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## COMMUNITY

# KEEPING KWAJALEIN AIRBORNE: MAINTENANCE TEAM COMPLETES DASH 8 ENGINE CHANGE

### HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Story Writer

On a small island halfway across the Pacific, precision and teamwork keep things moving. Recently, Berry Aviation's maintenance crew accomplished something that would challenge even a fully stocked stateside hangar—completing a full engine change on a Dash 8 aircraft, right here on Kwajalein Atoll.

For Ken Blumenauer, Maintenance Manager for Berry Aviation, the achievement was a testament to both preparation and perseverance.

"It's no different than doing maintenance stateside—except for the supply chain," Ken said with a grin. "Out here, we can't just 'overnight' parts. You must anticipate every possible issue before you start."

Before the job began, the team reviewed every task, ensuring that every seal, gasket, and tool was on hand. "We've

all completed comprehensive Dash 8 airframe and engine manufacturer training," Ken added. "Combine that with decades of hands-on experience, and you get a team that can handle almost anything."

For Aircraft Mechanic Alan Kassem, the precision in motion process was as demanding as it was rewarding.

"An engine change can happen for two reasons—time on engine, or an issue beyond what line maintenance can repair," Alan explained. "In this case, it was the latter."

Before committing to the replacement, the team performed extensive troubleshooting to rule out other causes. Once confirmed, the old engine was removed—disconnecting fuel, hydraulic, oil, and electrical lines—before lowering it with a hoist. The new engine was then prepped, parts transferred and reinstalled with painstaking precision and finally ran the engine to verify specs.

"We always refer to the maintenance manuals," Alan said. "Safety of flight for crew and passengers depends on it."

The team's careful coordination allowed them to get ahead of schedule—removing the old engine early so installation could start immediately when the replacement arrived.

"The hardest part wasn't the work—it was waiting for the engine and relying on one plane without a backup," Alan said. "But we managed it well. Seeing the aircraft ready to fly again was a huge relief and a proud moment."

For Alan, the project also showcased mentorship in action.

"It was our first Dash 8 engine change together, and watching our newest employee, Renold, step up with confidence and eagerness to learn was incredible. Projects like this build camaraderie."

Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic Harvey Reed noted

that completing the engine change in just three days required unwavering focus on safety and detail.

"We followed the Aircraft Maintenance Manual step by step," Harvey said. "Disconnecting fuel, oil, and electrical systems safely, removing the engine with a hoist, torquing everything to spec, checking for leaks—it's all about precision."

Planning was the hardest part. One of the biggest challenges, he said, was ensuring every part and tool was available before the job began. Missing even a single component could have delayed the project for days.

"We double-checked inventory, calibrated tools, and had backup parts ready," he explained. "It paid off—we finished safely and on schedule and that proactive planning kept things moving smoothly."

When the final test run confirmed the aircraft's readiness, the sense of accom-



plishment was palpable.

"Seeing everything come together after days of meticulous work—it's incredibly rewarding," Reed said. The entire process—from removal to reinstallation and test runs—took about three days, a testament to the team's experience and communication.

For Ken, the project reflects what makes the Kwajalein maintenance crew exceptional.

"Everyone here—Sean, John, Alan, Harvey, Jebe, and Renold—brings professionalism and pride to the job. The team's training and experience make all the difference. Each member has completed the Dash 8 Airframe and Engine Manufacturers' Training Program, bringing decades of aviation maintenance expertise to the job. Among them is Lead Mechanic Jebe, who has been "wrenching on airplanes on Kwaj since the 1980s," Ken said. "He leads by example and motivates the entire crew, and the entire team has incredible work ethic and dedication."

On an island where every flight matters, the success of the Dash 8 engine change is more than a technical milestone—it's a mission enabler.

"We all understand how important it is to get our passengers to Roi and back every day," Ken said. "When one of our aircraft is down, it's all hands-on deck. It can be stressful but completing a project like this reminds us why we do it. It's incredibly rewarding to keep Kwaj moving safely."

