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COMMUNITY

SWASHBUCKLER'S BALL RETURNS TO KWAJALEIN YACHT CLUB FOR FUN, ANNUAL ISLAND TRADITION

HOURLASS REPORT

By Anthony Carnelli,
Story Writer

On Sunday, November 2, the Kwajalein Yacht Club transformed into a pirate haven as most of the adults on Kwajalein gathered for the Annual Swashbuckler's Ball. The event, which has been a tradition dating back to the 1970s, saw attendees dressed in pirate costumes of their choice for what has become one of the island's biggest celebrations.

"The Swashbuckler's Ball is easily one of the most anticipated events that the Kwajalein Yacht Club stages every year," said attendee and the island's Aquatics Supervisor Cliff Pryor. "It is an adult-only event that allows us to change our appearance and attitude. It grants us an opportunity to release, refresh, and get rejuvenated."

This year's gathering maintained the event's long-standing format as a large fun celebration on the island. The

tradition, now spanning more than five decades, strongly encourages all attendees to arrive in a pirate costume, which the participants embrace with varying degrees of creativity and commitment. The large crowds of people in fanciful pirate costumes created a distinctive atmosphere at the yacht club, with some attendees taking their costume choices to more extremes than others.

The venue itself was decorated to match the pirate theme. Skulls and crossbones adorned the space, setting the scene for the evening's festivities. A live band provided, which proved to be particularly special for the occasion since they have not had one for a long time, kept entertainment for the crowd, keeping the energy high throughout the night. The combination of music, themed decorations, and costumed attendees created the celebratory atmosphere that has made this event a corner-

stone of island social life.

"It's been years since we've had a band at the Swashbuckler's, and it worked out really," said Tim Roberge an organizer and attendee. "The horn section made a huge difference."

For those in attendance, the evening offered opportunities to socialize with friends. The 21-and-up age requirement ensured the event remains an adult-focused celebration, allowing participants to fully embrace the party atmosphere that has characterized the ball since its 40-plus year inception.

The yacht club's approach to the event — making it donation-based like their other functions throughout the year — helps bring the community together and generates funds to cover the costs of putting on the event. This model has sustained the tradition for decades, making it a highlight for many.

As the 2025 Swashbuckler's Ball concluded, it added an-

other successful chapter to this long-running island tradition. The event continues to demonstrate how a simple concept — adults in pirate costumes gathering, can become an enduring and beloved community institution.

The Yacht Club's Annual Swashbuckler's Ball will return next year, continuing its tradition of bringing the Kwajalein community together for pirates and fun. As Pryor puts it — "the event never fails to amaze and entertain with its over-the-top decorating, live band, and general "let your hair down" vibe. It isn't the type of party that you normally find on the mainland. That is what makes it so special. It is uniquely "Kwaj." ❖







Front Cover: Daniel the Welder by Sherman Hogue

Back Cover: The Hideaway by Isaiah Matthews

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KEEPING KWAJALEIN AND ROI NAMUR FLOWING: THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE ISLAND'S HIDDEN SYSTEM

HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk; Story Writer

Most island residents rarely think about what happens after they flush a toilet or drain a sink. On Kwajalein and Roi-Namur, that everyday action triggers a chain of behind-the-scenes work that's vital to island life — a process guided by the steady hands and cool heads of the Wastewater Management team.

Each day, these professionals quietly safeguard public health and the environment by keeping the island's wastewater treatment systems running — often under conditions that would test even the most seasoned operator.

At the center of this operation is Andre Andrews, Wastewater Management Manager, who has spent

nearly two decades managing complex systems from Iraq to Kuwait before finding his way to the Marshall Islands. "I've been in the game almost 19 years," he says with a matter-of-fact ease. "Water, wastewater, fuel, garbage — I've done it all. But this? This is home now."

Andre arrived on Kwajalein five years ago from his hometown of Miami, Florida. He came into a system that was still finding its structure. "When I first got here," he recalls, "there wasn't that full structure yet. Over time, we had to build that — the structure, the program, the discipline. Now we've got it and a team built on trust and training."

Under Andre's leadership, the wastewater team includes technicians like Craig

Crofton on Roi and Hayward Turner, a new arrival who joined just three weeks ago. Andre's management style is hands-on but rooted in mentorship. "Coming from the field myself," he says, "it used to be hard for me to delegate. I was used to doing the work. But now I've learned to trust the team — to let them learn, make mistakes, and grow."

He gestures toward his crew with visible pride. "My job is to make sure everyone can step into anyone else's shoes at any time. If Craig's out, someone else can fill in. Everyone here is cross trained. That's how we stay ready."

That philosophy is what keeps the island's wastewater system — a patchwork of pumps, lift stations, and aging infrastructure — running smoothly despite the chal-

lenges of isolation, limited resources, and harsh marine conditions.

The rhythm of a work-day Roi-Namur begins early. At sunrise, Craig walks the perimeter of the wastewater plant, listening for the low hum of pumps and the soft chug of aerators. Each sound — a hiss, a vibration, a pause — tells him something about the system's health. "They have to listen," Andre explains. "If it doesn't sound right, it's not right. You can't just look. You have to hear the system."

