

## **COMMUNITY**

# CSM JACKSON: A LEGACY OF SERVICE, FAITH, AND LEADERSHIP

#### HOURGLASS REPORT

#### By Annette Monk, Staff Writer

On Kwajalein, leadership looks different. For Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Stanley Jackson, the newest senior enlisted advisor for U.S. Army Garrison–Kwajalein Atoll, it's about more than wearing the uniform. When asked to describe himself in just a few words, CSM Jackson doesn't hesitate: "I'm a father, a man of faith, and someone who has spent his career serving others—whether on the field, in the church, or in uniform."

That theme of service runs deep. Growing up in East Texas, CSM Jackson was surrounded by a large family and inspired by five uncles who served in the military, one of whom was drafted during Vietnam. That legacy drew him toward the U. S. Army after college, where he enlisted as a supply specialist. It didn't take long for him to realize that he had found his calling.

Over his 27-year career, hehas served across the globe, from stateside posts to combat tours-including four tours in Afghanistan and one in Iraq—leading forward surgical teams and saving countless lives in the process. His time at Fort Bragg, where he served with a surgical team covering a large region, remains one of his most formative and rewarding assignments. He and his unit deployed for nine months, and within just six months of returning home, they were redeployed again. "We built trust by training together, eating together, and going into the operating room together. That bond saved lives." In reflection, he added, "Some of the best assignments of my career were when I was with small, close-knit units where everyone pulled together for the mission," he said. "In saving lives, we kept morale high, and proved what teamwork could do-even under

the toughest conditions."

Beyond his military career, CSM Jackson's passion for coaching and mentoring youth has remained constant. As a former collegiate track and field and cross-country runner, he has spent more than two decades leading little league teams and working with youth through ministries ranging from nursery to high school. "I was shaped by great coaches in my own life, and I want to be that same kind of influence for the next generation," he explained. Today, he continues to give back by guiding soldiers, students, and his own children, encouraging them to see the leader within themselves.

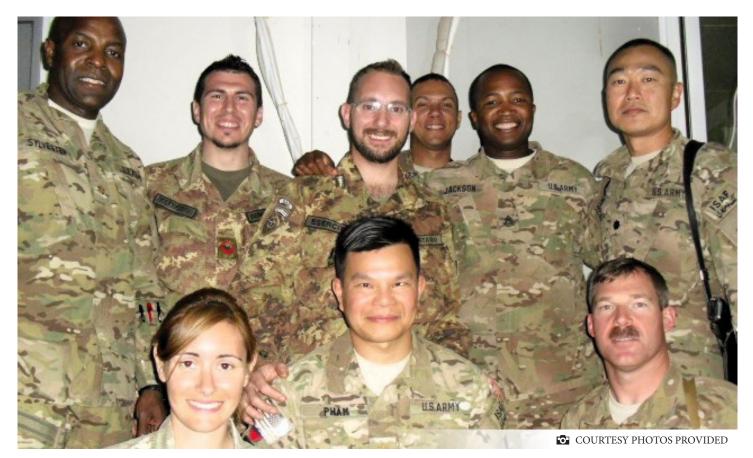
Faith has also been a guiding force. As he balances the demands of leadership with personal challenges, CSM Jackson leans on his relationship with Christ and his belief in leading with love, respect, and discipline.

CSM Jackson's leadership

philosophy is grounded in timeless values. He believes in investing in people, requiring his team to meet high expectations, and entrusting them with responsibility. For him, leadership is not just about leading but about building leaders—coaching and training in such a way that one day, others are fully prepared to step into his role. He stresses that leaders should coach and train their way out of a job, ensuring the team is always stronger tomorrow than it is today. Above all, he strives to be a leader defined by integrity.

