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COMMUNITY

MAJURO'S YOLAH BAND RESURGES RICHARDSON THEATER

HOURLASS REPORT

By Anthony Carnelli,
Hourglass Story Writer

For one night in early January, The Yolah Band rocked Richardson Theater, which has laid dormant from any live concerts in nearly a year. Above the outdoor venue, a full moon lit up the evening sky and radiated over the crowd of concertgoers. For nearly three hours the Majuro-based quartet delivered a high-energy array of popular pop and rock songs spanning from the 80's, 90's and the present time.

For Kwajalein residents, it was a chance to experience live, off-island talent — a fresh break from routine that community members enthusiastically embraced.

The Yolah Band features

Jojo Rulloda on vocals and guitar, Bianca Tan on vocals, Lexus Gison on bass and Sherwin Ramos on drums. All four members live in Majuro but hail from the Philippines, where Rulloda worked as a professional musician before relocating. The group formed in 2020 and has returned to Kwajalein annually, building a loyal following with each visit. On Majuro they're well known for playing at block parties and other organized events.

Rulloda said the group's approach is straightforward: play to enjoy it, and play what people want to hear.

"We just play to have fun," Rulloda said. "And of course, if we're going to play somewhere, we make sure to play what the audience, the peo-



ple will love.”

That mindset showed in a setlist that moved comfortably across decades and genres. The band mixed ‘80s staples like *Billy Joel* and *Bon Jovi* as well as late ‘90s rock from groups like *Incubus*, threading in current pop hits alongside crowd favorites.

When they announced a rock version of “Take On Me,” by the 80’s band *A-ha* the audience cheered its approval.

With roughly 40 songs prepared and a three-hour performance window from 7 to 10 p.m., the band kept the energy high throughout the evening. Outside the theater,

MWR set up a concessions tent offering adult and non-adult beverages, hot dogs, candy and churros — turning the concert into a full community block party of its own.

The performance was also the product of days of preparation. The band flew in from Majuro and spent the

day before the show running through their material for roughly 10 hours, finishing around 11 p.m. On the day of the concert, they grinded it out in sheer dedication with even more practice, a sound check, rest and — then go time.

For the band, playing on Kwajalein offers something their home crowds do not always provide — a small, close audience that responds in real time.

“Here the crowd interacts every time,” Rulloda noted. “But in Majuro, they’re just going to listen to your sounds. Some of them just sit down and just watch. There’s not as much interaction.”

That feedback loop — the cheers, the singalongs, the visible reaction to familiar songs — became part of the show’s momentum. Rulloda said the audience’s response is one of the band’s favorite parts of performing.

“Our favorite part of playing a concert is when the crowds appreciate the songs that we prepared for everyone,” he said. “It’s kind of nervous and exciting at the same time being on stage, but it gives us energy and makes us want to keep playing.”

MWR’s production elevated the evening further. The lighting and sound setup electrified Richardson Theater, bringing the space back to life after a long period of silence.

MWR Director Scott Hill said the concert was meaningful not only for the entertainment value, but for what it signaled about the venue’s future.

“It has been a very long time since our last live music performance there,” Hill said. “Watching bands perform live at the Richardson is always a great experience. While weather can be a concern, when it works out, there is no better venue.”

Despite technical challenges over the past couple years, Hill expressed optimism mixed with sentimentality



when it comes to present and past performances at the theater. “Maybe it’s a little bit because of the nostalgia — realizing many amazing and talented people have per-

formed at this venue, which adds to the excitement — like *Bob Hope to Rebel Soulijahz* to the *Jobwa Dancers*,” he said. “I only know that a live performance at the Richard-

son is unparalleled and I am excited for our upcoming usage of the venue.”

As the final notes faded and residents left out into the moon-drenched, clear

star-studded evening, the message was clear — Richardson Theater was back in its former glory — for at least one special night. X





Front Cover: Yolah Jams By Anthony Carnelli

Back Cover: Roi Waves By Annette Monk

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CPR TRAINING BUILDS CONFIDENCE AND READINESS ON KWAJALEIN

HOURLASS REPORT

By **Isaiah Matthews,**
Hourglass Story Writer

On a remote island where advanced medical care can take time to reach, knowing what to do in the first critical minutes of an emergency can make all the difference.

That reality is what drives ongoing CPR training efforts on Kwajalein, led by Lynn Cheek, an acute care registered nurse at the hospital who also facilitates CPR instruction for the community.

"We teach it so people have an awareness that they can get involved," Cheek said. "And if they're going to get involved, they know the correct series of events to keep themselves and others safe."

The classes focus on practical, hands-on skills rather than theory alone. According to Cheek, the most critical takeaway is simple.

"Hands-on CPR, straight up," she said.

The training emphasizes

chest compressions, scene safety, and knowing when and how to act while help is on the way. In a setting like Kwajalein, where emergency response times can be longer than in large cities, early action by bystanders is especially important. According to the American Heart Association, immediate CPR can double or even triple a person's chance of survival during cardiac arrest.

One of the biggest barriers Cheek sees is a misconception that stops people before they even try.

"A lot of people think CPR won't work," she said. "That it's going to fail."

In reality, doing something is almost always better than doing nothing. Even imperfect CPR can help keep blood flowing to the brain and vital organs until medical professionals arrive.

