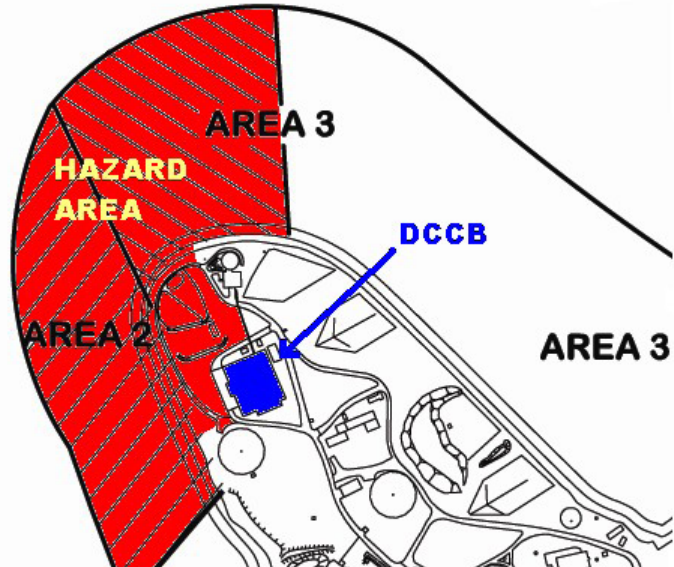
On Kwajalein, far from the institutions and war zones where his work once unfolded, he now offers that conviction to service members, families, and neighbors. For anyone walking through his door, the island therapist is more than a counselor. He is proof that healing often begins with being seen, heard, and believed in—one conversation at a time. ▲





Chenega will be conducting a small arms range on 1 October 2025 from 0800hrs to 1200hrs.

Please observe the **RED FLAG** hazard area. If you have any questions, contact CPT Johnson at 480-9046.



UXO DISPOSAL OPERATIONS --- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 2025

UXO demo team will be conducting operations at UXO Disposal Site Kwajalein 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
The area indicated in the map will be off-limits until operation is complete.





PHOTOS BY ISAIAH MATTHEWS

COMMUNITY STUDENTS GAIN REAL-WORLD HR EXPERIENCE THROUGH FIRST-EVER PARTNERSHIP

HOURLASS REPORT

By Isaiah Matthews,
Story Writer

For the first time on Kwajalein, high school business students are stepping beyond the classroom to learn what it takes to manage a workforce. Thanks to a new eight-week partnership between the high school's business program and the Human Resources department, students are exploring the people-focused side of business in a way that no textbook could replicate.

Each week, students rotate between the high school and the HR of-

ice. The first one up is human resources so that they get to learn how HR works with all the other departments and what they do in their jobs as students explore different career pathways."

Huey said the field visits add another dimension to her lessons. "They learn a lot of different things in class, and they do some cool simulations," she said. "But sometimes it's helpful to bring in guest speakers or let them visit a space so they can imagine what it would be like to work in those career fields—to figure out if it's a fit for them or maybe not such a fit."

Inside the HR of-

them to management concepts, career pathways, and the everyday responsibilities of HR professionals—from hiring and onboarding to conflict resolution and workplace ethics.

The idea began with Michelle Huey, business and yearbook teacher at the Kwajalein Junior/Senior School, who wanted her students to connect classroom learning with real-world applications.

"This year, the business class is learning about management and different management styles," Huey said. "Part of their activities for the semester is to visit a variety of different places on



fice, students quickly learned that the department does far more than hiring and firing.

“We deal with employee issues. We do recruiting, onboarding, training. We coach supervisors and managers,” said Ty Croom, a senior human resource generalist. “We track the authorized positions the company is allowed to have on island. We make arrangements to get everybody base access. We handle housing and arrivals. There’s a lot going on behind the scenes that people don’t realize.”

Croom added that many people have misconceptions about HR, often viewing the department only as disciplinarians.

“Lots of people don’t really understand what HR is or what we do,” he said. “Some think you

only go to HR if you’re in trouble. That’s not true. We do so much more—helping people get jobs, enrolling them in benefits, and making sure departments are fully staffed so the work gets done.”

The students’ questions surprised the HR team and showed just how engaged they were.

“They asked very insightful questions,” Croom said. “They wanted to know about recruiting—how we find people, what we look for—and they even asked about work-life balance. It was impressive to see juniors in high school already thinking that way.”