Now serving on Kwajalein Atoll, CSM Jackson sees his assignment as a unique opportunity. With a smaller garrison community and fewer soldiers, the importance of unity and readiness takes on a different meaning. "Here, you really feel the connection. Everyone matters. Every role counts. It's a chance to strengthen bonds and en-





sure our mission is carried out with excellence," he said. CSM Jackson sees an opportunity to blend mission focus with genuine care for soldiers and families. His leadership philosophy centers on discipline, trust, and respect—but also on love. "Every soldier [person] needs to know they matter. You can't accomplish the mission without taking care of your people first." His leadership strategy remains straightforward: advise the commander honestly, set the tone for good order and discipline, and never forget that every soldier [person] deserves respect.

When he's not working, CSM Jackson enjoys working out, snorkeling, deep sea fishing, and is even working on his scuba certification. He still carves out time for reading and reflection, never losing sight of his own growth while helping others.

For CSM Jackson, leadership is not about authority it's about service. With nearly three decades of service, he lived out a philosophy rooted in faith, integrity, and a commitment to shaping the next generation of leaders.

His journey has been marked by resilience, mentorship, and devotion to people.

Looking back on his career, CSM Jackson credits his success not only to hard work but also to the people who helped him along the way. "You don't get anywhere in life by yourself." He added, "I've learned that everyone has leadership qualities, and part of my role is to help others recognize theirs and grow into them. That's how we all forward-together." move

For CSM Jackson, leadership is about more than achieving personal cess-it's about lifting others up and building a legacy of character, strength, and unity. His faith, dedication to family, and commitment to the Army Values have shaped him into a leader respected both in uniform and beyond. Kwajalein is not just another assignment, but an opportunity for him to invest in people and leave the community stronger than he found it.





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Back Cover: Beach Moonlight By Isaiah Matthews

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# SHARING THE WATER: HOW KNOWLEDGE TURNS SHARK FEAR INTO CONFIDENCE

#### HOURGLASS REPORT

#### By Anthony Carnelli; Staff Writer

On Kwajalein, weekend plans can revolve around various water activities such as diving, snorkeling and swimming. Aquatics Supervisor and Dive Instructor Cliff Pryor wants fear to give way to respect, knowledge and common-sense safety habits. His mission is straightforward — educate residents and visitors so they can confidently enjoy the water alongside the sharks that call these reefs home.

Through the Kwajalein Scuba Club programs and his 4,000-plus dives — over 2,000 featuring at least one shark — Pryor has developed practical advice that replaces myths with facts, identifies which sharks live here, and teaches what to do during an encounter.

## From Cold Blooded Killers to Essential Neighbors

"Sharks aren't cold-blooded killers - they're necessary citizens of the seas," Pryor explains, settling into an analogy he's refined over vears of instruction. "Think about bees. Without bees, we'd starve. They pollinate our food crops, so we have to have them. Comparatively, sharks keep the ecosystem in balance. It's all about balance. Without sharks, other animals would come in and wreak havoc on our ocean life."

The comparison can resonate with newcomers who may arrive carrying Hollywood's Jaws or Sharknado version of sharks. According to Smithsonian Ocean, more than 500 shark species swim the world's oceans, each playing a specific role

in maintaining healthy reefs and fish populations. Here in the Kwajalein Atoll, that balance directly supports both subsistence fishing and dive tourism that brings in local revenue.

Pryor rejects the notion that sharks are hunting humans. "We're guests in their home," he said. Most species here actively avoid people, and he notes that sharks prefer fattier prey — making "mostly-muscle humans" unappealing.

Pryor noted additionally that sharks already know we are in the water. "Humans emit electrical impulses," he explained. "These sharks can detect the impulses from a distance — but that awareness typically leads to avoidance, not aggression — although some species have more of a "curiosity" than others.

To put in perspective on how extremely rare shark attacks are: in 2024 there were only 47 unprovoked bites in the entire world, according to the Florida Museum. Across the South Pacific, confirmed shark bites have occurred only in one or two instances per year, per country — and the majority of these have involved spearfishing or handling fish, not casual swimming, diving or snorkeling.