If everything's running smoothly, the team follows its routine: inspecting lift stations, checking manholes, and flushing lines to prevent blockages. Their trucks move across the island, a reassuring sign that unseen work is





PHOTOS BY ANTHONY CARNELLI

COMMUNITY FINDING HER FOOTING: NEW SCHOOL READING SPECIALIST EMBRACES ISLAND LIFE, WHILE LENDING A HAND

HOURLASS REPORT

By Anthony Carnelli;
Story Writer

After arriving on Kwajalein, reading specialist Jill Spagnolo is embracing the adventure, which involves pitching in wherever she's needed at her work home George Seitz Elementary School.

It's Spagnolo's first time here, and she's already enthusiastically embracing the community feel where people help each other in a caring manner. Her primary role is assisting students experiencing challenges keeping up with the class reading curriculum and their peers. She notes that it's not necessarily because a child has a learning

disability. "A lot of times it just takes a little longer," she said, "and sometimes there are kids who just have to study a little harder."

Spagnolo joined the school this fall as a K-12 reading specialist, also known as a reading interventionist — supporting students who need extra time to build skills and confidence. She will also be helping teachers implement the new Core Knowledge Language Arts/Amplify (CKLA) (K-5) English curriculum that the school recently purchased. On a small island where many people sometimes must wear more than one hat in their role, her mission is both simple and

intentional — keep reading progress moving and jump in where an extra set of hands keeps the day on track.

Spagnolo notes that even though some children that may be struggling to keep pace with grade-level expectations, this doesn't always signal a disability, but it does require targeted support and patience. "It can be hard for the parents because they don't know what to do," she said. "It's also hard for the kids because if they know they're behind, they don't feel smart. A lot of times it just doesn't have anything to do with intelligence."

However, she finds even the small wins with them



very rewarding, “I specifically love working with kids who have reading difficulties and seeing the gains they make,” Spagnolo says. Those gains, she adds, are often quiet and cumulative: stamina during a longer passage, a smoother read-aloud, a smile when comprehension clicks. For families balancing work and school, even small wins matter.”

Spagnolo finds fulfillment with her work, but like others who move to more remote locations like Kwajalein, Spagnolo is quickly learning that outside factors can delay things like supplies shipments and staffing. While the school waits for an additional teaching staff, she has been stepping into the classroom to teach fifth and sixth grade students. This directly draws on her 15-plus years of teaching experience along with a bachelor’s degree in elementary and middle school education from the University of Wisconsin. “I’ve heard more than one person say they came for a specific role but were asked to help in other areas,” she said. “When I’m in that situation, I keep a positive outlook and I’m absolutely happy and willing to



step in.”

The support, she adds, has been consistent. “I have to say that Amy Blakely and Jerrod Gertsema have been great,” Spagnolo noted of the district’s superintendent and school’s principal. “They’re seeing what I need and they’re happy that I’m here. They’ve been extremely positive, and that’s been really nice and refreshing. I feel like I have their support, and they

want me to be successful.”

Spagnolo also mentioned that she has a strong sense of adventure and an open mind about island living. She quickly found more to do than she had expected on land and in the water. “I was very surprised with all the different things you can do and resources available on the island,” she said. “They seem to make things easily accessible for people who live

here. I also love being in the water — doing things like swimming and snorkeling. I’m looking forward to being outside quite a bit.”

For Spagnolo, Kwajalein renews her sense of adventure. It is not her first overseas chapter: she served two years in the Peace Corps in Malawi, Africa working with the national parks and wildlife department on resource management and environmental education. Reflecting on that service, plus visits to her brother in Vietnam and seeing her two daughters live independently in college, reignited her desire to step outside her comfort zone and be more independent.

For now, Spagnolo is focused on steady progress — one student, one chapter at a time. “I feel like I only have so many years left to really go overseas and do these kinds of things,” she said. So, I wanted to have a year to experience this and live life to the fullest. This time will help me decide what my priorities are.” On Kwajalein, that looks like showing up, pitching in, and making sure every student gets help with a path forward, regardless of the hat she wears on any given day. ▾





PHOTOS BY ISAIAH MATTHEWS

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THE ART OF STEEL: A WELDER'S JOURNEY FROM CALIFORNIA TO KWAJALEIN

HOURLASS REPORT

**By Isaiah Matthews;
Story Writer**

When most people think of art, they picture canvases, brushes, and galleries — not torches, steel, and sparks. But for Daniel Davis, a seasoned welder from California, every weld tells a story, and every project reflects craftsmanship, pride, and purpose.

“Welding is definitely a form of art,” he said. “You [a welder] take abstract pieces of metal, map out a vision. There is an aspect of craftsmanship. Even people who know nothing about it can look at a well-laid structure and weld and appreciate the integrity of the structure.”