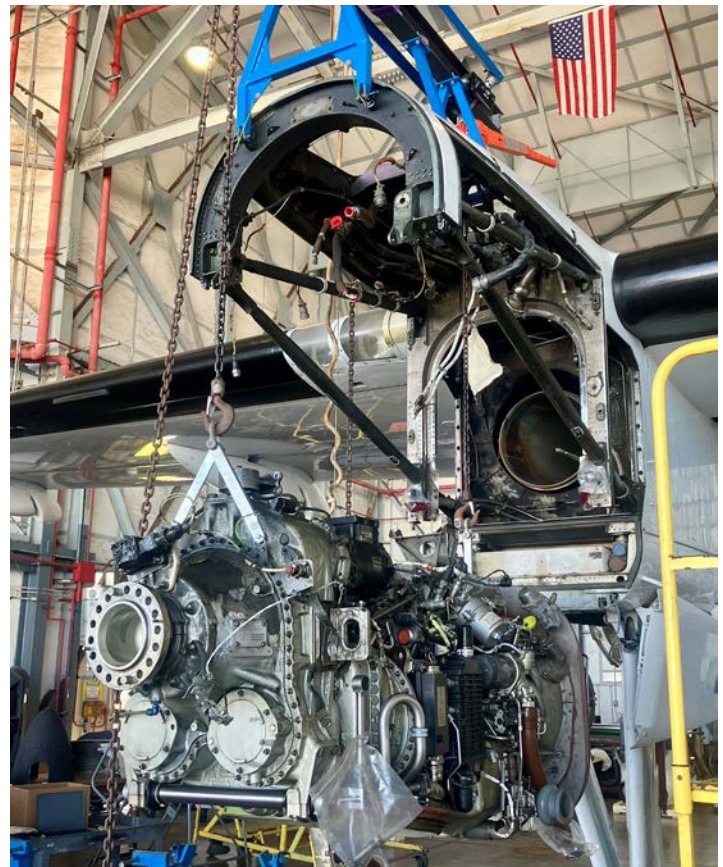
On a remote atoll thousands of miles from the nearest mainland, the Berry Aviation maintenance team on Kwajalein proves that skill, planning, and teamwork can overcome even the toughest logistical challenges.

And when the Dash 8 roared back to life on Kwajalein's runway, that reward was clear in every smile.

"It's a proud moment for all of us," said Lead Mechanic, Jebe. "We're dedicated to keeping our aircraft safe, reliable, and mission-ready—no matter where we are." ▼







**Front Cover: Dash 8 Engine by Annette Monk**

**Back Cover: Kwaj Full Moon by Annette Monk**

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## COMMUNITY

# BUILDING CONNECTIONS: A NETWORK ENGINEER BALANCES WORK, FAMILY, AND FITNESS

### HOURLASS REPORT

By Isaiah Matthews, Hourglass Story Writer

On an atoll where a dropped Wi-Fi connection can feel as disruptive as a dropped call home, Roosevelt “Donnell” Curry —the network engineer most folks know simply by his middle name—thinks about connection in the broadest sense. He keeps switches humming and Wi-Fi stable, but he also measures his days by how reliably he shows up for the people who matter most.

“My dad grew up in a family of 12 and watched his own father run a gravel and topsoil business,” Donnell said. “He worked at the post office for many years, retired, and still had side jobs. He showed me a work ethic—and how to take care of family. We never wanted for anything.” That model shaped the way he’s

raising his 16-year-old son: be present, keep your word, and learn the value of money. “A dad takes time to sit down and talk when you have a problem,” he said. “You instill that young, so teens aren’t easily influenced.”

Being a “family man,” he admits, is a work in progress—made more complicated by overseas contracts and the rhythms of island life. “My wife and I have made sacrifices,” he said. “I’m working toward being home more, because there’s so much going on in the world and kids have easy access to everything on social media. You’ve got to be present and instill good character.”

His wife is a financial strategist, and her work expanded his idea of partnership.

“She’s busy and touches a

lot of people,” he said. “If I know she’ll be with clients, I’ll pull something from the freezer, start dinner, do the meal prep. I want my son to see us acting as a team—not that old setup where the wife cooks every day and the husband just waits.”

He admires her mission, rooted in a family hardship.

“She saw her mom go into debt to bury her grandfather,” he said. “Now she makes sure clients understand life insurance and how to protect families. She doesn’t want people to be put in that position.”

The pride he feels for his son is unambiguous.

