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HONORING SERVICE, CELEBRATING SACRIFICE: KWAJALEIN'S VETERANS DAY CEREMONY INSPIRES REFLECTION AND GRATITUDE

HOURLASS REPORT

**By Annette Monk;
Story Writer**

On a quiet Wednesday morning, the sounds of patriotism filled the air at Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School. As the clock neared 8:45 a.m., students, teachers, families, and community members gathered for the annual Veterans Day Ceremony, a tradition that honors the men and women whose courage and sacrifice have safeguarded the freedoms we enjoy today.

The program, organized with care by Kwajalein Schools, opened with the Presentation of Colors by the Kwajalein Boy Scouts, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by students Marcus Orion King, Luke Rice, and Elias Caro. Soloists Zionne Pedro and Elaisa Riklon gave stirring renditions of the Aelon Kein Ad/Forever Marshall Islands anthem, followed by Teagan Read's heartfelt performance of The

Star-Spangled Banner, which filled the room with quiet reverence.

As the final notes faded, the crowd's attention turned to the morning's keynote speaker — Chief Warrant Officer Four (Ret.) Yessenia Johnson — introduced with affection and pride by her two daughters, Yamila and Yenovi Johnson.

A Story of Strength, Service, and Family

Yessenia Johnson, who served 23 years in the U.S. Army, stood before the audience as both a soldier and a mother. Her presence carried the quiet authority of experience, but her message was deeply personal — a window into the unseen emotional cost of service.

She began by recalling the start of her military journey in June 2001, just months before the 9/11 attacks. "That moment quite literally shaped my path," she said, her voice steady but

reflective. "Every branch has its own values, but they all share the same commitments to honor, duty, integrity, and service. Veterans Day honors soldiers whether they completed two years or twenty years of service, as their obligation remains the same: to protect, to lead, to endure and above all, to serve."

Her words carried weight — not only because of her uniform, but because of the humanity behind it. She shared the reality of deployment — two tours to Iraq by the age of 24, long months without cell phones or running water, connected to home only by letters. "In that uncertainty, my team and my husband became my family," she said.

The most poignant part of her address came when she described leaving her young daughter, affectionately called "Pumpkin," behind for a joint deployment with her husband in 2010. She recounted how

they left small gifts and Hershey kisses for their daughter to count down the days until their return — a story that brought both smiles and tears to the audience. "She turned, stunned, frozen in place," Yessenia recalled of their reunion. "Then she sprinted into our arms and whispered, 'You're home.' Time stood still."

That moment — one shared by countless military families — perfectly encapsulated what Veterans Day is truly about: love, loss, resilience, and the unbreakable bond between service members and those who wait for their safe return.

A Ceremony of Respect and Reflection

Throughout the ceremony, the themes of gratitude and remembrance resonated. Dr. Blakey offered closing remarks, while Dr. Gerber presented an "Honoring Veterans" slideshow featuring images of

service members connected to the Kwajalein community. The Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High Band performed the Armed Forces Medley, with the familiar strains of each branch's anthem drawing smiles, salutes, and quiet nods from veterans in the audience as they stood to be honored while their respective anthems were played.

Students Berkeley Cardillo (Grade 6) and Miyolina Lome (Grade 4) performed "Free Like Me," their clear young voices symbolizing the next generation's appreciation for freedom — a poignant contrast to the stories of hardship and sacrifice shared moments earlier.

The Kwajalein Girl Scouts distributed programs, while the Boy Scouts handled both the opening and retiring of the colors — a fitting symbol of continuity between past, present, and future service.

Lessons from a Life of Service

In her address, Johnson spoke not only of duty, but of perspective — offering advice that resonated far beyond the military community. "Hard times are a teacher," she said. "They are temporary; they will pass. What can you learn from them? Try not to complain — it makes the situation worse than it is. Find solutions, hunt the good stuff. Be kind and loving to your family, show your gratitude. Success isn't measured in medals or money, but in the love of those who are there for you."

She closed her remarks with gratitude for the island community that has become her home since joining U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll in 2021. "Veterans Day is more than remembrance — it's a responsibility to serve," she said. "In my four years living on the Marshall Islands, I've seen KJHS honor veterans in the most beautiful way each year in this multipurpose room."

Her speech reminded everyone that service is a shared experience — not just for those in uniform, but for the families, educators, and neighbors who support them. "To the families who hold the line — spouses,

who hold the line — spouses, parents, children — you are the quiet backbone of our nation," she said. "Your strength makes service possible, and your sacrifices are just as profound."

Honoring the Many Faces of Service

For many on Kwajalein, Veterans Day is both personal and collective. The island's unique makeup — home to active-duty personnel, retirees, contractors, and families from across the United States and the Republic of the Marshall Islands — means nearly everyone has a connection to someone who has served.

The ceremony provided a space not only for remembrance but for education. Students saw firsthand what courage, endurance, and loyalty look like in practice — lessons that extend beyond textbooks. Teachers and administrators, many of whom have lived through deployments themselves, stood in quiet solidarity with their students, modeling gratitude and respect.

It was clear that the morning's message extended far beyond the stage. Veterans Day on Kwajalein isn't just about flags and uniforms — it's about recognizing the people behind them, and the shared values that hold this small island community together.

A Life of Purpose

As attendees filtered out into the warm November air, the impact of the morning lingered. For some, it was the stirring music; for others, the heartfelt stories. But for many, it was the reminder that even thousands of miles from the U.S. mainland, the call to honor service rings just as strongly.

Yessenia Johnson's life exemplifies that spirit. Born in New Jersey and raised in Puerto Rico, she became the first in her family to earn a college degree — all while serving her country with distinction. Over her 23-year Army career, she deployed six times, rose to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer Four, and mentored countless soldiers. On Kwajalein, she

served as both the Commander's Senior Warrant Officer Advisor and Food Advisor, bringing leadership and compassion to every role.

Today, she balances military retirement with community service — leading Girl Scouts, volunteering at the Bargain Bazaar, and inspiring others through fitness and mentorship. Her story, like so many veterans', is one of purpose that endures long after the uniform is hung up.

Gratitude in Every Generation

As the ceremony concluded and students returned to class, one message echoed through the halls — a sentiment as rel-

evant here as anywhere in the world: Freedom isn't free. It's earned, defended, and honored by those who serve and those who remember.

For Kwajalein's community, Veterans Day was not just a ceremony — it was a living expression of gratitude, unity, and respect. And for students who watched their peers lead the event, it was a reminder that patriotism isn't measured by distance, but by heart. X





Front Cover: Veteran's Day Assembly Elson by Annette Monk

Back Cover: Beach Sunrise By Anthony Carnelli

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COMMUNITY

SEASONED NURSE RETURNS TO KWAJALEIN WITH PURPOSE, PASSION AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HOURLASS REPORT

By **Anthony Carnelli**
Story Writer

A seasoned emergency room nurse, Tina Aultman has chosen to come back to Kwajalein after a year away — not for a promotion or a bonus, but for something she couldn't find in her home, St. Petersburg, Florida or in busy U.S. ERs — a slower pace, close faces, and a place that feels like community, where neighbors wave at her when she rides her bike instead of being around angry strangers in traffic in the big city.