Originally from the California Bay Area and later Florida, Davis spent years in the automotive world before

discovering another craft to add to his repertoire: metalwork. As a heavy line technician and car restorer, he was already used to grease, grit, and long hours under the hood — but welding brought something new: versatility. He found not only was he naturally inclined toward the craft, but his certifications would be internationally recognized — an incentive for a man with plans to travel the world.

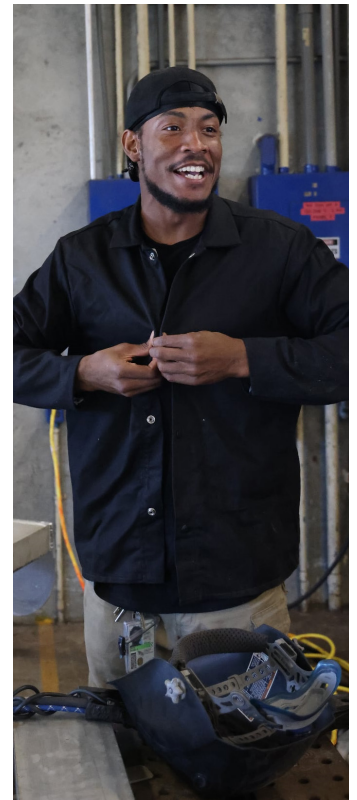
“There’s a therapeutic aspect to it,” he said. “I get into a flow; it’s quiet. You get to process things. The way I do my work — that’s how I carry myself in life, to a standard. And within that, this craft is a form of self-expression. A lesson my first instructor taught me, that I now teach — ‘You lay bad welds and people get

hurt.’”

His first welding project wasn’t in a shipyard or industrial plant — it was a seat bracket for a Nissan 240 S14 conversion, a job he completed while apprenticing at a custom shop. That small start launched a career that would eventually take him across the globe, welding everything from classic car frames to maritime and Navy vessels, as well as commercial structures on earthquake fault lines.

“When I look back at a project and know the inspector’s coming, I feel proud. That’s my art. That’s my signature.”

With a shelf full of welding certifications — from dual-shield and arc welding to aluminum, stainless, and pipe — he’s built an arsenal of skills that few in his trade can match. But even with his



expertise, Kwajalein offered a new kind of challenge — and opportunity.

He first heard about the island through a friend he met on a job site. Like most good welders, word of mouth is the bridge to the next adventure. He was hesitant at first, unsure about uprooting again. But fate had other plans.

“A recruiter kept calling, and finally I just said, alright, let’s do it,” he said with a laugh



THE minute HAND

A USAGKA Community Information Update

BQ Inspections - USAG-KA will be conducting a 100% DOW Mandated BQ inspection. Inspections will begin Tuesday Nov 18th with Sands BQ.

ARMA - If you need something fixed in your housing, BQ or Office use the ARMA system: [ARMA](https://www.armymaintenance.com/arma)
<https://www.armymaintenance.com/arma> or call 480-3550

Boat Cpt Class - The next MWR Boat Cpt Class will be Nov 17th – 18th 5:30pm MWR Library Register at the Small Boat Marina.

Private Boat Mooring Lines - Are you a private boat owner and have your boat on a mooring? Please ensure your mooring lines are doing their jobs and keeping your boat in place.

HAZMAT Items - Household hazardous waste: Separate out household hazardous waste (flammables, corrosives, aerosols, etc.) and place in an individual containers next to the trash bins.

DSC ATM - The DSC ATM issues are still being worked to get the machine back online.



THE **minute** HAND

A USAGKA Community Information Update

Events - As always, Kwajalein events can be found on the Kwajalein Community Events FB Page. Some things coming up are:

- **Fall Craft Fair** is this Sunday the 16th in the CRC Gym from 12 – 3pm
- **Commander's Call** 22 Nov 4pm at the Ocean View
- **KSS Event - Turkey Bowl** at the MP room Nov 27, 9 – 1130am
- **Marshallese Trade Fair** will be Nov 30th 3-7pm – Dec 1st 9am-2pm in the CRC Gym. More details to follow soon.
- **Pallet Trees** - Pallet Tree Lot Opens Dec 1st , Voting for best decorated "trees" ends on 19 Dec. Lot will be located on Lagoon Road, in front of Brandon Field.

If you know of other upcoming events that you would like to share, please email me at sherman.hogue.civ@army.mil so it can be added here.

USACE Projects

- Meck Electrical
- Building 803 Reno
- Phase 1 AFH
- Echo Pier
- Potable Water Tower
- Zamperini Kitchen
- Roi POL AST
- Fuel Tank
- Phase 2 AFH
- Phase 3 AFH
- ATCT
- Medical Clinic

Est Comp Date

- 05 Dec 2025
- 22 Jan 2026
- 25 Jan 2026
- 05 Nov 2026
- 04 Aug 2026
- 08 Dec 2026
- 13 Aug 2027
- 02 Sept 2027
- 03 July 2027
- 13 Aug 2027
- 08 Mar 2028
- 16 July 2028

Kwajalein Reclaimed Water Standard Violation

The Reclaimed Water System Document of Environmental Protection (DEP) requires public notification when the standards for reclaimed water are not met. On 12 and 13 November 2025, the 7-day rolling turbidity average in the reclaimed water system entry point of distribution and within the distribution system measured above the 2.0 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTUs) standard. Turbidity is the cloudiness or haziness of a liquid caused by particles that are generally invisible to the naked eye. Due to maintenance activities on the reclaimed water storage tanks, the non-potable water may slightly appear with a green tint. **Since reclaimed water is non-potable, no health-based restrictions on the normal use (irrigation, vehicle washing, etc) of reclaimed water are necessary.** There is no threat to public health or the environment resulting from this turbidity exceedance. Questions? Contact V2X Environmental at 480-0722.

