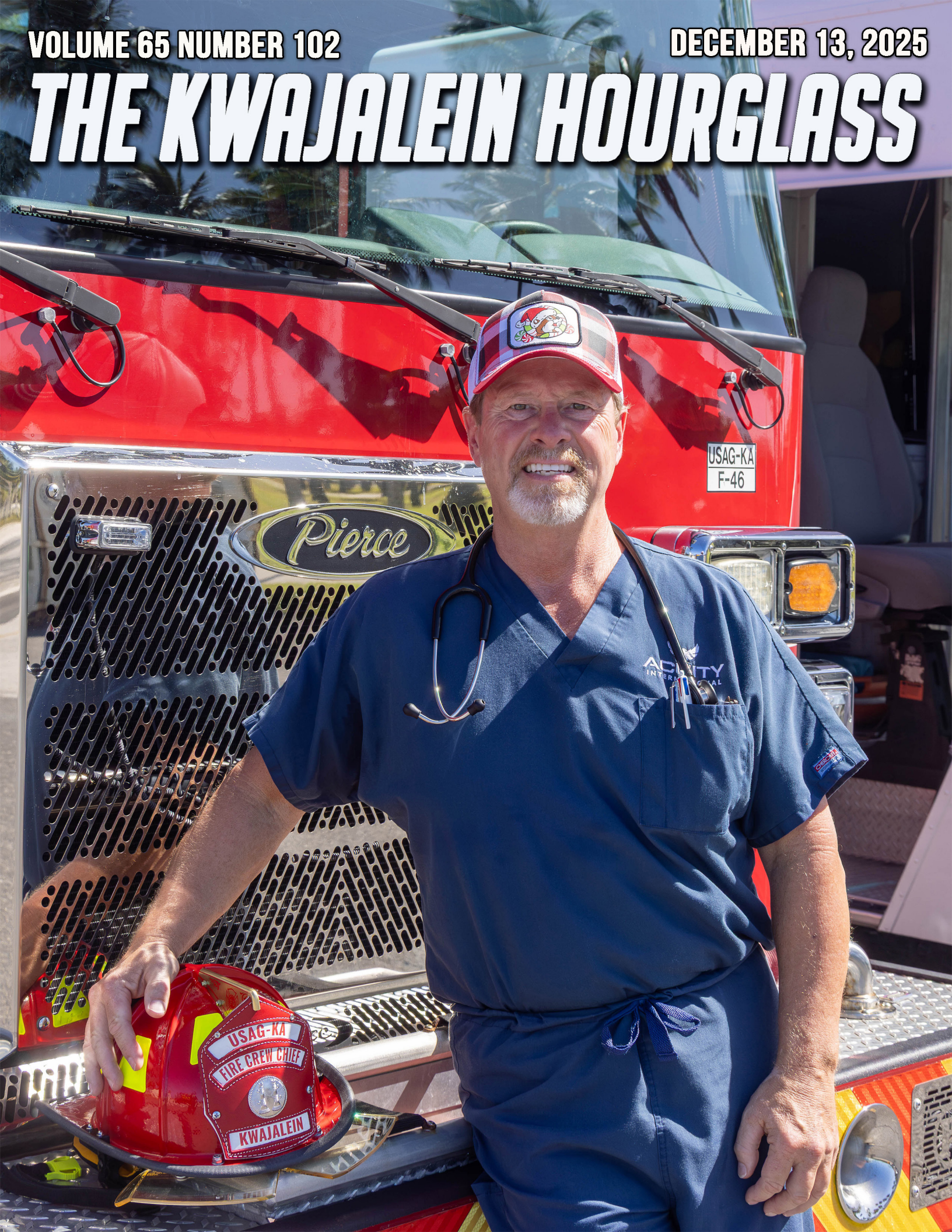


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THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



A LIFE OF SERVICE: FROM FIREFIGHTER TO ISLAND PROVIDER

HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Staff Writer

Ask Scott Foxworth how he ended up thousands of miles from Texas in one of the most remote medical posts on earth, and he'll smile, shrug, and say the same thing he's said throughout a 40-year career in public service: "I just want to help people, wherever I am." Then he added, "Plus it sounded like fun. I served on Midway Island a few years ago and truly enjoyed it.

Today, Scott serves as the Physician Assistant on Roi-Namur Island, one of the most isolated communities within U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll. But long before he treated patients with diving injuries, chronic illnesses, food-related reactions, and industrial accidents, he was the little kid in a toy fire helmet in Houston, Texas—captivated by flashing red lights and a TV show that shaped the rest of his life.

Growing up in the late 1960s and early 1970s, Scott's world revolved around the TV show *Emergency!* and listening to stories from his uncle, a Houston Fire Department paramedic.

He remembers the moment the spark ignited: "I always thought Johnny and Roy were the coolest guys in the world." As his mom would recall, young Scott would tell everyone to be quiet whenever the show came on. The toy fire helmet wasn't just a costume—it was a calling.

By age 18, he was a volunteer firefighter. At 19, he enrolled in paramedic school under Dr. Red Duke, a giant in emergency medicine and founder of the Hermann Hospital, LifeFlight program in Houston.

What came next was more than two decades with fire and EMS services in and around Houston.

"Fulfilling my dream of working as a paramedic and

firefighter will always be at the top of the list," he said.

While working in the Texas Heart Institute's Cardiac Cath Lab, Scott met a physician assistant who introduced him to a profession he had never considered—but instantly felt drawn to.

"I felt that I was being led into that career path," he said.

He entered the PA program at the University of Texas at San Antonio and graduated with honors, going on to become one of the first three PAs hired on the Trauma Surgery Service at University Hospital, a level 1 trauma center. His PA career has spanned a variety of surgical specialties: trauma, plastic and reconstructive, vascular, cardio-thoracic, bariatric, and for the last 15 years before coming to Roi, neurosurgery. This included being first assistant in the operating room as well as caring for patients in and out of the hospital.

That role placed him at the

heart of high-acuity medicine—complex neurosurgical cases, multi-system trauma, and catastrophic injuries. His background in fire and EMS blended seamlessly with the new world he walked into.

While his career includes countless moments of impact, one stands out: the early-career patient with a severe head injury who awoke from a coma and eventually became valedictorian of his high school class.

"That's a story better told in person," Foxworth said, with a smile that carries four decades of memory. Both careers, firefighting and medicine, taught him lessons in teamwork and resilience while giving him a truth he carries from job to job and island to island:

"Very few things are accomplished by a single individual. A team is always involved."

He has worked inside Level I trauma centers where specialists were steps away—and



PHOTO BY RANEESH THIRUVARATH



Some cases end in recovery; others end in tragedy. But he remains present for every moment, every patient, every family.

