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CARING FOR THE SHORELINE: TAMMY SUEIRAS' QUIET COMMITMENT TO ROI-NAMUR

HOURGLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Staff Writer

On most afternoons when the clinic is quiet, Tamara "Tammy" Sueiras can be found doing something that has nothing to do with medicine and everything to do with care. Armed with trash bags, gloves, sunscreen, and a radio clipped close by, the on-call nurse pedals her bike toward Roi-Namur's beaches, pager in hand, ready to respond to an emergency if needed. Until then, she cleans. "I can't ignore it and just walk on by," Tammy said of the trash that lines parts of the shoreline. "Knowing how much damage it does to the environment, the ocean, and island wildlife — it's heart-breaking."

Tammy began organizing beach clean-ups shortly after making Roi-Namur her permanent home. While she

works as a nurse, her connection to caring for islands extends far beyond the clinic. Over the years, she has volunteered with the U.S. Virgin Islands National Park, participated in turtle monitoring programs, and worked with The Nature Conservancy in Hawaii. No matter where her nursing career took her, she found ways to give back, not just to people, but to the land itself.

When she arrived in Roi-Namur, she noticed something missing: no conservation organizations, no organized clean-up efforts. So, she stepped in. "I saw no reason why one person couldn't take the initiative and try to make a difference," she said.

Most of Tammy's clean-ups are solo and unscheduled. Supplies are kept ready in her Bachelor's Quarters (BQ), allowing her to head out whenever time allows—sometimes

during a bike ride, sometimes during a quiet afternoon. It rarely takes long to see results. In just one small stretch of beach, she can fill multiple large trash bags in minutes. "The line between where I stopped cleaning and where I haven't yet is very obvious," she said.

What she finds is as astonishing as it is troubling: plastic bottles, children's toys, toothbrushes, fishing nets, buoys, motor oil containers, broken glass, aluminum cans, and endless pieces of degraded plastics, many so sun- and salt-worn they crumble into microplastics when touched. Shoes are especially common, ranging from flip-flops to wedges and even high heels. Some debris tells a longer story. Items encrusted with coral or barnacles hint at years—sometimes decades—spent in the water. Other remnants date back even further: rusted mechanical parts, pipes,

cables, and WWII-era scrap that continue to resurface as shorelines erode. "These are things I can't touch," she said. "But seeing them unearth themselves with every high tide is tough."

Cleaning while on call presents its own challenges. Tammy must stay within a limited distance from the clinic and be prepared to return quickly — no small task when emergency phones across the island are unreliable and some of the most heavily impacted beaches sit along jungle-lined shores. Heat and sun add another layer of difficulty, requiring careful planning and protective gear. Still, she keeps going.

What motivates her most is the island itself. "The eye candy," she laughed, describing the unreal blues of the water, the coconut trees, ghost crabs skittering across the sand, shells, sea glass, sunsets, and clouds that stop her in her



tracks. Born on an island and having lived on many others, Tammy says she's still in awe of Roi-Namur's beauty and resilience. That resilience became deeply personal this year.

After cleaning a section of the northeast shore over three separate outings, Tammy returned to find turtles nesting twice, just a week apart. Both nests appeared in the cleaned areas, only feet away from sections still littered with debris. "To know I gave them a little piece of clean beach to

do their turtle thing—that was huge," she said. "It made everything worth it."

Over time, she has noticed vegetation returning to areas once heavily trashed and wildlife reclaiming space once cluttered with debris. But there are discouraging moments too, returning weeks later to find the same beaches buried again or watching long-buried scrap slowly emerge as erosion continues. Despite the setbacks, Tammy remains vigilant and quietly proud of the work she's done.

"I've been doing this without expecting acknowledgment or reward," she said. "I do it because it's the right thing to do. If it sets a positive example, and that's even better."

Looking ahead, she hopes shoreline clean-ups become a consistent part of island maintenance, supported by contractors, residents, and newcomers alike. "We're guests here," she said. "The least we can do is not litter and help care for the place that gives us so much."

Her message to anyone who

wants to help is simple: start where you are. "The beach is always open," Tammy said. "A few minutes, a couple of trash bags, maybe a friend or two, that's all it takes."