Nikki George, a human resource supervisor, agreed that the students were well-prepared.

“They were very intelligent, and their questions were more than what we expected,” George said. “A lot of the information wasn’t brand new to them. They had covered some of it in class or heard about it from their parents, so they came in with a good grasp of what HR is, even if they didn’t know to call it HR.”

George said she hopes the students walk away with a clearer picture of what Human Resources means in practice.

“I want them to remember that HR is a busy place and that we have our hands in a lot of what makes the island function day to day,” she said. “It’s more than hiring and firing. It can be a stepping stone or even a long-term career.”

For Huey, the partnership has already shown the value of blending education with community engagement.

“I really hope other departments will be willing to have students come and visit,” she said. “That way, they can share what they’re passionate about and give students the chance to see if those industries are a fit for them—maybe even leading to future internships.”

As the eight-week program continues, organizers see it as a foundation for more opportunities, not just in HR but across the island. For the students, it’s a chance to learn leadership and teamwork while glimpsing what it means to be part of a workplace community. ▮



Kwajalein Island Trash & Recycling

Residential Trash Collection
Yard Vegetation Collection
Hazardous Waste Pickup Line

480-1760
480-1890
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.



UPCOMING EVENT

MARSHALLESE MANIT DAY

29 SEPTEMBER

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE MARSHALLESE
CULTURE ON MANIT DAY 4PM – 6:30PM AT THE
MARSHALLESE CULTURAL CENTER.

THERE WILL BE COCONUT HUSKING, DANCES, MUSIC,
FOOD TASTING, BASKET WEAVING, MCC TOURS



COMMUNITY

YYWC Sunset Social Brings Community Together to Support Education

HOURLASS REPORT

The Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club (YYWC) recently hosted its annual Sunset Social, bringing together over 200 attendees for an evening of dinner, connection, and community spirit. The event proved to be a resounding success, welcoming 36 new members to the club and raising more than \$2,700 to support educational initiatives across the Marshall Islands and Micronesia.

Guests enjoyed a warm and vibrant evening of socializing while also learning more about YYWC's mission of raising funds to provide educational opportunities that help strengthen and empower the region. The evening also featured a lively raffle,

made possible through the generous donations of local businesses and individuals. These contributions helped attract attendees and created an atmosphere of excitement, highlighting the power of community collaboration.

One of the highlights of this year's Sunset Social was the first annual YYWC Kwaj Smoke Off, designed with a unique purpose, to bring more men into the club.

While YYWC began as a women's organization, today one of its goals is to build a broader base of membership by recruiting more men to join in supporting education. The Smoke Off attracted 12 talented smokers, each serving up mouthwatering dishes



PHOTOS BY CHRISTY WAGNON

es ranging from chicken to ribs to brisket. Attendees agreed it was all delicious, and the competition was fierce.

- 1st Place: Danny Razook
- 2nd Place: Nate Riccardi
- 3rd Place: Tim Roberge

The event not only showcased incredible culinary skills but also sparked new interest in YYWC membership, demonstrating how food, fellowship, and a little friendly competition can bring the community together in new ways.

Funds raised through YYWC directly support programs that strength-

en both the Marshall Islands community and the wider Micronesian region. The Bargain Bazaar, the island's thrift store, not only provides affordable goods but also serves as one of the largest sources of funding for scholarships and grants. The Mic Shop highlights the artistry of the Marshall Islands and Micronesia, offering handmade handicrafts that support local makers and preserve cultural traditions. Through the Education Assistance Committee, applications for educational grants are carefully reviewed and awarded where they will have the greatest impact, ensuring that funds reach students who need them most. Meanwhile, Events & Fundraising



initiatives—like the Sunset Social—bring the community together in fun and meaningful ways while generating essential resources. Together, these programs form the foundation of YYWC’s mission of creating educational opportunities that empower the next generation.

Becoming part of YYWC is more than just attending events, it’s about making a lasting difference. Members and supporters are encouraged to contribute their time, talent, and treasure. Offer your time by volunteering at events, at the Bargain Bazaar or Mic Shop, or supporting the behind-the-scenes work that keeps programs running smoothly. Share

your talent, whether it’s cooking, crafting, organizing, teaching, or creative design—to enrich events and strengthen the club’s impact. Contribute your treasure by providing financial support through membership, donations, or event participation. Together, these gifts ensure YYWC can continue building educational opportunities for students across the Marshall Islands and Micronesia.