“Before I left, he took a part-time job,” Donnell said, grinning. “We walked in, and the shift manager said, ‘We love Xavier—he’s doing a great

job.’ Then she told us, ‘You did a great job raising him.’ That felt good.”

The tougher moments are honest ones, too: conversations about peer pressure and safety as a young Black man. “We explain why he can’t do something just because friends are,” he said. “And we talk about what to do if you’re stopped by the police—how to acknowledge them so things don’t escalate.”

Fitness is the engine behind his balance.

“As I get older, I understand the ‘Fountain of Youth’ thing,” he said, laughing. “A body in motion stays in motion. If you don’t move, you feel it—joints, recovery, immune system. I set two alarms—4:00 and 4:05—and get my cardio in so I’m ready to tackle the day.” The gym is



PHOTO BY ISAIAH MATTHEWS





also his pressure valve. “If I’m frustrated, I take it out on the weights. Without that, I’d be a lot more wound up.”

By sunrise, he shifts from heart rate to bit rate. “We make sure any place with network devices has connectivity,” he said. “If there’s no cable run, people need Wi-Fi, so those controllers must be healthy. The credit card machines at the Exchange or Surfway needs a network. Families need the internet to talk to home.”

On an island where logistics stretch lead times, resilience is strategy.

“If something goes down and you don’t have a spare, it can take weeks or months,” he said. “We build redundancy so a device can stay up even when a component fails.”

One accomplishment stands out: tightening access the right way.

“When I got here, we weren’t using industry best practice to administer devices,” he said. “I put in a solution that validates credentials against a secure identity store. It’s a whole lot more secure than local accounts on each box.”

It’s the kind of quiet, under-the-hood when few will no-

tice—until the day it prevents the problem they’ll never see. He’s candid about goals beyond the rack room: real estate, residual income, and more unstructured time with family.

“I want multiple properties so we can generate financial freedom,” he said. “Nobody wants to work their whole life.”

How he defines success is equally pragmatic and personal. “Professionally, it’s getting the jobs and the certs,” he said. “As a husband, it’s seeing my wife smile and feel less stressed. As a father, it’s watching my son hit his

goals—graduate, go to college, do something productive.”

Ask how he hopes to be remembered, and he keeps it simple: “A fun person to be around, someone who doesn’t mind working hard, caring—and leaving this place better than when I came.”

Whether he’s monitoring dashboards or marinating chicken for dinner before a late client call, Donnell’s through line is connection: reliable, secure, and human. The kind that keeps a small community online—and a family even more so. ▾



## Kwaj Grief Support Group

The journey through grief can feel overwhelming, especially when faced alone. Our **Grief Support Group** offers a safe, understanding space for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. Here, you can share your story, listen to others who are walking a similar path, and find comfort in knowing you are not alone.



### Registration Info

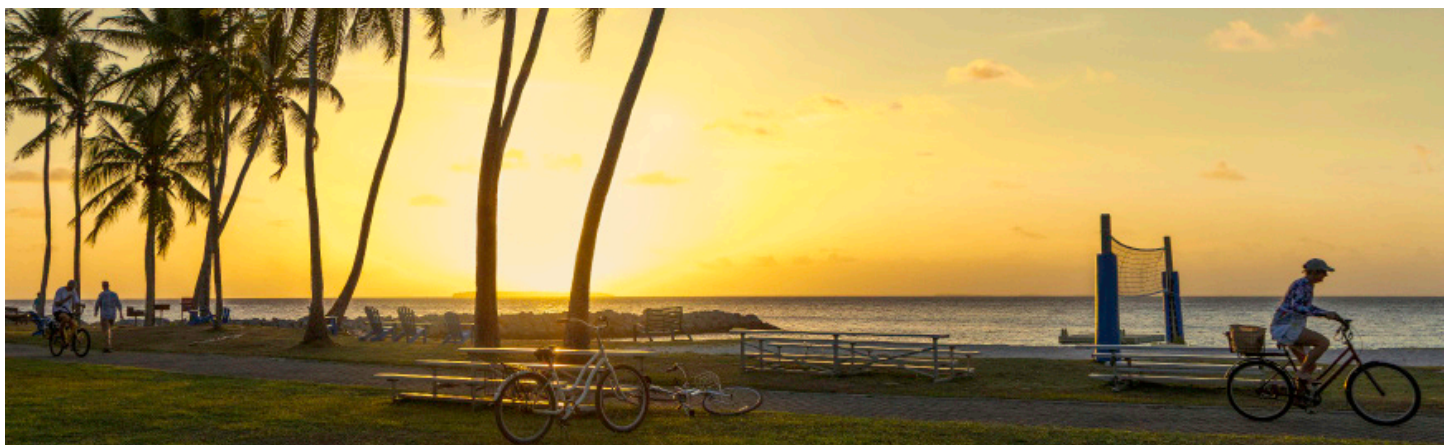
Register open now through for the fall session