The morning commute looks different for Aultman these days. Instead of plotting a 45-minute route through Tampa Bay traffic, she's on her bike, waving to familiar faces on her way to the Kwajalein Hospital. She can stop alongside the quiet roads to chat with someone she knows by name. There's no honking horns, no GPS rerouting, just neighbors catching up before the workday starts.

Her story, which is still being written, is about service and steadiness. She's here to care for patients in a place where care is personal, and she wants to stay long enough to stop feeling like she left anything "unfinished," as she put it.

"When I left Kwajalein last time, I felt like I just started to appreciate the island for what it offered — snorkeling, exploring, community, going to the beaches — and then my time was cut short," Aultman explains. The contracting company she worked for lost the contract, forcing an abrupt departure. "I left with the feeling that something was undone."

In the hospital, being a registered nurse means wearing

potentially more than one hat. With an emergency care background spanning 28 years, Tina now handles ER duties, medical-surgical care, ICU-level interventions, clinic nursing, and immunizations — "everything but the operating room," as she puts it. The small-team includes daytime staff, on-call personnel, and flight medics ready for medical evacuations when needed.

The contrast is stark. Back home, she'd manage four to six critical patients simultaneously, navigating constant urgency and adrenaline. Here, the work remains serious and essential for the community, but it unfolds at a human pace. The biggest logistical stress might be making it to the store before it closes at 6 p.m., not mapping the fastest route through gridlock.

"I'm accustomed to busy ERs where you're running from the moment you get there to the moment you go home," she said. "I think it's time now to dial it back and have a slower pace."

Aultman's path to nursing wasn't direct. She was an "Army brat," as she puts it, who spent part of her childhood in Germany. She later served in the military herself — not as a nurse, but as a Korean linguist. Although, it's been quite a while since she's used her language skills as she laughingly put it — "Right now the best I can do is order a beer and ask where the bathroom is."

Aside from letting her language skills slip, her drive for thoughtful progression shows in everything she tackles — both personally and professionally — "I take what I like and want to make



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it better," she said. Aultman once ran marathons annually, then pushed further. "I already did that, so now I wanted to do something like it times 1,000," she explained. That led her to complete a 155-mile ultramarathon across the Sahara Desert over six days — running a marathon daily before finishing at the pyramids in Cairo, Egypt. "It was the most wonderful experience," she said.

As a cancer survivor, staying healthy and active carries extra meaning. "That really inspired me to stay healthy and keep working out," she notes, though a soccer-related ACL tear has shifted her from running to maintaining a steady level of physical fitness at the gym.

Aultman believes living

and working here is not for everyone. When asked about what type of person would do well on Kwajalein, she responded — "First of all, you have to have the courage to make such a big leap. I think you have to be really open-minded and be okay with things not always being perfect."

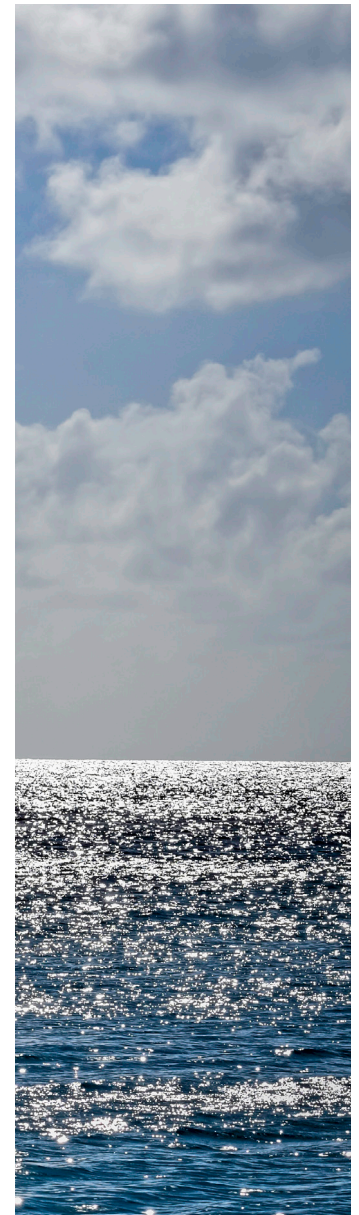
"You have to be willing to roll with the punches, because things are not always going to be convenient." She added, "You definitely have to be flexible and adventurous, because this is a big adventure."

Aultman strongly believes the rewards make the trade-offs worthwhile. "Here on Kwajalein, you have that community feel," she says. "I like the simplicity of this life,



“Seeing the outcomes as a result of being able to help someone by knowing exactly what needs to be done and being that person who can help them. It’s almost like magic,” she said.

This magic starts with her morning bike rides to the hospital, capturing what brought her back — the wave from a neighbor, the unhurried conversation, the knowledge that her work directly touches the lives of people she knows. After nearly three decades of nonstop ER intensity, she’s found her pace on Kwajalein — steady hands serving a community that feels like home, one neighbor at a time. ▾



not having to drive or take an Uber to go places.”

This time around, Tina wants to engage more fully with island life. “I think just being a positive cheerleader helps,” she said in regards to her role beyond nursing. “I also like answering questions to those who may be interested in coming to work and live here. “I do tell them you have to be prepared for X, Y, Z — but I’m always really positive about it.”

Aultman’s also more determined to be more involved than during her previous stint, moving beyond her “inner circle” to showing up at more community events and being more intentional

in terms of connecting with others. “It’s about being a neighbor first, nurse second — though both roles intertwine in a place where everyone knows everyone,” she said.

Asked about staying longer than a year, Tina smiled. “Yes, I’m just not going to tell my family yet. I’ve already thought about it.” The pull is simple but profound — “I left this place before, and I don’t want to leave again with feeling like I still have stuff left to do here.”

Aultman may have a strong sense of affection and pride about Kwajalein, but that same passion level bleeds into her nursing career. For

example, she describe that getting just a basic Registered Nurse certification was never enough — she always wanted to challenge herself. “It always been about progression,” she said. “It went from a regular nurse to an ER nurse and then I had to be a travel nurse, then I didn’t just want to travel in the United States, I then wanted to travel overseas. I take what I like, and I have to make it better, you know, reach for that next round.

Yet, regardless of how many nursing certifications one has, Aultman truly believes being a nurse means more than managing symptoms or responding to emergencies:



KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS IMAGE

ABOVE: Artist's dramatization of the author's cyber attack incident.

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CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS: USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY

HOURGLASS REPORT

By **Anthony Carnelli**,
Story Writer

Artificial Intelligence has influenced and affected our daily use of technology, and even here on Kwajalein, it's no different. AI has become streamlined and user-friendly, making it simple to use whether you're a computer novice or a pro. We're at a point where it's a fixture in our society, with some government bodies even wanting to go "all-in" on the technology, according to the Center for Security and Emerging Technology.

AI is indeed now woven into daily life. This everlasting convenience brings new

exposure: data passed into chatbots, unclear storage policies and AI boosted phishing that reads like it knows you. We take a deeper dive into the practical ways that the Kwaj community can safely use tools like ChatGPT, Claude and Microsoft Copilot without giving away sensitive information — confidential data, names, specifications, systems, etc.