In the end, her motivation comes down to a guiding principle she carries with her wherever she goes: "Let's Mālama 'āina — take care of the land so she can continue to take care of us, our children, and our children's children." ▀





Front Cover: MLK Beach Cleanup at Emon by Isaiah Matthews

Back Cover: Roi's Road of Palms by Annette Monk

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TRI-M HONORS MLK DAY WITH SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNITY BEACH CLEAN-UP

HOURGLASS REPORT

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For the sixth year in a row, Kwajalein's Tri-M Music Honor Society marked Martin Luther King Jr. Day not only with reflection, but with action—bringing students, families, and community members together for a large-scale beach clean-up along the island's shoreline.

The annual event, organized by the Tri-M Music Honor Society, has become a meaningful tradition rooted in service, leadership, and environmental responsibility. Tri-M is a student-led academic honor society for musicians in grades 6–12, emphasizing leadership and

community service alongside musical excellence.

"The beach cleanup started as an obvious choice of community service given Kwajalein's expansive shorelines and unfortunately large amount of litter," Kyle Miller, an event organizer, shared.

What began as a practical response to a visible issue has grown into a well-attended annual effort tied closely to the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Organizers say the event reflects Dr. King's broader philosophy of service and responsibility—one that extended beyond social justice alone.

"In addition to being a social activist, Dr. King was an environmentalist," Ashely

Wright an event organizer, said. "He believed in environmentalism as social activism. Environmentalism can help bring people together, encourage pride in the community, and empower people to improve everything around them."

This year's clean-up focused on three ocean-side shoreline locations known for accumulating debris: behind the CRC, behind the Ocean View Club, and behind the Adult Pool. These areas were selected based on accessibility and consistent need, as they have historically collected the most litter.

An estimated 80 volunteers participated, including Kwajalein School System students, families, faculty, and

community members. Volunteers collected a wide range of debris—beer cans, cigarette butts, and food wrappers—but organizers noted that the most common items were small pieces of plastic embedded in the sand.

Planning the event required coordination around Kwajalein's unique logistical challenges.

"We bring our team together to work around the tides, ferry schedules, and community activities calendar to ensure we successfully navigate as many barriers as possible to participation," Miller explained.

The clean-up was led by the Tri-M junior chapter with support from the senior chapter, as well as band

parents who volunteered as point-of-contact leaders for each cleanup crew.

"The community has come through in numbers year after year," Miller said. "We've been very encouraged by the turnout. Overall, this community is very engaged with many activities that Kwajalein has to offer, and we're happy that so many people are willing to come out for this."

Beyond removing debris, organizers say the event's long-term impact lies in stu-

dent development.

"Through Tri-M, we encourage students to take on leadership and organizational roles for the purpose of community engagement," Wright said. "We hope that all of the students who participate take these values with them to their next community."

Tri-M's service efforts extend well beyond the beach clean-up. Students will also participate in upcoming events such as the Operation

Flintlock ceremony and the Komolol Day parade on Ebeye, continuing to serve the community through music and presence.

As Kwajalein residents honored Dr. King's legacy, the shoreline clean-up served as a reminder that meaningful change often begins with small, collective acts—grounded in service, responsibility, and community pride. ▀



THE QUIET BATTLE TO KEEP KWAJALEIN COOL

HOURGLASS REPORT

By Anthony Carnelli,
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On any given day, Lorenzo Guajardo's team of HVAC technicians check condenser units crusted with salt deposits — the kind of corrosion that can turn metal to powder in months instead of years. Outside, it's 85 - 90 degrees with humidity that wraps around you like a wet blanket. The moment a door swings open, that humidity slaps you across the face — a reminder of how quickly comfort can collapse. But, inside buildings like the Kwajalein Hospital Clinic, it's a crisp 68 degrees. That temperature difference is the result of round-the-clock vigilance by teams of HVAC specialists fighting a war against salt air that never sleeps.

For the approximate 1,600 residents of Kwajalein, air conditioning isn't about comfort — it's about health, productivity, and the basic ability to sleep through tropical nights that typically stay at around 80 degrees. The island's roughly 2,000 HVAC systems face an environment that cuts their lifespan in half, demanding constant inspection, creative problem-solv-

ing, and a coordination dance between plumbers, electricians, carpenters, and technicians who refuse to let the intense tropical weather win.

A Climate That Devours Metal

"The corrosion here is unlike anything you'd see state-side," said Lorenzo Guajardo, HVAC and Appliance Supervisor for Public Works. "A system that should last at least 15 years might make it seven or eight if we're lucky. The salt water and air put a toll on everything."