Session runs **Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> -Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025**

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

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

Email: Amy Blakey [blakeya@kwajaleinschools.org](mailto:blakeya@kwajaleinschools.org)





## COMMUNITY

# TWO BELOVED TRADITIONS BRING JOY TO YOUNG TRICK-OR-TREATERS

### HOURLASS REPORT

By Anthony Carnelli,  
Hourglass Story Writer

The morning rain couldn't dampen the excitement of several preschoolers clutching their candy buckets as they boarded the school bus, the costumes protected under raincoats. By 9:00 am on Halloween morning, these 3-5-year-olds were ready to embark on what has become an annual Kwajalein tradition — bringing Halloween magic to the offices and buildings that keep this community running.

For the children of this tight-knit island community, Halloween means more than just candy. It's a day when the whole island — from Garrison Headquarters to administrative buildings — opens its doors to celebrate creativity, childhood wonder, and the bonds that make island life special.

The morning belonged to the youngest trick-or-treaters. Starting at Garrison Headquarters where Colonel Matthew Cannon and Command Sergeant Major Stanley Jackson personally handed out treats, as the preschool and pre-kindergarten classes made their rounds to multiple buildings. Each stop lasted 10-15 minutes, just enough

time for wide-eyed children to collect their bounty and show off everything from princess gowns to superhero capes.

However, it was Building 806 that stole the show. The IT staff had transformed the main office area into a miniature haunted house, complete with Audio Visual Manager Randall Hisle dressed as "Pennywise" from the movie "It". Rather than terrify the tiny visitors, the team had thoughtfully stationed a karate warrior to "protect" the children as they made their way to the candy room — a creative solution that balanced Halloween thrills with Age-appropriate fun.

"This is always fun for the kids," said Child and Youth Services Director Stephanie McCutcheon. "This has been going on for years — it happens every year. I know in the past that sometimes costumes that some of the staff were wearing would scare the kids." Although, this year's approach showed the community's attentiveness to keep the experience joyful for its youngest members.

By afternoon, the Halloween spotlight shifted to George Seitz Elementary School,



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through 5 prepared for their own time-honored tradition. Originally planned as an outdoor parade, the 3 PM event moved inside because the main school's grass field was too muddy—a pivot that Principal Jerrod Gertsema and his fellow staff handled smoothly.

Parents and teachers lined up the main hallway as each

class took their turn parading through the school. The children circled into different classrooms where their peers applauded each creative costume. No contests, no prizes – just pure celebration where every child stood on equal footing.

For teacher Jane Christy, who has witnessed this parade for all 26 years of her tenure

at the school, the tradition holds special meaning. “It’s a special tradition. The kids love it. The prize is you get to sashay through the hallways and show off your stuff, and it’s just a fun time,” she said with enthusiasm.

The educational tie-in adds another layer of value. “The kids get to enjoy a fun day of Halloween, but tie it to liter-

ature and storybook characters,” Christy noted, showing how the school weaved learning into celebration.

Despite the rain that book-ended both events, the day exemplified flexibility, creativity, and a community that shows up for its children. From garrison staff to IT specialists playing dress-up – everyone played their part. ▾



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## COMMUNITY

# OHD TEAM RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE AT KWAJALEIN HOSPITAL

### HOURLASS REPORT

**By Annette Monk, Hourglass Story Writer**

Kwajalein Hospital is shining a spotlight on two of its hardest-working staff members: Emma Patton and Jane Sholar of the Occupational Health Department (OHD). Recognized by Acuity International, the pair are being celebrated with a full week of appreciation for their dedication and tireless efforts to maintain critical annual physicals for all personnel on island.

