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COMMUNITY

FLY ROI TEAM: CONNECTING THE ISLANDS AND STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY

HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Staff Writer

Every weekday, the steady rhythm of propellers over the lagoon marks the start and end of another workday for hundreds of people living and working across the Kwajalein Atoll. Behind those flights is a small but mighty crew known as Team Fly Roi, led by Air Transportation Supervisor Carla Young-Riley.

This nine-person team ensures the daily commuter flights between Kwajalein and Roi-Namur run safely and smoothly—moving up to 120 passengers each way across four flights every day. Their mission: connecting workers, families, and essential supplies between two of the most vital islands in the atoll.

“We don’t just move people,” said Carla. “We move the supplies that keep both islands running—food, PX items, tools, and even emergency parts when something breaks and can’t wait for the

next barge. We make sure it gets there fast—most times in less than 20 minutes.”

When the Great Bridge ship or shipping schedules face delays, the Fly Roi commuter becomes the lifeline for everything from fresh produce to critical maintenance materials. That flexibility, Young-Riley said, keeps both the mission and the community moving forward.

From ground transport to airfield operations, Carla’s path to aviation logistics started on the ground—literally. Before joining the contracting world, she co-owned a trucking company in Texas.

“Transportation was always my world,” she said. “When I started contracting in 2011, I naturally gravitated toward logistics and movement control.”

Her first assignment took her far from home—to Afghanistan, where she worked in Movement Control (MCT) helping coordinate convoys and cargo transfers

supporting U.S. and coalition forces for ten years.

“I wasn’t in the military, which can make it harder to get started,” she explained. “But my experience in ground transportation gave me an entry point—they needed that skill set. It was about supporting a need.”

After a decade in Afghanistan, she spent a year in Qatar, continuing to support logistics operations before returning home to Fort Worth, Texas. A year later, she took on a new adventure—joining the Kwajalein Airfield Operations team, where her background in transportation and leadership found a perfect fit.

Now based on Roi-Namur, Carla leads her team with a hands-on, family-style approach, built on pride and precision. “It’s all about communication and trust,” she said. “Our team is small, but everyone has a critical role—from coordinating flight manifests to managing cargo and supporting passenger

movement. We’re proud of what we do because we know it matters to everyone here.”

The Fly Roi team’s workday begins before sunrise, ensuring planes are ready, manifests are accurate, and passengers—both people and packages—arrive where they need to be while also ensuring equipment is checked and ready to receive each aircraft safely. While they don’t handle aircraft operations directly, they coordinate every ground detail to keep things running seamlessly. By afternoon, they do it all again in reverse.

“We make sure our equipment is ready to receive the airplane, that all safety checks are complete, and that passengers and cargo move efficiently,” said Carla. “All aircraft refueling is done on Kwaj; here on Roi, we fuel our vehicles and equipment.”

Behind every smooth flight is a team member who makes it happen.

•Jon Assaid – Aviation Op-

erations Support Manager
 •Carla Young-Riley – Air Transportation Supervisor
 •Ashley Nunez – Passenger Services Specialist
 •Konio Rubon – Passenger Services Representative
 •Dimi Damon – Passenger Services Representative
 •Ritu Lokkon – Air Cargo Handler
 •Telo Nenam – Air Cargo Handler
 •Braidon Joseph – Air Cargo Handler
 •Angle Erakdrik – Air Cargo Handler

Together, Team Fly Roi keeps the mission in motion—one flight, one passenger, and one delivery at a time. ✈





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Registration Info

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Session runs **Sept 22nd -Dec 22nd 2025**

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

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

Email: Amy Blakey blakeya@kwajaleinschools.org



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Back Cover: Water Ways by Isaiah Matthews

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PERSEVERANCE ON THE PLATE: THE CHIEF COOK BEHIND KWAJALEIN'S DINING FACILITY

HOURLASS REPORT

By Isaiah Matthews, Staff Writer

Inside the heart of Kwajalein's dining facility, where the air is thick with the scent of sizzling meats and the rhythm of coordinated teamwork, Chief Cook Wade Brown leads a crew that serves more than 1,000 meals a day. His story is one of perseverance, passion, and purpose — a journey that began with weekend cooking sessions alongside his mother and evolved into a lifelong culinary calling.

"Growing up, my mother and I would cook together on the weekends. That's where my passion started," said Brown. "It's something I've pursued all my life, in different forms and at different times."