Unlike in large cities, patients don't just appear in exam rooms. On Roi, health-care happens everywhere: at the dining facility (DFAC), walking around the island, even in the gym. "That doesn't bother me a bit," he said. "I'm always available for the residents here." It's the relationships—the personal connections—that he appreciates most about island life.

And though he jokes about the DFAC food in general and keeps a regular workout routine, he admits the on-call demands are intense. Because of his responsibilities, he can't dive, snorkel, or fish—some of the activities he hoped to enjoy when he accepted the job. Still, he has found new hobbies, like building furniture in Roi's woodshop.

You might wonder what

drives a man after 40 years of service. The answer is simple: "I love being able to make a difference in people's lives," Scott reflected. Whether it's saving someone on their worst day or offering reassurance during a difficult moment, the motivation is the same as it was when he was a kid watching Emergency!—to help.

Scott also offers a dose of honest advice for anyone considering careers like his: "You'll see some of the worst things you've ever seen in your life... It takes a considerable amount of heart, compassion, emotional and physical strength."

And when asked what he's proudest of, he doesn't hesitate:

- Fulfilling his dream of becoming a firefighter/paramedic
- Graduating with honors from one of the top PA programs in the country
- And landing his first PA job on the prestigious

in remote outposts like Balad, Iraq, Midway Island, and remote South Texas oilfields where resources were nearly nonexistent. Still, there is one thing that remains constant: teamwork is everything.

And through every challenge, Scott says one source of strength has guided him: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me... I know this in my heart of hearts."

His path to Roi-Namur wasn't meticulously planned. In fact, it began with something simple: "Believe it or not, I answered an ad in a magazine looking for a physician assistant out here." He had worked for the same company before—most recently in Balad, Iraq—and previously lived on Midway Island, so the remote lifestyle didn't intimidate him.

His first impressions of Roi were almost humorous: "It was like Gilligan's Island." But what he found was a place where he could put every

skill he'd learned—medical, emergency response, resourcefulness, independent decision-making—into practice daily.

Back in the U.S., Scott spent most of his career in high-resource trauma centers. On Roi, it's just him and nurse Tammy, supported by the island's exceptionally dedicated fire department. With limited resources, they all embody unlimited commitment. "Those guys are absolutely fantastic. They provide a service I haven't experienced anywhere else."

His clinic is open most mornings, but he is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with no relief unless medical staff fly up from Kwajalein—a challenge during staffing shortages. A typical day includes everything from routine ailments to serious injuries, chronic conditions that were ignored for years, and the occasional medical emergency that tests the limits of small-island resources.



trauma service team at UT Health San Antonio

Today on Roi-Namur, patients know him not just as the PA who treats their injuries or chronic conditions, but as the man who always answers the call—day or night, rain or shine.

In many ways, Scott's two careers are really one long continuum: a life defined by readiness, compassion, team-

work, and unwavering commitment to others.

Firefighter. Paramedic. Physician Assistant. Forty years, countless lives touched, and one steady purpose: to help. With a warm grin, he reflects, "Looking back on the past 40 years of helping others has been incredibly meaningful." He's lived a life of service—and shows no signs of slowing down. ▼



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.



Front Cover: A Life of Service by Raneesh Thiruvareth

Back Cover: Roi Namur Swimming Pool by Annette Monk

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COMMUNITY PUSHING THE BALL UPHILL

HOURLASS REPORT

By **Isaiah Matthews**,
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When the new chief medical officer, Dr. Shawn Wilson, arrived on Kwajalein, he brought with him something rare in remote medicine: decades of emergency experience, a calm leadership style, and an unusual past that includes flying Chinooks, surviving Antarctic winters, and even training falcons.

His journey into healthcare wasn't a straight line. Medicine came later, encouraged by friends who insisted he had the talent.

"I used to be a helicopter pilot," Wilson stated with a shrug, recalling his early Army career flying CH-47 Chinooks. "They told me I could do it, and I thought I could do it and do a good job with it—so I changed."

That change became a 25-year medical career rooted in emergency medicine, fol-

lowed by years of leadership roles Wilson never exactly sought.

"I never had a long-term plan to be in charge," he said. "But I know how to do things, so it works out."

When COVID hit, he began traveling to remote assignments. Those roles introduced him to hospital leadership, and he discovered he enjoyed it.

"I did fit. I do it well and I enjoy it," he said. "I like working with people."

Becoming CMO on a remote atoll brings a unique set of obstacles: limited resources, long supply timelines, and the reality that medical evacuations can take days.

"My philosophy is to give patients the best care they can have given the circumstances," he said. "We don't have everything to offer here, but we acknowledge the problems and work through them."

Leadership, Wilson believes, is less about authority and more about steadiness.

"Don't wash out," Wilson proclaimed. "Be kind. Be patient. Everybody has good things to offer, even bad employees—you just need to find it."

He describes the job as "pushing the ball uphill," a reference to Sisyphus that he delivers with a half-grin.

"Each day you go in with a plan," stated Wilson, "and the day hands you something else. You adapt."

Few physicians arrive on Kwajalein with a résumé that includes Antarctica—twice.

"I spent two rotations there," recalled Wilson. "There are logistical hazards, environmental hazards, emotional hazards. Working in those environments probably gave me the most experience for working here."

Isolated for months, with storm fronts cutting off all

access, his team of 21 created their own morale.

"One day someone brought dye," Wilson laughed. "We all dyed our beards and hair—blue, green, purple. The project manager came into the dining area, bowed his head, and just shook it."

He understands how isolation affects people—and how vital morale becomes.

On Kwajalein, he said, "You stay happy by going outside. Paradise is right there. Enjoy it."

His priorities in the first 90 days were simple: understand the people.

"I went around like you did," Wilson said. "Interviewed everybody. Found out their challenges."

One central challenge stands above the rest: determining who is medically safe to live on the island.

"It takes, on average, three days to get someone off this island," he said. "If you're crit-



PHOTO BY ISAIAH MATTHEWS

ically sick, that's dangerous." He didn't shy away from the reality.

"Some people love this island and want to be here forever—but there comes a point where you probably shouldn't be here anymore."

Moving supplies is another continuous hurdle.

"You have to plan way ahead," he said. "You might get medications that expire in a month because we're so far down the supply chain."

Although medicine plays a major role in his life, he insists it doesn't define him.

"What I do is not who I

am," said Wilson. "It's part of me, but it doesn't define me."

His hobbies paint a picture of a man driven by curiosity and challenge. Wilson loves diving on Kwajalein.

"If you have a bad day, go under the water and it melts away."

He's also flown gliders, raced cars on the Autobahn, and trained falcons.