Emma and Jane are often described as the busiest members of the hospital staff. Between the two of them, they perform hundreds of physicals every year, ensuring that personnel remain fit for duty and that mission requirements are met without delay. Their workload rarely eases, yet they continue to approach each task with professionalism, precision, and care.

“Without the OHD team’s commitment, keeping up with the high demand for physicals on Kwaj would be impossible,” said Carrie Jimenez, Hospital Administrator. “Emma and Jane play a vital role in keeping our workforce mission-ready.”

When asked what it meant to be recognized by Acuity during OHD Appreciation Week, both Emma and Jane described it as a meaningful and unexpected honor.

“We were truly surprised and honored! Peggy Burton, one of our incredible Pharmacy Technicians, brought the team together in a special way,” they shared. “She discovered National Occupational Health Awareness Week and took the initiative to organize a celebration for us. Each day featured a different activity, and the entire team joined in. Being recognized by Acuity reminds us

that our hard work matters—it’s incredibly rewarding.”

For Emma and Jane, supporting the island workforce isn’t just a task—it’s a calling.

“Supporting our island community is at the heart of what we do. Helping our workforce stay healthy and safe on the job is deeply fulfilling,” they explained. “One of the most rewarding aspects is working closely with RMI employees, supporting their well-being and helping them thrive at work.”

The logistics involved in coordinating so many physicals each year are no small feat.

“Each exam presents its own unique logistics puzzle—coordinating ATI schedules, time-sensitive labs, work calendars, mission dates, and handling extensive paperwork can be overwhelming. But we manage it all by stay-

ing organized and leaning on each other. Teamwork is essential,” they said.

In fact, the two have even earned a fun nickname.

“A former co-worker once dubbed us ‘Maverick’ and ‘Iceman,’ and yes—we even have matching sweatshirts to prove it!”

Despite the intense workload, Emma and Jane maintain a positive attitude and a strong sense of purpose.

“We take it one day at a time and celebrate small victories—like turning a row green on our tracking spreadsheet after completing an exam. We love green!”

“Seeing our patients out in the community, healthy and employed, keeps us inspired. Their gratitude reminds us of the impact we’re making. We also keep things light—





laughing every day and supporting each other with a positive, happy-go-lucky attitude makes all the difference.”

One memory that stands out?

“We’re proudest when we help someone overcome obstacles—whether it’s difficulty passing an exam, navigating paperwork, or overcoming language barriers. The appreciation from those we assist is incredibly meaningful. Sometimes, it’s the small moments that stand out—like dimming the lights for a quick meditation to help lower someone’s blood pressure.”

Since the introduction of annual employment physicals for V2X and their subcontractors in 2022, the workload has increased dramatically. Yet Emma and Jane have risen to the occasion.

“In 2024, we were surprised to learn that we—Emma and Jane—would be handling the V2X physicals solo, with no Occu-Med team on island,” they recalled.

“That November alone, we completed over 100 periodic health assessments, all while

managing exams for multiple companies with strict deadlines. We’re proud of how far we’ve come.”

Their secret to managing the pressure?

“We’re a true team. We recognize when one of us needs support and step in without hesitation. When one of us is off-island for family or personal reasons, the other provides full coverage. And yes, there are always M&Ms nearby—chocolate helps everything!”

Emma and Jane also want the community to better understand the role of OHD and the importance of annual physicals.

“Whether you’re starting a new job, maintaining your current one, preparing for a mission, traveling on the Worthy, wearing a respirator, driving a school bus, diving professionally, working with children or food, or even hunting UXOs—we are here for you,” they said.

“Your health and safety matter, and we’re proud to be part of the process that helps keep

our community strong.”

As Acuity International dedicates this week to OHD Appreciation, the island community extends its heartfelt thanks to Emma Patton and Jane Sholar. Their work may

not always make headlines, but it makes a difference—every single day.