Understanding which sharks share these waters helps replace generic fear with specific knowledge. Pryor breaks down the usual suspects:

Gray Reef Sharks: The most inquisitive of local species. "They might approach to check you out," Pryor notes, "but it's curiosity, not aggression." These sleek predators patrol the reef edges and oc-



casionally investigate divers with a few curious passes.

Blacktip Reef Sharks tend toward the skittish side, usually turning away from humans. Juveniles sometimes wash into the shallows or toward beaches with incoming waves, startling waders more than threatening them.

Whitetip Reef Sharks often rest in the sandy bottom during daylight hours, trying to avoid human interaction entirely. Their docile nature makes them popular subjects for underwater photographers who respect their space.

Nurse Sharks, which Pryor calls "the puppies of the shark family," frequently appear at cleaning stations where smaller fish remove parasites. Though they can grow large, their gentle disposition makes them among the least concerned species for people in the water.

Hammerheads and Tiger Sharks also appear occasionally in deeper water. But, Great Whites? "The water's too warm here," said Pryor.
"They prefer cooler seas."

## What to Do If You Encounter A Shark:

When meeting a shark, Pryor's guidance focuses on calm, deliberate responses:

- Make eye contact. "Your best defense is to look at them straight in the eye," he emphasizes. This simple act communicates awareness and confidence.
- Stay calm and breathe normally. Panicked movements attract attention.
- For those who are diving or snorkeling: Go back-toback with your buddy. This position eliminates blind spots and shows unity.
- Never bring food or chum in the water. Even unintentionally carrying bait from spearfishing attracts unwanted attention.
- If bleeding-even a scratch: exit the water and treat the wound immediately.
- In the rare case of contact: get out quickly, control any bleeding, and call for help.

"I've yet to see a so-called

shark-repellent that works," Pryor adds, addressing the gadgets marketed to nervous swimmers. The best protection remains awareness and appropriate behavior.

## Communications and First Aid: Being Prepared

Pryor stresses that in the rare event something happens, people here have your back. "Harbor Control is manned 24/7 — carry a radio and call early so wheels are already in motion," Pryor stresses. Private boats should always carry communication devices, like radios, and anyone camping or boating to the Outer Islands needs to file a float plan.

## Stories from 4,000 Dives: Respect in Practice

Pryor's decades underwater have produced remarkable encounters that illustrate how respect trumps fear. At Johnston Atoll, a remote U.S. territory located around 700 nautical miles southwest of Honolulu, Hawaii he and his brother once found them-

selves unintentionally drifting inside a school of Gray Reef Sharks. "It was like saying 'excuse us' while moving through a crowd," he recalls. "We kept our movements slow and steady, maintained eye contact with the sharks nearest us, and they simply parted to let us through."

During a Halloween pump-kin-carving dive, sharks be-came interested in the floating pumpkin pieces. One curious Gray Reef came close enough that it required a gentle push to redirect its path. Pryor compared it to redirecting a curious dog — firm but respectful. He also noted that this is the only time that he's ever had to "nudge" a shark away.

At Troy's Coral head, bait balls-dense schools of small fish sometimes bring sharks and divers together at arm's length. "Both groups end up surprised," Prior said. "The key is to stay relaxed and flow with it. The sharks aren't there for you, they're following the fish.

# Turning Fear into Fascination

Pryor's standing invitation to nervous water-goers remains open: learn by seeing sharks with a calm, knowledeable instructor,

"get in front of them with someone calm, learn how they live, and you'll wonder why you waited."

Pryor feels that the shift from fear to understanding strengthens the entire island community. When more neighbors feel confident entering the water, weekend dive trips include more participants, snorkeling becomes a family activity rather than a spectator sport, and Kwajalein's spectacular underwater resources become accessible to all.

In a community where a lot of weekend plans revolve around diving, snorkeling, and swimming, the important thing to remember is that these sharks aren't threats they're part of the view, the ecosystem, and evewn the local economy.





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#### THE HEART BEHIND HR: A COMPASSIONATE KNIGHT

#### HOURGLASS REPORT

#### Isaiah Matthews: $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{v}$ **Staff Writer**

Most people know Amy Knight as the new Human Resources Manager, the one guiding employees through some of the most important moments of their careers. But long before the job title, the office, or the responsibilities, she was something simpler and far more foundational.