His passions keep him grounded. "I go to church once a week," he said. "It gives me something consistent."

This is his second time on Kwajalein. When asked why he came back, his answer

was simple: "I'm a diver. Under the water is lovely here." But it's also the challenge, the people, and the sense of purpose that drew him again.

He sees hope in the future—new hospital plans, better staffing models, and finding people who "fit" island life.

"If they're happy, they take better care of you," Wilson said. "If they're grumpy, it doesn't help."

Wilson smiles at the thought of what's ahead. "There's always something to improve."

And then, with the calm-

ness of someone who's flown through blizzards, trained birds of prey, and rebuilt emergency rooms on three continents, Wilson adds:

"Each day is something new. You just keep pushing the ball."





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COMMUNITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BANDS PERFORM HOLIDAY FAVORITES

HOURLASS REPORT

By Anthony Carnelli;
Staff Writer

The Kwajalein High School Multipurpose Room filled with the sound of brass, woodwinds and enthusiastic applause Friday evening as George Seitz Elementary School's youngest musicians stepped into the spotlight. Rows of folding chairs held roughly 50 to 60 family members, teachers and neighbors who had gathered to hear what months of practice had produced.

The elementary school band concert, held Dec. 5, featured performances by two ensembles — the Grade 5 Beginning Band and the Grade 6 Cadet Band. Both groups performed a mix of traditional tunes and holiday selections, with individual soloists and small ensembles taking the stage between sets.

Band teacher Kyle Miller and K-6 music teacher Ashley Wright guided the evening's program, which offered students a chance to demonstrate their progress while celebrating the season with festive music.

The Grade 5 Beginning Band opened the concert with a four-song set that showcased foundational skills. The group performed "The Magnificent Five," "Go Tell Aunt Rhodie" and "London Bridge" before closing with a crowd-pleasing rendition of "Jingle Bells." Wright said the familiar tune was "just challenging enough for a beginning band's first concert," and added that Grade 5's performance of "Jingle Bells" was "very good."

Following the ensemble performance, four solo and duet acts took the stage. Students performed "Light-

ly Row" as a duet, "A Mozart Melody," "March Steps," and closed the fifth-grade portion with "Au Claire de la Lune." For many of the young musicians, stepping forward alone or in a small group represented a different kind of challenge.

"One thing that constantly impresses us is when so many students have the confidence to do more," Wright said. "The solo and small ensemble portion of the concert really shows a lot of extra motivation and bravery."

For some of these students, the concert marked their first time performing in front of an audience beyond the classroom. The transition from practice room to stage represented a milestone in any young musician's development, requiring not only technical preparation but the confidence to perform under

the lights.

"Every concert has special meaning for some students," Wright said. "This was the very first major concert on the big stage for the grade 5 beginning band; a real milestone for them. For grade 6, we're counting down to the end of their time as elementary students and that transition to Jr. High. So this was their final holiday concert as George Seitz Dolphins."

The Grade 6 Cadet Band followed with a program that leaned heavily into the season. The group opened with "Up On A Housetop" and "Jolly Old St. Nicholas," then shifted to the quieter "Silent Night" before finishing with "The Charioteers." Wright said Grade 6 "did quite well with their special piece, 'The Charioteers.' We talked about playing with fury — not too much, but just enough to



sound a little more aggressive. They had fun with that.”

The sixth-grade solos and small group performances featured three acts: “Botany Bay” as a duet, “All Through The Night” as a trio, and “Kum Bah Yah.” The audience responded with warm

applause after each piece, offering encouragement to performers navigating the nerves that come with live performance.

At the conclusion of the concert, Wright and Miller presented awards to students who had demonstrated par-

ticular achievement in the school’s music program. “We always like to recognize a few students with the Outstanding Musician award; these are students who really stand out in their musical development,” Wright said. “The Grade 5 Beginning Band’s

outstanding musicians are AquaPlu on flute and Yenovi on alto saxophone; and Tom on percussion and Lizzy on clarinet for the Grade 6 Cadet Band.”

School band programs serve multiple purposes beyond music education. Re-



search has found associations and, in some studies, small benefits of participation in music programs that can support academic development, teach discipline and time management, and provide students with opportunities for creative expression. For students on Kwajalein, the band program offers one of the few structured opportu-

nities to learn an instrument and perform publicly.

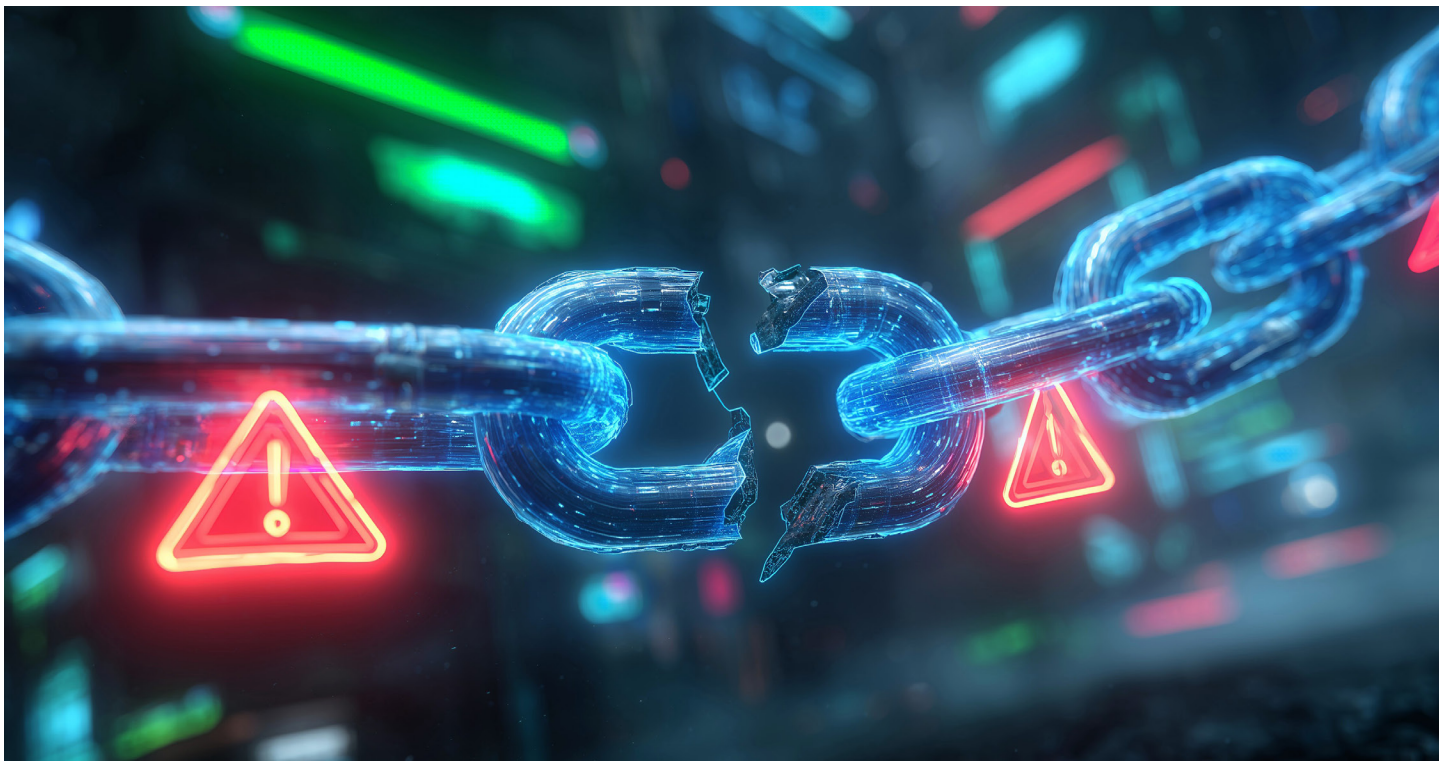
The concert format itself reflected the developmental arc of the program. The Cadet Band's repertoire demonstrated the progression that comes with an additional year of instruction, with more complex arrangements and greater dynamic range. The inclusion of solos and small