"That's what I want people to remember," Cheek said. "There is help on island. They

just have to ask for it. And while they may not get that help immediately, they can start doing something."

Since starting the CPR program in May, Cheek estimates she has trained roughly 150 people. The classes are offered as interest arises, often scheduled outside of her regular nursing duties.

"My primary role is as a nurse," she said. "This isn't covered under a contract. I'm doing this on my day off."

Her motivation comes from personal experience.

"When I wasn't medically involved, it was not knowing what to do," Cheek said. "Then developing the skills and competence to actually make a difference."

Beyond certification, the training is meant to build confidence. Cheek said participants leave knowing they don't have to be experts to act.

"If you're at a dog park and someone goes down, or a

baby is pulled from the water, it gives you permission to do something," she said. "You may not know everything, but you know this."

Plans for future classes are already in motion, with additional sessions expected to begin in January. Dates will be announced as they are finalized.

For Cheek, the goal is straightforward: increase the number of people who feel capable of stepping in during an emergency.

"The more people who know CPR," she said, "the greater the chance that someone nearby can help when it matters most." ❏





PHOTOS BY RANEESH THIRUVARATH

COMMUNITY

COURTNEY W. LOGAN BRINGS LEADERSHIP, AND SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY TO ROI-NAMUR

HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Staff Writer

Roi-Namur's fuel operations are in steady, capable hands with the arrival of Courtney W. Logan, the island's new Senior Fuel Supervisor. With more than 14 years of fuels management experience across both CONUS and OCONUS locations, and a foundation built in military service, Logan brings a deep understanding of mission-critical fuel operations, strong leadership values, and a relationship-first mindset to the island community.

Logan's journey into fuel management began long before his arrival on Roi-Namur. In his words, "Fuel management chose me." He joined the U.S. Army in 1999 as a Petroleum Supply Specialist, where he received extensive training in issuing, receiving, and managing fuel operations—often in remote and hazardous environments.

That early experience shaped not only his technical expertise but also his ability to perform under pressure while supporting complex missions.

Growing up in Alexandria, Louisiana, Logan learned early that relationships matter. Coming from a small town, he saw firsthand how building strong connections was essential—not just for success, but for survival. After graduating high school, he enlisted in the Army and served during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Following five years of honorable service, he transitioned seamlessly into contracting, continuing his work in fuel leadership roles. His post-military career took him across the globe. Logan's first contract was in Iraq with KBR, where he spent five years in fuels leadership. He later worked with Fluor, serving two years in fuels leadership roles in Africa, followed by another two years in lead-

ership at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Altogether, Logan brings 14 years of fuels management experience, spanning diverse environments and operational demands.

Arriving on Roi-Namur in mid-November, Logan is still taking in the island's beauty. "I'm still processing how beautiful the island is," he shared. This is his first island work location, and while he is still settling in, he is actively learning the culture and unique logistics that come with operating in a remote island setting. That learning mindset, paired with his extensive background, positions him well for success here.

Daily, Logan oversees fuel operations that support critical island functions, including the ferryboat, power plant, and service trucks. Prioritization is key. "In most cases, missions dictate priority," he explained. While

operations generally run on a first-come, first-served basis, flexibility and situational awareness ensure that essential missions are always supported.

Teamwork plays a central role in that success. Logan works closely with teammates Calvin Lalimo and Atriki "Lollie" Joseph, and he is quick to emphasize their importance. "We work as a team, as all our roles are critical to mission success," he said. His philosophy is simple and clear: One team, one fight.

As a leader, Logan describes his style as fair, firm, and consistent. One of the most important lessons he carries into his daily work is the value of relationships. That belief extends beyond the fuel yard and into the broader Roi-Namur community. Living and working in a close-knit island environment reinforces that approach. "Building strong rela-



tionships makes work feel as if you're working with family," Logan said. "That makes the work fun." That sense of connection aligns naturally with Logan's roots in southern hospitality. To him, it means offering warm, generous, and courteous welcomes—and making people feel genuinely at home. He already sees

those same values reflected on Roi-Namur, where community and cooperation are part of everyday life.

When asked what he finds most rewarding about his role, Logan doesn't hesitate: customer service. Supporting others, ensuring reliability, and keeping operations running smoothly bring him the

greatest satisfaction. Outside of work, he enjoys soaking in the island's ambiance and culture, often unwinding by the ocean after a long day.

With his depth of experience, people-centered leadership, and appreciation for community, Courtney W. Logan is a strong addition to Roi-Namur's team. As he

continues to settle into island life, his presence ensures that one of the island's most vital operations remains safe, efficient, and mission-ready—powered by teamwork, trust, and a steady hand at the helm. ❧





PHOTO BY ANTHONY CARNELLI

COMMUNITY

KEEPING CONNECTIONS ALIVE: SUPPORT TECHNICIAN HELPS NEIGHBORS STAY ONLINE

HOURLASS REPORT

By **Anthony Carnelli**,
Hourglass Staff Writer

On a quiet afternoon in the Allied Telesis office, Jack Laik waits for the next call. When it comes, he listens first — a practice that has served him well during his year and a half helping Kwajalein residents stay connected. Some days bring a steady stream of questions from neighbors whose internet has suddenly stopped cooperating. Other days are slower. Either way, Laik is ready to help.