As she puts it, "I'm the oldest of three siblings... a natural-born leader."

on responsibility has shaped a small island in the Pacific.

But describing herself doesn't come easily.

about myself because I'm a above all others: her grandvery private person," Knight mother. admits.

What

though, comes with hones-That instinct to lead, care ty: "To my core, I'm someone for others, and quietly take who is always willing to help out anyone. I'll go the extra every chapter of her life; long mile. I'm very thoughtful and before she ever imagined she caring... I just don't let too would be doing that work on many people know that about me.

Her childhood helped shape that sense of compas-"I have a hard time talking sion. One influence stands

> "She was a nurse for over 20 she does share, years, and she helped shape

the person that I am today," Knight says softly. "Her drive, determination, faith, and willingness to help others... she was a great role model. That's who I wanted to become."

Losing her grandmother while still in high school left a mark, but the lessons remain: service, integrity, and a deep, steady kindness.

Today, home looks different from what most people imagine. She hasn't lived in a traditional house since 2017.

"Home is not really a place, it's a feeling in the heart," she explains.

For her, home exists in the people she meets, the cultures she explores, and the countries she travels through.

"Travel is home for me," stated Knight. "That feeling of new experiences, new food, new cultures; that's where I feel most myself."

Her path to HR was not predetermined. With a background in broadcast journalism and meteorology, she could have charted a completely different course. But recruiting opened something inside her — a sense of alignment.

"I really enjoyed recruiting," proclaimed Knight. "Being able to place people into roles they went to school for, or helping someone separating from the military; that was rewarding."

Helping people transition into the next chapter of their life became more than a job; it became purpose.

Her approach to leadership is heavily shaped by what she never wants to repeat.

"I've had bosses who weren't the easiest," she says. "I vowed to myself I would never micromanage. It's not my style."

Instead, she believes in knowing people genuinely. Listening, observing, and closing divides before they widen.

"Know your team, know your people," she says. "That's how you build trust."

Spirituality remains a guiding force.

"I'm a strong believer; I was raised on strong faith," she explains.

It's not something she announces, but something she returns to privately. It is part of the foundation that supported her through years in high-stress environments, including a recent three-and-a-half-year chapter in Iraq.

"We were going through a reduction in force, laying off over 600 to 700 people," she recalls. "It was really tough."

But there was a turning point: "A few months later, we were able to call many of them back."

That full-circle moment seeing hardship followed by

opportunity became one of the clearest confirmations of her resilience.

"That was a big deal," she says. "I surprised myself with my own strength."

Growth, for her, has been both emotional and physical. The gym is her anchor.

"Mentally and physically — that's where I'm focusing," she says.

Yoga, meditation, grounding practices they help her stay present and balanced. But it was skydiving that marked a major turning point.

"I'm scared of heights," she laughs, "but for my birthday, I decided to face that fear." The experience changed her. "I learned that I loved it. Now I jump every year — Dubai, New Zealand... it's kind of my thing."

Traveling solo became another defining chapter. After a difficult period in her personal life, she took her first international trip alone.

"That was a huge growing experience for me," she says.

It taught her independence, confidence, and the joy of living on her own terms.

"True happiness," she says, "came when I decided to take that leap."

If she could go back in time, she knows exactly what she'd tell her younger self: stop living for other people's expectations.

"I was so focused on making others happy family, society, everyone that I forgot to ask myself what I wanted," she reflects. "I would tell my younger self: it's your life. Make decisions based on your thoughts, your goals. If they love you, they'll accept you."

Her empathy is something people feel long before she ever names it.

"People feel safe around me," says Knight. "Strangers tell me their life stories. They trust me immediately even though I haven't earned it yet."

It's a gift she rarely talks about but one that guides how she approaches HR and human connection in general.

And ultimately, that is the legacy she hopes to leave.