According to a recent "Enterprise AI and SaaS (Software as a Service) Data Security Report" by LayerX, a Tokyo based startup that specializes in AI-powered software to help businesses automate their workflows, employees regularly paste sensitive corporate data into AI chatbots. What's even

more concerning is that this sensitive data is often provided to AI models from personal, unmanaged accounts.

That's the kind of risk that worries one Senior Cybersecurity Officer on Kwajalein: "My concern is that the information is being stored somewhere, and it can increase our vulnerabilities," he said.

The source notes that individuals who know how to prompt AI models can maliciously use them to elicit and extract information that could expose organizational and personal data.

"These guys can use AI to now write greater prompts for their purpose," he said. "Often, that purpose involves exploiting, sharing or selling people's and organizations'

data on the dark web."

The source also states, AI can be a powerful tool, but he offers a simple rule of thumb: "You shouldn't put you or your company's name, specs, IP addresses or anything else that can identify you or your company. We don't know where that data is being stored."

To emphasize the seriousness of his concerns, here are some examples of well-known instances where data was breached and the effects it had on a business and/or individuals:

T-Mobile (2022): An AI-equipped online tool was used in an attack that exposed the personal data of 37 million customers.

Activision (2022): Hackers used AI-generated SMS messages in a phishing campaign to steal employee data, including email addresses, phone numbers and salaries.

OpenAI/ChatGPT (2023): A data breach exposed personal information of some ChatGPT Plus users, including names, email addresses, chat histories and partial payment information.

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While the data's storage location isn't transparent, it typically goes through a complex journey — through servers, databases and training algorithms — that further strengthen the efficiency and reliability of these models so they respond better to users in order to improve accuracy.

However, the presence of vulnerable data, coupled with limited transparency around security, has led cybersecurity experts to closely monitor one growing threat

— increasingly sophisticated phishing attacks powered by AI.

Phishing — in which criminals pose as a trusted source to steal personal or financial information is not new. But advances in artificial intelligence have made it more effective: generative tools help attackers produce polished, look-alike emails and websites and tailor them to a victim's profile, making the bait more convincing.

The more inputs provided these tools, the more they can scrape one's public footprint — social media, code repositories, blog comments, and draft messages that reference real projects and teammates. AI learns and mirrors your writing style with clear grammar and tone.

So, while the concerns of AI usage coupled with data sharing continue to increase, like any piece of technology it can have benefits. According to the National Institute of Standards and Technology AI Risk Management Framework, Trustworthy AI systems and their responsible use can mitigate negative risks and

contribute to benefits for people, organizations, and ecosystems. Some of these benefits include the automating redundant tasks, enhancing complex decision-making, as well as brainstorming for creative endeavors, but with integrity and safety in mind.

So, the question may not necessarily be how do we avoid AI out of data-breach fears, but rather, how can we safely embrace it?

Here are some no-nonsense, practical ways — in no particular order:

- Treat AI like a public forum: Don't paste SSNs, medical information, unreleased financials or any details about minors.
- Anonymize by default: Replace names with roles like "Customer A," "Person B," etc.
- Keep your prompts clean: Give context, constraints and the desired format; ban speculation.
- Link hygiene: Don't open or download files from unknown links shared by an AI model — verify first.
- "Stop if unsure" rule: If something feels off, stop and

verify. Speed never beats safety.

Technological change frequently brings disruption. However, when guided by vigilance and responsible use, it has the potential to advance public life in many settings — including small islands in the South Pacific. ▾



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





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INSIDE KWAJALEIN'S WAR ON PESTS

HOURLASS REPORT

By Isaiah Matthews; Story Writer

On any given day, while most residents of Kwajalein go about their routine, grabbing coffee, biking to work, watching the lagoon glow at sunset, someone else is quietly battling one of the island's most persistent, unpleasant, and unavoidable realities: pests.

Rats crushed on the roadside, flies thick enough to coat trees, termites chewing through janitorial closets, and ants marching into any home that dares to leave out a crumb.

For the island's pest control supervisor, who has been in

the extermination trade for a decade, it's all in a day's work.

"I've been doing this about 10 years altogether," he said. "I've been on Kwajalein for four years now."

Before pest control, he worked in a job that couldn't be more different; corrections.

"I was a correctional officer for the South Carolina Department of Corrections. This is a drastic career change," he said with a laugh. "A lot less stress."

The path to extermination wasn't part of some lifelong plan.

"It just popped up online," he recalled. "I was looking up overseas jobs and bam—Vectors popped up. I said, 'Why not?' I put in a résumé, and

there it was. They needed a pest control supervisor on Kwaj."

When asked about the dirtiest part of the job, he didn't hesitate.

"Dead rats," he said. "Just dealing with dead rats. We have a grabber we use to pick them up, but just the thought of picking them up in the road after they've been run over... that's pretty dirty."

The island environment provides its own challenges and its own sights and smells.

"At the landfill, the trees are covered with flies," he recalled. "That's when you think, 'Yep... this is a dirty job.'"

And the strongest smell he's encountered?

"The landfill itself," he said. "But sometimes the freezer inside a conex goes out, and the meat thaws in the hot sun. You smell it in the conex. That's terrible."

Some problems are seasonal. Others are constant.

"The most common pests on Kwajalein are flies and ants," he said. "On Roi, it's rats. Here, it's ants and flies."

He warns that new residents often aren't prepared for what can live inside their new appliances.

"When you get new stuff into your home, you gotta look behind the washers and dryers," he said. "Sometimes that stuff stays in the warehouse for a while, and rats get in the back and make a nest. That's the first thing they



want to do build a house and have more babies.”

Humidity, rain, and heat, three constants of Kwaj life, make the island a paradise for insects.

“When it rains for three days, the flies get bad,” he said. “When it dries up, they go away. But as soon as it rains again, they come back.”

Ants follow the same instinct as people: comfort.

“The humidity affects the ants. They want to go inside where it’s cool.”

Sometimes a normal call becomes something much more dramatic.

“We had drywood termites in Building 704,” he said. “It got pretty bad. They took out the whole janitor’s closet, four shelves, all eaten up. You could just pull them away with your hand.”

Other times, the danger isn’t visible—it’s airborne.

“When that freezer went down and the meat thawed, that smell hit you. You walk right back out.”

Safety is constant work.

“You gotta have your PPE—your goggles, gloves, boots, pants. You gotta wear what

you’re supposed to wear at the right time.”

“While chemicals and traps matter,” he said one tool is above all others, our vehicle. “If we don’t have a vehicle, we can’t do a lot. It’s the most important thing we have.”

The work isn’t just about comfort—it’s about health.

“We deal with mosquitoes, and killing them helps keep people safe,” he explained. “There are a lot of diseases you can get from mosquitoes—West Nile virus, and others. Some people get bit more than others, depending on their health.”

The mosquito boxes placed around the island cover large areas, and monthly fogging on Kwajalein and Roi helps keep populations down.

However, he says residents have an important role, too.