That passion followed him through high school, where a hands-on home economics program provided his first professional foundation. His school's student-run café offered daily dining to guests, and he excelled in both the kitchen and the classroom.

Today, that same drive fuels

his work on Kwajalein, a remote island where logistics, space, and weather challenge even the most seasoned professionals.

After hearing glowing stories about Kwajalein from a friend, Brown began looking for opportunities to join the island community. When he found an opening at the dining facility, it felt like a natural next step.

"Being a chief cook means thinking on your feet," he said. "You have to be ready to solve problems quickly — to make adjustments, fix issues, and still serve a great meal without anyone noticing there was ever a challenge."

On any given day, his team prepares an average of 500 meals for lunch, 350 for breakfast, and about the same for dinner. Each plate represents hours of coordination between departments like Dry Storage and Frozen Goods to ensure ingredients arrive on time and in good condition — no small feat on a remote atoll.

"Everything here is about timing," he explained. "We work days in advance to make sure we have what we need. Planning prevents delays and keeps the menu on track."

Working in an island kitchen means embracing creativity every day. With limited resources and unpredictable supply shipments, adaptability is essential.

"Supply issues happen, so we have to get creative," said Brown. "Sometimes that means using different spices or substituting ingredients, but we always find a way to make it work."

Despite the constraints, his team has developed a menu the community loves — Wing Wednesday, pasta and burger bars, and Friday's Caesar salad are crowd favorites. However, Brown's personal highlight is barbecue season.

"The Fourth of July and the Army Birthday are my favorite days to cook," he said with a smile. "Barbecuing outside reminds me of home in South

Florida. It feels like a little piece of that here."

Beyond the flavors and familiar meals, there's a hidden side to the work — long hours in sweltering conditions, with cooks standing over grills, fryers, and ovens for 12-hour shifts.

As for the future, Brown plans to transition from the kitchen into the IT field — a new chapter he hopes to pursue. But for now, his focus remains on delivering excellence, one meal at a time.

"If there's something you don't like on the menu today, just wait," he said with a laugh. "Something you love will be there tomorrow."

When asked to sum up the heart of the dining facility in one word, he didn't hesitate:

"Perseverance," he said.

"Adversity can come from anywhere, but this team shows up every day, ready to adapt, overcome, and serve with pride." ▾



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COMMUNITY

OKTOBERFEST STAYS TRADITIONAL WITH A KWAJALEIN TWIST

HOURLASS REPORT

By Anthony Carnelli, Staff Writer

Under white tents on Oct. 12, steins clinked, music lifted amongst the light trade winds, and neighbors laughed shoulder-to-shoulder. On Kwajalein, Oktoberfest poured more than beer — it poured connection, the kind that turned what could have been an ordinary Saturday evening into a shared story. Between lively tunes and the warm bustle at the food tables, the festival felt close-knit in an unmistakably Kwajalein style.

Organized by Tina Carmi-

chael this decades-old island tradition embraced Bavarian spirit on a small scale — traditional (and delightfully untraditional) music, plates of German staples like bratwurst, roasted chicken (Hendl), and German chocolate cake — and plenty of room for neighbors to linger.

True to Oktoberfest's folk roots as a celebration of culture and harvest, the version on Kwajalein kept the spotlight on community warmth and participation, mirroring a worldwide festival in a way that was meant to be intimate and local.

While adult beverages were certainly a large part of the festival, Oktoberfest was originally created as a five-day public celebration for the marriage of King Ludwig I and Princess Therese of Bavaria (a modern German state). From there, it turned into the world's largest Volksfest (folk festival) that is characterized by big tents, traditional music, parades, fairground rides, regional food, and families.

And even though it started out as showcasing original Bavarian identity it has quickly morphed on Kwajalein's small population into a celebration

of community and hospitality, or "Gemütlichkeit", which means warmth, friendliness, and togetherness.

Participants Antonio Brown and Donnell Curry have spent several years doing contract work on several bases around the world, and they expressed a similar consensus — "we've never seen anything like this, nor was there ever any celebration anywhere else we've worked."

William Boutu, on the other hand, who was all decked with traditional German clothing has been on Kwaja-

lein for 10 years and eagerly awaits this event each year.

“Cultural celebrations like this are ones where everyone is meant to get together.” Said Boutu. “Everyone’s here to have fun, regardless of ridiculously they are dressed.”

