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## COMMUNITY

# NEW KWAJALEIN RESIDENT BRINGS BUSINESS KNOWLEDGE AND FAITH TO CYS

### HOURLASS REPORT

By Anthony Carnelli,  
Story Writer

On a typical afternoon at the Namo Weto Youth Center, 22-year-old Daniel Roan moves between groups of kids with practical ease — facilitating what he calls “the environment” so children can have everything they need. The Uganda-born Louisiana native and recent college graduate didn’t stumble into his role on Kwajalein with CYS by accident. For Roan, working with the island’s youngest residents is part of a deliberate mission that began halfway around the world and continues to unfold on Kwajalein.

In a place where attracting and returning and retaining young, motivated workers

can prove sometimes challenging, Roan brings a rare combination — youth that connects naturally with kids, a Christian faith that grounds his service, and business training that helps him see childcare through a management lens. While his business management degree might suggest a different career path, he views his current CYS position as both immediate community service and preparation for future leadership roles on the island.

Roan’s journey to understanding people across generations began early. Adopted from Uganda at age five by missionary parents, he spent his childhood accompanying them on various ministry trips — gaining what he calls exposure to “every walk

of life.” After his adoption, he was raised just outside of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in a household where service wasn’t optional but essential. Those formative years of moving between cultures and connecting with different communities taught him to communicate across age gaps and cultural differences—skills that he now uses daily.

“Growing up, I had inconsistent relationships,” Roan reflects, a note of understanding rather than bitterness in his voice. “People would come in and out of my life. That’s made me value relationships now, especially with these kids.”

The path to Kwajalein came through his college roommate, an island native who painted a picture of life

in this unique community. Roan weighed student loans against opportunity — he prayed about the decision — and ultimately chose what seemed like an unconventional post-graduation move for a fresh college grad. “The opportunity to go to Kwaj, after prayer and consideration, was the best route,” he explained.

To Roan, in his short time here, Kwajalein has proven “better than advertised” in many ways — though he’s still trying to find a good “fit” for a social scene. Still, he feels he’s found his place and his purpose — at least at this point in his life.

His daily works spans across multiple facilities — the Namo Weto Youth Center and the Child Develop-



ment Center among them. The job description sounds straightforward: manage kids' activities, ensure safety and teach manners. But Roan approaches it with the same strategic thinking his business professors had taught him about motivating teams toward common goals. For instance, he's implemented reward systems that work like performance incentives, just scaled for elementary schoolers. When he talks about "facilitating the environment," he's essentially describing what any good manager does: creating conditions where people can succeed.

"I facilitate the environment to make sure the kids have everything they need," he said — the business terminology natural in his explanation, of course. "In management, you motivate people toward a common goal. Here, that goal is safety, education, and helping kids grow into good people."

Faith anchors everything for Roan, who describes himself as "100% Christian" with conviction that's quiet, yet unmistakable. "My strength isn't within me, but within God," he said — though not as preaching but as personal testimony. He also believes

and is open to the possibility that God might keep him in CYS longer than for just a year, which is the length of his contract — and he's at peace with the uncertainty. While he's here, Roan wants to "sow into the next generation": planting seed of character, critical thinking, and kindness that might bloom years after he's moved on.

However, his ambitions extend beyond his current role. His long-term dreams include studying Christian counseling or psychology — maybe establishing a home-stead ranch in Texas that could serve as a retreat for people needing restoration. He also speaks of eventually "sowing a seed" back in Uganda — coming full circle to the country of his birth. "Kwajalein is a place where I can grow and serve at the same time," he explained.

Until his future plans materialize, he said that the job in front of him deserves his whole effort. In his short time here, so far, he provides some advice to potential people coming here to work based on his own perspective — "This is not an easy transition. It's going to challenge your person — your convictions, your mental fortitude":

acknowledging the isolation of being on a small island in the middle of the Pacific.

However, Roan believes that for those willing to embrace the challenge, the rewards run deep — "If I have the opportunity to positively influence a few kids' lives for however long I'm working here: teach them manners, help them think critically, be a light to them — I would consider that a win."

For an island that depends on workers choosing this remote life over perhaps easier stateside options, Roan represents something vital — the next generation of service-minded professionals who see Kwajalein not as a steppingstone, or temporary stop, but as a place to invest

deeply. His presence reminds the community that attracting quality workers isn't just about compensation packages or contract terms — it's about finding people who recognize opportunities in constraint, purpose in service, and potential in every interaction with everyone, including the island's youngest residents. ▾







**Front Cover: Majestic Mystic By Sherman Hogue**

**Back Cover: Fly Away By Isaiah Matthews**

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## COMMUNITY

# THE QUIET POWER BEHIND KWAJALEIN'S RESOURCES LIFELINE

HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Staff Writer

Periodically, a large fuel tanker arrives in the region, delivering resources that support day-to-day activity across the islands. While the tanker itself draws attention, its movements are supported by a smaller harbor vessel, The Mystic, that operates largely out of sight but alongside it during key phases of the visit.

Recently, this harbor vessel assisted with the departure of a tanker after it completed its delivery. The evolution was led by Captain John Russell, alongside Port Captain and pilot Ray Chamberlain, whose coordination ensured the tanker's safe return to open water and onward to its next port.

Before getting underway, the harbor vessel's crew conducted a safety briefing for everyone on board, reviewing emergency responses

and safe movement around equipment. Emphasis was placed on maintaining secure footing, keeping clear of tensioned lines, and staying situationally aware at all times. "Anytime you're around heavy equipment and moving vessels, safety has to come first," Captain Russell said. The briefing reflected the professionalism required for maritime work, even when the task itself seems routine.

A ship-assist operation generally involves a harbor vessel providing support to a much larger ship as it maneuvers in areas where precision is important. Using coordination, communication, and measured power, the smaller vessel helps position the larger one in a controlled manner. Weather and sea conditions can influence every move, which is why experience and communication remain at the heart of these evolutions. "If everything goes right, it looks simple," Harbor Pilot

Chamberlain explained. "But wind, current, or equipment issues can change the situation quickly, which is why teamwork matters so much."

Throughout the evolution, steady communication among the harbor vessel, the tanker, and harbor personnel kept everyone aligned. The cooperation between crews was a reminder that maritime operations depend on practice, trust, and shared awareness. "Everybody has to do their part, every time," one crew member said.

The tanker's departure marked the close of another delivery cycle before it continued to its next destination. "Ship assist is one of those jobs that people don't notice unless something goes wrong," Captain Russell reflected. "Our goal is for it to be smooth and quiet every single time."