“One of the biggest mistakes people make is leaving food out,” he said. “If you clean and use Windex with ammonia, that kills ants. It works. Spray the whole line.”

There are, however, things residents should never handle themselves.

“Don’t handle rat poison without gloves,” he said. “Wear your gloves.”

Working on an island means supplies don’t always arrive on time.

“Sometimes it takes more than 30 days,” he said. “It comes by boat. You can get it by plane, but that costs more money, and we’re always trying to save money.”

Buildings don’t make things easier.

“The moisture, the salt air—it corrodes everything,” he explained. “Buildings wear out faster. By the time you finish one project, you gotta move to another.”

Even after a decade in the field, he still finds motivation in perspective.

“I know it could be worse,” he said. “I’ve been in worse situations and worse jobs. This is a great job compared to some of the other jobs.”

What he enjoys most is simple:

“Dealing with the people. It’s something new every day. And I’ve got a good team.”

After work, he keeps it low-key.

“I go eat dinner, then sit in my room, relax, watch a little

TV, and decompress.”

And the message he wants the community to hear?

“We’re doing our best around the island. Things don’t disappear overnight. Sometimes we have to wait for stuff to come in on the boat, but 99% of my customers are satisfied. If you’ve got a roach infestation, give it two or three days—it won’t disappear overnight.”

He paused, then added the heart of the matter:

“We’re just trying to do the best we can with what we got.” ▼





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A USAGKA Community Information Update

PETS - We continue to engage with higher headquarters to resolve the current pet travel policy issues. The government shutdown slowed things down, but we remain engaged. Updates will be pushed as soon as we have them.

Flu Season and Shots - Flu shots by appointment can be made for 2pm-4pm Tues through Sat. Call 480-2223/2224

Green Water - The water treatment plant has assured us that the green water being seen in the toilets and other non potable areas is normal. They are shifting water from some outside tanks which have some algae buildup, leading to the green water.

Newcomers - The next Newcomers Orientation is scheduled for mid January time-frame. We are working to refine and further develop the Newcomers program to ensure much needed information is presented and passed on to those on their way and currently living on Kwajalein Atoll. More details to follow.

Dental - If you have been putting off getting dental done due to the x-ray issues, the replacement of Panorex X-ray complete.

Next Vet Visit - Will be in January, until then the Vet-tech can still be reached at: 480-2017 for pet questions or concerns.



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Private Boats - Owners of Private boats need to call the Small Boat Marina 480-3643 to ensure they are aware of your boat and IF you have a mooring. If you have a boat, it is prudent to make sure they have it registered.

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. To arrange a pickup call 480-8858.

Zamperini DFAC Remodel - The DFAC in the LSA area is planned to open towards the end of Dec. After a month of overlap, half of the Zamperini dinning area will close for remodel.

Ocean Side Marine Survey - The Ocean Voyager conduct Marine Surveys off the shoreline on ocean side.

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



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A USAGKA Community Information Update

Downed Aircraft Exercise- A big thank you to everyone involved in the Downed Aircraft exercise that took place Sat. Nov 22. A lot of great data was collected while we put the teams through the scenario.

BQ Inspections - USAG-KA will be conducting a 100% DOW Mandated BQ inspection. Nov 25th Shell & Coral, Nov 26th Reef & Palm, Dec 2nd Surf & Ocean, Dec 3rd Tropics, Dec 10th ROI BQs.

Airfield Stops - The airfield stop signs on the perimeter road are there for a reason! Come to a full stop look BOTH ways before proceeding.

Vehicle Safety - Make sure your TDY and personal visitors know and follow the safety rules when it come to carts and other vehicles.

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

AAFES is Hiring - at www.applymyexchange.com

ICE - To voice your concerns or to say GOOD JOB visit the Interactive Customer Evaluation page for Kwajalein at: https://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site_id=984



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A USAGKA Community Information Update

Caring for Carlos - The KHS National Honor

Society is currently working to obtain solar energy supply for Carlos. Keep an eye out in the community for more info.

Outrigger Kitchen - The Outrigger kitchen will soon be getting an overhaul, prepare your tastebuds!!

Surfway Repairs — Phase 4 is at 98% complete, should have already seen the adjustments. Phase 5 will begin as soon as parts arrive.

Containers - Do you have a container on the Atoll?

Matson, Company Storage, or even boat yard. DPW needs to know. Email: usarmy.bucholz.smdc.list.shipping-receiving@army.mil

Added Ferry Runs - The Marine Department will be doing a test of added Ferry Runs to Ebeye Starting Dec 1st till Dec 20th. The two added runs will be at 9am and 1 pm going to Ebeye. Once the test runs are complete, the Marine Dept will do an appraisal to see if they will be permanent.

Air filters in Housing- Be sure you are checking your air filters monthly and changing out when needed, usually around every three months. Air filters are available at Self Help Building 1791, 480-4990.



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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:

- **Commander's Call** - Nov 22 - 4pm at the Oceanview
- **KSS Event - Turkey Bowl** - Nov 27 - at the MP room
- **Marshallese Trade Fair** - Nov 30th 3-7pm & Dec 1st 9am-2pm in the CRC Gym. More details to follow soon.
- **Pallet Trees** - Dec 1st - Pallet Tree Lot Opens, Voting for best decorated "trees" ends on 19 Dec. Lot will be located on Lagoon Road, in front of Brandon Field.
- **Elementary School Band Concert** - Dec 5th - MP Rm 5:15pm
- **Christmas Tree Lighting & Parade** - Dec 6 - Parade starts at 6pm
- **Elementary School Band Concert** - Dec 12th - MP Rm 5:15pm
- **Light Up the Night** - Dec 14th - MP Room
- **Ugly Sweater Holiday Party** - Dec 20th - Oceanview
- **Christmas** - Dec 25th - Earth
- **New Years Eve** - Emon/Oceanview Dec 31

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.



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A USAGKA Community Information Update