The numbers tell the story — 2,000 systems across the island, from the Bachelor Quarters to the hospital, all running 24/7. Guajardo oversees teams of technicians that inspect units three to four times weekly — responding to service calls for rooms too hot or too cold, prioritizing based on impact — how many people it's affecting and how mission-critical is it.

Rommel Sion, a project coordinator who shadows installations and troubleshooting across Kwajalein, has seen what happens when moisture meets metal in confined spaces. "You get rust buildup in the vents, drain lines that



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clog with corrosion, upper floors in the BQs that struggle because the ducts are compromised," he explained. "Sometimes residents see particles blowing into their rooms — that's old rust and dust being pushed out when we install stronger systems."

The BQ buildings present their own puzzle. Each room connects to a central air system but runs on its own line controlled by a damper.

When residents set their thermostat to a specific temperature, the damper won't open until the room temperature rises about three degrees above that setting. Only then does the cool air flow.

This built-in-delay keeps compressors from cycling on and off constantly — a necessary safeguard when every component fights humidity and corrosion around the clock.

The Unseen Choreography

If corrosion is the enemy,

coordination is the strategy.

Walk past any building undergoing HVAC replacement and you'll find more than just air conditioning technicians at work: "it takes plumbers for the drain lines, carpenters to frame the platforms, builders to modify the spaces, electricians for the power," Sion noted. "Sometimes crews extend their shifts into the evening, so residents don't face another night without AC."

But even perfect teamwork can't solve everything easily. This coordination becomes even more complex when equipment arrives but waits for the availability of the island's crane, or when older buildings need creative solutions because replacement parts no longer exist.

"The locals are passionate about getting their work done and showing what they can actually do," Guajardo said of his team, which includes 20 HVAC technicians and 12 project specialists. "They en-

joy doing it."

And staying ahead of the island's climate takes more than experience — it demands constant learning. According to Guajardo, every technician holds the same EPA certification required in the United States, but the island environment demands additional expertise. The team is preparing for training on A2L refrigerant, a new, more environmentally friendly coolant that requires special handling. "It's kind of flammable," he explained — "so we're getting classes on how to recover and charge systems safely. Any new installs after 2025 will use this refrigerant."

Myths and Realities

Despite the constant work, misconceptions persist. "Sometimes people will say things like, oh, we don't do maintenance on anything," Guajardo noted, "but our maintenance teams are going around doing everything. We have probably about, I think, 2000 systems on this island... to be in one place every time it's hard."

One revealing incident involved a resident who noticed particles blowing into their room after a new system installation. It turned out to be built-up rust and dust that had accumulated over years — finally released when the new system pushed stronger air through neglected ducts. Such discoveries highlight the hidden deterioration happening throughout the island's infrastructure, and the never-ending battle to keep up with the somewhat harsh conditions.

This battle isn't just against heat — it's against moisture that makes air feel heavy and sticky even when rooms are technically cool. This reality shapes everything from system design to maintenance priorities.

Innovation in the Mechanical Rooms

The newest front in this climate war happens in spaces most Kwajalein residents



ABOVE: On Kwajalein, AC units (like the one above) often have half the typical U.S. lifespan due to severe climate-driven corrosion.



ABOVE: HVAC technicians often brave harsh humidity to repair and replace AC units island-wide.

never see. Some mechanical rooms now require their own AC units — air conditioning for the air conditioning — to protect sensitive equipment from moisture damage.

"We've also been getting into coating, like a salt spray coating," Guajardo explained. "So that's getting into all the

new systems we're ordering now. So hopefully, you know, it builds up the lifespan of it, but yeah, corrosion is a big deal here."

Public Works continually assesses buildings, submits cost analyses, and follows government guidance on prioritization, with mis-

sion-critical facilities like the hospital taking precedence because it requires a cooler environment to help prevent disease transmission.

Looking Forward

Step from the afternoon heat into the hospital's dramatically chilled atmosphere, or enter a home after a long

shift, and that wave of cool air presents more than mechanical functions and precision. Behind that relief stands a team studying diagrams and blueprints to figure out "what is wrong" and "what is lacking in the system," as Sion describes their troubleshooting process — work that makes him proud.

"The [techs] are right be-

hind them," Guajardo added. "So just the guys that work here are getting stuff done." It's a multicultural, multi-trade effort where local knowledge meets technical certification — where passion meets persistence.