For most residents, these arrivals and departures pass with little fanfare. Yet for the mariners involved, each

evolution represents hours of preparation, communication, and teamwork — and the harbor vessel plays a quiet yet indispensable role in sustaining life and operations on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur — proving that sometimes, the smallest vessels carry the biggest responsibility as an often unseen but essential mission for the islands. ⚓







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## COMMUNITY

# ROI-NAMUR'S QUIET LIFELINE: INSIDE REMOTE MEDICAL READINESS ON THE ATOLL

### HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Staff Writer

On Roi-Namur, the rhythm of daily life is shaped by ocean and weather conditions, island operations, and a work community that depends heavily on the reliability of essential services. Among those services, none is more quietly vital than healthcare. Though small, the Roi-Namur clinic functions with just two medical professionals: Registered Nurse Tamara “Tammy” Sueiras and Physician Assistant Scott Foxworth. Together, they operate a critical medical outpost that blends preparedness, routine care, and rapid-response capability in an environment where distance shapes every decision.

Remote medicine on Roi-Namur isn't simply about treating patients. It's about anticipating challenges in a setting where weather, transportation delays, and even daylight can affect the deliv-

ery of care. It requires a team that must be nimble, decisive, and trained for conditions far different from those of a typical stateside clinic.

With limited resources on-island, long transport times, and a workforce that includes everyone from heavy-equipment operators to IT technicians, the medical staff must be ready for everything from common illnesses to industrial injuries to urgent stabilizations, performing CPR and advanced life support, when necessary, until transport to Kwajalein becomes available. Flexibility isn't optional, it's the operating standard.

What many residents may not realize is just how seamlessly the clinic works with other Roi-Namur emergency and operational teams. Daily care is only one part of the mission. The greater task is preparedness: coordinating with Fire/Rescue, the Marine Department, and the Air-

port team, as well as routine consultations with Kwajalein Hospital staff—while continuously planning for heat conditions, workplace hazards, environmental factors, and storm impacts.

Scott, who has practiced in a wide range of environments, says the closeness of the community is one of the most rewarding aspects of serving on Roi-Namur. “I get to know everyone here on a very personal basis,” he said. “People bring me questions throughout the day, even when I'm out of the clinic. I don't mind it one bit, because I enjoy it. I'm always available for the residents of any place I serve.”

For Tammy, seeing health education take root in the community is one of the most fulfilling parts of the job. “I enjoy providing education to our patients—especially the Non-grandfathered Marshallese—and then seeing them try to improve their life-

styles,” she said. “When I'm out walking in the evenings and see them exercising too, it shows that setting a healthy example and a little education go a long way.”

It takes a special kind of medical professional to serve in such a remote setting. It's the kind with the heart of a neighbor, the skill of a clinician, and the ready calm of an emergency responder. And while their presence is often out of sight, their preparedness stands quietly behind every safe workday on Roi-Namur.

Ever wonder what a day inside remote medical readiness looks like? Well here it is:

A day in the life on Roi-Namur has its own rhythm—quiet, efficient, and purposeful—and nowhere is that more evident than inside the two-person clinic supporting the island's workforce. While many people pass by on their way to work, the dock, or the



airport, inside the clinic functions as a tightly coordinated hub prepared to manage everything from routine check-ins to emergencies requiring advanced life support and rapid transport to Kwajalein.

#### **07:00 – Morning Systems Check**

The day begins at 0700. Tammy and Scott work five days a week and remain on-call 24/7/365 without scheduled relief. Each morning starts with checking essential emergency equipment: the crash cart, heart monitor, oxygen supply, and airway tools to ensure everything is ready for immediate use.

Although the team does not perform telehealth visits or load emergency kits, they maintain direct telephone consultation with medical, nursing, and pharmacy staff on Kwajalein as needed.

#### **08:00 – 16:00 – Walk-Ins & Daily Care**

Residents of the atoll—including Roi-Namur staff, Ennubirr Island Marshallese workers, and Kwajalein commuters—stop by for everything from minor ailments to serious injuries. Recent cases have included a shark bite and life-threatening medical emergencies requiring rapid

stabilization.

Daily consultations often include medication questions, documentation for travel or work, requests for confirmation of self-diagnosis, and work-related injury testing. Though the clinic does not conduct telemedicine image reviews, Tammy and Scott frequently consult with Kwajalein physicians and pharmacists by phone.

Scott is quick to underscore the team dynamic that makes this possible. “With just two of us, we work very closely together to coordinate the best care possible,” he said. He also praised the island’s emergency partners. “The Roi [Namur] Fire Department provides a level of support I haven’t seen anywhere else. Those guys are absolutely fantastic.”

#### **Midday – Patient Care & Preparedness**

While the clinic does not conduct environmental monitoring or receive routine reports for water quality or heat index levels, environmental conditions remain a constant consideration in care decisions, especially regarding heat-related illness or industrial exposures, which are both common on Roi-Namur.

#### **16:00 – End of Workday**

After returning calls, completing patient charts, and securing equipment, the team departs—but their shift is never truly over. Any emergency at any hour results in an immediate response.

Tammy emphasizes what that responsibility feels like: “Knowing that both Roi [Namur] Island and Ennubirr Island residents are in good medical hands gives people peace of mind,” she said. “We use our limited resources to the very best of our ability for their best possible outcome.”

When it comes to community, events, and safety initiatives, Roi-Namur’s clinic may be small, but its providers remain actively connected to community well-being. Earlier this year, the clinic hosted an Open House and Health Fair offering education, medication guidance, and blood pressure checks, services especially valuable for Marshallese workers and residents. Tammy hopes to see more preventive outreach in the future. “More safety and especially preventive initiatives could benefit the Marshallese in their own homes for a better, healthier future,” she said.