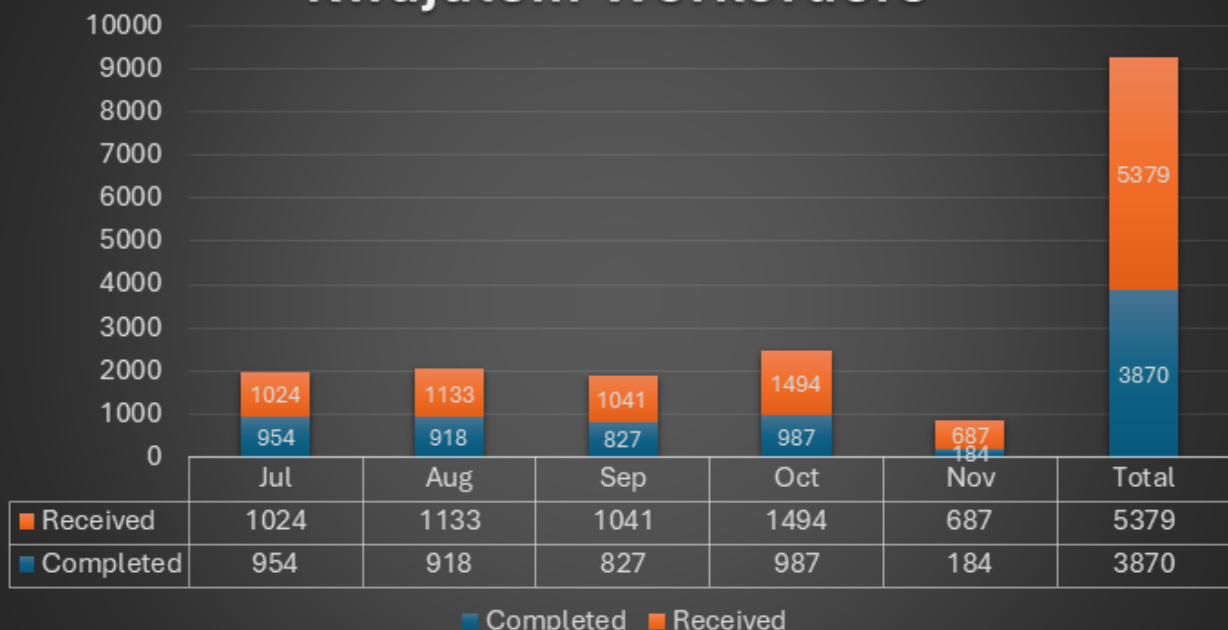
USACE Projects

- 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 Workorders



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

Ekkar non Reclaimed Water Document eo an Environmental Protection/ak naetan (DEP) aikuj bwe en karon jukjuk in ped elane ewor jorraan ko rejolet dren eo ion Kwajalein. Ilo 12 im 13 November, 2025, 7-ran rolling tubidity average in the reclaimed water system entry point of distribution and within the distribution system in kin jonok in ilon lok 2.0 Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) Standard. Menin ekomman bwe en laplok an tap ak ettoon dren in ilo an koman kiiij ko jeban loi. Kon jerbak ko im etale eo an tank in dren eo moj an liklik, non-potable dren eo emaron wor jirik green tint ie. Reclaimed water in ej non-portable **Ejjab jelet ejmour non karon im rejan ikkijeen kojerkal dren in (non wutdrikdrik, kwali waa ko, im jerbak ko eirlokwo) non aikuij ko jet.** Jokjok in eban jelet ejmour ak jukjuk bed iloan alik kar ilo ekotak kein. Kajitok kir V2X Environmental ilo 480-0722.

Attention Kwajalein & Roi BQ Residents

USAG-KA will be conducting a 100%
D.O.W. mandated BQ Inspections as follows.

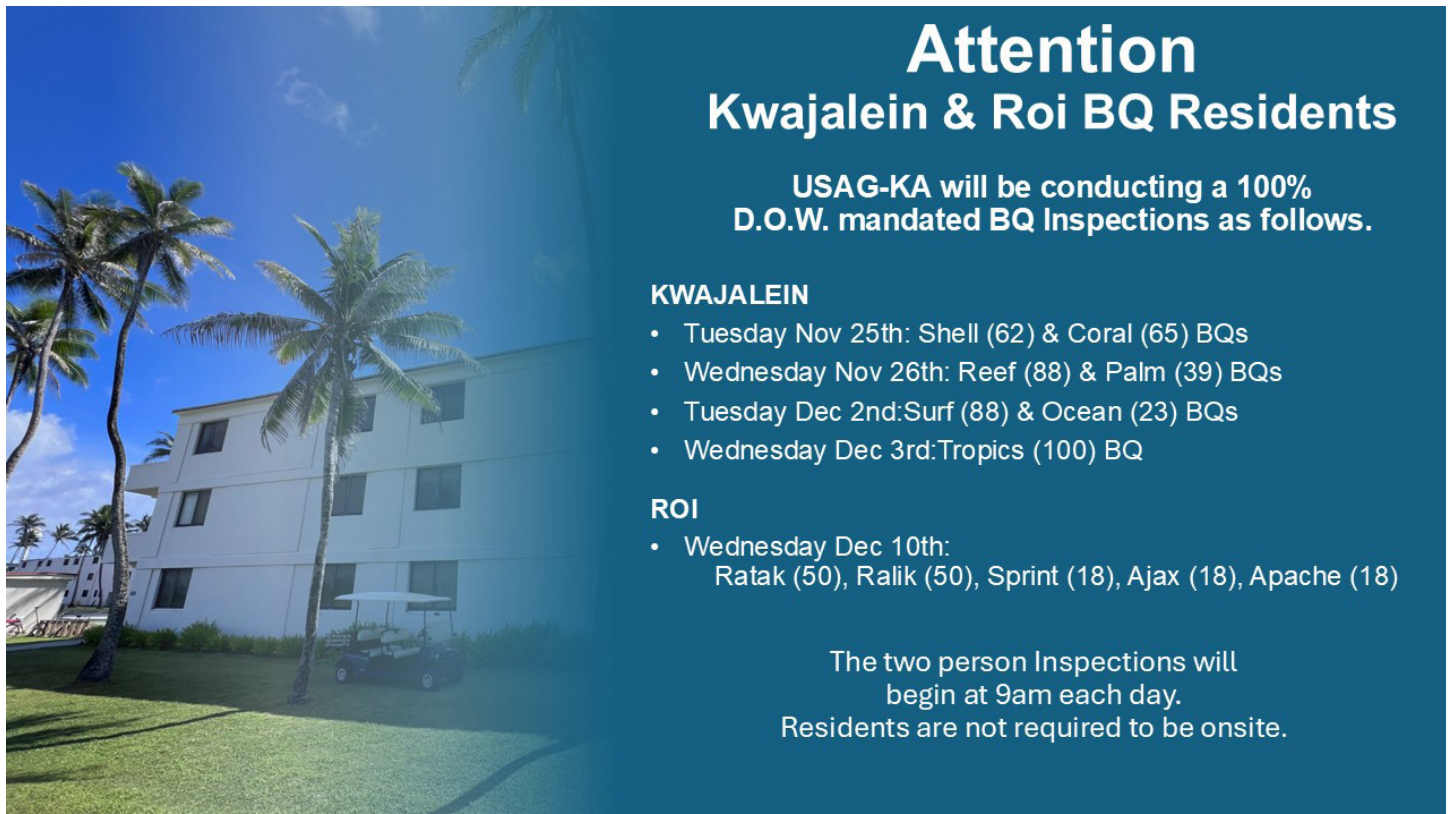
KWAJALEIN

- Tuesday Nov 25th: Shell (62) & Coral (65) BQs
- Wednesday Nov 26th: Reef (88) & Palm (39) BQs
- Tuesday Dec 2nd: Surf (88) & Ocean (23) BQs
- Wednesday Dec 3rd: Tropics (100) BQ

ROI

- Wednesday Dec 10th:
Ratak (50), Ralik (50), Sprint (18), Ajax (18), Apache (18)

The two person Inspections will
begin at 9am each day.
Residents are not required to be onsite.



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.



ALWAYS CALL...

...if your
building's
Fire Alarm
is sounding



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.