group performances gave individual students a chance to step forward, a practice that helps build confidence and allows teachers to identify students who may be ready for more advanced challenges.

Friday's concert was one of several island events scheduled during the holiday season. For the families in atten-

dance, it offered a chance to see their children perform. For the students on stage, it provided something equally valuable: the experience of sharing music they had worked to learn with a community willing to listen. ▼





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WHEN YOUR INTERNET DOES NOT WORK: YOUR KWAJALEIN INTERNET SURVIVAL

HOURLASS REPORT

By **Anthony Carnelli**,
Hourglass Staff Writer

A practical guide for getting and staying online – before you submit that support ticket

On a normal evening at home, a new arrival stares at the spinning wheel on their laptop screen. Netflix has frozen mid-episode. Emails won't send. The Wi-Fi icon shows full bars, yet nothing loads. They grab their phone, ready to post on social media half-joking about how “the internet here never works.”

Sound familiar? According to the technicians who fix these connections daily, a surprising number of “broken internet” cases come down to a handful of fixable issues inside our own domiciles — problems that take minutes, not IT tickets, to solve.

On Kwajalein, DSL remains

the main pipeline in most residences, and in such a wired world — even in this small island community — internet troubles can be disruptive and frustrating, especially for newcomers who may have just signed up for service and who encounter trouble getting online.

So, here is a no-nonsense, local roadmap — the most common reasons your home connection may fail, what you can do to fix it yourself, and when it's time to call for help. Think of it as an objective infomercial that focuses on facts and clear steps, not finger-pointing. While we may not be able to turn DSL into a fiber or cable connection, we can help prevent unnecessary headaches so you can speed up your connection and sanity.

Start Here: Understanding Your Connection

Before troubleshooting, it helps to understand what's happening in that cor-

ner where wires meet. The DSL modem that comes with your internet package when you sign up here brings the internet through your phone line. Think of it as a faucet — the Wi-Fi router acts as the plumbing — distributing the connection throughout your room and creating the wireless signal your devices use.

“The DSL modem brings the internet in; the Wi-Fi router makes your internet connection distributable to all of your devices,” explained JR Laik from the Allied Telesis office on Kwajalein — who fields these issues daily. “Without a router, you can still connect, but not to all of your devices.”

Five Local Gotchas (and How to Fix Them)

Work through the checklist before panics sets in:

1. You Don't Have a Wi-Fi Router

The Scenario: Only one device connects, no Wi-Fi

signal, constant disconnections.

The Fix: Confirm you actually own a separate Wi-Fi router. If not, you can purchase one at the Allied Telesis office — though Laik notes it typically costs less to bring one with you from the states, or there is also a wide selection of them for sale on Amazon. Connect them in sequence-modem to router to devices.

2. Your Account Is Still Tied to Your Temporary Room

The Scenario: You signed up for internet when you were in your temporary BQ upon arrival — and configured your account with the equipment that may have already been in the room. After moving to permanent housing with a new router, your account remains linked to the old hardware.

The Fix: Bring your new router to the Allied Telesis office for reconfiguration — a



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PETS — The ETP is leaving USARPAC HQs for Transportation Command. We remain committed to working this through to resolution.

Hospital Pager System - IMD is working a solution to replace the pager system previously managed by RGNEXT.

MWR Sales System- The MWR team has recently added a Point-of-Sale System to make purchases faster with credit/debit cards while at public events.

Access Control- Starting January 1st, 2026, the Access Control Policy will be strictly enforced, particularly concerning timely returns to Ebeye from Kwajalein. Individuals will have a maximum 10-minute grace period before receiving a ticket, and repeated violations could result in being banned from entry. Thank you for sharing this important policy update. [Full 190-10 here.](#)

Surf BQ A/C System - Design development is complete and now developing the execution plan with a projected kick off of 15 Dec. Temporary units will be used in the interim.

Next Vet Visit - The Veterinarian will be on island from Jan 9 - 20. To schedule appointments for your furry family call 480-2017 or email: [@Kwajalein Veterinary Clinic](#)



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New Years - Join us at Emon Beach and on Roi-Namur as we ring in the new year with food, music , and of course the best firework from the best seats in the house. Dec. 31st 5 – 8:30pm followed by the Adult Celebration at the Oceanview and at the Outrigger.

AAFES Stores - The AAFES stores on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur will be closed on Christmas day. Plan Accordingly.

DSC ATM - The DSC ATM will be sequenced with another on-going project to bring it back up and operational.

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.

Bakery - The bakery has adjusted and added some item to the menu. Give them a visit to see what they have rolled out for us.

DSC Grab and Go – Starting soon, the bakery will be testing out an additional location to expand food services on Kwajalein Atoll. This will be a grab and go where the old American Eatery was at the DSC.



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ARMA - Need something fixed in your housing, BQ or Office?

Go to ARMA : [ARMAhttps://www.armymaintenance.com/arma](https://www.armymaintenance.com/arma)
or call 480-3550

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

Surfway Repairs - Phase I: Alaska Freezer Unit repairs ongoing and near completion. Phase 2-4 complete. Phase 5 has begun.

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- Are you checking your air filters monthly and changing out when needed? Every three months is best. Air filters are available at Self Help Building 1791, 480-4990.