Jorraan Eo Ilo Reclaimed Water System Eo Ion Kwajalein

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Notary services are Available!

Documents for notarization must generally be of U.S. origin or intended for use within the United States, with limited exceptions.

Only one appointment is required for multiple documents.

The fee for each notarial service (notarial seal) is \$50 USD.

Please email consmajuro@state.gov for an appointment.



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Fire Alarm
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E-wareness: Stormwater Pollution Prevention

Stormwater discharges are a significant source of pollutants. Stormwater can become polluted as it flows over contaminated surfaces. This leads to contamination of lagoon waters and potential damage to corals and other marine species.

What can you do?

- Good housekeeping
- Preventive maintenance on vehicles and equipment
- Maintain spill prevention and quick response supplies
- Preserve sediment erosion control
- Manage storm water runoff
- Employee training

For more information on stormwater pollution prevention or training opportunities, contact V2X Environmental at 480-0722.



E-wareness: Kejbarok jen paijin in an toor dren

Ijoko elap an toor dren ie rej jikin ko elap menin paijin/kij ko remaron in bar walok ie. Ekka wot an jede paijin kein jen ijoko dren eo ej toorlok ie. Elane ej toor dren kein nan lojet innem enaj kakure lojet eo, wod ko ie im menin mour/eddrek ko ie.

Ta komaron komane?

- Karreo
- Kejbarok wot jerbal ko bwe in driklok an nej walok jorren im kein jerbal
- Kojerbal spill kit ko im mokaj nan jerbal ko
- Lale men ko rej elejo bwe renjab toor nan lojet
- Manage e drenin wot ko ial ko
- Etal nan Training ko nan ekatak

Nan melele ko relaplok ikijeen wewein kein ak training, call e V2X Environmental ilo 480-0722.



Do your part to eliminate mosquitoes:

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

Dump standing water



Do your part to eliminate flies:

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



Fogging Schedule

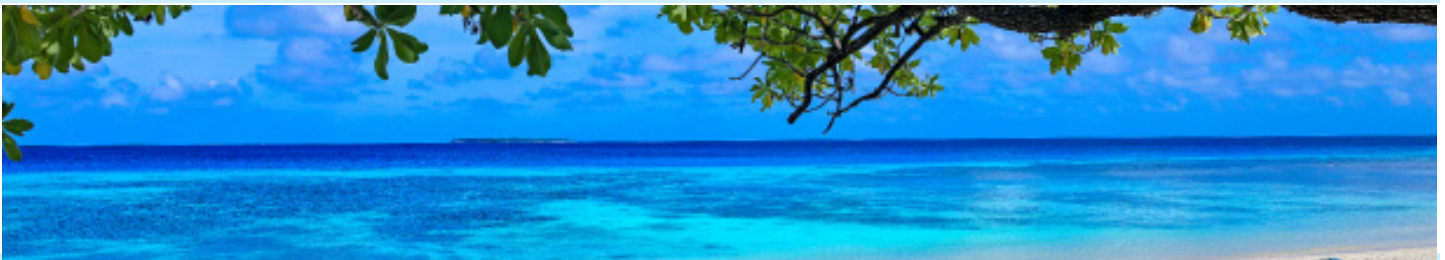
- 5:30-7:30 P.M.
- Roi Namur: Nov. 21, 2025, Dec. 19, 2025
- Kwajalein: Nov. 18, 19, & 20, Dec. 16, 17 & 18, 2025
- Weather dependent
- Avoid fogged area for ~30 minutes

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

Kwajalein Community!!

Surfway is recalling all butchered pork sold at the store on 7 October 2025. We have been made aware of a cut of meat from a pig that was affected by some sort of infection and want to ensure no other cuts of meat from this animal are consumed. Affected product is pork that was cut from and packaged at the store and not retail packaged pork from the frozen section. All returns will be accepted with or without receipt.



RECALL NOTICE!!

Kwajalein Community, the Hillshire Brands Company, a Haltom City, Tex. establishment, is recalling approximately 58,000,000 pounds of corn dog and sausage on a stick products that may be contaminated with extraneous material, specifically pieces of wood embedded in the batter. This includes State Fair Beef Hot Dogs Wrapped In a Honey Sweetened Batter sold at Surfway. All affected products have been pulled from the store. Please check your freezers at home. If you have any product with the following expiration dates; 1/20/2026, 1/27/2026, 2/12/2026, 3/2/2026, 3/4/2026, 5/20/2026, 5/25/2026, please return to Surfway for a full refund, no receipt required.