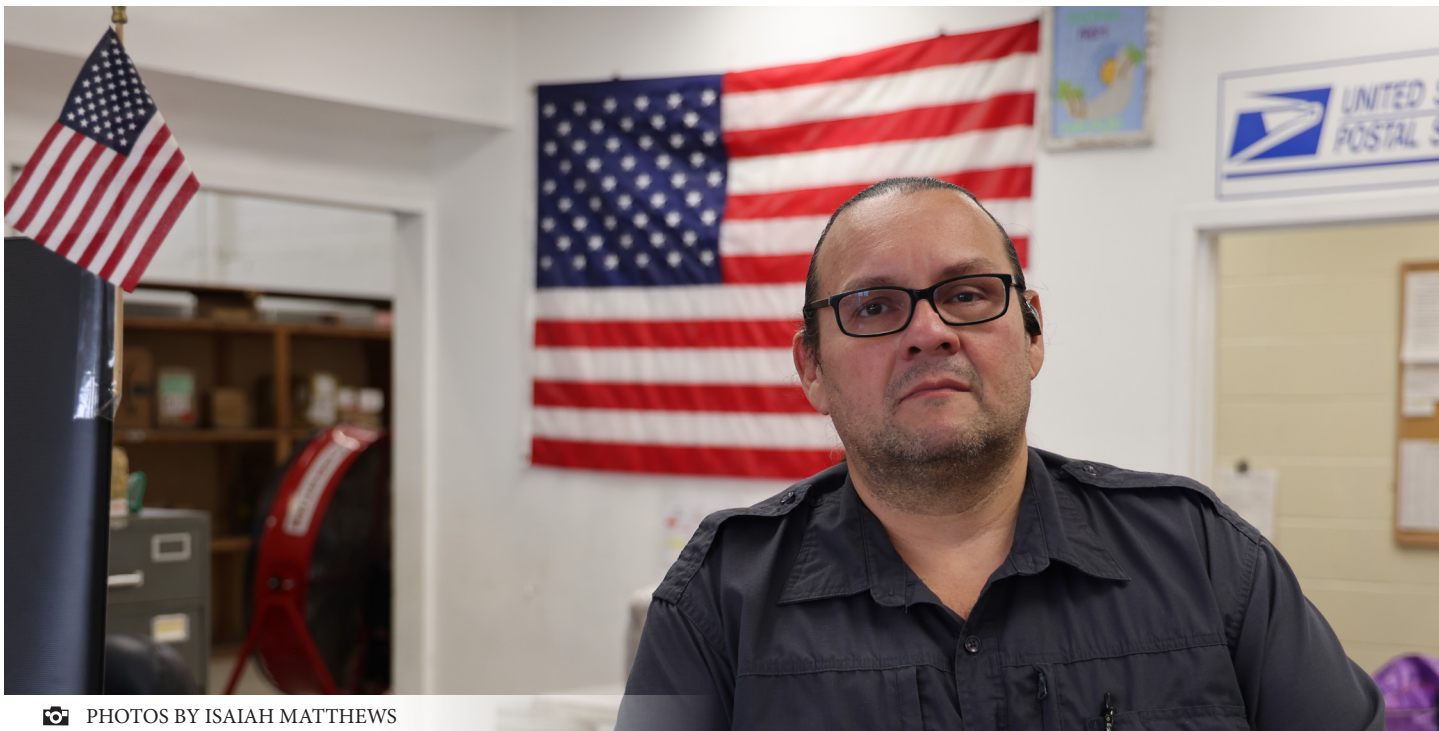
Scott, who is a former fire-fighter, highlighted Fire Prevention Week as a meaningful event for him personally. He also noted the importance of larger emergency-preparedness efforts. “I’ve been part of the mass casualty planning with the fire department and Acuity,” he said. “Events like the health fair and community safety activities are incredibly important out here.”

The heart of remote island medicinal care requires adaptability, composure, and deep connection to community. On Roi-Namur, medical readiness is not just a system, it is a partnership between two dedicated professionals, the emergency teams that support them, and the residents whose well-being they safeguard. What Tammy and Scott provide is more than healthcare. It is continuity, trust, and a sense of security in one of the most isolated corners of the Pacific.

And while the clinic may be quiet, its impact is profound — felt in every safe shift, every successful stabilization, every answered question, and every person who knows that when they need help, their caregivers are right there, ready. ❏







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## COMMUNITY

# THE ROAD THAT NEVER LOOKED STRAIGHT

HOURLASS REPORT

**By Isaiah Matthews, Story Writer**

When Jose Burgos talks about his life, he does so with the quiet humility of someone who has lived through hardship, shouldered responsibility, and kept pressing forward without complaint. Today, he works in the Kwajalein Post Office.

But the path that brought him here was shaped by years of military discipline, the weight of fatherhood, and a simple act of kindness from a man who believed in him.

"I'm not a manager," he says. "I'm just an employee."

But his story is anything but ordinary.

Before the Army, Burgos served as a police officer in Puerto Rico for nearly 19 years. He didn't leave by choice—policy changes meant the retirement system shifted to require 40 years of government service.

"Puerto Rico changed the law," he explains. "You got to

do 40 years for the government to finish retirement."

While serving as a police officer, he also joined the U.S. Army Reserve, completing about 12 years in uniform. Though he trained as a 92Y Supply Specialist, deployments brought out his other skill set.

"Since I was a cop, they'd ask me to help with ACP or provost marshal duties," he says. "I ended up doing that because that's my job."

The military didn't have to teach Burgos discipline—he already lived it. During basic training, his drill sergeant couldn't understand why he never slipped up.

"He asked me, 'Why can't I make you do push-ups?'" Burgos remembers with a laugh. "I told him, 'Sergeant, I was a police officer. Our academy was the same as the military.'"

Boot shining, perfect beds, inspections, drills—he had been living the lifestyle long before the Army gave him the uniform.

"I learned a lot from it, and I loved it. I never complained."

In 2013, while deployed in Afghanistan as a soldier, Burgos received the kind of news every parent dreads: both of his children developed medical issues requiring expensive treatments. He needed to extend his enlistment contract to keep their care going.

"I wanted to lock in my contract so I could pay for my kids' medication," he says.

He found a unit willing to take him in Afghanistan. Everything was lined up—until his commander refused.

"He told me, 'No, you can't stay there. You have to come back.'"

The decision left Burgos devastated. He was thousands of miles from home, trying to secure medical care his children urgently needed, and suddenly the path forward closed.

One person noticed. A young postal worker named Lucas could see that some-

thing was wrong.

"He always wanted to learn Spanish," Burgos says. "He'd say, 'Jose, you speak the best English in your unit. Teach me.'"

They spent their downtime practicing vocabulary and trading stories. One day, when Burgos appeared especially down, Lucas asked why. After listening, he simply said:

"Jose, you want a job?," Lucas said.

Burgos didn't believe him.

"I said, 'Who are you?'"

Lucas responded:

"You never asked. I'm the manager of all the post offices in Afghanistan. When you finish your orders, you can come work for me."

Even when Burgos later received his plane ticket for training, he still couldn't believe it.

"I called the airline," he admits. "I still didn't think it was real."

But it was. And it changed



everything.

That offer carried Burgos into the next chapter of his life—contracting and postal work across Afghanistan, then eventually to Kwajalein. He moved into contracting out of necessity, not ambition. Doctors had warned that his twins had immune system deficiencies. Minor colds turned serious quickly, sometimes into pneumonia or asthma, leading to repeated hospital stays. The treatment was specialized and costly, a

vaccine administered every two weeks, \$200 per shot for each child, over nearly a year. To cover it, he made the hardest decision of his life, leaving them in Puerto Rico while he worked overseas, including long stretches contracting in Afghanistan. The separation carried a heavy price, but the treatment worked. The twins grew stronger, then healthy. Even now, with them grown, he says the reason never changed. Every mile he walked on that uneven

road, every year spent away, was for them. Through every shift in direction, one theme followed him: the people who believed he could do more.

“It gave me stability and confidence,” he says of his military years. “It taught me to try to be right all the time.”

And when he needed help most, someone reached back.