As a customer support technician with Allied Telesis, which provides DSL internet service to most residents on the atoll, Laik plays a quiet but essential role in keeping the community connected — whether that means answering a quick question or heading out into the field to troubleshoot a stubborn connection problem.

Laik joined Allied Telesis in May of last year. The field wasn't what he expected to enter after graduating, but the work has proven to be a

good fit.

"This wasn't the field I expected to go into after graduating, but it's been good so far, and I like the managers and the team," Laik said.

A typical workday begins with waiting for calls. When issues come in, Laik starts by listening carefully to what customers are experiencing. Some problems, like payment-related issues, can be resolved on Allied Telesis's end. For customers who are less tech-savvy, he walks them through basic steps — forgetting the network and reconnecting, or rebooting the modem or router. If the issue persists, he escalates it to the network team.

"I like meeting new people and getting to know customers," Laik said. "I enjoy being able to help people when they're having issues."

Beyond the daily work, Laik has found value in what the job is teaching him. He's learning about networks and technical systems — knowledge he hopes to build on as he continues in the role.

"The management team is good, and the guys look out for us," he said. "I'm learning a lot — especially about networks — and that's why I want to stay longer."

Outside of work, Laik pursues a creative passion: making music on his keyboard. He uses it as a synthesizer, layering different instruments and recording original beats.

"I play keyboard. I like to play different instruments on it like the drums ... make beats," he said. "I can record what I create."

His musical style leans toward disco rather than hip hop — a sound similar to traditional beats played during special holidays and events when children dance.

Right now, Laik's focus extends beyond work and music. He's concentrated on providing for his family and helping his parents — priorities that ground his daily life.

When it comes to holiday traditions, he looks forward to the Christmas parade on Ebeye, an annual event that

traditions, he looks forward to the Christmas parade on Ebeye, an annual event that brings joy to the community, especially children. He also enjoys the Christmas Day celebrations on Dec. 25, when churches perform and residents gather outside.

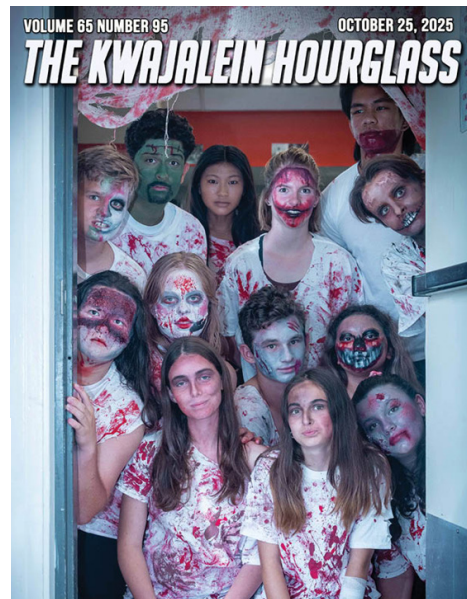
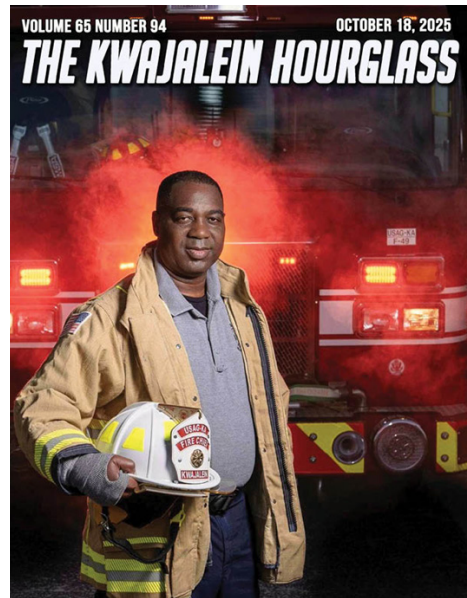
"It happens every year and makes the community happy, especially kids," Laik said of the parade.

And if you ever want to treat him to lunch, there's one thing Laik wants people to know about him.

"My favorite food is tuna — especially sashimi," he said. "I like anything that has to do with tuna, including something like a poke bowl."

From troubleshooting modems to creating disco beats, from supporting his family to watching holiday parades on social media, Laik brings the same steady, helpful presence to everything he does — a presence that keeps Kwajalein's connections alive in more ways than one. ▴

Catch Up On Missing Back Issues Furloughed Kwajalein



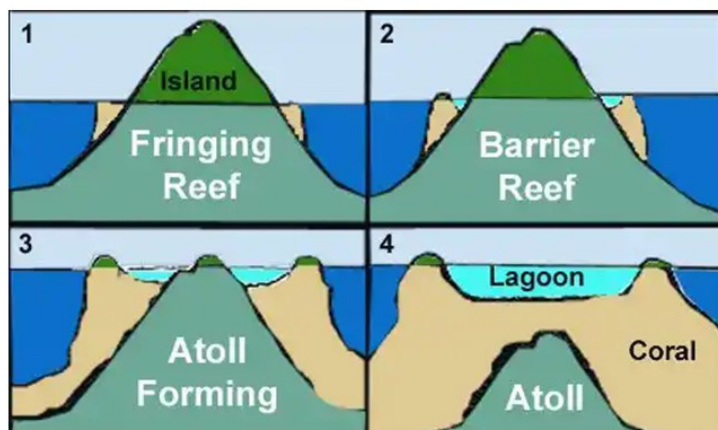
ATTENTION:

**All Dental
Services will be
referred to the
Hospital until
Jan 20, 2026.**

**Please contact Carrie
Jimenez for any
questions at 480-8836.**



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.