Hobby Shop Workshop

Date: Nov. 19, 2025
Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Members: \$10
Nonmembers: \$15.00
All supplies included
8 spots available

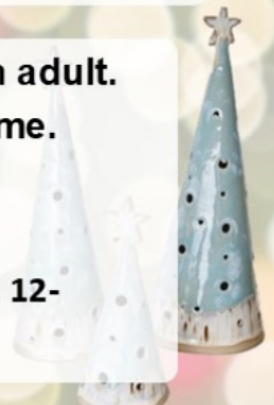
Light Up Your Holiday Nights!
Join us for a ceramic tree workshop and create your own beautiful tree luminary or Christmas tree centerpiece. The Hobby Shop staff will guide you through the process with step-by-step instructions.

Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.
No refunds within 24 hours of class start time.

Closed-toed shoes required.

Sign up at the Hobby Shop (Bldg. 815)

Phone: 480-1700 Hours: Wed. & Thur. 1-8pm, Fri. 12-8pm, Sat.– Mon. 12-6pm, Tue. Closed



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



FALL CRAFT FAIR
hosted by the Kwaj Art Guild

CRC Gymnasium
Sunday, 16 Nov 2025
12:00 - 3:00pm

want to be a vendor?

E-mail: alekz_zoe@yahoo.com &
artguildkwajalein@gmail.com

Sign-up Today!

 **Kwajalein Art Guild**
artguildkwajalein@gmail.com

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.

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.



FLU SEASON

- The Medical Team has two flu clinics scheduled for Saturday November 15, 2025 and Tuesday November 18, 2025 from 2pm - 6pm for 19 years and older.
- Flu clinic for ages 18 years and under will be scheduled at a later date, pending receipt of supplies for pediatric population.
- Flu shots can also be scheduled by appointment from 2pm-4pm Tuesdays through Saturdays. Call 480-2223/2224



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:

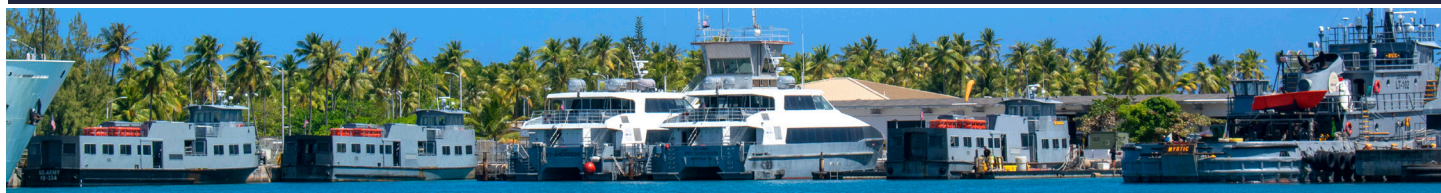
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FREE Blood Pressure Checks!

Kwajalein Hospital is offering BP Checks!

Help us bring awareness and education to the community!

Outside the DFAC

Date: Every 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!



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.



Mail Early

Mail by the dates below to ensure delivery before December 25th

MILITARY MAIL ADDRESSED TO & FROM	PRIORITY MAIL EXPRESS MAIL SERVICE	FIRST-CLASS MAIL LETTERS & CARDS	PRIORITY MAIL SERVICE	GROUND ADVANTAGE SERVICE
CONUS	DEC 16	DEC 09	DEC 09	NOV 04
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIP's 090-092	DEC 16	DEC 09	DEC 09	NOV 04
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIP's 093	N/A	DEC 09	DEC 09	NOV 04
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIP's 094-099	DEC 16	DEC 09	DEC 09	NOV 04
APO/FPO/DPO AA ZIP's 340	DEC 16	DEC 09	DEC 09	NOV 04
APO/FPO/DPO AP ZIP's 962-966	DEC 16	DEC 09	DEC 09	NOV 04



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:

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Email: Darren.r.Wheeldon.ctr@army.mil



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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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

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

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



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

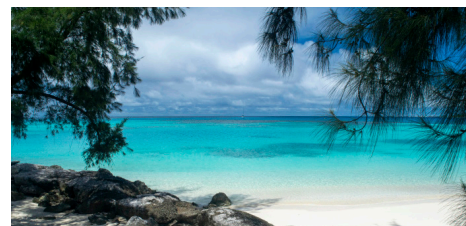
Sergeant First Class Darrius Hodge
SHARP Victim Advocate

Work: 480-1419

USAG-KA SHARP Pager:

808-580-3241

DOD SAFE Helpline: 877-995-5247



Emergency Management. Visit the USAG-KA Emergency Management webpage, <https://home.army.mil/kwajalein/index.php/my-fort/EM>; 2) Click on "Mass Notification"; 3) Follow the registration instructions.