"I want people to feel empowered," Knight says. "To know they can reach out to



me even after I leave here. To help them with their goals, their lives, whatever it is they're trying to achieve."

For her, success isn't a title or a cliché quote. It's much simpler.

"Success is waking up every day happy with who you are," she says. "Living not just surviving. Traveling, helping people, seeing the world, feeling joy. That's success for me."

Her office door may have HR printed on it but what she brings to Kwajalein is something far bigger: a steady presence, a life shaped by compassion, and a commitment to lifting others as she climbs. \mathbf{Y}





# It's crucial to safeguard your eyes during the dry season on Kwajalein Atoll due to the potential hazards posed by blowing sand:

- Wear Protective Eyewear: Use tightly fitting sunglasses or safety glasses designed to block wind and sand particles.
- Choose the Right Lens: Opt for lenses that provide UV protection to shield your eyes from harmful rays.
- Wrap-Around Styles: Select wrap-around sunglasses to minimize the entry of sand and debris from the sides.
- Keep Eyes Moisturized: Use lubricating eye drops to prevent dryness and irritation caused by sand and wind exposure.
- Avoid Rubbing Eyes: If sand gets in your eyes, resist the urge to rub them, which can cause damage. Instead, rinse with clean water.
- **Be Cautious with Wind:** When biking or being active outdoors, be aware of the wind direction to minimize exposure to blowing sand.
- Seek Shelter: If the sand is blowing strongly, temporarily seek shelter until conditions improve before continuing outdoor activities.
- Educate Others: Encourage friends and family to follow these safety measures, promoting a culture of eye safety.
- Inspection of Eyewear: Regularly check sunglasses or safety glasses for scratches or damage that could impair visibility.
- Emergency Supplies: Carry a small eyewash or saline solution to rinse your eyes in case they become irritated from sand exposure.

Implementing these measures will greatly enhance eye safety during the dry season on Kwajalein Atoll.



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### **KWAJALEIN CREATIVITY ON DISPLAY AT FALL CRAFT FAIR**

HOURGLASS REPORT

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The Kwajalein Art Guild's fall showcase brought neighbors together to share handmade treasures

On a Sunday afternoon at the CRC Gymnasium, tables lined the floor as neighbors wandered from booth-to-booth, admiring handmade jewelry, photography prints, pottery, and children's books. At one table, pendants made from coins collected across the globe promised "good juju." At another, framed images of surf and reef captured the island from beneath the waves. The Kwajalein Fall Craft Fair had transformed

the gym into a gallery of island life expressed by its tenured residents.

Presented by the Kwajalein Art Guild, the fair on Nov. 16 gave local vendors a chance to showcase their work and offered residents a place to find one-of-a-kind pieces made by their neighbors. The Guild hosts two fairs each year — one in the fall and one in the spring — with a simple mission: keep art visible in the community and give everyone, from first-time creators to long-time artists, a place to share their work.

Among the exhibitors was Jane "Art Mama" Christy, whose table featured coin pendants, resin pieces with crystals, and jewelry inspired by her travels. A self-described mermaid enthusiast, Christy finds materials during her trips abroad and turns them into wearable keepsakes.

"I find fun coins and I make those into pendants. I sell things with crystals. Anything that brings good juju — that is my thing," Christy said.

Her travels have taken her to the Greek islands and Australia, and her artistic interests run wide — pottery, clay, acrylics in bright colors. Her philosophy is simple: "Brushes are optional. You be you."

A few tables away, photographer Melissa Dethlefsen displayed prints that long-time residents would recognize instantly — images of surf, reef, and lagoon light that capture what draws so many people to the water

here. Dethlefsen has lived on Kwajalein for 20 years and sells her work through an online shop that reaches buyers well beyond the atoll.

"My favorite types of photos are the ones in the water," Dethlefsen said.

Nearby, author Brooke Nicole offered something for the island's youngest residents: "K is for Kwaj," a children's alphabet book built around local landmarks, routines, and quirks. Nicole hired an illustrator to create custom artwork for the project, ensuring the images would reflect the specific details of island childhood rather than generic tropical scenery.