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Drive with Care - For the safety of everyone on our island roads, we urge all early morning commuters to exercise caution when driving in the dark. Please share the road by slowing down and maintaining a generous distance between vehicles, bike commuters and pedestrians. To ensure you are visible to others, use your low-beam headlights. Let's work together to make every journey a safe one.

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 - Ensure TDY and personal visitors know and follow safety rules for carts and other vehicles.

House Inspections - USAG-KA will be inspecting
13th Dec, 9am-4:30pm 467,469,471,473,475,477,479,481,483,485
17th Dec 9am-4:30pm 470,472,474,476,478,480,482,484,486,488
19th Dec 9am-4:30pm 441,443,447,449,451,453,455,457,459

AAFES is Hiring - at www.applymyexchange.com

Catch the Airwaves - For music and info
Kwajalein: 99.9^{FM}/102.1^{FM}/104.1^{FM}, Roi-Namur 97.9^{FM} – Roi Rat Radio



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Access to USAG-KA - Do you have someone coming to Kwajalein? Check out the regulation that controls entry to USAG-KA: https://home.army.mil/kwajalein/7317/4363/4868/USAG-KA_Reg_190-10_Entry_and_Exit_Control_Signed_MAR2026.pdf

- **Day Pass Form:**
https://home.army.mil/kwajalein/4217/6064/8721/USAG-KA_FORM_2_Day_Pass.pdf
- **Overnight Guests Form 480:**
https://home.army.mil/kwajalein/7617/6481/7510/Form_480_Overnight_Guests.pdf
- All forms need to be sent to the DSC Mailbox at:
usarmy.bucholz.id-pacific.mbx.usag-ka-dsc@army.mil

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

- **Pallet Trees** - Pallet Tree Lot is Open, Voting for best decorated “trees” ends 19 Dec. Pallet Trees are on Lagoon Rd, in front of Brandon Field.
- **Light Up the Night** - Dec 14th - MP Room
- **Ugly Sweater Holiday Party** - Dec 20th - Oceanview
- **Christmas** - Dec 25th - Earth
- **New Years Eve** - Dec 31st Emon 5-8:30pm followed by the Adult festivities at the Oceanview till 1am.

Have an upcoming event? Email usarmy.bucholz.id-pacific.mbx.usaka-pao@army.mil to get the word out or to be added to the mailing list.



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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



quick process. “This happens more often than you’d think, and the fix takes just a few minutes,” Laik said.

3. You’re Using an Old Hand-Me-Down Modem

The Scenario: Inherited modems from departed residents could be older and may not support speeds.

The Fix: An updated modem offering better connection speed is available for a one-time \$50 deposit, according to Laik. While the instinct to grab “free” equipment is understandable, the deposit often pays for itself in reduced frustration.

4. You’re Plugged into a Dead Phone Jack

The Scenario: Residences often have at least two phone jacks; not all may be live. Plug your modem into a dead jack, and you’ll never get a signal.

The Test: Connect a regular telephone and listen for a dial tone. Dead line?

The Fix: Submit a ticket for a phone jack repair by calling 480-3000, then hit the first option.

5. You’re Missing the Splitter

What it Does: This small device plugs into your wall jack, separating phone and DSL signals to reduce interference.

Without It: Your phone line creates static-and interference that degrades or blocks your DSL connection entirely. You might experience intermittent dropouts, severely reduced speeds, or complete connection failure. If you don’t have one, you can grab it from the Allied Telesis office.

Myth-Busting: What Doesn’t Actually Cause Problems

Myth: “Too many people online at once slows my home internet.

Reality: “The number of people using the internet at one time may or may not affect your personal DSL connection or bandwidth,” Laik

clarified. If your connection remains poor after checking the basics, equipment or wiring likely needs repair-time to submit a ticket.

*The Caveat

DSL can still slow down when others use it at the same time in a multi-unit building. According to a 2024 report by Broadband Internet Technical Advisory Group, even though everyone in a shared building has their own DSL line and modem, they’re all still sharing the same bigger “road” to the internet.

Think of it like driveways in a normal residential neighborhood — each home has its own driveway, but all those driveways feed onto the same main road. When only a few people are driving, traffic flows fine. But, when everyone jumps on the road at the same time, it gets crowded — and everything slows down. The same thing happens with DSL when lots of people are streaming, gaming, or downloading at once.

“Most complaints come from high-usage bandwidth people like gamers,” noted Laik. “DSL wasn’t designed for gamers who need super high bandwidth.” This isn’t about blame — it’s about matching expectations to technology limits.

When It’s Not You: Calling in Backup

After running through the checklist, if problems persist, infrastructure or equipment may need replacement. Other times though, “Sometimes people just may not tech savvy, Laik acknowledged objectively. “That’s okay — ask a fellow neighbor and reach out to us — we’re here to help.”

Is There an Alternative Option?

Some residents have explored Starlink, SpaceX’s satellite-based internet offering high-speed low-latency service that has reported to work well in remote locations. While not officially endorsed by the Garrison, multiple residents reportedly

use it successfully on Kwajalein as well as other islands in RMI. It’s been reported to have speeds that can handle everything from video calls to online gaming — addressing the bandwidth limitations that frustrate heavy internet users on DSL.

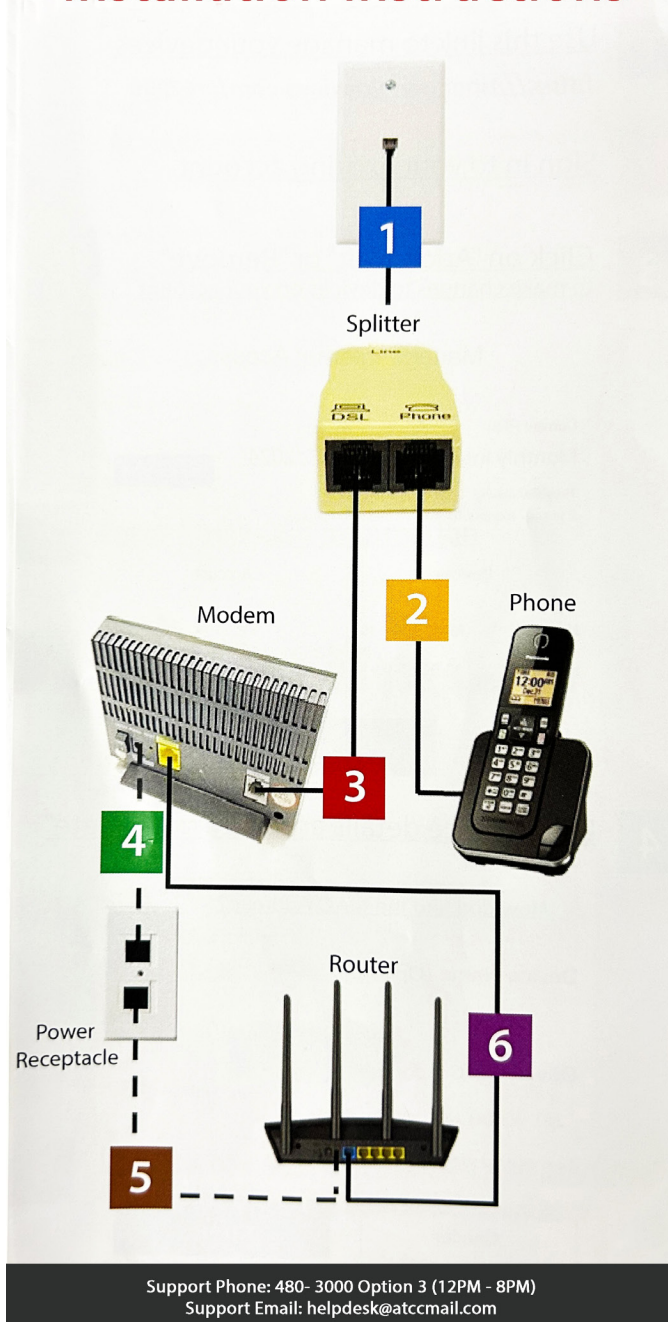
“It’s a great alternative for people wanting fast internet,” notes one local source who has the service himself.