By the time residents feel that first breath of restored cool air, technicians are already wiping sweat from their

brows as they step back outside into the heat.

For an island where the temperature rarely swings below or over 5 degrees and where the salt air wages constant war on metal and machinery, keeping cool requires more than maintenance — it demands innovation, coordination and the kind of dedication that ex-

tends workdays — because nobody wishes anyone on Kwajalein to sweat through another humid night.

That's community service at its most essential, measured not in recognition but in the hum of 2,000 systems doing their job while people go about their everyday lives — around the clock. ▀





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REMEMBERING ELMA JORAM: A QUIET LIGHT IN THE CYS FAMILY

HOURGLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagnon,
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It is with deep sadness that the Kwajalein community mourns the passing of Elma Joram, a devoted Child & Youth Services (CYS) team member who served our community with compassion, patience, and quiet strength since 2014.

Elma spent much of her career in the Baru Infant/Toddler Classroom, where she became a steady, loving presence in the lives of countless children and families. To many, Elma was not just a caregiver, but a trusted constant, someone whose calm nature and gentle demeanor created a sense of safety and belonging for the youngest members of our community.

Parents and coworkers

alike describe Elma as kind, patient, and deeply nurturing. One parent shared that Elma was their child's favorite person at CYS, "without question," while another reflected that rooms felt gentler simply when Elma entered them. Her presence had a way of slowing down the pace of a space, bringing calm where it was needed most.

Elma's impact reached far beyond the classroom. Families spoke of the role she played in helping raise their children, teaching them to be calm, caring, thoughtful, and kind. She modeled patience and warmth through her daily interactions, often without words, leading instead by example. Her dedication was

quiet but constant, rooted in love, responsibility, and a deep sense of purpose.

Colleagues remember Elma as someone who worked hard, always striving to improve life for herself, her family, and the families she served. She was often the first to welcome new staff, offering kindness and reassurance to those finding their footing at CYS. To many, she felt like a big sister, steady, supportive, and always willing to help.

The outpouring of love and remembrance from the community reflects just how deeply Elma was cherished. Messages of condolence, gratitude, and shared memories highlighted the countless lives she touched through her

work with children and families on Kwajalein. Though she did not seek attention, her influence was profound and lasting.

Elma Joram will be remembered not only as a dedicated CYS employee, but as a gentle soul whose kindness left an enduring mark on our community. Her legacy lives on in the children she helped nurture, the families she supported, and the colleagues who had the privilege of working alongside her.

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to Elma's family, friends, and loved ones, and to all who are grieving her loss. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered. ▀

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THROUGH THE LENS AND THE LINE OF DUTY: THE STORY OF ALAN K. WILLIAMS

HOURGLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Staff Writer

Alan K. Williams is the kind of person whose résumé doesn't fit neatly into a single box. By day, he serves as a Fire Prevention Inspector with V2X, helping protect lives and property through diligence, experience, and a deep respect for safety. Beyond the uniform, however, Williams is also a seasoned photographer whose work has crossed continents, captured Olympic legends, and appeared in nationally recognized publications.

Having spent nearly four years on Kwajalein, Williams approaches life—and work—with a grounded philosophy. “I take one day at a time,” he says simply. “I’m just grateful to wake up healthy and alive. Nobody knows tomorrow.”