Ene ko iloan aelon in rekar walok jen Volcano ko ibulen lojet. Wod ko ilojet ilo imetowan aelon in rej eddoklok ilo aer komman men ko reaiboujwoj ilo lojet eo. Bedbed wot kin jonon im oktak in mejatoto, aelon eo emaron bok 30 million yio non an eddoklok.

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
OR CALL 480-2116

Coral Reefs Around USAG-KA

- Coral around the atoll is protected by U.S. and RMI laws.
- No coral is allowed to be taken from USAG-KA.
- Some coral contains toxins that can cause injury.
- Protect the environment by not stepping on live coral growth areas.
- Treat all underwater habitats with care.

- Wod ko kajojo ibelaakin Kwajalein Atoll rej bed iuumin kien nan kejbarok eo an U.S. im RMI.
- Ejjelok wod ej aikuj in emakit im buki jen lojet eo an USAG-KA.
- Ewor wod ko rebaaijin im remaron in komman joreen.
- Kejbarok ijoko im wod kein rej bed ie im jab bed iraan wod ko kajojo.
- Kejbarok aolep men kein iuumin lojet ilo am kea.

E-Wareness

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 11th.

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

A poster for the 3rd Annual Art Show. The background is a light gray wall with three black pendant lights hanging from the ceiling. On the wall, there are three framed abstract paintings in vibrant colors (red, orange, yellow, blue, green). To the left of the paintings is a small logo for the Kwajalein Art Guild & YYWC. To the right is a stylized logo featuring a purple octopus and musical notes. The text "Kwajalein Art Guild & YYWC Present" is centered above the paintings. Below the paintings, the date and time of the event are listed, along with the location and entry fee.

Kwajalein Art Guild & YYWC Present
3rd 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:

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- Safety Frames and Lenses

 Call 480-2223 to schedule a visit.

 Visit us online: www.kwajeyes.com

 Email: 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 and Wilson.Kaisha@gov2x.com or stop by Bldg 856, Room 101

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

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



PASSPORT



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Fogging Schedule

- 5:30-7:30 P.M.
- Roi Namur: January 30, 2026
- Kwajalein: - January 27, 2026, thru January 29, 2026
- Weather dependent
- Avoid fogged area for ~30 minutes

Fogging with Eco-friendly EcoVia EC Insecticide

- Liquid botanical oil insecticide
- Active ingredients include Thyme Oil & Rosemary Oil
- Safe to use in and around homes and near water
- Safe to use around children and pets

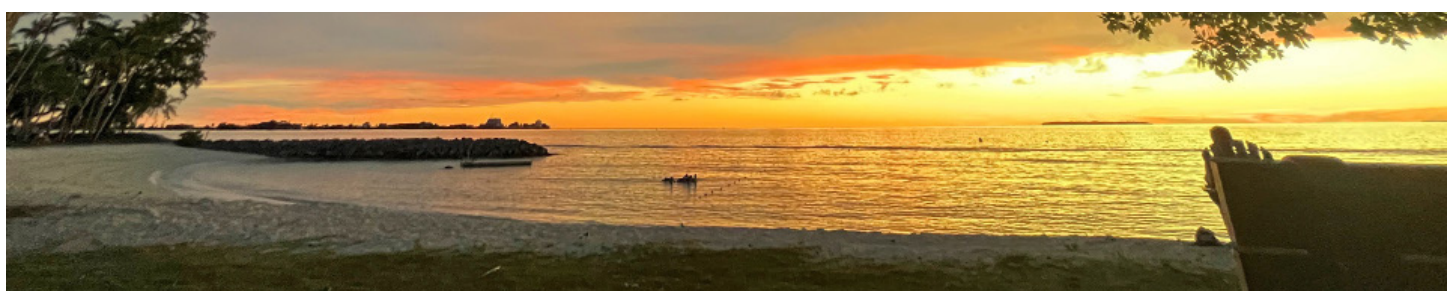
Do your part to eliminate mosquitoes:

- Check for standing water where mosquitoes breed
- Dump any accumulated water at least weekly
- Manage vegetation and eliminate accumulated leaves

Do your part to eliminate flies:

- Do not add food waste directly into open trash cans such as the Emon Beach trash containers, large black trash cans, or residential green trash receptacles.
- Always seal food and animal waste inside trash/plastic bags before adding to trash cans.
- Periodically clean outdoor trash receptacles.

Dump standing water



PUBLIC NOTICE: UXO CLEARANCE OPERATIONS – JANUARY 16–17 & JANUARY 20–24, 2026



PUBLIC NOTICE: UXO CLEARANCE OPERATIONS
DATES: JANUARY 16–17 & JANUARY 20–24, 2026

The UXO Clearance Team will conduct daytime intrusive excavation operations in support of the DP2024-151-1 Parsons LSA project.