It has also been reported that the system works remarkably well during wet weather, though heavy rain-

storms have been known to temporarily disrupt signal. However, it can be a small trade-off for connection speeds that can reach 100+ Mbps, or Megabits per second, according to Starlink’s website. Compare this to DSL’s typical 10-25 Mbps range.

It has also been noted that while Starlink has worked well in family homes as well as some BQ’s, the catch is that the dish which needs to be attached to the outside of the domicile requires a clear

Installation Instructions



view of the northern sky and secure mounting. The setup also requires ordering directly from the company — no local vendor exists on the island.

Check the Simple Things First

On Kwajalein, the options

may be limited, but knowing these common fixes puts control back in our hands. The techs at Allied Telesis see the same handful of issues repeatedly, and they're not judging anyone for missing a splitter or using an inactive phone jack. Their goal is simple: keep our community

connected.

So, whether you're trying to join a work meeting, help kids with homework, or just unwind with a show after a long day — reliable internet matters. Now you have the tools to troubleshoot like a local. And when the basics don't solve it? That help desk

number — 480-3000 — connects you to people who genuinely want to get you back online. After all, we all know what it's like when the Wi-Fi won't work. Save this checklist for the next time your connection acts up — and maybe share it with a new neighbor. ▼



ATTENTION...

HAZMAT Items

Household hazardous waste: Separate out household hazardous waste (flammables, corrosives, aerosols, etc.) and place in an individual container next to the trash bins to be picked up on normal trash days.

For extra pick-ups or large items call 480-8858.





Kwajalein /Roi Driver Licensing

Kwajalein classes are every Wednesday.

- 9:00 a.m. Marshallese
- 12:45 p.m. EXPATS **by appointment only as class size is limited**
- Building 856, Room 101 at the Vehicle Maintenance Compound
- To register, send email to the following: George.parker3@gov2x.com and Wilson.Kaisha@gov2x.com or stop by Bldg 856, Room 101

Roi-Namur Classes are every 2nd Friday (time base on flight schedule and location is Building C). No registration needed for Roi classes. Send any questions to the emails above.

Last class of 2025 will be December 17, 2025 on Kwajalein

- 9:00 a.m. Marshallese
- 12:45 p.m. EXPATS **by appointment only as class size is limited**
- Building 856, Room 101 at the Vehicle Maintenance Compound

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

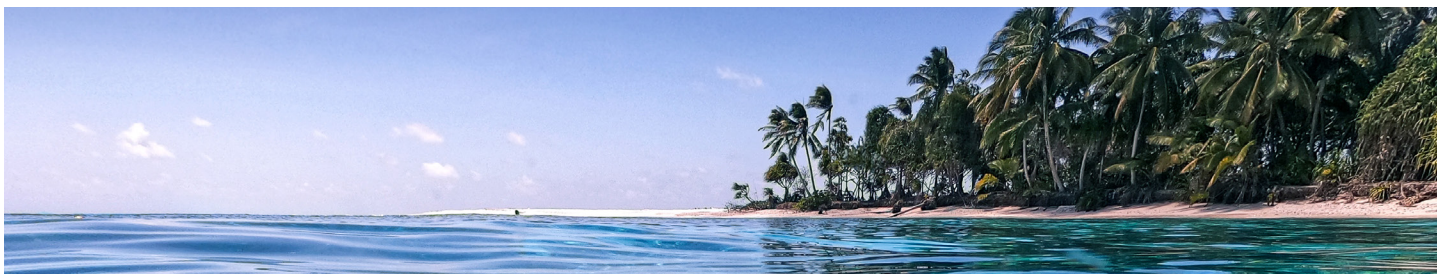
- Not a "mass euthanasia" - only cats with FIV or FeLV.
- All cats are tested first.
- FIV/FeLV is spread by bites, grooming, or sharing bowls > weakens immune systems.
- Healthy cats receive Rabies and FVRCP vaccines to protect them long-term.



ALWAYS CALL...

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





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 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.



E-wareness: Minimize Holiday Waste

Contact V2X Environmental at 480-0722 for information.



Waste generation increases during the holidays! Help minimize waste this holiday season. Remember, the beauty of a gift itself, not in excessive packaging.

MARSHALLESE TRANSLATION

Tore eo elap an lap in lon kwobej ej ilo ein kein raurok ilo jemlok in juon yio. Jiban kadriklok an walok bwobej! Kememej, emon in juon menin lelok ejjab walok ilo box eo im jokjok in an wrap.

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 kii ko jeban loi. Kon jermal 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 kojermal dren in (non wutdrikdrik, kwali waa ko, im jermal 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.

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](https://www.usps.com/operation-santa) website.

Now Available by Appointment...

PASSPORT PHOTO SERVICES

Located on the 2nd floor of Bldg. 805 on Kwajalein. When taking your photo, remember the following guidance for a successful shoot:

- Directly face the camera without tilting your head.
- Have a neutral facial expression with both eyes open and mouth closed.
- Take off your eyeglasses, headphones or wireless hands-free device.
- Do not wear a uniform, clothing that looks like a uniform, or camouflage.
- Remove hats or head coverings or submit a signed statement or doctor's note that says you must wear it for religious or medical purposes.