In contrast, this year’s Roi-Namur Oktoberfest that took place on October 25th provided more of a family friendly — approach — by design. The Roi-Namur community, along with families, local churches and schools from the Third Island, got together to celebrate the deep appreciation that this tight-knit community has for one another and contribution that

the staff brings to the community.

“Most of our events on Roi-Namur are designed with that sense of unity in mind, as we always want to remind our community that we’re all in this together,” said Anthony (MAC) McAllister who is the Site Manager of Roi-Namur. During the Fall Festival, we spend time with elementary and high school students, enjoy games, and share refreshments with everyone.”

The Roi PWD Department got together and collected barbequed meat and made cake for the kids. Also, participating in the fun was the Roi Fire Department along with

Terminal Support and Versar Fuels — which passed out candy with from their vehicles — all while Marshallese music was played on the loudspeaker. There was also plenty of fun and games like a bouncy house, musical chair, tug-a-war and volleyball.

McAllister added, “Something my father always taught me is that when you pour genuine love and support into your community, it will always give back even greater. That’s the spirit we live by here on Roi-Namur, we are one big family.”

In the end, the details — the steins, the music, the outfits — are almost secondary.

What residents on Kwajalein and Roi Namur kept building was something closer to *Gemütlichkeit* — a kind of everyday promise that no one on either island has to do life alone. That’s the part people say they haven’t seen anywhere else.

In the end, the details — the steins, the music, the outfits — are almost secondary. On an island where a lot of people are far from where they grew up, nights like Oktoberfest and the Fall Festival did more than fill a calendar. They gave people a table to sit at and a reason to show up for one another.▲



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NIGHT DIVE INTO THE PAST: KWAJALEIN'S ANNUAL HAUNTED WRECK DIVE LIVES ON

HOURLASS REPORT

By Anthony Carnelli, Story Writer

Night Dive Into The Past: Kwajalein's Annual Haunted Wreck Dive Lives On

Just after sunset, when the small waves off Kwajalein settled into a gray calm, a group of divers began their descent toward one of the atoll's most storied wrecks. The site, a remnant of World War II, has long been rumored to hold more than rusted steel and coral. Some say it holds memories — and whispers from the past.

On the storied evening of October 26th, the air filled with eager anticipation of 50 to 60 excited divers to the lagoon for the annual Haunted Wreck Dive, a Kwajalein Scuba Club event that has been running since 2016.

The scuba gear clicked into place and air tanks hissed among the evening breeze. Diver Sydney Jones expressed her anticipation before embracing the haunted wreck: "It's pretty apprehensive. I'm excited to go, but also a little nervous. But I want to go see all the decorations. It's a fun experience"

The wreck itself rests on the lagoon side in Kwajalein. Over decades, the sea has claimed it, coating its surfaces with coral and life, yet preserving its haunting shape. Divers glided through twisted corridors where time seemed suspended.

"What's eerie about it is that it's a World War II wreck where there was actually a lot of actual deaths down there in that lagoon," said Randy Hisle, a Kwajalein resident of over five years and an avid scuba diver. "So, it's fun in a

way that you're down there and it's like a haunted house with skeletons," Hisle added. "But at the same time, there's some real death type stuff that happened. So, it makes you stop and think — it's a little spooky."

For the team leading the haunted wreck dive, the goal wasn't just adventure — it was preservation. Each visit helps document coral growth and assess the ship's stability. The dive also serves as a living tribute to those who perished at sea.

"Even though this was an enemy ship at the time, we still have an empathy for fellow servicemembers, regardless of their status," explained diver Hal Colby. "For us, it's really nice to get out there and see it — especially at night. Most of the divers that go to these wrecks feel the same thing."

Fellow diver Mairtin Morrissey and his children were happy with their experience as well — "It was a 9 out of 10," Morrissey and his son grinned. "It's an easy dive for everyone and super welcoming."

When asked about the highlight of the dive, he replied — "I think the skeleton mermaids and the fish that were lit up with the lights."