Congratulations, Emma and Jane. Thank you for everything you do to keep Kwajalein strong. ❧





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- Check for standing water where mosquitoes breed
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## Dump standing water



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## 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

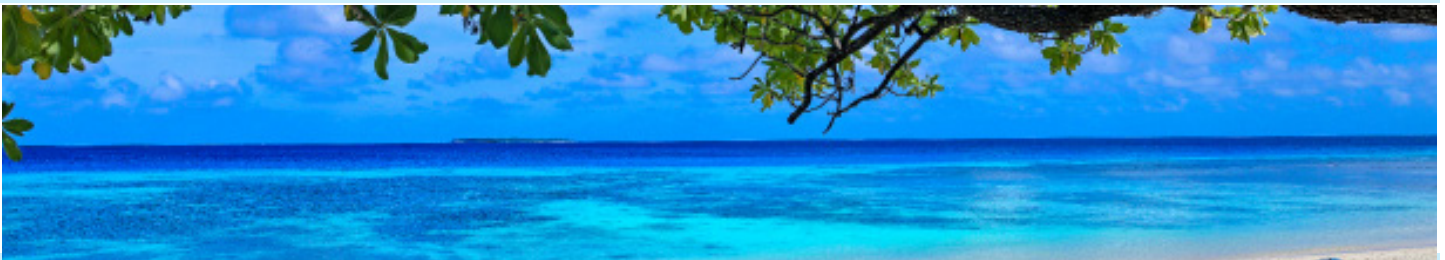
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# Hobby Shop

# Workshop

**Date: Nov. 19, 2025**  
**Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm**  
**Members: \$10**  
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# Kwajalein Island Trash & Recycling

Residential Trash Collection  
Yard Vegetation Collection  
Hazardous Waste Pickup Line

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## 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.



## AMERICAN LEGION POST #44



## MONTHLY MEETING & VETERANS DAY BRUNCH

### A "THANK YOU" FOR OUR VETERANS



Veterans, Am. Legion members, and  
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TUESDAY

11 NOV 2025

0930- MEETING  
1000-1200 - BRUNCH  
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## PASSPORT



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## FREE Blood Pressure Checks!

### Kwajalein Hospital is offering BP Checks!

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*starting August 20th*

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# 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  
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North Pole, 88888**



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## Mail Early

Mail by the dates below to ensure delivery before December 25<sup>th</sup>

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!



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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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# 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](mailto:kwajaleinhourglass@gov2x.com) on Wednesdays by close of business/Thursday morning.*

*Roller Channel ads are accepted on a rolling basis by 4 p.m. for a mid-week and late-week update. Ads received after 4 p.m. will be loaded in the next update. Please ensure you submit ads in good time to ensure timely upload.*

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

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

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



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

Sergeant First Class Darrius Hodge  
SHARP Victim Advocate

Work: 480-1419

USAG-KA SHARP Pager:

808-580-3241

DOD SAFE Helpline: 877-995-5247



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

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

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

**Flights.** Please note that all flights are subject to change. For the latest update on your flights on United, ATI or Air Marshall Islands: ATI: 480-2169; AML: 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

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**For employment with contractors  
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book your ride at least 24 hours in advance of check-in time.

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

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

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



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# 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

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## Discussion:

October finished strong with more than two inches above normal at 14.50 inches. So far in 2025, we have only received about 66 inches of precipitation, which is just over 10 inches below normal for the year. Expect greater shower coverage from this afternoon mainly to the south of the atoll and Saturday due to ENE-E-ESE troughing in the winds and wind speed convergence. Look for another bounce on the second half of Monday. Tuesday and Wednesday also are looking at greater shower coverage. 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. We are looking at a more elevated thunderstorm risk on Saturday with another bump on Wednesday. The Madden-Julian Oscillation's (MJO) remains well established on