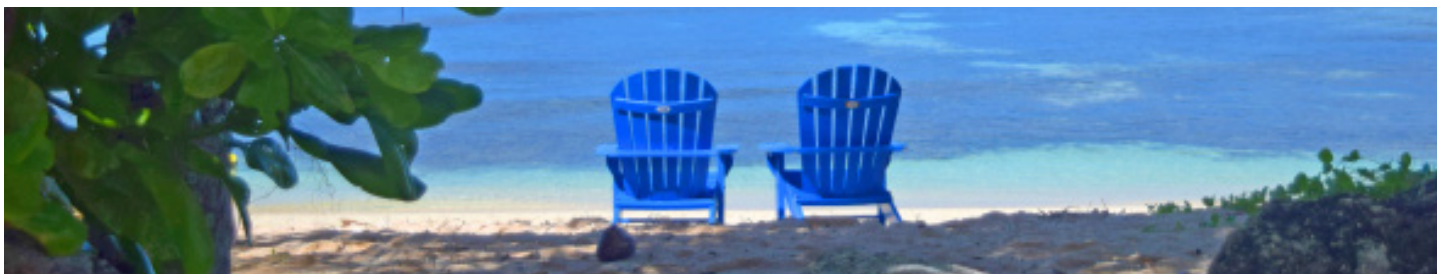
E-wareness: Kejbarok jen paijin in an toor dren

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

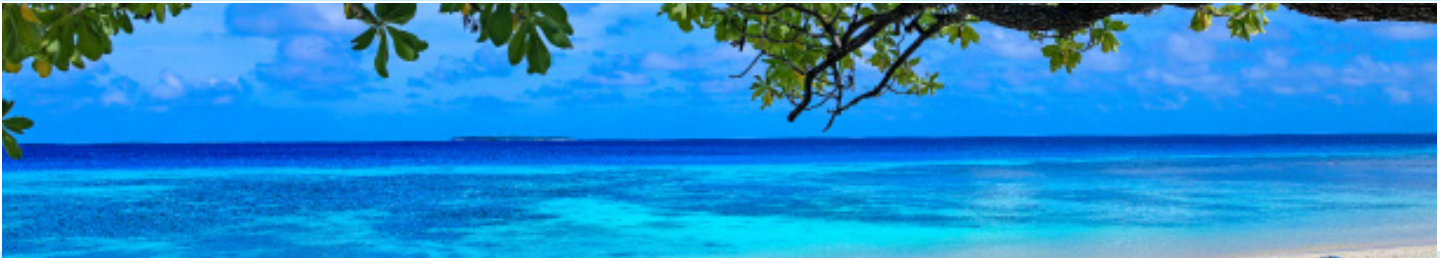
- 5:30-7:30 P.M.
- Roi Namur: Nov. 21, 2025, Dec. 19, 2025
- Kwajalein: Nov. 18, 19, & 20, Dec. 16, 17 & 18, 2025
- Weather dependent
- Avoid fogged area for ~30 minutes

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.



E-Wareness: Oil/Water Separators (OWS)

What is an Oil/Water Separator (OWS)?

An OWS is a device used to separate oils and greases from a variety of industrial wastewater discharges. The effluent (mostly water) from the OWS is typically discharged to the waste water treatment plant (WWTP). It is important to properly utilize and maintain OWSs to prevent sources of environmental pollution and upsets at the WWTP.



Ta in Oil/Water Separator (OWS)?

OWS rej kein jerbal ko im rej kajenolok oil im grease jen dren ko retoon. Etoon kein jen OWS rej driwojlak ak etal non waste water treatment plant (WWTP) eo. Elap an aurok bwe en jerbal OWS non bobrae an etoon im jorren ijoko ibelakid im ilo waste water treatment plant (WWTP) eo.

PUBLIC NOTICE: UXO CLEARANCE OPERATIONS – NOVEMBER 24-28, 2025

The UXO Clearance Team will conduct **night-time intrusive excavation operations** in support of the DP2025-56 MVL Batch Plant project. Activities will continue the **evening of Monday, November 24th**, and continue nightly from **8:00 PM to 4:00 AM**, concluding by the **morning of Friday, November 28th**.

During these hours, **the designated exclusion zone**—as outlined in the accompanying map—will be **strictly off-limits** to all personnel. **Road barricades will be in place** to mark restricted access points. For your safety, **do not enter or cross any barricaded areas** during the specified timeframes.

We appreciate your cooperation and commitment to maintaining a safe work environment.

Kwajalein Island Trash & Recycling

Residential Trash Collection	480-1760
Yard Vegetation Collection	480-1890
Hazardous Waste Pickup Line	480-8858



TRASH & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

The Green Residential TRASH receptacles are collected every **Tuesday and Friday**.

The blue RECYCLE bins are also collected every **Tuesday and Friday**.

The large black General Solid Waste Community Containers are emptied on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Safety First!! Please keep any curious children away from the Compactor Truck as it feeds contents into the truck.

Recyclable materials are also collected by both solid waste and horizontal maintenance personnel, in conjunction with general trash collection. Currently the island only recycles glass, aluminum, metal, and bulk organic materials. **Cardboard and plastics are not recycled materials on Kwajalein.** These items should be placed into the general trash stream for disposal/incineration.



Residential users will be given a **green** trash receptacle and a smaller **blue** receptacle for recyclable materials. It is requested that residences place their recyclable items into the blue containers, and stack larger materials next to the bins. Lawn clippings and leaves should be bagged and placed next to bins. Palm fronds and coconuts should also be stacked up next to the bins for removal by horizontal maintenance personnel.



Driver's Training & Licensing Program



Kwajalein Classes

Dates: Wednesdays Only

Times: 9 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 3 p.m.

Location: Automotive Area, Bldg. 856, Rm. 103

* Please email wilson.kaisha@gov2x.com & audrey.hughes@gov2x.com to register. Class size is limited and by **appointment only.**

Roi Classes

Dates: 2nd Friday of the Month

Times: 9–11 am & 1–3 pm

Location: C-Building

*****Note:** Bring a valid US, International, or Marshall Islands License with you to class***

SCHEDULED TEST DRIVES ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL NEW LICENSES, EXPIRED LICENSES, AND LICENSING RENEWALS

- Starting **December 1st**, there will be a \$5 fee instituted to replace any lost, stolen, or damaged AIE badges.
- A police report, along with your receipt from paying the \$5 fee, will be required when requesting a new badge.
- The \$5 fee will be paid at the “cash cage” located at BLDG 702 (LOGCAP Business Support Services) on Lagoon Road.

**Family Pool and Adult Pool will be
CLOSED on
Thursday **27th November** for cleaning.
The Adult Pool will be open the next
day, but the Family Pool will be
closed. This is so our lifeguards can
also enjoy the day off.**



MARSHALLESE TRADE FAIR RETURNS



THE MARSHALLESE TRADE FAIR WILL BE RETURNING THIS YEAR! THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE WARES FROM VARIOUS REGIONS OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS.

LOCATION WILL BE IN THE CRC GYM

NOV 30TH 3-7PM & DEC 1ST 9AM-2PM

- CASH SALES ONLY - BRING BAGS FOR YOUR PURCHASES -

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT MIKE SAKAIO, USAG-KA HOST NATION ACTIVITIES, AT 480-2103 OR MICHAEL.SAKAIO1.CIV@ARMY.MIL

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.