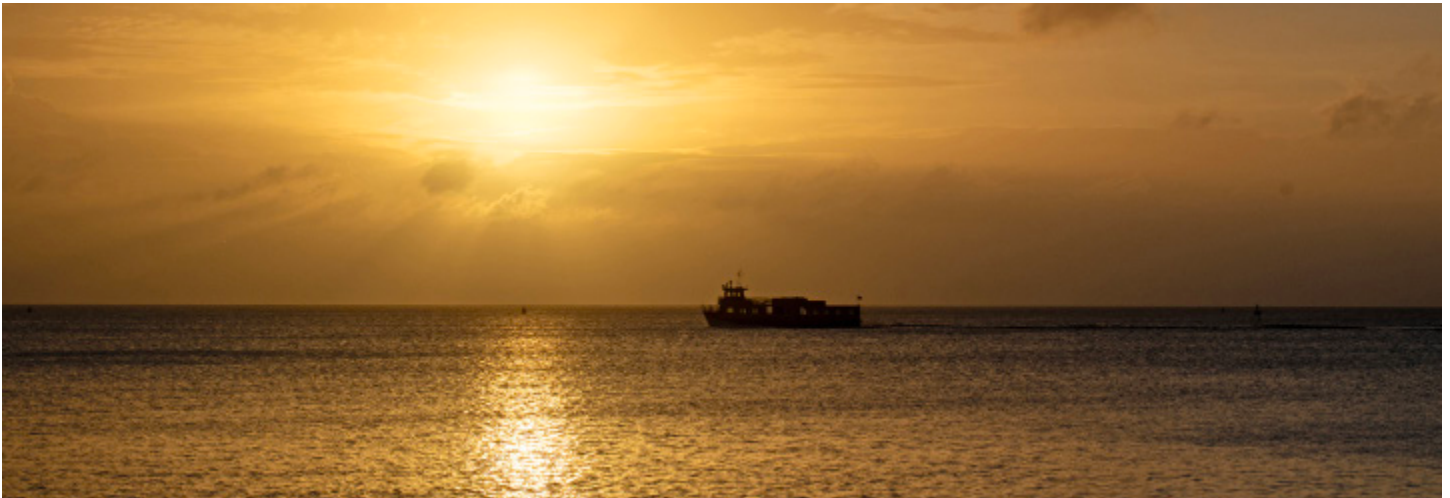
Today, Burgos sorts mail instead of running patrols or checkpoints. But the discipline, humility, and gratitude he carries come from a life-

time of service.

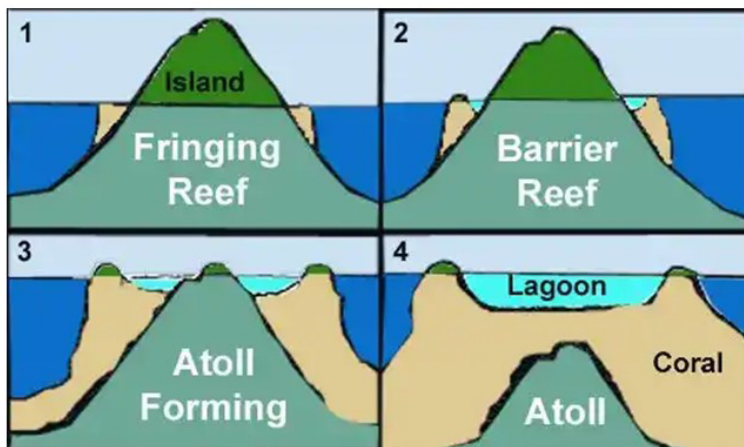
Reflecting on his path, he says only this:

“I learned a lot from every job I’ve done. And I don’t regret any of it.”

And maybe that is the thread that ties his story together—decades of duty, unexpected friendships, and a quiet resilience that brought him from Puerto Rico to Afghanistan, and finally to a small island in the Pacific, where his journey continues. X



## Atoll Formation



Atolls are formed from sunken volcanoes. Coral continues growing around, creating some of the most beautiful and biologically diverse habitats. Depending on their size and climate, atolls can take up to 30 million years to form.

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# GUIDED BY ROOTS, DRIVEN BY PURPOSE

### HOURLASS REPORT

**By Isaiah Matthews, Story Writer**

Dolores “Connie” De La Paz, the temporary duty veterinary technician, does not define herself by job titles or *résumés*. Instead, she speaks in values—quietly, deliberately.

“I describe myself as a person shaped by service, empathy, and responsibility,” De La Paz shared. “I’m deeply connected to my roots, guided by purpose, and committed to using my skills to help others and give back to my community.”

Those roots stretch back to Mexico, where her worldview was formed long before her professional path took shape. The lessons of her childhood still guide how she thinks, works, and creates.

“Growing up in Mexico taught me resilience and hu-

mility,” De La Paz reflected. “It taught me that people matter more than systems, and that dignity and hard work exist even in the most difficult circumstances.”

Though De La Paz now lives far from home, that connection has never faded. Spanish conversations, familiar food, music, and deeply held traditions remain anchors. Above all, memories of her grandmother, Esperanza—who raised her—continue to shape her sense of self.

“My grandmother’s unconditional love reminds me who I am and where I come from,” she noted. “That stays with me wherever I go.”

Her sense of purpose deepened through her friendship with a civic leader from Uruapan, Michoacán, Mexico, whose influence she describes as life-changing.

“He was a symbol of hope,

integrity, and courage,” she explained. “He believed leadership should be rooted in service and love for the people.”

Their first meeting left a lasting impression.

“What stood out immediately was his honesty,” De La Paz recalled. “He spoke with conviction, but also with humility and genuine concern for others.”

From there, their conversations moved quickly into deeper territory—justice, responsibility, and what it truly means to love a city enough to fight for it. He challenged her to think beyond fear and to believe that progress, though difficult, was possible.

“He pushed me to have faith in Mexico’s future,” she said. “He reminded me that action—no matter how hard—is better than silence.”

One of the most meaning-

ful initiatives they discussed involved international collaboration to support their community. He encouraged bringing U.S. colleges to provide free veterinary services in Uruapan—an effort grounded in service rather than recognition.

“He truly cared about hard-working citizens,” De La Paz emphasized. “Everything he did came from that place.”

Even when differences arose, trust never wavered. Respect, honesty, and a shared commitment to serving others sustained their bond.

“Our conversations about responsibility are the ones that stayed with me the longest,” she said. “What it means to love your city enough to fight for it.”

In moments of doubt, her friend became a steady presence.



"He reminded me why the work mattered," she added. "He helped me stay anchored in purpose."

The weight of his influence was clear.

"He showed me that true leadership is courage, service, and deep love for one's people."

That belief continues to shape her writing.

Mexican culture—with its emphasis on memory, storytelling, and collective responsibility—defines her voice on the page. Even when De La Paz is not writing explicitly about Mexico, its influence is unmistakable.

"My writing carries themes of justice, family, responsibility, and collective memory," she explained. "That's who I am."

She hopes readers outside the country look beyond headlines.

"Mexico is not defined by violence," De La Paz said firmly. "It's defined by resilience, culture, and people who want peace and opportunity."

Writing became essential once she recognized its power.

"I realized words could preserve memory, inspire hope, and create change," she shared.

Those same values guide her professional life as a veterinary technician. The work, De La Paz noted, sharpened her empathy and patience—traits that extend far beyond the clinic.

Her commitment to literacy grew from witnessing how limited access to education can restrict entire futures. In her hometown, resources are scarce, classrooms overcrowded, and books difficult to access. Still, small mo-

ments carry enormous meaning.

"Watching a child gain confidence simply by learning to read—that changes everything," De La Paz said.

Returning home is never simple. It carries responsibility and emotional weight, but also gratitude.