Later that night, as rain moved in and divers swapped stories about what they'd seen below, the wreck's history was passed along again — not just as a spooky tradition, but as a vigil. What rests on the lagoon floor is part of Kwajalein's wartime past, and every descent is a way of acknowledging it. Beneath the coral and the Halloween props are lives that ended there, and the divers did not take that lightly. X

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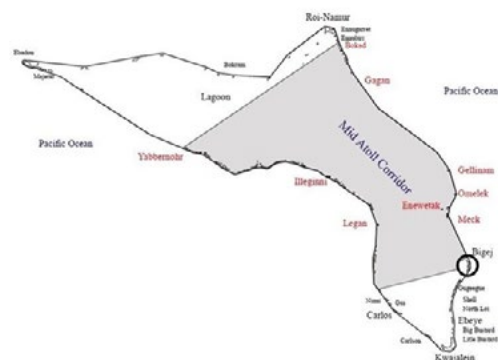
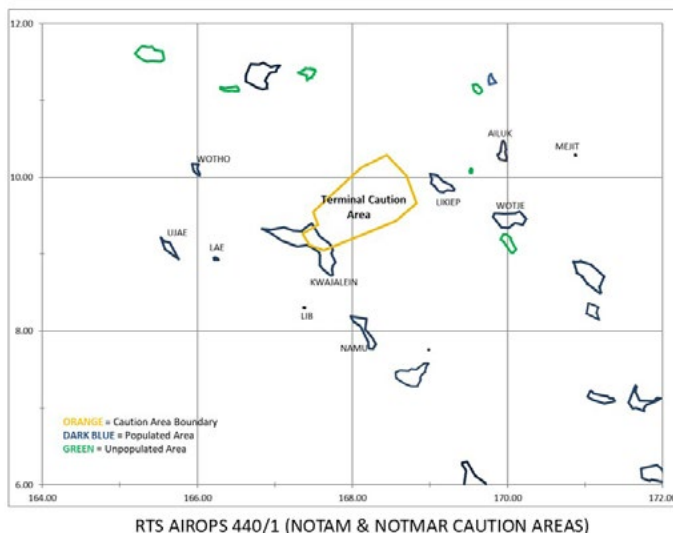
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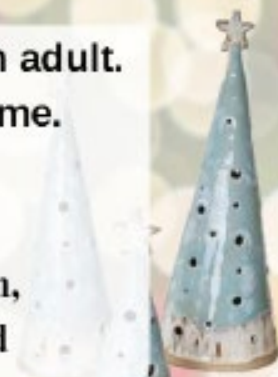
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Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Members: \$10
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Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.
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TURKEY TROT

**Monday,
November 3**



- A 2-mile prediction run/walk
- There are turkeys to be won by those who finish closest to their estimated time.
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Meet at Emon Pavilion at 5:00 PM to register, Run starts at 5:30 PM
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CRC Gymnasium
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- All cats are tested first.
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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.



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11 NOV 2025

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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



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OPEN CALL FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS
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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

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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

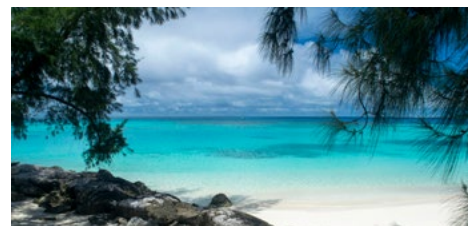
Sergeant First Class Darrius Hodge
SHARP Victim Advocate

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 jabdwot oil ijelak in drennin air condition eo jen wa eo. Ne elon jabdwot leak/lutok in oil jen wa eo, Kiir 911 non report- e lutok eo. Ak kiir Environmental ilo 480-0722 non kajitok.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HELP WANTED

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

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

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

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

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





**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!!

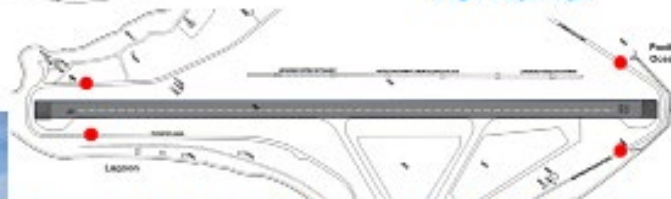


Please remember to stop and look both ways for aircraft on:
Zeus Blvd., Ocean Rd., Perimeter Rd., Pandanus Rd., Eleanor
Wilson Rd.

**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.**

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Now Showing at the Yuk Theater

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All showtimes start at 7:30 p.m.



WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

Discussion:

For October, we received just under nine inches at about two inches below normal. So far in 2025, we have only received just under 74 inches of precipitation, which is just about 14 inches below normal for the year. Expect greater shower coverage from this afternoon to Saturday morning due to two episodes of ENE-E-ESE troughing in the winds. We experienced one thunderstorm day last week. 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 most elevated Friday night through Saturday morning for the atoll as a whole. The Madden-Julian Oscillation's (MJO) has established itself well on the positive side for the coming seven days, and will be conducive to greater shower coverage. The Inter-tropical Convergence Zone

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

Tropical Cyclones:
None for the RMI.

Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:

Low risk. Little doldrum wind direction meandering for the next seven days.

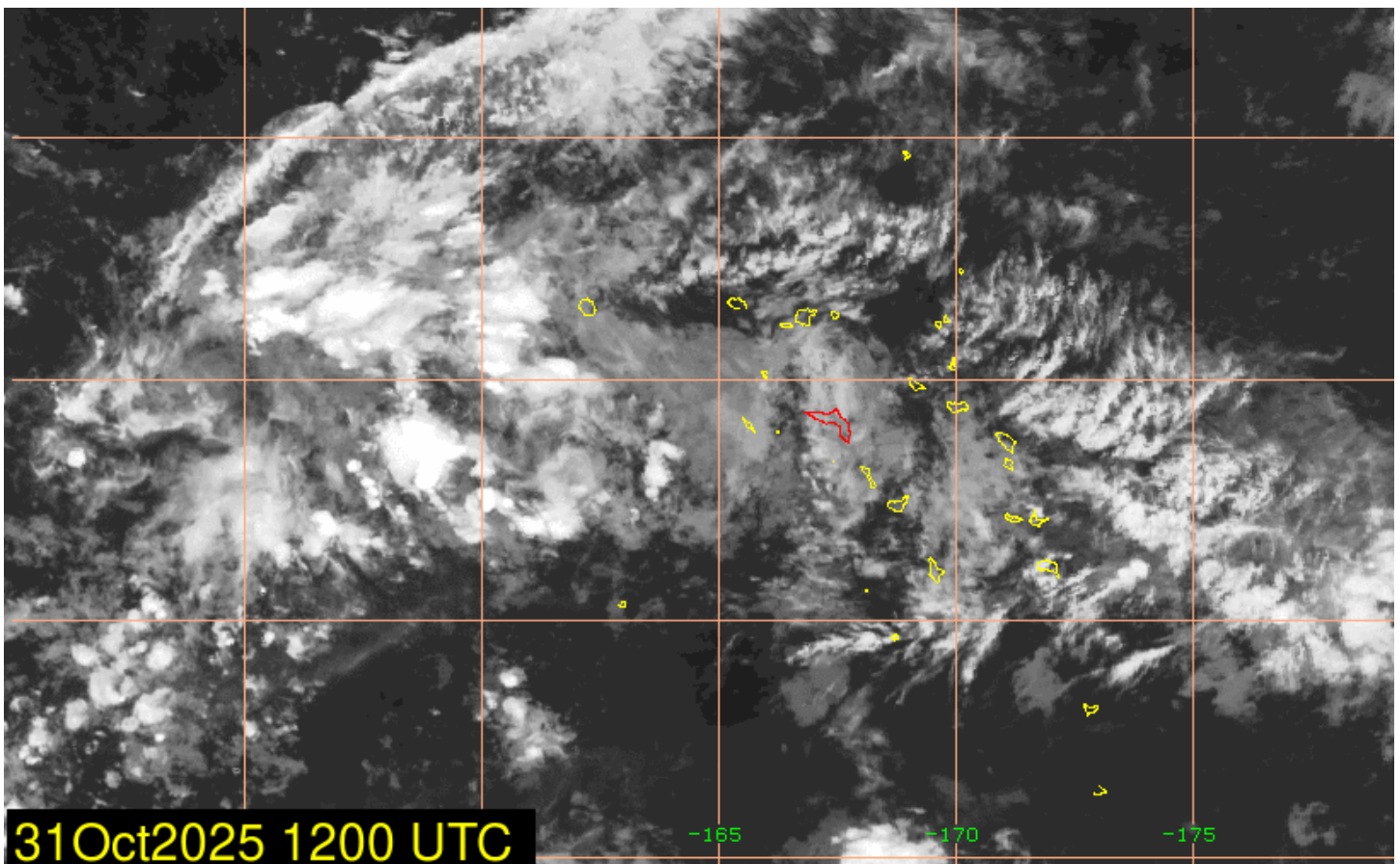
Swell / Tide Inundation for Kwajalein Atoll and Wake Island and Winds:

We are waxing to a full moon on the 5th with a max high tide of 5 feet on the 6th. Winds: Today we will actually see our lowest winds for a while in the upper single digits with another foray into the upper single digits on Sunday with some ENE-E-ESE troughing. Other than those periods, winds will be in the low to middle teens, which is generally above the norm for October. During periods of heavy showers, gusty outflow winds are possible, leading to the possible issuance of a Small Craft Advisory (SCA) in the lagoon for a short period. High Surf Advisory (HSA) conditions may be possible around midday on the 5th, as longer period swells arrive from the northeast. We are looking at wave heights of 6-8 feet to complement the 5 feet high tides around that time.