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:

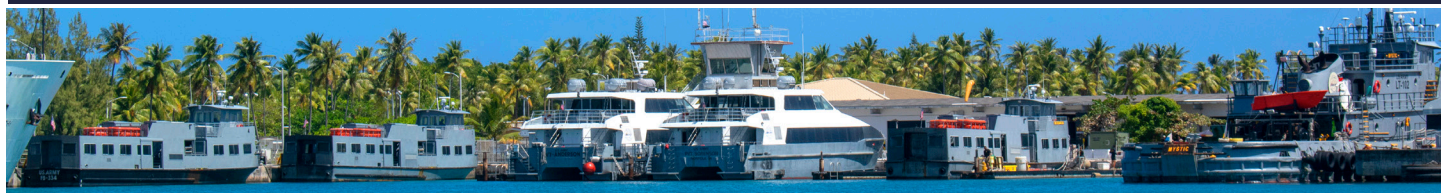
KwajaleinHourglass@gov2x.com



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!



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:

Phone: 480-1550/1433

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



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Kwajalein



MIA Project

NEVER FORGET.

<https://kwajaleinmiaproject.us/>

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

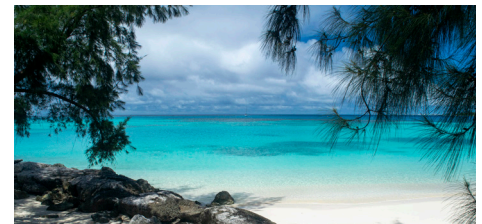
Sergeant First Class Darrius Hodge
SHARP Victim Advocate

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 Jose Burgos-Rivera with questions at 480-3461 and Jose. Burgos-Rivera@gov2x.com.

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:
George.Parker@gov2x.com
Wilson.Kaisha@gov2x.com
...or stop by Bldg. 856, Rm 101



**OPSEC
IS NOT
RETROACTIVE.**

**THINK BEFORE
YOU SHARE
INFORMATION.
ONLINE AND OFFLINE.**


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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.



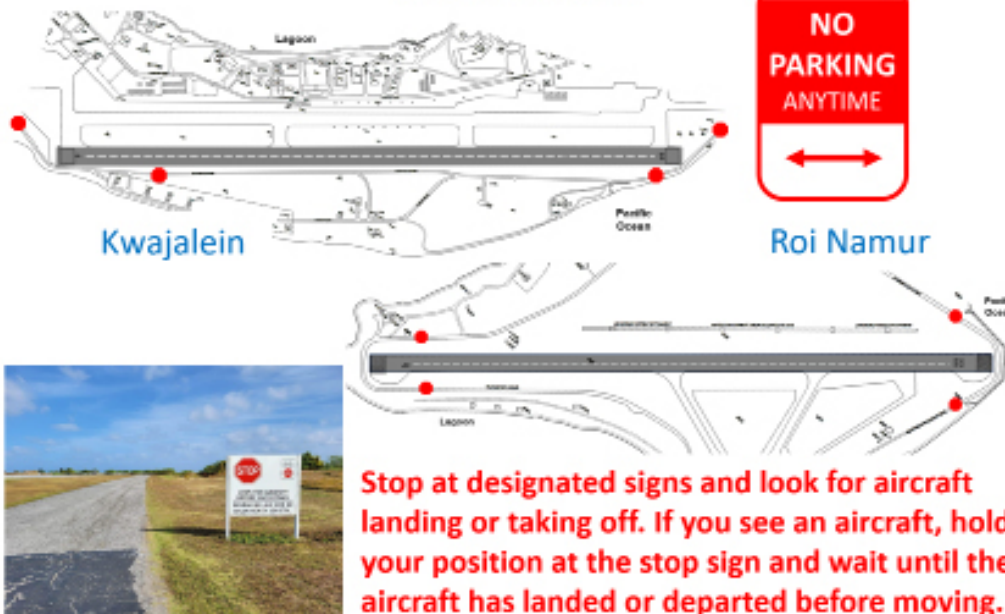
KWAJALEIN & ROI NAMUR,

STOP FOR AIRCRAFT!!



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

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



**Stop at designated signs and look for aircraft
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.**

Now Showing at the Yuk Theater

CINEMA

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 through yesterday, we have received 3.86 inches putting us 3.2 inches below normal. So far in 2025, we have only received about 69 inches of precipitation, which is just over 12.5 inches below normal for the year. Today will be the wettest day for a while, as shower coverage for the weekend and start of the work-week settles down to only stray to isolated at best. The next increased shower coverage will be Wednesday of next week. No thunderstorm days occurred over the past seven days. A thunderstorm day is defined as an "in situ" lightning strike within five miles of the weather station or thunder heard. The thunderstorm risk will remain rather minimal due shearing in the vertical atmospheric column. The Madden-Julian Oscillation's (MJO) positive phase is now starting to wane over the RMI and gradually diminish the positive effects it is having on rainfall coverage. The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) remains well established for the most part 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 firmly 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.

Tropical Cyclones:

None for the RMI.

Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:

Low risk.