Membership in the YYWC is just \$10 annually, and it comes with meaningful benefits. Members receive first access to some of the island’s most popular events, including the Valentine’s Day Dinner and the Basket Auc-

tion, both of which are expected to sell out quickly. Beyond event access, members are also directly contributing to the education and future of students throughout the Marshall Islands and Micronesia.

The YYWC invites everyone in the community to become members and join its mission

of supporting education through service and fellowship. To stay updated on upcoming events and opportunities, follow Kwaj YYWC on Facebook. With the combined generosity and spirit of this year’s Sunset Social, the YYWC continues to make a lasting impact by building stronger educational opportunities for generations to come.





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

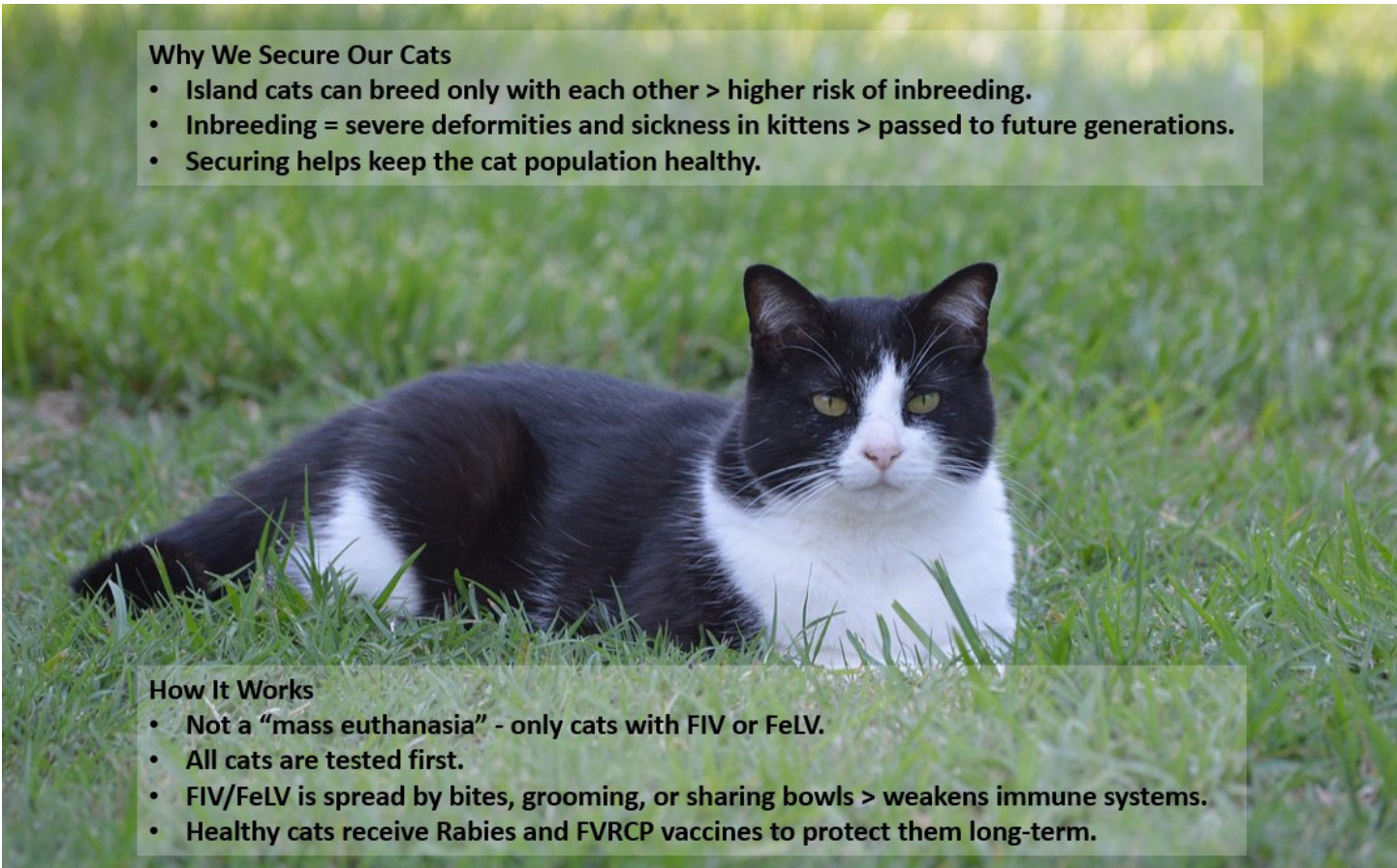
**ZOMBIE RUN
OCTOBER 19TH**

**MEET UP STARTS AT
6:00P.M.**



@ THE MAIN PAVILION ON EMON BEACH





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.