For artist Christy Potter, the goal is to help people hold onto their time here. Her table exhibit featured pottery,



earrings and wall hangings, many incorporating materials collected from Kwajalein's beaches — shells, driftwood, and sea glass.

"I try to feature things that have to do with Kwajalein," Potter said. "Some of my wall hangings have found objectsfrom the beach."

The result is art that carries a sense of place. "It's fun for

me to put things together — things that you could put on your wall and have a memory of Kwajalein," she said.

Around them, other tables offered quilts, jewelry, prints, and homemade treats — each booth its own small reflection of island creativity.

The Kwajalein Art Guild welcomes artists of every skill level to participate in future fairs. Whether you're a seasoned creator like Dethlefsen or someone testing out a craft for the first time, the Guild's doors are open. The spring fair will offer another chance to browse, buy, and celebrate the creativity that lives on this small island but spreads itself creatively across the globe. \(\mathbf{T}\)





# MARSHALLESE TRADE FAIR RETURNS







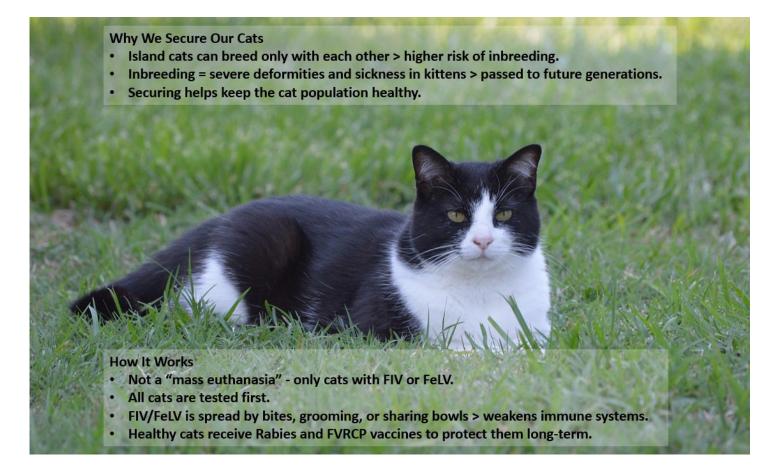
THE MARSHALLESE TRADE FAIR WILL BE RETURNING THIS YEAR! THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE WARES FROM VARIOUS REGIONS OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS.

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



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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.

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- •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

#### 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.

**Dump standing water** 











#### **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.

## 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, alumi num, 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 occonuts should also be stacked up next to the bins for removal by horizontal maintenance personnel.



# **Driver's Training & Licensing Program V2X**



#### Kwajalein Classes

Dates: Wednesdays Only

Times: 9 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 3 p.m.

Location: Automotive Area, Bldg. 856, Rm.

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

#### Roi Classes

Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 <u>December 1<sup>st</sup></u>, 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.

#### 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.

#### **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 Nephelometiric Turbidity Unit (NTU) Standard. Menin ekomman bwe en laplok an tap ak ettoon dren in ilo an koman kiij ko jeban loi. Kon jerbal 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 kojerbal dren in (non wutdrikdrik, kwali waa ko, im jerbal ko eirlokwot) 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.



Now Available by Appointment...

## **PASSPORT PHOTO SERVICES**

**PASSPORT** 

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





United States of America







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

# **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.

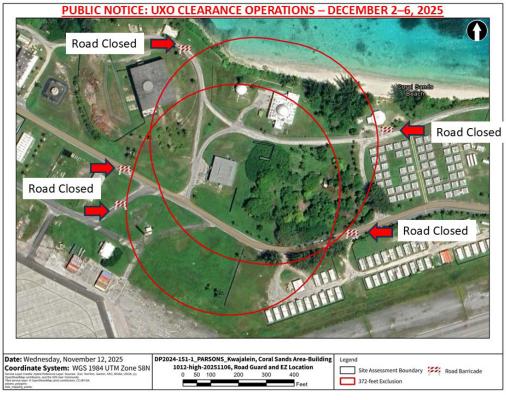
# PUBLIC NOTICE: UXO CLEARANCE OPERATIONS – DECEMBER 2–6, 2025

The UXO Clearance Team will conduct day-time intrusive excavation operations in support of the DP2024-151-1 Parsons LSA project. Activities will begin the morning of Tuesday, December 2nd, and continue daily from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, concluding by the afternoon of Saturday, December 6th.