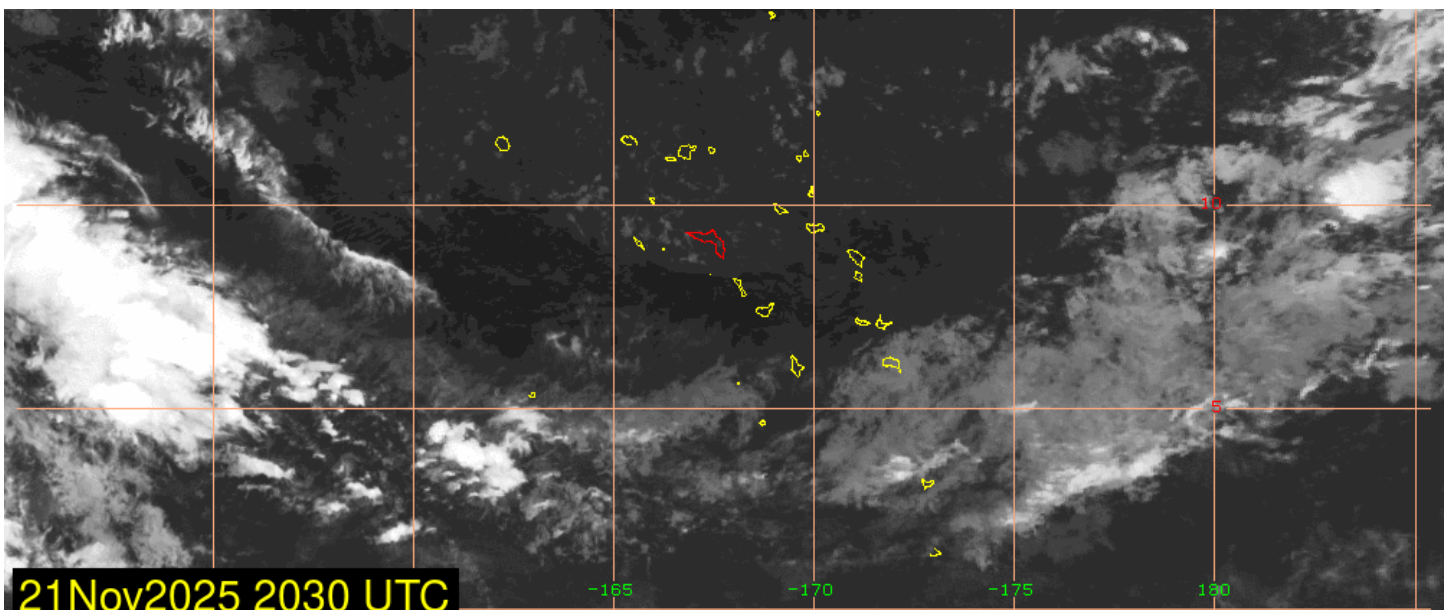
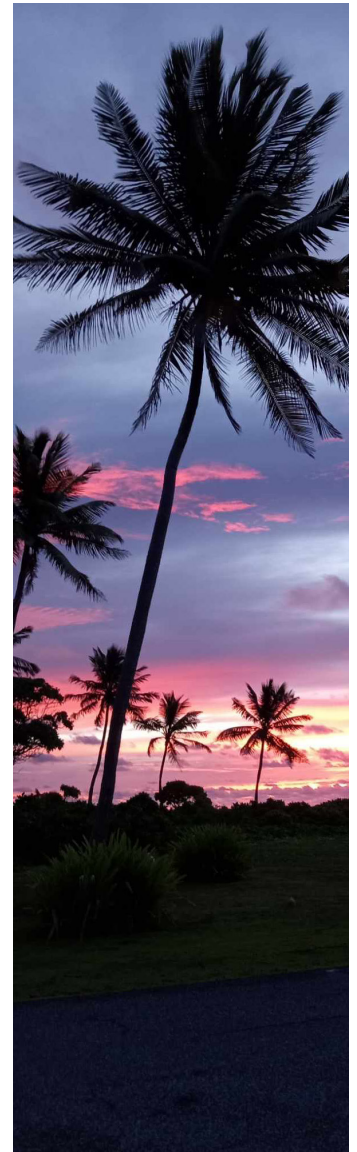
Swell / Tide Inundation for Kwajalein Atoll and Wake Island:

Today is the new moon with high tides to about four and a half feet. Winds: will be higher than what one would expect in November and stronger on the open lagoon mostly out of an NE-ESE in the high teens lower when out of the ESE. Tomorrow morning will be particularly strong with winds crossing the 20 mark and higher on the open lagoon, leading to the probable issuance of a Small Craft Advisory (SCA) for Friday. Winds will finally come down to the middle to

low teens on Monday. High Surf Advisory (HSA) is not anticipated for the next seven days, but we are looking at some splash over on east facing shores for Friday due to the elevated winds and seas of 7-9 feet.

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

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION

Mostly dry weather and sunny skies can be expected across the atoll as we wrap up the workweek today. Heading into the weekend, relatively dry weather is likely to continue with only a slight bump in shower activity on Sunday due to wind speed convergence associated with a brief surge in trade winds. Winds speeds will mainly be in the middle teens throughout the day today, potentially creeping into the upper teens on Sunday. By Monday, winds will come down into the low teens and relatively dry weather will persist. Any showers that do occur over the weekend are expected to be on the lighter side and blow through quickly. Looking ahead to next week, shower activity will likely be more persistent as the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) redevelops near the RMI, sending an atmospheric wave through the atoll Tuesday into Wednesday. Winds are expected to be

a bit lighter next week, hanging in the low-mid teens instead of the upper-teens that we've seen this week. Shower activity could remain somewhat elevated through mid-week with ITCZ's influence.

SATURDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers. Winds NE-E at 12-17 knots with higher gusts possible near showers.

SUNDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers. Winds NE-E at 12-17 knots with higher gusts possible near showers.

MONDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers. Winds ENE-ESE at 9-14 knots with higher gusts near showers.

NEXT WEEK

Increasing shower activity on Tuesday with widely scattered showers and stray thunderstorm chances by Wednesday, which could linger into the middle of the

workweek. Winds expected to be low-mid teens throughout this period generally out of the east-northeast. ⚡



	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:45 a.m. 6:26 p.m.	8:56 a.m. 8:42 p.m.	5:23 a.m. 2.9' 5:33 p.m. 4.0'	11:10 a.m. -0.1' -----
MONDAY	6:45 a.m. 6:26 p.m.	9:47 a.m. 9:35 p.m.	5:55 a.m. 2.7' 6:06 p.m. 3.8'	12:04 a.m. -0.2' 11:40 a.m. 0.1'
TUESDAY	6:46 a.m. 6:26 p.m.	10:36 a.m. 10:27 p.m.	6:31 a.m. 2.5' 6:43 p.m. 3.6'	12:41 a.m. 0.0' 12:13 p.m. 0.3'
WEDNESDAY	6:46 a.m. 6:26 p.m.	11:23 a.m. 11:18 p.m.	7:15 a.m. 2.3' 7:29 p.m. 3.3'	1:24 a.m. 0.3' 12:54 p.m. 0.6'
THURSDAY	6:47 a.m. 6:27 p.m.	12:07 p.m. -----	8:18 a.m. 2.2' 8:31 p.m. 3.1'	2:19 a.m. 0.5' 1:52 p.m. 0.9'
FRIDAY	6:47 a.m. 6:27 p.m.	12:49 p.m. 12:09 a.m.	9:51 a.m. 2.2' 9:55 p.m. 2.9'	3:32 a.m. 0.7' 3:22 p.m. 1.2'
NOVEMBER 29	6:47 a.m. 6:27 p.m.	1:30 p.m. 12:58 a.m.	11:29 a.m. 2.5' 11:25 p.m. 2.9'	4:55 a.m. 0.6' 5:12 p.m. 1.1'

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Thanksgiving

Lunch Menu

APPETIZERS & SOUPS

- Shrimp Cocktail
- Deviled Eggs
- Pigs in a Blanket
- Cream of Broccoli Soup
- Chicken & Wild Rice Soup

SIDE DISHES

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

ACCOMPANIMENTS

- Salad Bar
- Potato Salad
- Dinner Rolls
- Honey Butter Cornbread
- Gravy
- Cranberry Sauce

ENTREES

- Roasted Turkey
- Steamship Round
- Roasted Pig
- Prime Rib
- Baked Ham w/ Brown Sugar Glaze
- Roasted Tofurkey & Gravy
- Plant-Based Ham w/ Glaze

VEGETABLES

- Glazed Carrots
- Buttered Corn
- Green Bean Casserole
- Collard Greens w/ Ham Hocks
- Lima Beans

DESSERTS

- Assorted Cakes
- Assorted Pies
- Cookies
- Banana Pudding
- Peach Cobbler

GOBBLE GOBBLE &
BE THANKFUL
AT ZAMPERINI

FRIDAY

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

0600-0730

NOVEMBER

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LUNCH 1100-1300

LUNCH MEAL RATE:

\$11.55

We will return to normal dinner service at 1630

Until Next Week!