E-Wareness: It is each driver's responsibility to ensure vehicles are not leaking fluids other than air conditioning condensate. Call 911 to report spills and arrange with automotive for routine maintenance. Please call Environmental at 480-0722 with questions. Ej an ri-kator eo eddo non lolorjake bwe wa eo ejjab leak jabdewot oil ijelak in drennin air condition eo jen wa eo. Ne elon jabdewot leak/lutok in oil jen wa eo, Kiir 911 non report- e lutok eo. Ak kiir Environmental ilo 480-0722 non kajitok.

Fire Safety Tips. Some pets are chewers. Watch pets to make sure they don't chew through electrical cords. Pets are curious. They may bump into, turn on, or knock over cooking equipment. Keep pets away from stoves and countertops. Make sure pets are included in your family's fire evacuation plan. Build an evacuation kit for each pet in your household.

Flights. Please note that all flights are subject to change. For the latest update on your flights on United, ATI or Air Marshall Islands: ATI: 480-2169; AMI: 480-3469; United: 480-4852 or 1-800-UNITED1; Air Terminal Services: 480-2660; Flight Information Recording: 480-3589

UA Schedule Effective Now: Monday and Friday—UA 155 (HNL); Check-in 2 – 4:50 p.m.;

Wednesday—UA 133 (HNL); Check-in 2 – 4:15 p.m.; Tuesday and Saturday—UA 154 (GUM); Check-in 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

FlyRoi Reservations. To schedule reservations and for correspondence related to flights, email LCVKwajaleinFlyRoi@versar.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HELP WANTED

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

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

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

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

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



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**American
Red Cross**

Service to the Armed Forces

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.



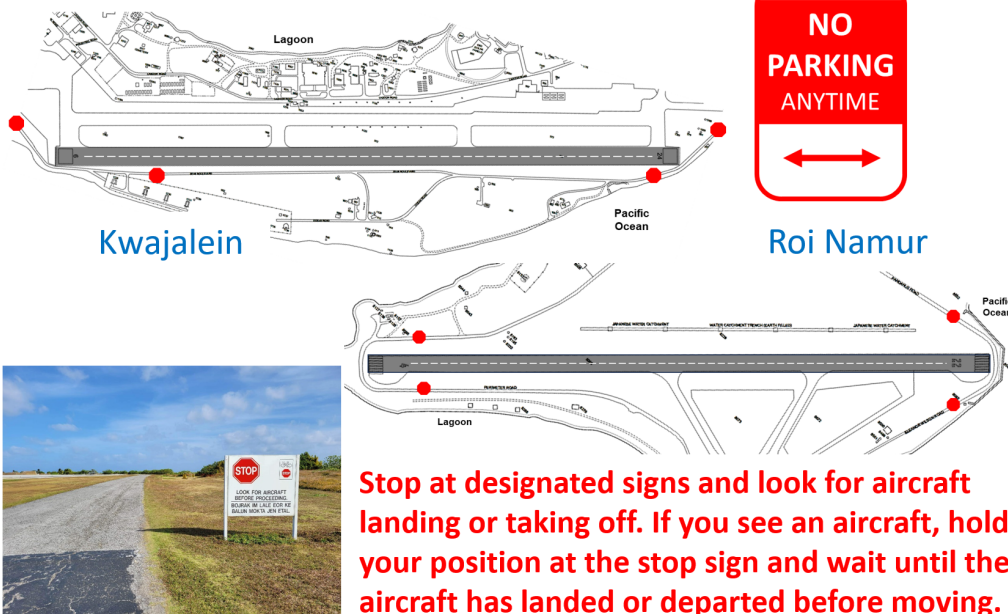
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STOP FOR AIRCRAFT!!



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, NOVEMBER 1
"Elio" (2025) (PG) 98 min.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2
"28 Years Later" (2025)
(R) 115 min.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8
"Lilo and Stitch" (2025)
(PG) 108 min.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9
"Ballerina" (2025) (R) 124 min.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
"The Sandlot" (1993) (PG) 101 min.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
"Final Destination: Bloodlines"
(2025) (R) 110 min.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22
"Aladdin" (1992) (G) 90 min.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23
"Materialists" (2025) (R) 116 min.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29
"Piece by Piece" (2024) (PG) 93 min.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30
"The Phoenician Scheme" (2025)
(PG-13) 101 min.

All showtimes start at 7:30 p.m.



WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

Discussion:

At this point in November, we have received 1.4 inches putting us 2.7 inches below normal. So far in 2025, we have only received about 67 inches of precipitation, which is just over 12 inches below normal for the year. Expect greater shower coverage starting tomorrow heavy at times with ENE-E-ESE troughing in the winds and elevated shower coverage running through the weekend. We experienced no thunderstorm days last week. A thunderstorm day is defined as an "in situ" lightning strike within five miles of the weather station or thunder heard. We are looking at a more elevated thunderstorm risk tomorrow early morning, the overnight on Saturday with the greatest risk through Sunday evening due to good upper-level conditions. The Madden-Julian Oscillation's (MJO) remains well established on the positive side and will be conducive to greater shower coverage. The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) is well established across the southern RMI and is contributing to the higher winds and the east to west troughing

across the area. The El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is in la Nina conditions for our part of the Pacific. This means sea-surface temperatures (SST) between the RMI and the Date Line are cooler, having a negative impact on the RMI's rainfall coverage. A strong MJO will counteract some of the negative impact.