"It feels like honoring the people who invested in me," De La Paz reflected. "It's about giving back, not just going back."

Her definition of success has evolved.

"Success isn't personal achievement anymore," she said. "It's impact. It's service. It's leaving something better behind."

What keeps her grounded is the same foundation that carried her through childhood—family, faith, and purpose.

"My grandmother's love,

my family's teachings, and remembering why I serve," De La Paz said.

De La Paz hopes one day a young girl from her hometown reads her story and understands something essential.

"That her voice matters," De La Paz said. "That her identity is powerful. And that her dreams are possible."

For readers everywhere, her message is clear: culture, education, friendship, and words are not small things. They are how fear is resisted. They are how memory is preserved. And they are how lasting hope is built. ▴







# THE minute HAND

A USAGKA Community Information Update

**PETS** - The ETP paperwork is awaiting final signature at USARPAC and will then go to DoW. Thanks for the patience!

**MWR Sales System-** A Point-of-Sale System is now available to allow credit card purchases during 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.](#)

**Upcoming Comms Outage-** There will be an interruption of communications services on Feb 1st. from 10 pm to Feb 2nd 10 am. And again, from Feb 9th, 8pm to 10th at 8am This **WILL** affect Allied Telesis, GOV Networks and off island calls.

**Meck DFAC Closing** – The DFAC on Meck will be permanently closing on Jan 21<sup>st</sup>. Box lunches will be provided from the Zamperini.

**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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## Potable water Outage on Roi - Potable

Water outage Tuesday, 13 JAN. from 6am to 14 Jan 6am. This is an effort to fix a current leak in the system.

**Drive with Care** - For the safety of everyone on our island roads, we urge all commuters to exercise caution when driving. Please share the road with bike commuters and pedestrians. To ensure you are visible to others, use your low-beam headlights.

**Stop for Shuttles** - When the shuttle or bus is dropping off or picking up, do NOT Pass them!

**Airfield Stops** - The airfield stop signs on the perimeter road are there for a reason! Come to a full stop look BOTH ways for planes before proceeding. You will be ticketed if found in violation.

**Optometry Visit** - The Optometrist will be on island from 27 Jan to 17 Feb call 480-

**House Inspections** - USAG-KA will be inspecting Saturday 10th Jan 9am - 4:30pm 413, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420

**Surfway Repairs** - Phase 5 has been complete, full system monitoring is currently being conducted.





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**Newcomers** - Newcomers Orientation is scheduled Jan 27, in the REB. Work continues to refine the Newcomers program to ensure the necessary information is presented to those on their way and currently living on Kwajalein Atoll.

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

**Zamperini DFAC Remodel** - The DFAC in the LSA area will open Feb time frame. After a month of overlap, the first half of the Zamperini dining area will close for remodel.

**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](mailto:usarmy.bucholz.smdc.list.shipping-receiving@army.mil)

**Keep Kwaj Clean** - From your work to home we need to all work diligently to keep our island home clean.

**Misuse of vehicles** - Work vehicles, even contractor owned, are not permitted to be used for personal reasons: shopping, gym time etc etc.

**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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**DSC ATM** – The DSC ATM work is tied to additional USACE and other conduit work. This work is currently scheduled to be completed in January.

**DSC Grab and Go** – Starting soon, the bakery will be testing out an annex to expand the reach of provided food services on Kwajalein Atoll by setting up a grab and go shop in the old American Eatery in the DSC.

**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

**HAZMAT Items** – Separate out household hazardous waste (flammables, corrosives, aerosols, etc.) and place in an individual container next to the trash bins during normal trash days. To arrange large pickup call 480-8858.

**ICE** – To voice your concerns or to say GOOD JOB visit the Interactive Customer Evaluation page for Kwajalein at: [https://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site\\_id=984](https://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site_id=984)

**The Roller on Youtube** – Did you know the Roller is on Youtube? [U.S. Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll Live Stream](#)

**Catch the Airwaves** – For music and info Kwajalein: 99.9<sup>FM</sup>/102.1<sup>FM</sup>/104.1<sup>FM</sup>, Roi-Namur 97.9<sup>FM</sup> – 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](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/USA-KA\\_FORM\\_2\\_Day\\_Pass.pdf](https://home.army.mil/kwajalein/4217/6064/8721/USA-KA_FORM_2_Day_Pass.pdf) – Then needs to be sent to the DSC Mailbox at: [usarmy.bucholz.id-pacific.mbx.usag-ka-dsc@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.bucholz.id-pacific.mbx.usag-ka-dsc@army.mil)

- **Overnight Guests Form 480:**

[https://home.army.mil/kwajalein/7617/6481/7510/Form\\_480\\_Overnight\\_Guests.pdf](https://home.army.mil/kwajalein/7617/6481/7510/Form_480_Overnight_Guests.pdf) – Then emailed to E/E: [usarmy.bucholz.id-pacific.mbx.usag-ka-e-e@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.bucholz.id-pacific.mbx.usag-ka-e-e@army.mil)

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**Events** – Events can be found on Kwajalein Community Events FB

- **MLK Jr. Day of Service** – Jan 19<sup>th</sup> KSS event
- **Elementary School Music Concert** – Jan 23 – MP Room, 5:15pm
- **Operation Flintlock Events** – Jan 31
  - Historical Ruck – 6:15am step off from Emon Beach
  - 1940s Themed Lunch at the DFACs
  - Remembrance Ceremony – 6:30pm Memorial Chapel

Have an upcoming event? Email [usarmy.bucholz.id-pacific.mbx.usaka-pao@army.mil](mailto: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

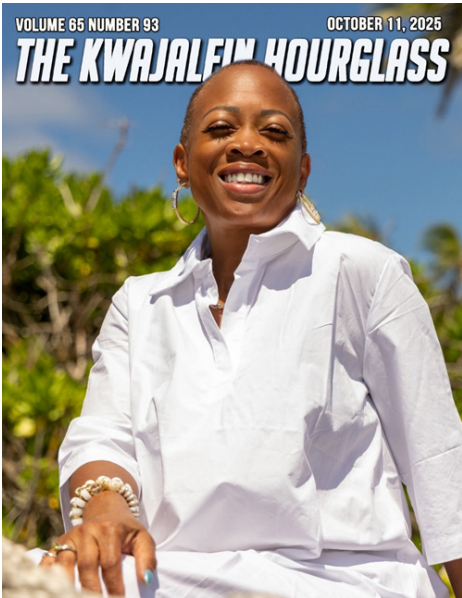
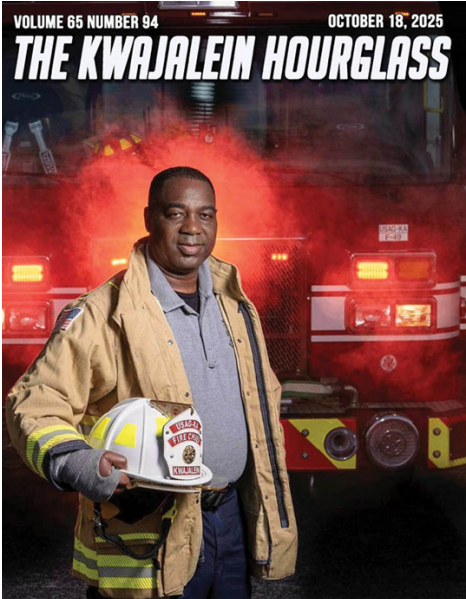
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- 02 Sept 2027
- 03 July 2027
- 13 Aug 2027
- 08 Mar 2028
- 16 July 2028