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

## Tropical Cyclones:

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

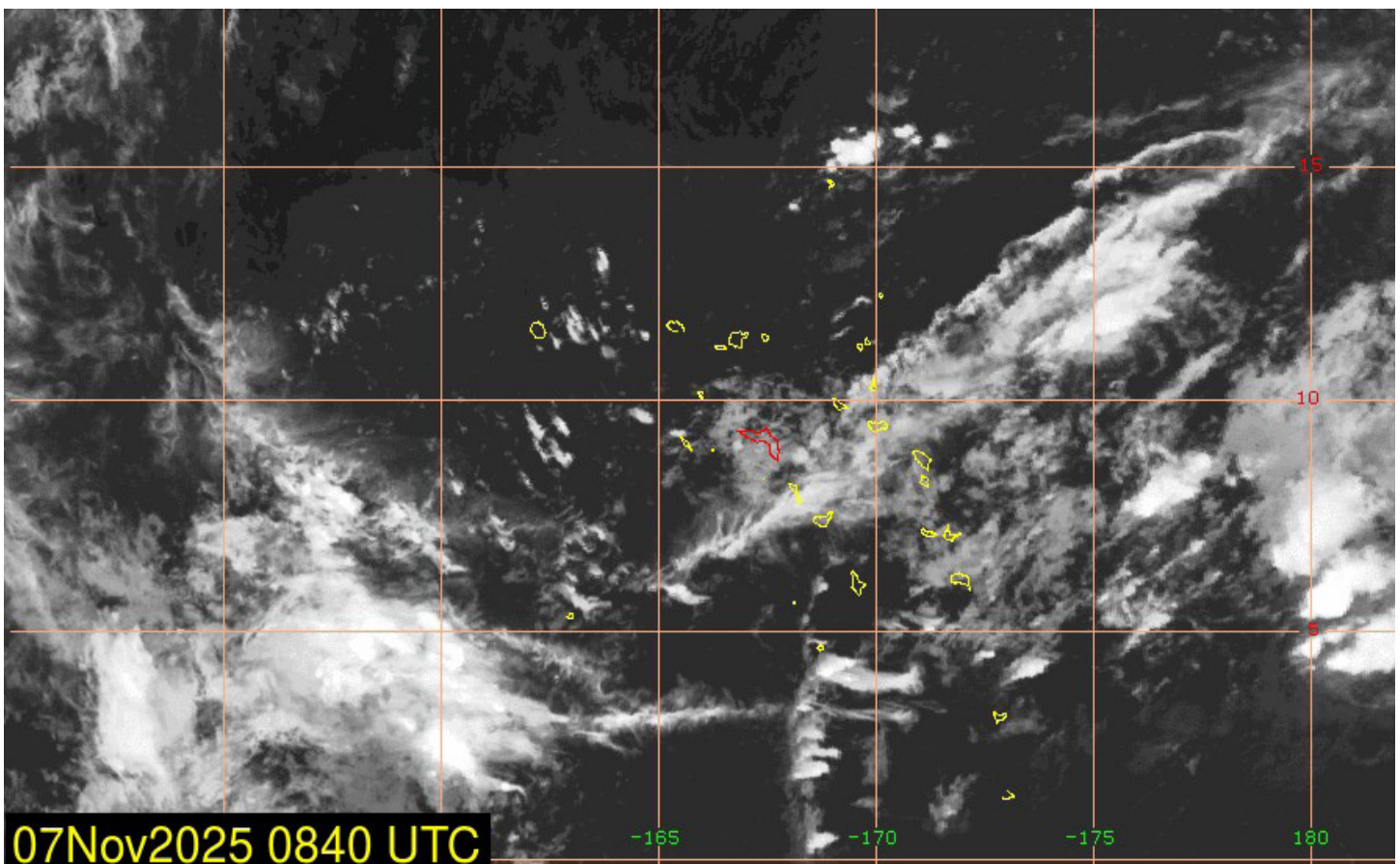
## Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:

Low risk.

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

Waning to a half-moon on the 12th and neap tides with all high tides under three feet. Winds: will be higher than what one would expect in early November, mostly out of an ENE-E-ESE in the middle teens, lower when out of the southeast. We will see some uppteens late Friday through Saturday. Monday will experience the lowest wind outside of showers around 7 knots in the afternoon. 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 are unlikely but looking at some splash-up this afternoon mainly for Roi-Namur east-northeast facing. Anticipate 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. ▴