To schedule an appointment,
contact IMD/AVD personnel at:

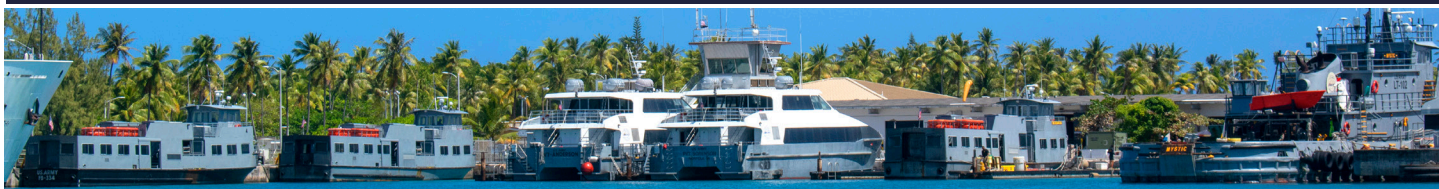
KwajaleinHourglass@gov2x.com



PASSPORT



*United States
of America*



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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Click QR Code to jump to social page

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

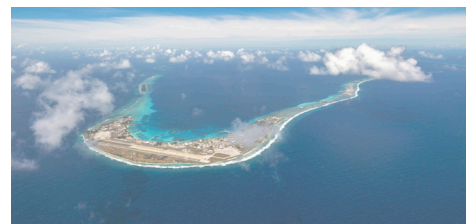
Sergeant First Class Darrius Hodge
SHARP Victim Advocate

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 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.
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...or stop by Bldg. 856, Rm 101



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

Like and share @USArmyOPSEC



**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.



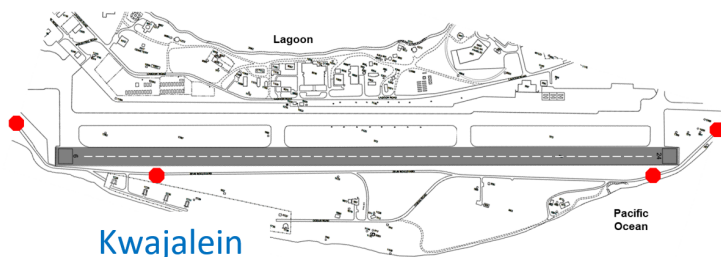
KWAJALEIN & ROI NAMUR,

STOP FOR AIRCRAFT!!

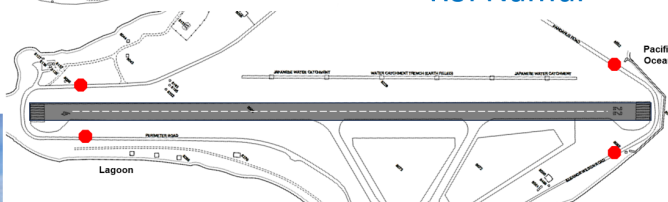


Please remember to stop and look both ways for aircraft on:
Zeus Blvd., Ocean Rd., Perimeter Rd., Pandanus Rd., Eleanor
Wilson Rd.

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



Roi Namur



**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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6
"Elf" (2003) (PG) 97 min.
Showing downtown during Tree Lighting

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
"Home Alone" (1990)
(PG) 103 min.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13
"Polar Express" (2004)
(G) 100 min.

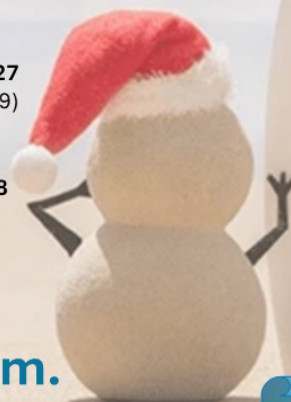
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14
"The Grinch" (2018)
(PG) 85 min.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20
"It's a Wonderful Life" (1946)
(PG) 130 min.

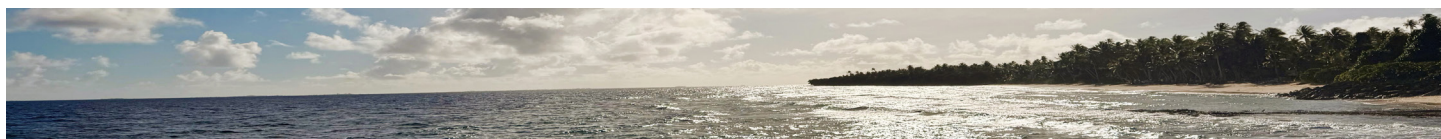
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21
"Scrooged" (1988)
(PG-13) 101 min.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27
"A Christmas Carol" (2009)
(PG) 96 min.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28
"The Christmas" (2007)
(PG-13) 117 min.



All showtimes start at 7:30 p.m.



WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

Discussion:

For December so far, we received only 0.38 inches, putting us 2.62 inches below normal. So far in

2025,

we have only received about 72.2 inches of precipitation, which is 16 inches below normal for the

year. We are in a generally dry pattern with a bump in shower coverage this weekend due to

perturbations in the speed of the trade winds. 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 be minimal for the next seven days as

conditions throughout the vertical atmospheric column will be neutral to negative for their

development. The Madden-Julian Oscillation's (MJO) is weakening and becoming negative for the RMI

which will generally have a repressing effect on widespread shower coverage over

our area. The Intertropical Convergence Zone

(ITCZ) will remain well established, to far south to increase our shower coverage, but well

positioned to induce a tight pressure gradient between itself and strong high-pressure to the north

of the RMI giving us the above normal winds. El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is in la Nina

conditions for our part of the Pacific. This means sea-surface temperatures (SST) between the RMI

and the Date Line are cooler, having a negative impact on the RMI's rainfall coverage.

Tropical Cyclones:

None for the RMI.

Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:

Low risk.

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

At a waning half-moon today with associated neap high tides all under four feet. Winds: will stay

mostly in the middle teens for the next seven days, coming up to the upper teens on

Monday and

again Tuesday night. Winds will flirt with the low 20s on Monday for the open lagoon. A Small Craft

Advisory (SCA) is not anticipated but will be close at times on the open lagoon more than a mile from land on Monday.

We will be very close to High Surf Advisory (HSA) is not anticipated.