## Kwajalein Workorders





# Catch Up On Missing Back Issues Furloughed Kwajalein





Tried to STOP, But You  
Can't

Has Alcohol become an  
OBSESSION

There is a Solution to  
the Problem with Alcohol

REACH OUT FOR  
HELP

# ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

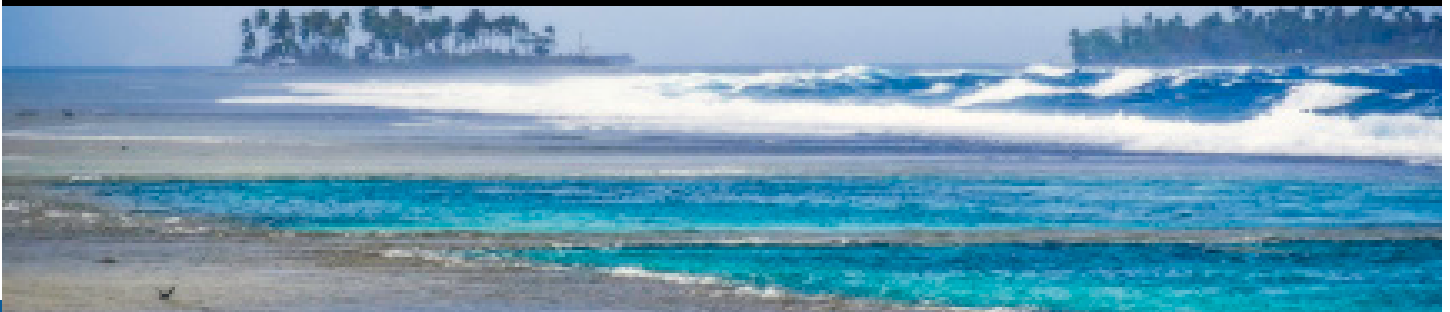
ROOM 214 KWAJ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
BUILDING (UPSTAIRS)

BUILDING #671

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

7PM-8PM

QUESTIONS? EMAIL: [kwajchapel@gmail.com](mailto:kwajchapel@gmail.com)  
OR CALL 480-2116



## *E-wareness: Eniwetak Conservation Area (ECA)*



The ECA was established for conservation of wildlife and coral reef. Visitors are NOT allowed without consent from USAG-KA. This includes the waters and reefs surrounding Eniwetak. For more information call RGNNext at 480-8855.

Eniwetak Conservation Area (ECA) ej juon jikin eo emoj kajenolak e bwe en jikin kejbarok menin mour ko ion ene/lojet im bar einwot kein ekan ko ie im bedbed eo. Jabdewot armej ejjab maron etal nan ijin elane ejjelok melim ak men ko erlok wot jen USAG-KA. Elane elon kajjitok, jouj im kurluk RGNNext ilo 480-8855.



ATTENTION...

## Non-Potable Water Restriction

Non-potable water usage on Kwajalein has increased over the last month and is currently greater than we can sustain.

**Please restrict irrigation of grass and plants to less than 30 minutes every other day** during the dry season to conserve this limited resource. Please report any suspected water leaks to the Service Desk at 480-3550.

Call Stan at 480-4400 with any questions.



## ALWAYS CALL...

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







# *January 2026 American Legion Monthly meeting is POSTPONED*

The next American Legion Monthly meeting will be Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Questions? Contact "American Legion Post 44-Kwajalein" on Facebook.





Kwajalein Art Guild & YYWC Present

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Art Show



January 25, 2026  
7:00-10:00pm  
Commander's Residence  
\$20 per person entry fee

# Kwaj Eyecare

 Dates: January 27th – February 17th

 Comprehensive Services Include:

- Eye Exams
- Treatment for Dry Eyes
- Management of Eye Diseases
- Glasses for All Ages

Contact Lenses (including multifocal options)

- Safety Frames and Lenses

 Call 480-2223 to schedule a visit.

 Visit us online: [www.kwajeyes.com](http://www.kwajeyes.com)

 Email: [drwtblack@aol.com](mailto:drwtblack@aol.com)

Or scan the QR code.



Hours of Operation

**TUESDAYS - SATURDAYS**  
**07:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

**Lunch Break**  
**11:30 - 12:30**

Call the Kwajalein Veterinary Clinic  
to schedule your appointment or e-mail



**480-2017**



**KwajVetClinic@gov2x.com**



# Kwajalein Island Trash & Recycling

Residential Trash Collection  
Yard Vegetation Collection  
Hazardous Waste Pickup Line

480-1760  
480-1890  
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.



## Kwajalein /Roi-Namur 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](mailto:George.parker3@gov2x.com) and [Wilson.Kaisha@gov2x.com](mailto: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.



# MLK DAY OF SERVICE Community Beach Cleanup

Organized by Tri-M Music Honor Society Monday Jan. 19

**\*\*ALL K-12 RiKatak Program students and families have clearance for this event. Bus transportation provided to/from DSC, pickup 9:25am and return 11:20am\*\***

***All K-2 students required to attend with a guardian  
ALL KSS STUDENTS required wear protective gloves and closed-toe shoes***

***Let's make it a day ON, not a day OFF!***



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](mailto:KwajaleinHourglass@gov2x.com)



## PASSPORT



*United States  
of America*







## 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



## FOLLOW US AT THESE LOCATIONS



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Kwajalein



MIA Project

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<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](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

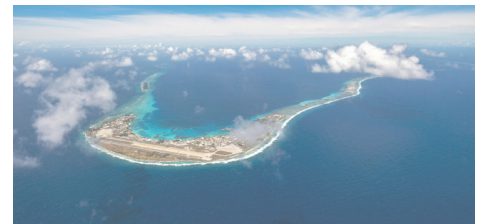
Sergeant First Class Darrius Hodge  
SHARP Victim Advocate

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; 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](mailto:LCVKwajaleinFlyRoi@versar.com).

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

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

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

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

PCS & Vacation Tips. Notify the post office before leaving for 30 days or PCS'ing. Per DOD 4525.6-M, mail is only allowed to be held for 30 days with or without prior notice. Mail is considered unclaimed on day 31 and will be returned to the sender. Email the post office to authorize pick up for your mail and packages. When PCS'ing, provide a forwarding address. Contact Jose Burgos-Rivera with questions at 480-3461 and Jose. Burgos-Rivera@gov2x.com.