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THE VET IS COMING TO THE ISLAND
OCTOBER 9TH TO OCTOBER 21ST.

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

OR E-MAIL THEM AT
KWAJVETCLINIC@GMAIL.COM

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

LEVEL UP

YOUR DEFENSES

WITH THESE CYBERSECURITY BEST PRACTICES



USE LOGGING & MONITORING

Log system activity so your team can monitor signs of threat actors trying to access your systems.



BACK UP DATA

Incidents happen, but when you back up critical information, recovery is faster and less stressful. Put a backup plan in place to protect your systems and keep things running smoothly.



ENCRYPT DATA

Encrypting your data and devices strengthens your defense against attacks. Even if criminals gain access to your files, information stays locked and unreadable. Make encryption part of your security strategy.

MORE WAYS TO

STAY SECURE



SHARE CYBER INCIDENT INFORMATION WITH CISA

Report incidents to CISA to help warn others and sign up for alerts to help you stay ahead of threats: cisa.gov/report.



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CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

OCTOBER 2025

cisa.gov/cybersecurity-awareness-month

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>

OPERATION: "Santa"



Effective 15 Sept 25, USPS will begin accepting letters at Post Offices as part of the 2025 USPS Operation Santa Program. USPS Operation Santa is a program where individuals can adopt letters written to Santa Claus and fulfill the wishes of the letter writers. Participants simply write a letter to "Santa", put in an envelope with their return address, affix First-Class Postage to the envelope, and mail it to Santa's official Postal Service Address:

**Santa Claus
123 Elf Road
North Pole, 88888**



Stamped envelopes mailed to Santa's Postal Service address, or even stamped envelopes addressed simply to "Santa", are processed at a central location where the letters are opened, reviewed for content, redacted, and uploaded onto the USPSOperationSanta.com website.

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



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 3rd 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!



Kwajalein Drinking Water Notice - Important Information

Recent tests showed a small amount of a chemical called Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) in Kwajalein's drinking water that was slightly elevated than allowed. The minimum standard for a locational rolling annual average (LRAA) is 0.080 mg/l. The tests revealed a single sampling location had a TTHM level of 0.087 mg/L.

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

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

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

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

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

For questions, contact Environmental Services at 480-0722.

Melele Ko Raurok Ikijein Drenin Draak Eo Ioon Kwajalein

Ilo kar teej ko maan tak ekar walok jirik in kamikol eo im jej nae etan (TTHMs) ilo dren in idraak ko ioon Kwajalein im ekar lap jen jonan eo kar kotmene. Jonan driklok in jonok emoj an kar (LRAA) kwalok ej 0.080 mg/l. Juon wot ien jikin kein ej kalikar ke teej eo kwalok ke TTHM ej jonon in 0.087 mg/L.

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

Ta eo emoj komane? Jaarkool kein ilo filter system kein ilo jikin liklik dren eo emoj jeniji kin jaarkool kaal im erre. Wawein in ej jiban kadriklok TTHM im kajejjot eman eo an dren eo.

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

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

Non Kajitok, kir Environmental Services ilo 480-0722.

Fire Prevention Week

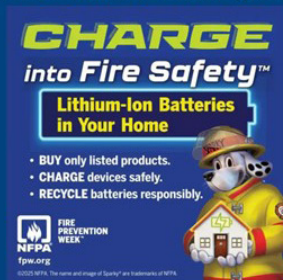
Sunday October 5th through Saturday October 11th, 2025, celebrates the 103rd anniversary of Fire Prevention Week.