Phase 1: Friday, January 16 – Saturday, January 17

- Daily operations: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Phase 2: Tuesday, January 20 – Saturday, January 24

- Daily operations: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Safety Notice:

During these periods, the designated exclusion zone (see accompanying map) will be strictly off-limits to all personnel. Road barricades will mark restricted access points. For your safety: Do not enter or cross any barricaded areas during the specified time frames. Follow all posted signage and instructions from safety personnel. We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a safe work environment.

Operation Flintlock 82 YEARS

January 31st, 2026

 **Heritage Ruck March**

6:30am from Emon

 **Themed Lunch in the DFAC**

11am to 1pm

 **Remembrance Ceremony**

6:30pm at the Memorial Chapel

S-43°N

Commemoration



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





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!

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.

Flintlock 82- We will be commemorating the liberation of Kwajalein Atoll. Events occurring on Jan 31st will include:

Historical Ruck starting at 6:15am from Emon.

1940s Themed Lunch at both DFACs.

Remembrance Ceremony at the Memorial Island Chapel 6:30pm

Optometry Visit - The Optometrist will be on island from 27 Jan to 17 Feb email www.kwajeyes.com to schedule an appointment.

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](mailto:@KwajaleinVeterinaryClinic)

Drive with Care - For everyone's safety, we urge all commuters to exercise caution when driving. Please share the road with bike commuters and pedestrians.



THE minute HAND

A USAGKA Community Information Update

Small Arms Range – There Chenega will be conducting a range On 17 Jan from 8am to 12 noon. Please observe the RED FLAG hazard area.

Dental - Dental services will shift to the hospital until Jan 20th.

Non-Potable Water Restriction –

Please limit non-potable water usage to less than 30 minutes a day during the dry season.

MLK Day of Service - There will be a Community Beach Clean Up Day Jan 19th, 9:30 at the MP Room.

Roi AAFES - The Roi AAFES Express will be closed Jan 21 for annual inventory. Normal hours will resume Jan 22

Newcomers - Newcomers Orientation is scheduled Jan 27, in the REB.

House Inspections - USAG-KA will be inspecting

- 16th Jan 9am - 4:30pm 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495
- 22nd Jan 9am - 4:30pm 461, 463, 464, 465, 466, 468, 219
- 23rd Jan 9am - 4:30pm 207, 209, 211, 212, 214, 215
- 24th Jan 9am - 4:30pm 204, 206, 208, 210, 222, 224



THE HAND minute

A USAGKA Community Information Update

UXO Activity — There will be an upcoming road closure Jan 16-17th and again Jan 20-24th on Lagoon near the LSAs during UXO clearing activities, please see Map for the affected area.

PUBLIC NOTICE: UXO CLEARANCE OPERATIONS – JANUARY 16–17 & JANUARY 20–24, 2026

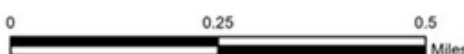


Date: Monday, November 24, 2025

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DP2024-151-1 Road Closures and Detour Route



372-foot
Exclusion
Zone

Detour Route
Road
Barricades



THE minute HAND

A USAGKA Community Information Update

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.

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.

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

Pager System – IMD has identified a vendor solution to replace the legacy pager system. Development of the SOW is underway for submission to Subcontracts.

DSC Public Address System – The Public Address system was replaced restoring reliable emergency and operational communications.



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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

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.

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.

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V2X Personnel - Onboarding: Emergency Services Director, Archaeologist, Teacher K-6, Trade Shop Supervisor Sr, Nurse Practitioner, Chief Engineer, and Chaplain.



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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

The Roller on Youtube – Did you know the Roller is on Youtube? From the home page click on the Crest with the “LIVE” indicator on it. [U.S. Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll Live Stream](#)

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



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

- **Day Pass Form:**
https://home.army.mil/kwajalein/4217/6064/8721/USAG-KA_FORM_2_Day_Pass.pdf – Then needs to be sent to the DSC Mailbox at: 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 – Then emailed to E/E: usarmy.bucholz.id-pacific.mbx.usag-ka-e-e@army.mil

Events - Events can be found on Kwajalein Community Events FB

- **MLK Jr. Day of Service** – Jan 19th KSS event
- **Elementary School Music Concert** – Jan 23 – MP Room, 5:15pm
- **Operation Flintlock Display and Speaker** – Jan 30th at the MCC at 6:30pm
- **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
- **55th Kwajalein Open Golf Tournament** – Feb 15 through the 22nd, see the Kwajalein Community Events FB Page for details.