Tropical Cyclones:

None for the RMI. Guam saw a TC pass to the southwest of the island last night.

Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:

Low risk.

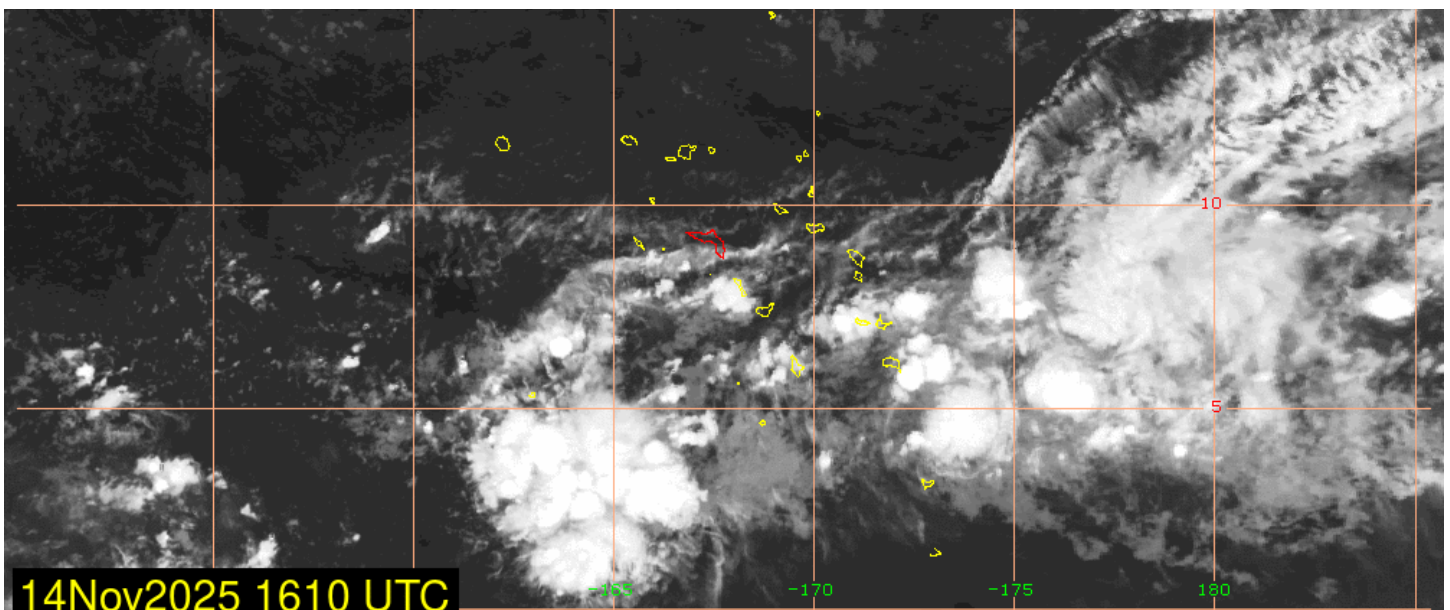
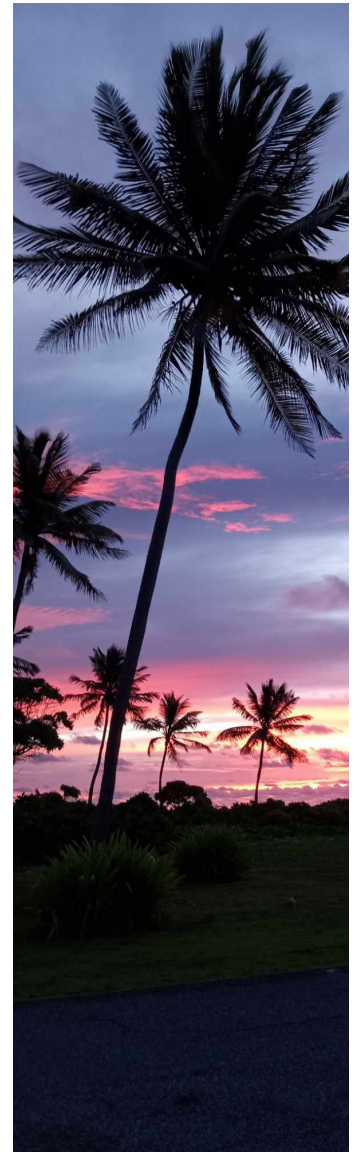
Swell / Tide Inundation for Kwajalein Atoll and Wake Island:

The waning half-moon was yesterday with its neap tide which will see high tides below four feet until the 18th. Winds: will be higher than what one would expect in November and stronger on the open lagoon, mostly out of an ENE-E-ESE in the middle teens, lower when out of the southeast. Monday and going into the early workweek will see the highest winds into the low 20s for periods leading to a possible SCA. During peri-

ods 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) are not anticipated 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. ▾