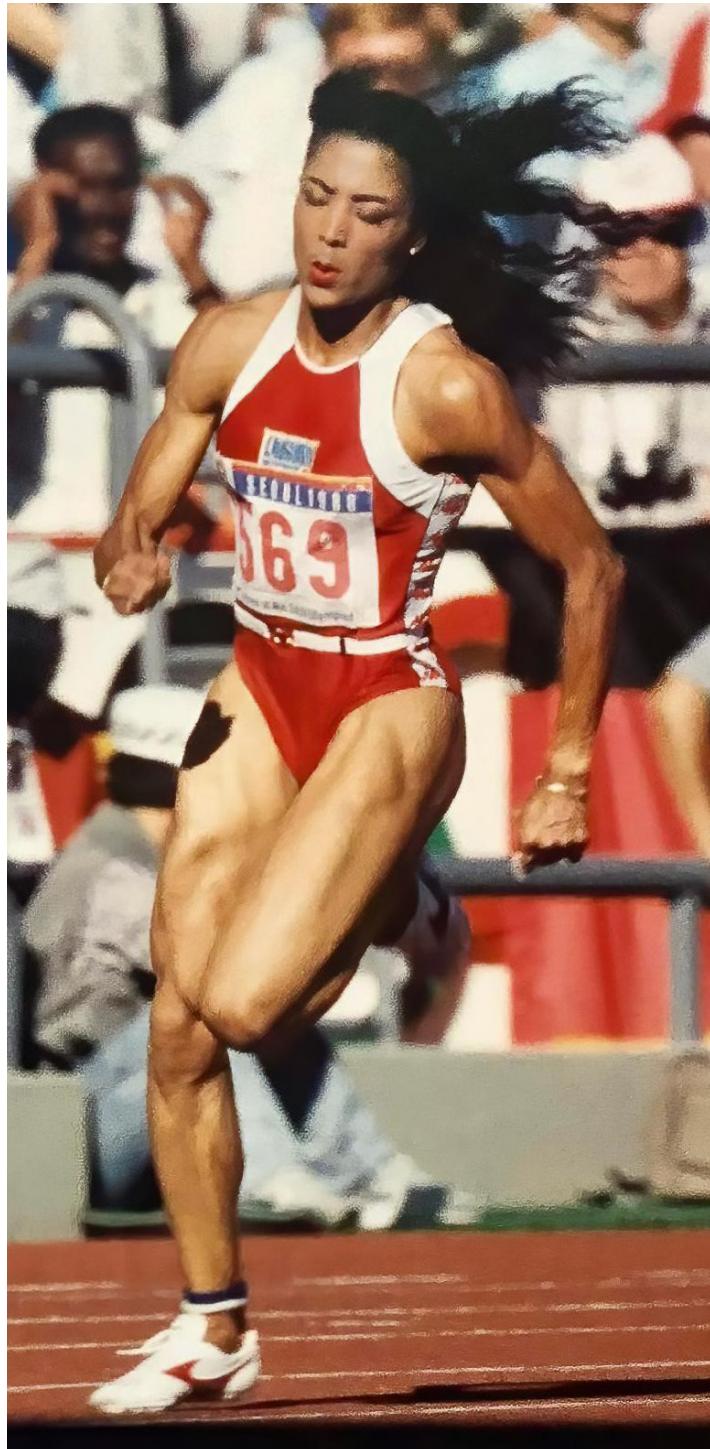
Williams’ professional journey began long before his arrival on island with a foundation in service. He served

20 years in the United States Air Force, entering at a young age and building a career rooted in discipline, preparation, and adaptability. His primary specialty was fire protection, where he began as a firefighter and later transitioned into fire prevention and inspection as his career progressed. “Fire protection was always my main thing,” Williams explains. “Photography became my secondary skill—something I loved and pursued seriously—but fire protection was my foundation.” That foundation continues today in his role with V2X, where his experience and attention to detail help keep facilities and personnel safe. It’s work he takes seriously, balancing professionalism with humility and a clear sense of responsibility to the community he serves.

Williams’ journey into photography began during his Air Force years, initially as a hobby and creative out-

let. Armed with a film camera and guided by a fellow Air Force mechanic who was also

a photographer, he learned the fundamentals during an era when every shot mat-



LEFT: Alan performing his Fire Inspection duties. ABOVE: Culturally significant photo of popular track & field athlete Florence Griffith “Flo-Jo” Joyner at the 1988 Olympics, taken by Alan K. Williams.



PHOTO BY STEPHEN ELSON



PHOTO BY ALAN K. WILLIAMS

tered. "Film forced you to get it right in the camera," he says. "You had to think about composition first, exposure second, and creativity after that—because mistakes cost money."

A pivotal moment came while Williams was on leave in Los Angeles, preparing for a deployment to Korea. On his way to photograph a jazz concert, curiosity led him into a fashion boutique where dancers were performing. One photograph, taken instinctively, would change everything. That image—of Bridget White, daughter of legendary singer Barry White—was later published as *Jet* magazine's "Week's Best Photo." Seeing his work in print for the first time while overseas in Korea was transformative. "That's when I decided to take photography seriously," Williams recalls.

Learning that the Olympics would be held in Korea shortly after his arrival, Wil-

liams set a bold personal goal: to photograph the Olympic Games. He spent a full year preparing and training under a combat camera mentor, studying venues, and refining his sports photography skills. That preparation paid off. During the Olympics, Williams captured a striking image of track legend Florence Griffith Joyner (Flo-Jo), a moment achieved through careful anticipation, precise technical setup, and sheer persistence. The image remains one of the highlights of his career. Ultimately, Olympic ambition transformed Alan K. Williams into a globally recognized figure.