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



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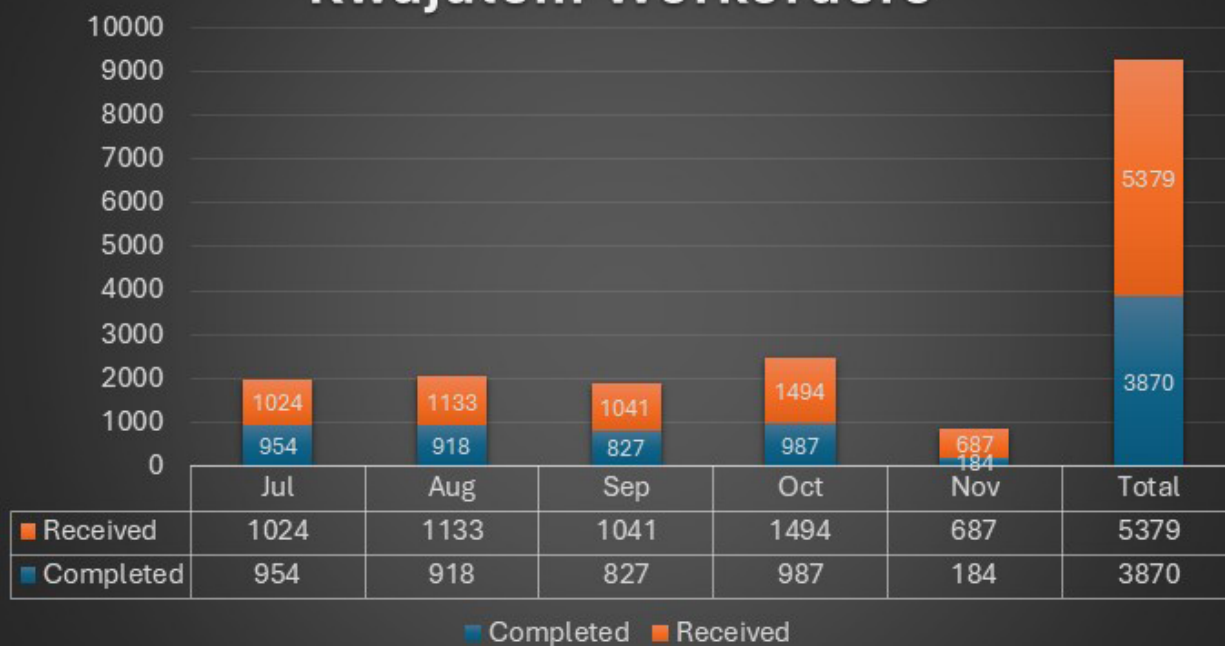
USACE Projects

- Meck Electrical
- Building 803 Reno
- Phase 1 AFH
- Echo Pier
- Potable Water Tower
- Zamperini Kitchen
- Roi POL AST
- Fuel Tank
- Phase 2 AFH
- Phase 3 AFH
- ATCT
- Medical Clinic

Est Comp Date

- 05 Dec 2025
- 22 Jan 2026
- 25 Jan 2026
- 05 Nov 2026
- 04 Aug 2026
- 08 Dec 2026
- 13 Aug 2027
- 02 Sept 2027
- 03 July 2027
- 13 Aug 2027
- 08 Mar 2028
- 16 July 2028

Kwajalein Workorders





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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 on Wednesdays by close of business/Thursday morning.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

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

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



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

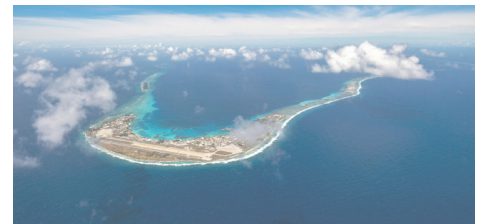
Sergeant First Class Darrius Hodge
SHARP Victim Advocate

Work: 480-1419

USAG-KA SHARP Pager:

808-580-3241

DOD SAFE Helpline: 877-995-5247



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HELP WANTED

For employment with contractors
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please check
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Online & Virtual Training Provided

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

Contact **Alana Wilson** at alana.wilson@redcross.org

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



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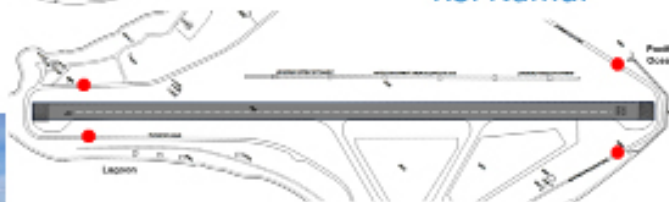


Please remember to stop and look both ways for aircraft on:
Zeus Blvd., Ocean Rd., Perimeter Rd., Pandanus Rd., Eleanor
Wilson Rd.

**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:

So far in January, we have received well over normal at 7.21" of precipitation, which is 5.53" above normal for the month so far. Rainfall coverage will be limited tonight, with a slight increase in shower activity Friday and Saturday morning, though coverage will remain relatively low. No thunderstorms occurred over the past seven days. A thunderstorm day is defined by an "in situ" lightning strike, meaning lightning is observed or thunder is heard within five miles of the Kwajalein airfield. The current lighting risk is low due to the subtropical ridge to the north suppressing showers from significant vertical development. 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. Below are the current Joint Typhoon Weather Center tropical information graphic and the 2-week Tropical Hazard Outlook, both of which show no threat to USAG-KA.

Tropical Cyclones:

None for the RMI.

Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:

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

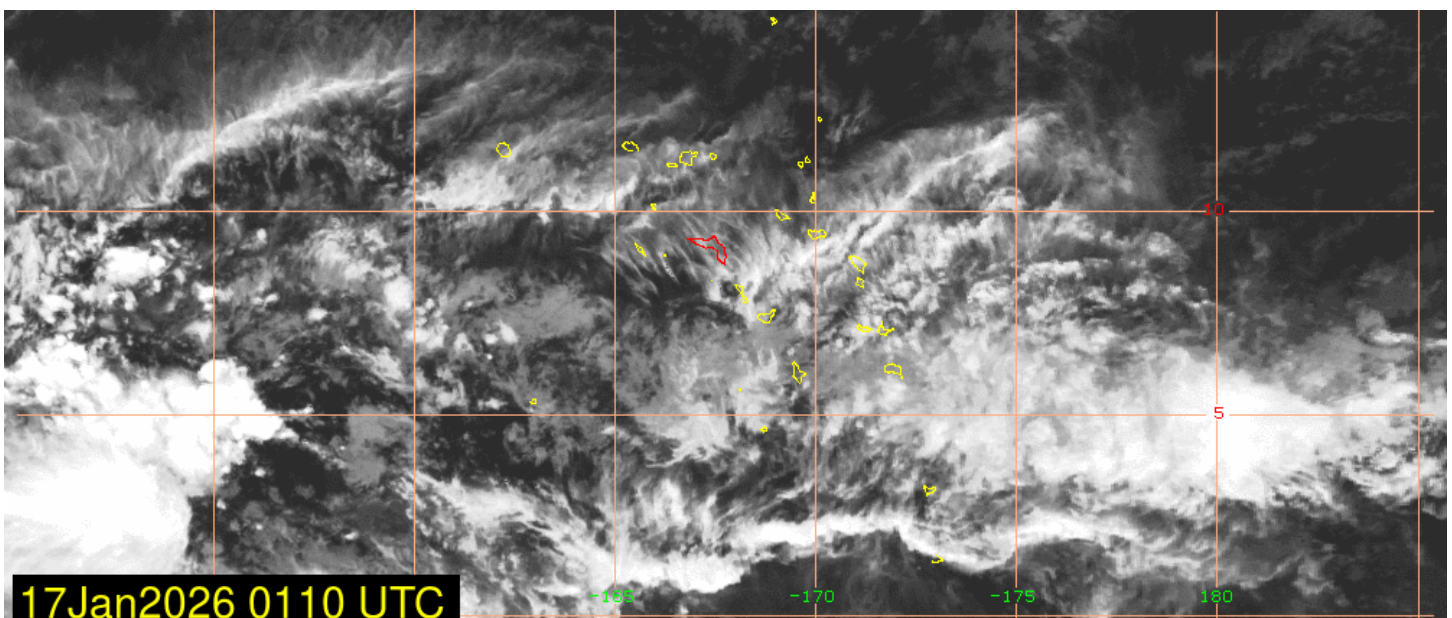
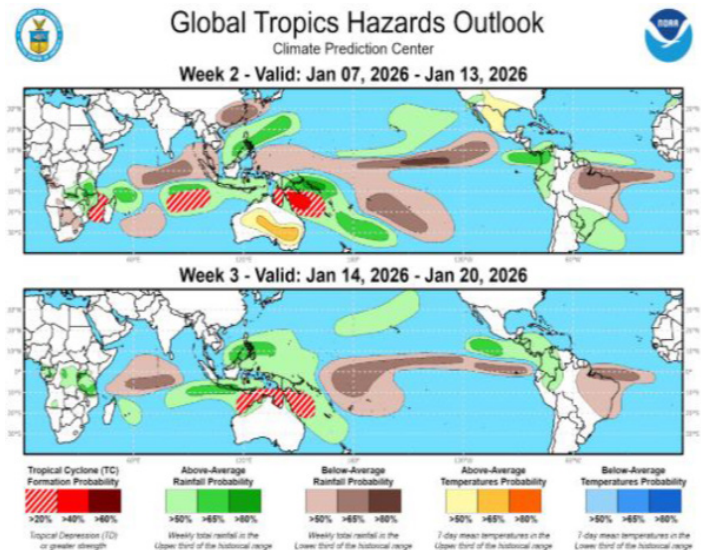
Swell / Tide Inundation for Kwajalein Atoll and Wake Island and Winds:

The new moon will occur on Monday with high tides peaking at 4.6 feet on the 19th. Winds: Have returned to their typical Windy Season levels (Ellap Kutu) in the mid to upper-teens with clear air gust in the low 20's, especially around showers. We are an-

tipicating a trade wind surge by Wednesday of next week with winds in the upper teens to low 20s. A Small Craft Advisory (SCA) will may be issued at mid-week next week. A High Surf Advisory (HSA) is 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 products. ▴



WEATHER

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WEATHER DISCUSSION

Dry season conditions will continue as we head into the weekend. The sub-tropical ridge to the north, responsible for the windy workweek, will begin to break down a bit this weekend as a mid-latitude cyclone disrupts our tightened pressure gradient. This will allow for winds to come down from the upper teens into the mid-teens on Sunday. The weakened ridge to the north may allow for the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) to get closer to the central RMI, potentially increasing shower activity Monday into Tuesday. Relatively dry weather is likely for the majority of next week with somewhat lighter winds expected as the sub-tropical high pressure sets up a bit farther to the northeast than it was last week. Occasional areas of speed convergence will be the only mechanism for shower development throughout the workweek.

SATURDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers. Winds NE-E at 15-20 knots with some gusts in the low 20s and higher gusts near showers.

SUNDAY

Partly to mostly sunny with stray showers. Winds NE-E at 12-17 knots with higher gusts near showers.

MONDAY

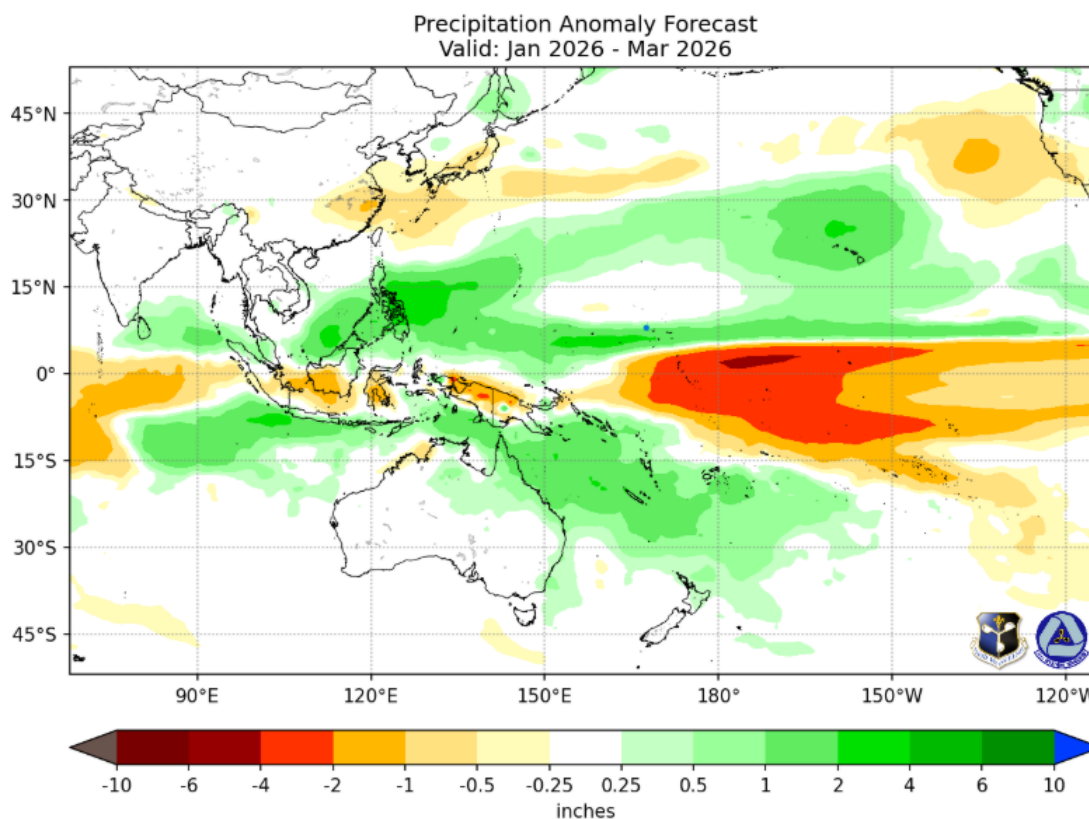
Partly sunny with isolated showers. Winds NE-E at 11-16 knots with higher gusts near showers.

NEXT WEEK

An ITCZ-driven trough could keep isolated shower activity around on Tuesday, but dry and breezy conditions likely return Wednesday and remain locked in throughout the week. Some speed convergent showers could develop as a possible brief surge in winds occurs Wednesday into Thursday. ⚡

 SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	7:09 a.m. 6:50 p.m.	6:28 a.m. 6:17 p.m.	4:18 a.m. 3.0' 4:24 p.m. 4.3'	10:02 a.m. -0.1' 10:52 p.m. -0.4'
MONDAY	7:09 a.m. 6:50 p.m.	7:17 a.m. 7:11 p.m.	4:48 a.m. 3.3' 4:54 p.m. 4.5'	10:34 a.m. -0.3' 11:20 p.m. -0.6'
TUESDAY	7:09 a.m. 6:51 p.m.	8:04 a.m. 8:02 p.m.	5:17 a.m. 3.5' 5:24 p.m. 4.6'	11:05 a.m. -0.4' 11:48 p.m. -0.6'
WEDNESDAY	7:09 a.m. 6:51 p.m.	8:47 a.m. 8:52 p.m.	5:46 a.m. 3.6' 5:53 p.m. 4.6'	11:37 a.m. -0.4' -----
THURSDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:52 p.m.	9:29 a.m. 9:41 p.m.	6:16 a.m. 3.7' 6:24 p.m. 4.5'	12:16 a.m. -0.6' 12:09 p.m. -0.3'
FRIDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:52 p.m.	10:09 a.m. 10:29 p.m.	6:48 a.m. 3.7' 6:56 p.m. 4.2'	12:45 a.m. -0.5' 12:44 p.m. -0.1'
JANUARY 24	7:10 a.m. 6:52 p.m.	10:50 a.m. 11:19 p.m.	7:24 a.m. 3.6' 7:30 p.m. 3.8'	1:16 a.m. -0.3' 1:23 p.m. 0.2'

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.





Until Next Week!