WEATHER

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WEATHER DISCUSSION

Relatively dry weather can be expected across the atoll as we wrap up the workweek today. Heading into the weekend, occasional showery weather is likely and will begin as early as tonight with a trade wind trough that will approach from the east. Sunday afternoon into Sunday night is expected to be the wettest stretch with improving conditions by Monday. Heavier showers will be possible with the passage of the trough. Thunderstorm risk will also be a bit more elevated due to a favorable upper-level environment created by a nearby Tropical Upper Tropospheric Trough (TUTT). Winds during this stretch will remain northeasterly in the low-mid teens. Drier weather will take over by Monday afternoon, making for a pleasant end to the weekend. Next week is likely to start off relatively dry before a northward shift in the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) brings us back to unsettled weather by

Wednesday and through the middle of the week. Winds will still generally be in the low-mid teens on Tuesday, with a potential brief surge into the upper-teens with the approach of the ITCZ associated trough on Wednesday. Moderate to fresh winds can be expected next week, a sign of our windy season approaching.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Partly to mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers and stray thunderstorms. Winds NE-E at 9-14 knots with higher gusts possible near showers.

MONDAY

Partly sunny with isolated showers in the morning, decreasing to stray showers by noon with a possible stray thunderstorm. Winds NE-E at 10-15 knots with higher



	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SATURDAY	6:42 a.m. 6:25 p.m.	2:35 a.m. 2:57 p.m.	1:05 a.m. 2.9' 1:49 p.m. 3.0'	7:29 a.m. 0.3' 7:52 p.m. 0.6'
SUNDAY	6:42 a.m. 6:25 p.m.	3:19 a.m. 3:33 p.m.	1:50 a.m. 3.1' 2:20 p.m. 3.4'	8:01 a.m. 0.1' 8:29 p.m. 0.3'
MONDAY	6:43 a.m. 6:25 p.m.	4:03 a.m. 4:10 p.m.	2:25 a.m. 3.2' 2:47 p.m. 3.8'	8:28 a.m. -0.1' 9:01 p.m. 0.0'
TUESDAY	6:43 a.m. 6:25 p.m.	4:47 a.m. 4:48 p.m.	2:56 a.m. 3.3' 3:13 p.m. 4.0'	8:54 a.m. -0.2' 9:31 p.m. -0.2'
WEDNESDAY	6:43 a.m. 6:25 p.m.	5:33 a.m. 5:29 p.m.	3:25 a.m. 3.3' 3:39 p.m. 4.2'	9:20 a.m. -0.3' 10:01 p.m. -0.4'
THURSDAY	6:44 a.m. 6:26 p.m.	6:22 a.m. 6:13 p.m.	3:54 a.m. 3.3' 4:06 p.m. 4.3'	9:46 a.m. -0.4' 10:30 p.m. -0.5'
FRIDAY	6:44 a.m. 6:26 p.m.	7:12 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	4:23 a.m. 3.2' 4:34 p.m. 4.3'	10:13 a.m. -0.3' 11:00 p.m. -0.5'

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ISLAND LIFE AND ARMY REGULATIONS, PLEASE CALL THE COMMANDER'S HOTLINE AT 480-1098.

gusts near showers.

NEXT WEEK

Relatively quiet conditions to begin the workweek with only stray showers expected. Shower coverage to increase by Wednesday as the ITCZ

shifts north and leads to unsettled conditions through mid-week. Winds generally a bit more elevated with moderate to fresh speeds. X

Zamperini & ROI Warrior Restaurant

Lunch and Dinner

Breakfast

Continental Breakfast

Hard Boiled Eggs, English Muffins & Toast, Breakfast Sandwiches, Assorted Fruits Assorted Yogurts & Oatmeal

Appetizer

Shrimp Cocktail, Deviled Eggs

Soup

Cream of Broccoli Soup

Entrée

Roast Turkey, Baked Ham w/Honey Glaze, Steamship Round, Prime Rib, Roasted Pig

Potatoes, Starches, Dressings

Cornbread Dressing, Savory Bread Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potato Casserole, Macaroni & Cheese, Dirty Rice

Gravies, Sauces, Condiments

Turkey Gravy, Au Jus Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Horseradish Sauce

Vegetables

Parsley Carrots, Green Bean Casserole, Buttered Corn, Collard Greens w/smoked ham,

Beverages

1% Milk
Coffee and Tea
Iced Tea
Assorted Fruit Juices
Assorted Carbonated Drinks
Hot Chocolate

Salads

Salad Bar, Potato Salad

Rolls

Butter flake and Dinner Rolls

Desserts

Assorted Pies
Assorted Desserts
Decorated Cake

Friday, 28 November 2025

Holiday Meal Rate:
\$11.55 (Lunch)
\$6.10 (Dinner)

Thanksgiving Meal Service Hours:
Breakfast: 0600-0730, Lunch: 1100-1300

Until Next Week!

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