Purpose:

This weekly briefing is delivered

Thursday mornings to island leadership. The intention of this briefing is to provide situational awareness of weather events that may interrupt operations and transportation around Kwajalein, to/from Hawaii and Guam, and in the Wake vicinity. The main threat assessed in this brief is existing and potential development of tropical cyclone activity. This brief also provides an outlook of abnormal winds, sea state, and precipitation guidance for next 7 days around the Kwajalein Atoll. The distribution list will also receive updates on any developing tropical cyclone activity in the Kwajalein region that occur between the weekly outlook product. X



WEATHER

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION

After a soggy stretch the past couple of days, mostly dry and pleasant conditions will return across Kwajalein Atoll this weekend. The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ), responsible for the week's persistent showers, is becoming fragmented over the region, leading to drier weather beginning Saturday. Gentle northeast trade winds are expected throughout the weekend, accompanied by mostly sunny skies as a drier air mass settles over the area. By late Monday night into early Tuesday morning, a surge of trade winds will increase speeds into the middle teens. This trade-wind convergence may trigger widely scattered showers overnight, tapering off by Tuesday morning. Moderate northeast trades will persist to begin the workweek.

SATURDAY

Partly sunny with isolated morning showers decreasing to stray showers during the day. Winds ENE-ESE at 6-11 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

SUNDAY

Mostly sunny with stray showers. Winds NE-E at 6-11 knots, with higher gusts possible near showers.

MONDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers early increasing to widely scattered showers and



	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:38 a.m. 6:27 p.m.	3:37 p.m. 3:07 a.m.	1:30 a.m. 3.5' 2:09 p.m. 3.5'	7:54 a.m. -0.1' 8:10 p.m. 0.0'
MONDAY	6:39 a.m. 6:27 p.m.	4:21 p.m. 3:59 a.m.	2:13 a.m. 3.8' 2:43 p.m. 4.1'	8:28 a.m. -0.5' 8:51 p.m. -0.5'
TUESDAY	6:39 a.m. 6:26 p.m.	5:08 p.m. 4:54 a.m.	2:53 a.m. 4.0' 3:18 p.m. 4.6'	9:01 a.m. -0.8' 9:32 p.m. -0.9'
WEDNESDAY	6:39 a.m. 6:26 p.m.	5:59 p.m. 5:51 a.m.	3:32 a.m. 4.1' 3:53 p.m. 4.9'	9:35 a.m. -1.0' 10:13 p.m. -1.1'
THURSDAY	6:39 a.m. 6:26 p.m.	6:56 p.m. 6:53 a.m.	4:12 a.m. 4.0' 4:30 p.m. 5.0'	10:09 a.m. -1.0' 10:54 p.m. -1.1'
FRIDAY	6:40 a.m. 6:26 p.m.	7:57 p.m. 8:00 a.m.	4:51 a.m. 3.7' 5:08 p.m. 4.9'	10:44 a.m. -0.8' 11:37 p.m. -0.9'
NOVEMBER 8	6:40 a.m. 6:26 p.m.	9:03 p.m. 9:07 a.m.	5:31 a.m. 3.4' 5:48 p.m. 4.6'	11:20 a.m. -0.5' -----

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ISLAND LIFE AND ARMY REGULATIONS, PLEASE CALL THE COMMANDER'S HOTLINE AT 480-1098. FOLLOW THE USAG-KA FACEBOOK PAGE TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AND UPDATES REGARDING SAFETY INFORMATION, EVENTS, AND OFFICIAL COMMAND ACTIVITIES.

possible stray thunderstorms Monday night. Winds ENE-ESE at 9-14 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

into the upper teens late in the week. ▼

NEXT WEEK

Mostly dry conditions and moderate northeast trade winds will persist through the first half of next week. An atmospheric wave will bring increased shower coverage midweek, followed by a tightening pressure gradient that will strengthen trade winds



Until Next Week!