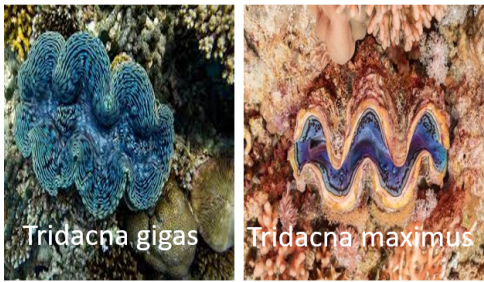
This year's theme is **"Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home"**.

Fire safety education is not just for children. Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time this week to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire.

Just seconds can make the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy.

Regardless if you live in a BQ, Housing, or Man Camp take time to plan your escape. Also discuss and practice this with anyone living with you.





E-wareness: Giant Clams

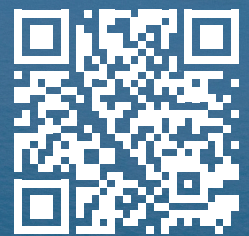
- Three species of Giant Clams are found at Kwajalein Atoll, *Tridacna gigas*, *Tridacna squamosa*, and *Tridacna maximus*.
- Both are protected throughout the atoll by the USAG-KA Environmental Standards (UES) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA)
- Please DO NOT harass or collect living species
- Please DO NOT collect or export Giant Clam shells
- Giant Clam shells in pack-outs or mailed packages can result in large fines.

E-wareness: Mejen Wod Killep

- Jilu kain mejen wod ko rellap rej bed ilo malo in Kwajalein, juon ne *Tridacna gigas*, juon *Tridacna squamosa*, im *Tridacna maximus*.
- Mejen wod kein rej bed umin kejbarok eo an USAKA Environmental Standards (UES) im Endangered Species Act eo ak (ESA)
- Jouj im jab ireji ak boki mejen wod kein.
- Joij im jab aini, kakoni, im komakiti ak jilkinlok nan ilikin mejen wod kein
- Enaj wor fine ko rellap elane mejen wod kein renaj bed ilo mweik in pack-outs ko ak ilo mail ko.



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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 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.

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.

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.

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.



Contact the USAG-KA Sexual Harassment/ Assault Response and Prevention Victim Advocate

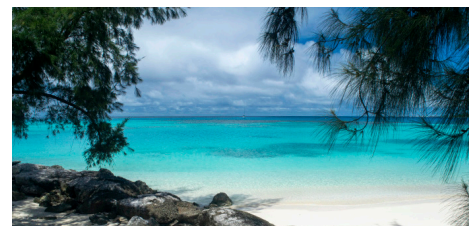
Sergeant First Class Darrius Hodge
SHARP Victim Advocate

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.

How to dress in the RMI. Out of respect for the Marshallese culture, residents are asked to dress appropriately when visiting Ebeye, Third Island, or anywhere within Kwajalein Atoll. Women should wear clothing to cover shoulders and knees. None are permitted to wear shorts when visiting churches on Ebeye. Men should wear long slacks to church.

Kwaj Small Boat Marina hours are 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Friday through Monday, and on holidays, excluding Thanksgiving and Christmas. Morning boat reservation times are from 7:30 a.m. – noon. Afternoon boat reservations are from 1 – 5 p.m.

Not Feeling Well? Call 480-2223 to make an appointment for a COVID-19 test, Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. If you are not feeling well, please wear a mask when you are around others in the community.

Operational Security. See something, say something. All employees on USAG-KA are required to receive annual Threat Awareness and Reporting Program training provided by KRO; Reporting: Report suspicious activities to the Kwajalein Resident Office at 480-9859/1293/8006 at Bldg. 1163.

PCS & Vacation Tips. Notify the post office before leaving for 30 days or PCS'ing. Per DOD 4525.6-M, mail is only allowed to be held for 30 days with or without prior notice. Mail is considered unclaimed on day 31 and will be returned to the sender. Email the post office to authorize pick up for your mail and packages. When PCS'ing, provide a forwarding address. Contact James Smith with questions at 480-3461 and james.e.smith2295@army.mil.

Salon Walk-Ins. Surfside Salon Walk-In Appointments are available on Fridays from 1:30 - 6 p.m.

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

Taxi Service. Call 480-TAXI (8294) or 3341 to

HELP WANTED

For employment with contractors
within the
U.S. Army Garrison - Kwajalein Atoll
please check
contractor company
websites
for employment opportunities.

book your ride at least 24 hours in advance of check-in time.