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.















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







# 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 adver-

tisements and announcements intended for the Hourglass and the AFN Roller Channel be formatted as PowerPoint slides.

Graphic designers are asked to maintain a generous margin (.75-1-inch) around all sides and to size fonts no smaller than pt. 20.

If your Roller Channel advertisement requires a special expiration date, please note this for the Roller team in the body of your message.

Deadlines for Submissions

Send advertisements for the Kwajalein Hourglass and the AFN Roller Channel to kwajaleinhourglass@gov2x.com 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. Walkin 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 jabdwot leak/lutok in oil jen wa eo, Kiir 911 non report- e lutok eo. Ak kiir Environmental ilo 480-0722 non kajitok.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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







## **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!

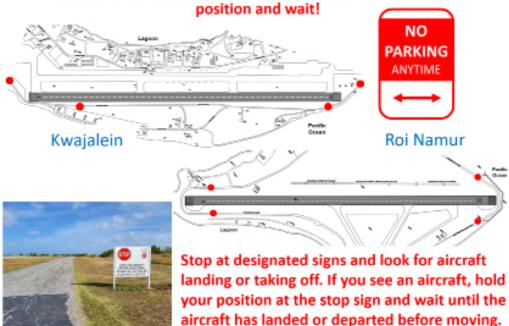
Contact Alana Wilson at alana.wilson@redcross.org

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



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







# **WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK**

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

#### **Discussion**:

At this point in November through yesterday, we received 6.11 inches putting us 3.5 inches below normal. So far in 2025, we have only received about 71.3 inches of precipitation, which is just over 12.8 inches below normal for the year. After an active day yesterday, things calmed down with isolated showers possible for the rest of today and tomorrow. Saturday will see shower coverage increase with a more significant increase on Sunday and Monday on the diminishing shower side. 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 highest thunderstorm risk will come on Sunday with surface troughing of the winds. The Madden/Julian Oscillation's (MJO) is waning to a modest negative phase which will generally have a repressing effect on widespread shower coverage over the central RMI. 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-urface temperatures (SST) between the RMI and the Date Line are cooler, having a negative impact on the RMI's rainfall coverage.

<u>Tropical Cyclones</u>: None for the RMI.

#### <u>Damaging West Winds /</u> <u>Westerly Swell</u>:

Low risk.

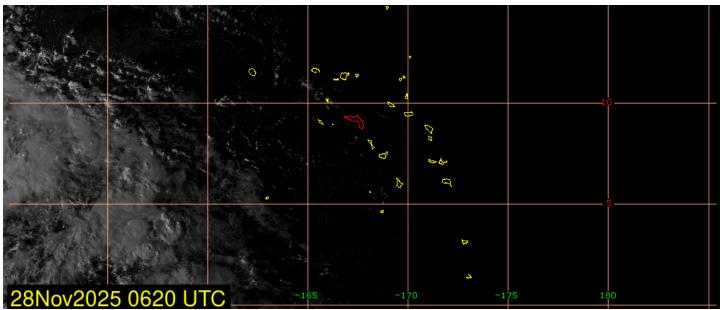
#### Swell / Tide Inundation for Kwajalein Atoll and Wake Island:

Today is at a waxing half bringing in a neap tide situation with high tides under four feet. Winds: are coming down to more of normal November level, staying mostly in the low teens for the next couple of days. We will see the winds start to come back up on Sunday and flirt with 20 knots on Monday morning. A Small Craft Advisory (SCA) will remain a strong possibility on Monday for the open lagoon. High Surf Advisory (HSA) is not anticipated for the next seven days, but we will be watching the long period higher wave for the 30th out of the north. We will also be watching the first week of December, as we experience a perigean full moon (closer to the Earth). This will be a greater concern for Roi-Namur. due to the elevated winds and seas of 7-10 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

Relatively wet weather is expected to close out the holiday week with unsettled conditions expected to linger into the weekend. An area of wind speed and directional convergence will help to increase shower activity today across the central RMI. The Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) and its development off to our south will begin to increase northeasterly trade winds from the low teens into the mid-upper teens by this evening. An increase in shower activity will accompany the increase in winds through Sunday morning, with a lull in activity likely Sunday afternoon. The ITCZ will attempt to shift north and closer to the central RMI Sunday night, bringing the potential for significant rainfall on Monday, along with the risk for thunderstorms. We will be watching a building northerly swell Sunday into Monday with estimated wave heights of 5-8 feet on the open ocean. However, advisories are not expected to be issued as wave heights are not anticipated to reach those heights. Winds are likely to remain elevated in the mid-upper teens throughout the weekend given the tightened gradient due to the ITCZ's presence off to our south. The active weather could linger into the start of the workweek with improving conditions by Wednesday as the ITCZ falls apart over the region. A drier pattern is likely to take hold through the middle of next week.

#### **SATURDAY**

Partly sunny to mostly cloudy with isolated to widely scattered showers and a possible stray thunderstorm during the afternoon. Winds NE–E at 9–14 knots with higher gusts possible near showers.

#### **SUNDAY**

Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers and a possible stray thunderstorm in the morning, decreasing to isolated showers in the afternoon. Winds NE-E at 13–18 knots with gusts in the upper 20's possible near heavier showers.

#### **MONDAY**

Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers and stray thunderstorms. Winds NE-E at 13-18 knots with gusts in the upper 20's pos-



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	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:48 a.m. 6:27 p.m.	2:12 p.m. 1:47 a.m.	12:37 p.m. 3.0'	6:05 a.m. 0.4' 6:39 p.m. 0.7'
MONDAY	6:48 a.m.	2:56 p.m.	12:39 a.m. 3.1'	7:00 a.m. 0.1'
	6:28 p.m.	2:38 a.m.	1:29 p.m. 3.5'	7:42 p.m. 0.3'
TUESDAY	6:49 a.m.	3:43 p.m.	1:38 a.m. 3.3'	7:47 a.m0.2'
	6:28 p.m.	3:33 a.m.	2:13 p.m. 4.0'	8:34 p.m0.2'
WEDNESDAY	6:49 a.m.	4:36 p.m.	2:30 a.m. 3.4	8:30 a.m0.4'
	6:28 p.m.	4:31 a.m.	2:56 p.m. 4.5	9:22 p.m0.6'
THURSDAY	6:50 a.m.	5:34 p.m.	3:17 a.m. 3.5'	9:12 a.m0.6'
	6:28 p.m.	5:34 a.m.	3:38 p.m. 4.8'	10:07 p.m0.9'
FRIDAY	6:50 a.m.	6:39 p.m.	4:03 a.m. 3.5'	9:53 a.m0.7'
	6:29 p.m.	6:42 a.m.	4:20 p.m. 4.9'	10:52 p.m0.9'
DECEMBER 6	6:51 a.m.	7:46 p.m.	4:47 a.m. 3.3'	10:34 a.m0.6'
	6:29 p.m.	7:51 a.m.	5:02 p.m. 4.9'	11:36 p.m0.8'

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

sible near heavier showers.

#### **NEXT WEEK**

An active start to the workweek on Tuesday with showery weather throughout the day. By Tuesday night, drier weather begins to take hold with a dry pattern likely through the middle of the week. Winds will peak on Tuesday with sustained speeds nearing 20 knots at times, bringing the potential for a small craft advisory to begin the workweek. \mathbb{T}



# Antil Mext Offeek!