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

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

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

# HELP WANTED

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

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

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

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

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



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RETROACTIVE.**

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

  
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**American  
Red Cross**

Service to the Armed Forces

## **Volunteer Opportunity at Kwajalein Atoll**

Join the American Red Cross and help bring our Services and Programs to the Kwajalein Atoll community!

**Online & Virtual Training Provided**

**No experience needed!**

We provide all necessary training. Just bring your passion and commitment to helping others!

Contact **Alana Wilson** at [alana.wilson@redcross.org](mailto:alana.wilson@redcross.org)

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



**KWAJALEIN & ROI NAMUR,**

**STOP FOR AIRCRAFT!!**

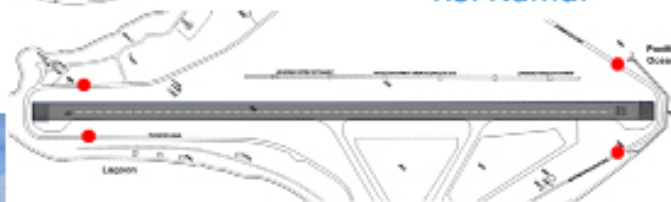


Please remember to stop and look both ways for aircraft on:  
Zeus Blvd., Ocean Rd., Perimeter Rd., Pandanus Rd., Eleanor  
Wilson Rd.

**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.**

# C I N E M A

## Now Showing at the Yuk Theater

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 3**  
"The Land Before Time" (1988)  
(G) 69 min.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17**  
"How to Train Your Dragon" (2025)  
(PG) 125 min.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31**  
"Night at the Museum" (2006)  
(PG) 108 min.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4**  
"The 40 Year Old Virgin" (2005)  
(R) 116 min.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18**  
"I Know What You Did Last Summer"  
(2025) (R) 111 min.

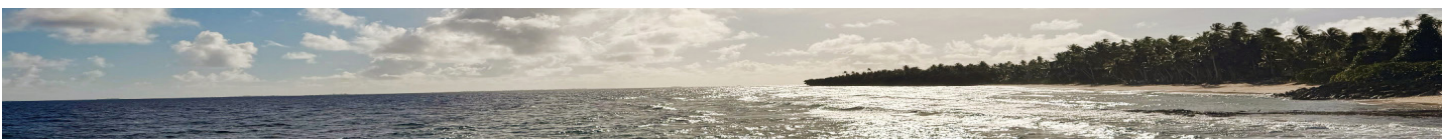
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10**  
"The Lorax" (2012)  
(PG) 86 min.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24**  
"Smurfs" (2025)  
(PG) 99 min.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11**  
"Bad Boys for Life" (2020)  
(R) 124 min.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25**  
"National Lampoon's Animal House"  
(1978)  
(R) 109 min.

All showtimes start at 7:30 p.m.





# WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

## Discussion:

We finished 2025 at over 19 inches below normal to place the year in the lowest 10 percentile of years since 1945. This was primarily due to the cooler ocean temperatures at the sea surface between the RMI and the Date Line associated with La Nina conditions. Rainfall coverage will be augmented tonight into early morning with another bump on Monday. 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. We are looking at an increased lightning risk tonight into early morning due to good upper-level dynamics. The Madden-Julian Oscillation's (MJO) is weak and ambiguous over the RMI having little impact on precipitation coverage. The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) will remain active to the south of the RMI, as is typical in the dry season keeping the bulk of precipitation with it. 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. It is expected that conditions will become more neutral in February having more of a positive impact on precipitation. For the 90-day period beginning on one January, precipitation is anticipated to be above normal.

## Tropical Cyclones:

None for the RMI.

## Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:

Not anticipated. We will be trade-wind dominant for the next seven days.

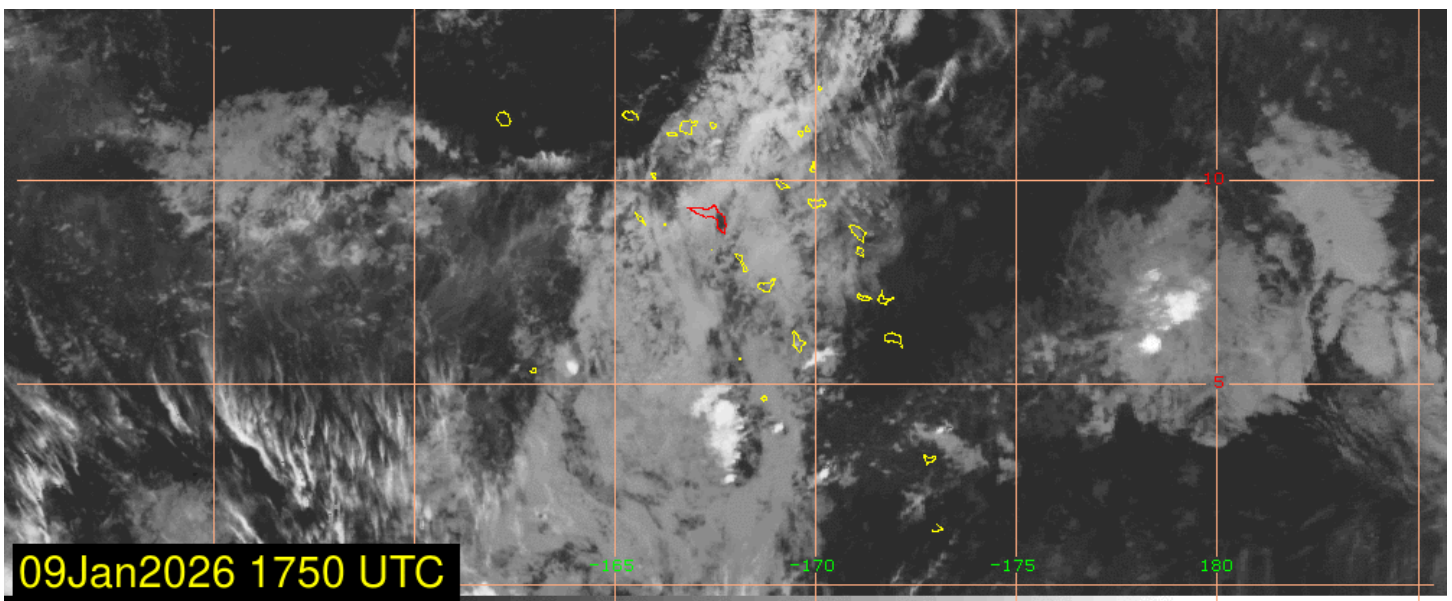
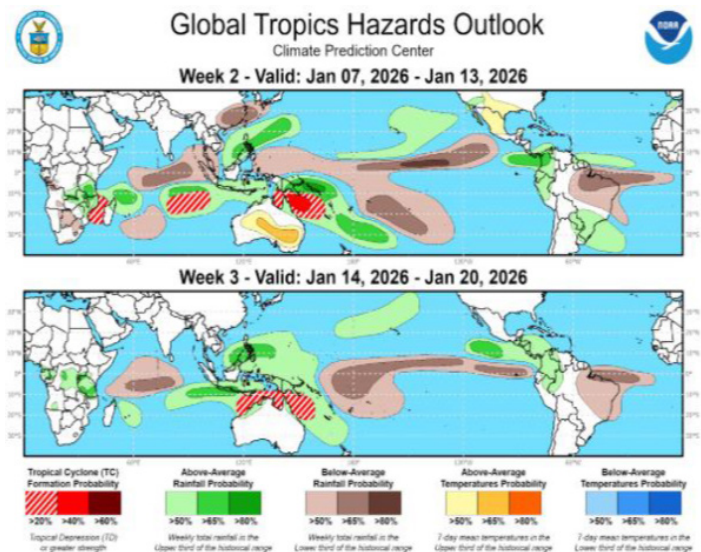
## Swell / Tide Inundation for Kwajalein Atoll and Wake Island and Winds:

The waning half-moon will be on the 10th with neap maximum high tides all below four around that time. Winds: today represent the last of the lower doldrum like wind conditions. Look for winds to return to their typical Windy Season levels (Ellap Kutu) in the mid-teens flirting with the upper teens from time to time. We are anticipating a trade wind surge by Wednesday of next week with winds in the upper teens

to low 20s. A Small Craft Advisory (SCA) will most likely be issued at mid-week next week. A High Surf Advisory (HSA) not expected.

**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

Typical dry season conditions have returned following a week of unusually light winds. The sub-tropical ridge to the north has taken control of the weather pattern once again across the RMI, leaving us with moderate to fresh trade winds and mostly dry conditions heading into this weekend. The Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) will gradually build over the southern RMI, further increasing wind speeds by next week as high pressure to the north will also become better positioned. This will keep the pressure gradient tight across the region. There is the potential for an uptick in shower activity Monday into Tuesday as a weak trough on the leading edge of the surge in trade winds reaches the atoll. The remainder of the workweek next week is expected to be mostly dry and windy with small craft advisories possible mid to late-week.

## SATURDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers. Winds NNE-E at 13-18 knots with some gusts in the low 20s and higher gusts near showers..

## SUNDAY

Partly to mostly sunny with possible stray showers. Winds NE-E at 11-16 knots with higher gusts near showers.

## MONDAY

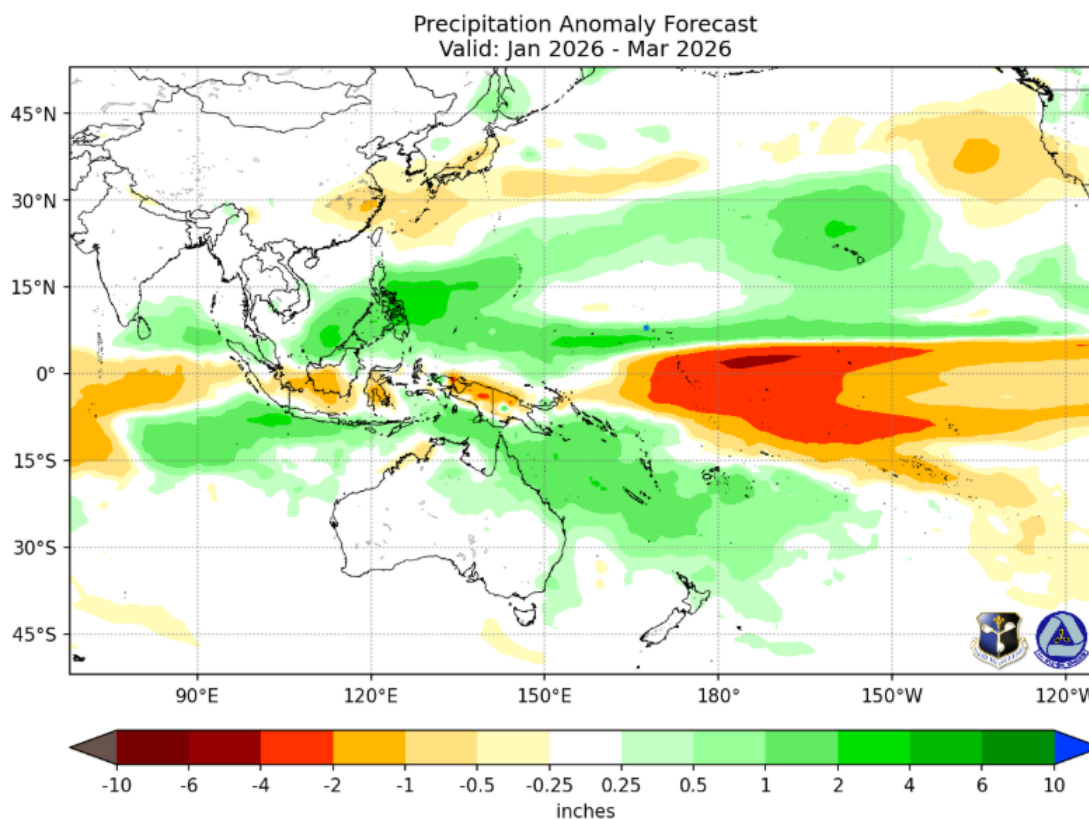
Partly sunny with isolated showers. Winds NE-E at 13-18 knots with higher gusts near showers.

## NEXT WEEK

Trade wind convergence could keep isolated shower activity around on Tuesday, but dry and windy conditions likely return Wednesday and remain locked in throughout the week with small craft advisory conditions possible at times mid to late week. ▼

 <b>SUN-MOON-TIDES</b>				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
<b>SUNDAY</b>	7:07 a.m. 6:46 p.m.	12:40 a.m. 12:45 p.m.	9:39 a.m. 2.7' 9:27 p.m. 2.3'	3:05 a.m. 0.7' 3:43 p.m. 1.3'
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:08 a.m. 6:47 p.m.	1:26 a.m. 1:24 p.m.	11:02 a.m. 2.6' 11:05 p.m. 2.0'	3:55 a.m. 1.0' 5:46 p.m. 1.5'
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:08 a.m. 6:47 p.m.	2:13 a.m. 2:06 p.m.	12:42 p.m. 2.7' -----	5:18 a.m. 1.1' 7:53 p.m. 1.2'
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7:08 a.m. 6:48 p.m.	3:02 a.m. 2:51 p.m.	1:21 a.m. 1.9' 1:53 p.m. 3.0'	6:56 a.m. 1.0' 8:48 p.m. 0.8'
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:08 a.m. 6:48 p.m.	3:52 a.m. 3:39 p.m.	2:32 a.m. 2.2' 2:40 p.m. 3.4'	8:03 a.m. 0.8' 9:24 p.m. 0.4'
<b>FRIDAY</b>	7:09 a.m. 6:49 p.m.	4:45 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	3:14 a.m. 2.5' 3:18 p.m. 3.7'	8:50 a.m. 0.5' 9:55 p.m. 0.0'
<b>JANUARY 17</b>	7:09 a.m. 6:49 p.m.	5:37 a.m. 5:24 p.m.	3:48 a.m. 2.8' 3:52 p.m. 4.0'	9:28 a.m. 0.2' 10:24 p.m. -0.2'

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