Millican Family Pool Hours. Closed for cleaning on Thursdays. Open noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays and Mondays.

The NEC Testing Center Is Open to the Community - Giving you the head start you need to thrive! - Open Tuesday through Saturday by appointment
Authorized Pearson VUE Test Center. Schedule A test Today!
NEC testing Center, 480-4344, FN 1008-131
ACUITY International

Kwajalein / Roi Namur Licensing
Classes on Kwajalein are every Wednesday @0900 Marshallese @1245 Expats (by appointment only as class side is limited)
Classes are in Bldg. 856 Rm 101, Vehicle Maintenance Compound
Roi classes every 2nd Friday in Bldg. C, timed based on flight schedule
No registration needed for Roi classes.
To register, send email to either of the following:
Audrey.Hughes@gov2x.com
Wilson.Kaisha@gov2x.com
...or stop by Bldg. 856, Rm 101



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Volunteer Opportunity at Kwajalein Atoll

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

Online & Virtual Training Provided

No experience needed!

We provide all necessary training. Just bring your passion and commitment to helping others!

Contact **Alana Wilson** at alana.wilson@redcross.org

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



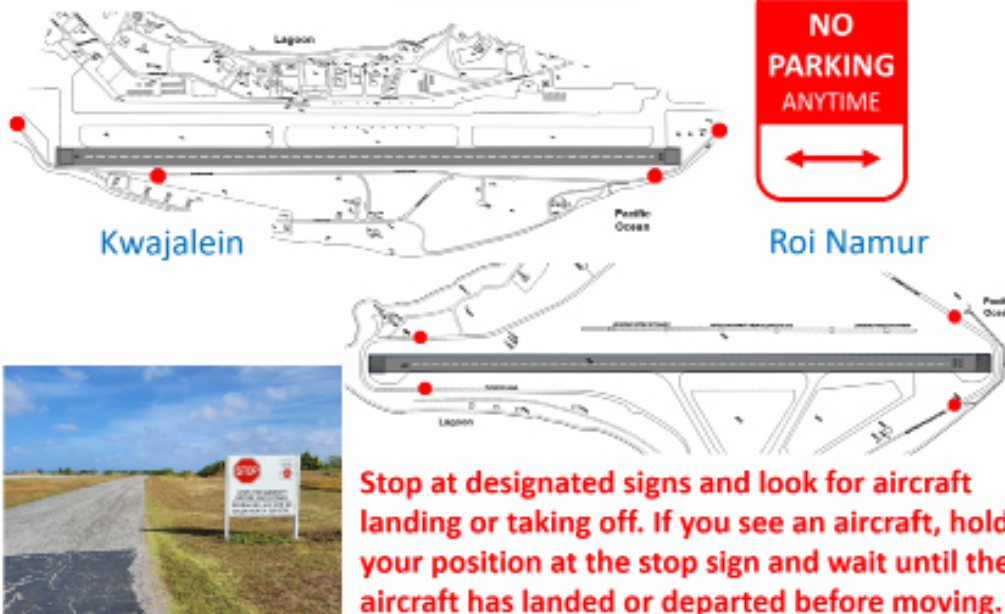
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STOP FOR AIRCRAFT!!



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

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



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

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Now Showing at the Yuk Theater

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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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.
 - Ewor wod ko rebaaijin im remaron in komman joreen.
 - Kejbarok ijoko im wod kein rej bed ie im jab bed iraan wod ko kajojo.
 - Kejbarok aolep men kein iuumin lojet ilo am kea.

[E-Wareness](#)

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



WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

Discussion:

At this point in September, we have received 7.38" inches of rain at the weather station 1.33 inches **below** normal for the month. So far in 2025, we have only received about 47 inches of precipitation, which is 13.37 inches **below** normal for the year, keeping Kwajalein Atoll abnormally dry. Isolated

showers will stay in the forecast for the whole of the atoll. Saturday and mid-day Sunday will see shower coverage increase to widely scattered showers with another increase the second half of Monday into Tuesday. When showers do occur, they have the potential to be heavy for brief periods. 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. As is typical this time of the year, the **thunderstorm** risk is elevated during heavy showers. Saturday and mid-day Sunday look to be a bit more elevated in the lightning risk than normal. The Madden-Julian Oscillation's

(MJO) is mostly incoherent and is having little effect on precipitation coverage for the RMI. The Intertropical

Convergence Zone (ITCZ) is situated over the central RMI but is rather lack-luster in surface convergence having less of an impact on inducing any long term heavy showers. The El Nino Southern Oscillation

(ENSO) is in ENSO-neutral conditions as a whole tending to support normal rainfall values. Slightly cooler than normal sea-surface temperatures (SST) are 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.

Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:

Low to moderate risk: During times of light and variable winds, there will be periods of meandering light winds out of the west but below any warning threshold.

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

We will wax to a half-moon on the 29th and neap tides with all high tides below four feet around that

time. 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:** starting this afternoon, we

will see winds hover around six to nine knots and mostly the upper single digits will be the rule for Friday and Saturday with a drop to the near doldrum levels for the weekend and single digits for the start of the workweek. During periods of heavy showers, gusty outflow winds are possible, leading to the possible issuance of a Small Craft Advisory (SCA) in the lagoon for a short period. **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



Fire Prevention Week Open House

**Explore the
Fire Trucks!
Tour the fire
station!
Meet ME!
Sparky the Fire
Dog!**



**Thursday OCT. 9th
5pm-8pm
Fire Department
BLDG 904
480-3364**

**Play Games
Snacks and
goodies for the
kids!**

**Get your
picture with
SPARKY**

WEATHER

RIS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION

Shower chances will remain low across most of Kwajalein Atoll Friday, with slightly higher chances in the northern areas due to a weak atmospheric wave. Winds will be from the east to southeast, generally in the low to upper single digits, though occasional stronger gusts are possible with passing showers. Friday night, expect an increase in shower activity as a fragment of the Inter-tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) moves in. This will bring added instability, allowing for heavier showers and possibly a stray thunderstorm late tonight, especially with improving upper-level support. Winds will become light and variable as the pressure gradient weakens. On Saturday, stray showers may linger until the ITCZ fragment exits by evening, bringing a brief reduction in rain chances into Sunday. However, the ITCZ could reorganize and return by Sunday night, potentially kicking off a wetter pattern that may continue into early next week.

SATURDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers throughout the day. Winds E-SE at 5-10 knots, with higher gusts possible near showers.

SUNDAY

Partly sunny to mostly cloudy with stray showers increasing to isolated showers in the evening. Winds E-SE at 6-11 knots, with higher gusts pos-



	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:38 a.m. 6:42 p.m.	11:22 a.m. 11:08 p.m.	6:40 a.m. 2.6' 7:00 p.m. 3.2'	12:55 a.m. 0.3' 12:32 p.m. 0.4'
MONDAY	6:38 a.m. 6:41 p.m.	12:15 p.m. -----	7:04 a.m. 2.1' 7:38 p.m. 2.8'	1:31 a.m. 0.7' 12:51 p.m. 0.8'
TUESDAY	6:38 a.m. 6:41 p.m.	1:07 p.m. 12:00 a.m.	7:41 a.m. 1.7' 9:13 p.m. 2.4'	2:35 a.m. 1.2' 1:09 p.m. 1.2'
WEDNESDAY	6:37 a.m. 6:40 p.m.	1:59 p.m. 12:54 a.m.	1:35 p.m. 1.7' -----	6:56 a.m. 1.2' 5:22 p.m. 1.5'
THURSDAY	6:37 a.m. 6:40 p.m.	2:48 p.m. 1:49 a.m.	12:30 a.m. 2.6' 1:55 p.m. 2.2'	7:45 a.m. 0.7' 7:18 p.m. 1.1'
FRIDAY	6:37 a.m. 6:39 p.m.	3:35 p.m. 2:43 a.m.	1:35 a.m. 3.1' 2:20 p.m. 2.8'	8:13 a.m. 0.3' 8:03 p.m. 0.5'
OCTOBER 4	6:37 a.m. 6:38 p.m.	4:20 p.m. 3:37 a.m.	2:14 a.m. 3.7' 2:47 p.m. 3.4'	8:40 a.m. -0.2' 8:39 p.m. -0.1'

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.

sible near showers.

MONDAY

Partly sunny to mostly cloudy with stray to isolated showers throughout the day. Winds E-SE at 5-10 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 E-SSE at 10-15 knots, with higher gusts possible near showers. ▲



Until Next Week!