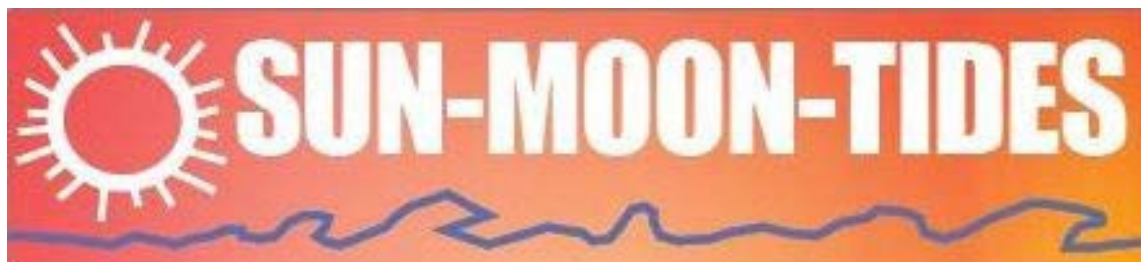
# WEATHER

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## WEATHER DISCUSSION

As the workweek comes to a close, another round of widely scattered morning showers is possible on Saturday. Strengthening trade-wind flow, combined with nocturnal instability, will enhance low-level convergence and support the development of these showers. Although the overall risk of thunderstorms remains low, there is a slight uptick in the potential for an isolated lightning strike. By midday Saturday, mostly dry and pleasant conditions are expected to return and persist through the remainder of the weekend as stable weather becomes established over the region. A weak atmospheric wave may bring a brief increase in shower activity Monday evening, but overall conditions should remain fair. Winds will be predominantly east-northeasterly, ranging from the mid to upper teens, with stronger gusts possible in passing showers. Looking ahead to the new workweek, the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) is forecast to reestablish itself south of the RMI. At the same time, high pressure to the north will weaken slightly, allowing winds to shift more easterly at speeds between 7 and 12 knots. Current model guidance indicates another atmospheric wave may move across the atoll around Wednesday, bringing an increase in shower coverage and activity. Until then, enjoy a weekend of fair and mostly tranquil

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	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
<b>SUNDAY</b>	6:37 a.m. 6:38 p.m.	5:05 p.m. 4:29 a.m.	2:49 a.m. 4.1' 3:15 p.m. 3.9'	9:08 a.m. -0.6' 9:15 p.m. -0.6'
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:37 a.m. 6:37 p.m.	5:49 p.m. 5:22 a.m.	3:23 a.m. 4.5' 3:46 p.m. 4.4'	9:37 a.m. -0.9' 9:51 p.m. -0.9'
<b>TUESDAY</b>	6:37 a.m. 6:37 p.m.	6:35 p.m. 6:16 a.m.	3:57 a.m. 4.6' 4:17 p.m. 4.7'	10:06 a.m. -1.1' 10:27 p.m. -1.1'
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:37 a.m. 6:36 p.m.	7:23 p.m. 7:12 a.m.	4:31 a.m. 4.5' 4:50 p.m. 4.9'	10:37 a.m. -1.1' 11:05 p.m. -1.1'
<b>THURSDAY</b>	6:37 a.m. 6:36 p.m.	8:16 p.m. 8:12 a.m.	5:06 a.m. 4.3' 5:25 p.m. 4.8'	11:08 a.m. -1.0' 11:44 p.m. -0.9'
<b>FRIDAY</b>	6:37 a.m. 6:35 p.m.	9:13 p.m. 9:15 a.m.	5:42 a.m. 3.8' 6:00 p.m. 4.6'	11:39 a.m. -0.7' -----
<b>OCTOBER 11</b>	6:37 a.m. 6:35 p.m.	10:15 p.m. 10:20 a.m.	6:19 a.m. 3.2' 6:39 p.m. 4.2'	12:26 a.m. -0.5' 12:11 p.m. -0.3'

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.

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### SATURDAY

Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated to widely scattered morning showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms early, then becoming partly cloudy with only a few stray showers by afternoon. Winds NE-E at 15-20 knots, with higher gusts possible near showers.

### SUNDAY

Partly to mostly sunny with a few stray showers. Winds NE-E at 12-17 knots, with

higher gusts possible near showers.

### MONDAY

Partly sunny with stray to isolated showers throughout the day. Winds NE-E at 8-13 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

### NEXT WEEK

Partly sunny to begin the workweek with stray to isolated showers. Shower coverage is expected to increase around Wednesday as an atmospheric wave moves through. Winds generally from the NE-E at 7-12 knots,

with higher gusts possible near showers.▲





*Until Next Week!*