His Olympic work also led to publication in *Airman Magazine*, the official magazine of the U.S. Air Force, selected from thousands of submissions worldwide. The photograph—a motion-blurred, painterly image taken in Olympic Park—reflected Williams' love for emotion, movement, and

storytelling through still images.

Throughout his Air Force career, Williams photographed everywhere he was stationed and became a photographer without borders. In Germany, he expanded into professional portraiture, weddings, and event photography, while also working as a press photographer with access to major concerts and festivals. His credentials allowed him to photograph artists such as Stevie Wonder,



PHOTO BY STEPHEN ELSON

Kenny G, and performances at the North Sea Jazz Festival. Every location taught him something new. "In Korea, weddings were chaotic—in a good way," he laughs. "Twenty people trying to get one picture. You learn how to work fast and stay calm."

Williams pursued formal training at institutions such as the New York Institute of Photography and studied under elite photographers across the U.S. and Europe, including mentors with experience photographing Hollywood icons.

Today, Williams shoots primarily with a Nikon Z9, embracing modern technology while remaining grounded in film-era discipline. He prefers to "get it right in the camera," using editing tools sparingly and intentionally. While he values Adobe Lightroom for color correction, he believes photography begins long before software is involved. "An editorial photo is truth," he explains. "A portrait is about putting someone in their best light—respectfully and honestly."

On Kwajalein, Williams is known for his sports photography—particularly basketball and track—and for his striking creative portraits. He often shoots in black and white, a nod to his roots and a deliberate artistic choice that emphasizes emotion and movement over distraction. Despite his credentials, Williams remains humble. He doesn't promote himself aggressively and is mindful

of maintaining professional boundaries with his primary role in fire prevention. His photography contributions are driven by passion, not ego.

What Williams appreciates most about island life is its authenticity. "You can tell who really wants to be here," he says. "People smile. And if you don't want to be here—you can leave. Nobody's forcing you."

He spends much of his free time doing headshots, creative portraits, and occasionally documenting island sports—not for recognition, but because the work still inspires him. Ultimately, Williams' story is one of intention: setting goals, doing the work, and remaining open to opportunity.

From fire lines to finish lines, his life reflects a balance of service, creativity, and quiet excellence. As he puts it, "I don't chase things for attention. I just do the work—and let the work speak." □