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

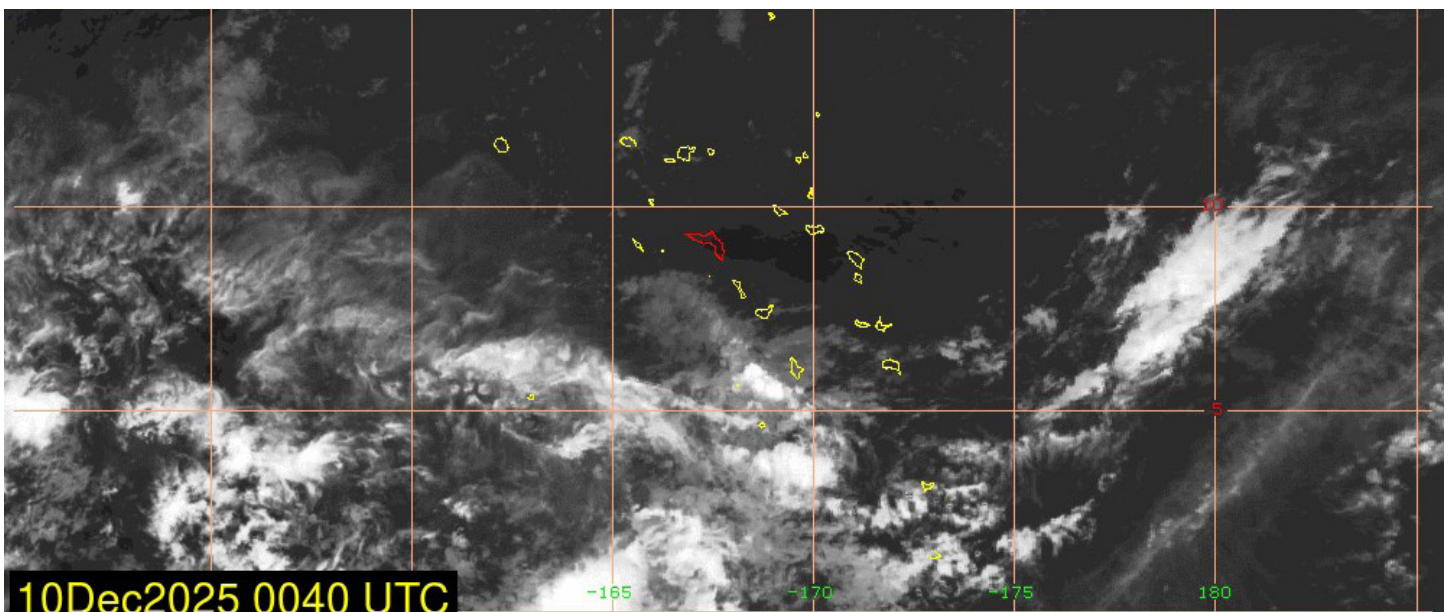
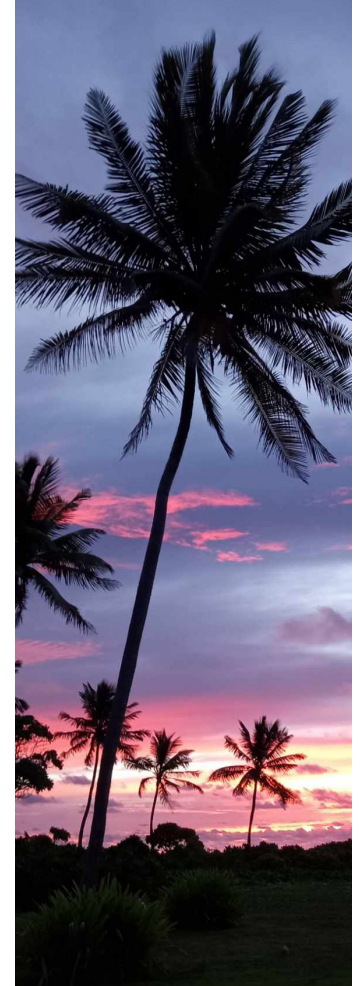
transportation around Kwajalein, to/from Hawaii and Guam, and in the Wake vicinity. The main threat

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 will persist across Kwajalein Atoll as we head into the weekend with only small increases in shower activity expected, mainly during the overnight and early morning periods on Sunday and Monday. The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) remains east of the date line which has led to our dry weather throughout the workweek. Strong mid-latitude cyclones to our north have disrupted the positioning and strength of the sub-tropical high pressure to our north which have reduced wind speeds over the RMI this past week. Winds will continue to be northeasterly in the low to middle teens throughout the weekend with pleasant boating and sailing conditions expected. By the start of next week, the ITCZ may become more active over the RMI, bringing the potential for much needed rainfall and stray thunderstorm chances along with breezier conditions due to the tightened pressure gradient between

the ITCZ and high pressure to the north.

SATURDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers. Winds NE-E at 9-14 knots with higher gusts near showers.

SUNDAY

Partly sunny with isolated showers in the morning, decreasing to stray showers by late morning. Winds NE-E at 10-15 knots with higher gusts near showers.

MONDAY

Partly sunny with isolated showers in the morning, decreasing to stray showers by late morning. Winds NE-E at 10-15 knots with higher gusts near showers.

NEXT WEEK

Potential for wetter conditions with a rebuild of the ITCZ over the RMI, but uncertainty remains as to how far north precipitation will migrate. Breezier conditions can be expected at times throughout the week as the pressure gradient tightens over the region. ▼

 SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:55 a.m. 6:32 p.m.	2:01 a.m. 2:10 p.m.	12:53 p.m. 2.8' —————	6:12 a.m. 0.7' 7:11 p.m. 1.0'
MONDAY	6:55 a.m. 6:33 p.m.	2:45 a.m. 2:48 p.m.	12:56 a.m. 2.5' 1:40 p.m. 3.1'	7:04 a.m. 0.6' 8:06 p.m. 0.7'
TUESDAY	6:56 a.m. 6:33 p.m.	3:31 a.m. 3:27 p.m.	1:51 a.m. 2.5' 2:18 p.m. 3.4'	7:46 a.m. 0.5' 8:47 p.m. 0.4'
WEDNESDAY	6:57 a.m. 6:34 p.m.	4:18 a.m. 4:10 p.m.	2:34 a.m. 2.6' 2:51 p.m. 3.7'	8:23 a.m. 0.3' 9:22 p.m. 0.1'
THURSDAY	6:57 a.m. 6:34 p.m.	5:07 a.m. 4:56 p.m.	3:12 a.m. 2.7' 3:24 p.m. 3.9'	8:58 a.m. 0.1' 9:55 p.m. -0.1'
FRIDAY	6:58 a.m. 6:35 p.m.	5:59 a.m. 5:45 p.m.	3:47 a.m. 2.8' 3:56 p.m. 4.1'	9:31 a.m. -0.0' 10:27 p.m. -0.3'
DECEMBER 20	6:58 a.m. 6:35 p.m.	6:51 a.m. 6:37 p.m.	4:20 a.m. 2.9' 4:28 p.m. 4.2'	10:04 a.m. -0.1' 10:59 p.m. -0.4'

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Until Next Week!

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