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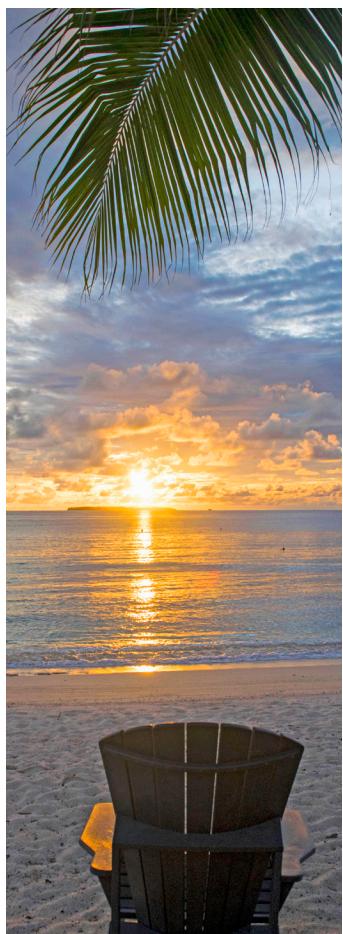
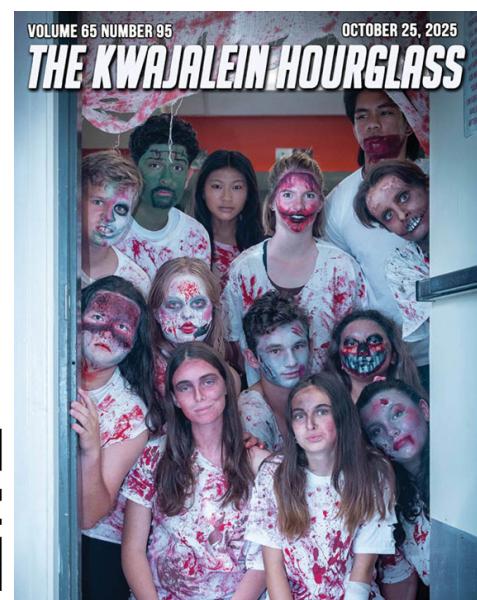
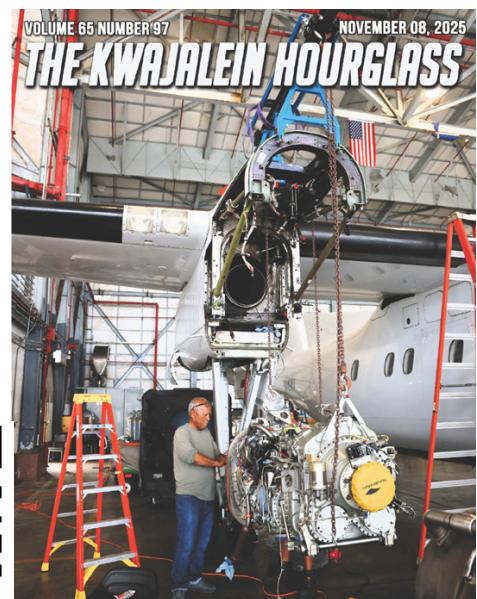
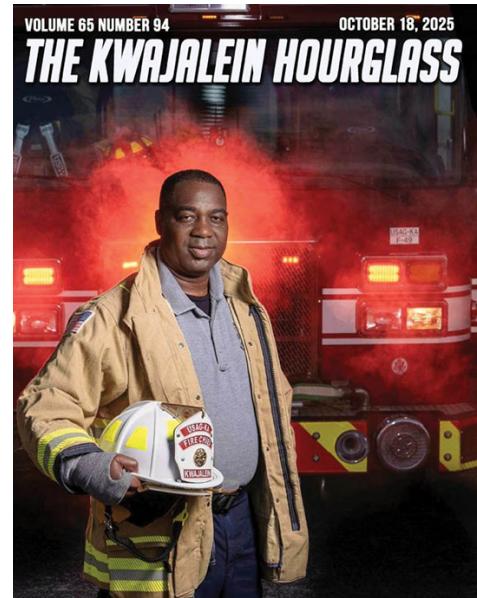


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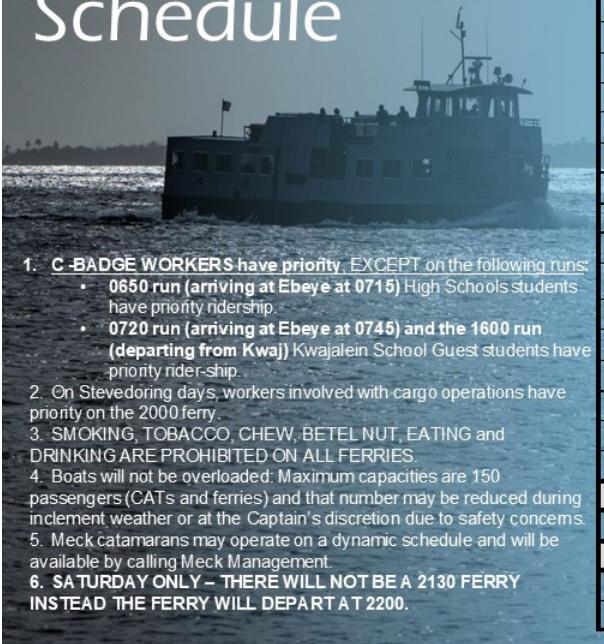


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Kwajalein to Ebeye Ferry Schedule



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 - 0650 run (arriving at Ebeye at 0715)** High Schools students have priority rider-ship.
 - 0720 run (arriving at Ebeye at 0745) and the 1600 run (departing from Kwaj)** Kwajalein School Guest students have priority rider-ship.
- On Stevedoring days, workers involved with cargo operations have priority on the 2000 ferry.
- SMOKING, TOBACCO, CHEW, BETEL NUT, EATING and DRINKING ARE PROHIBITED ON ALL FERRIES.**
- Boats will not be overloaded: Maximum capacities are 150 passengers (CATs and ferries) and that number may be reduced during inclement weather or at the Captain's discretion due to safety concerns.
- Meck catamarans may operate on a dynamic schedule and will be available by calling Meck Management.
- SATURDAY ONLY – THERE WILL NOT BE A 2130 FERRY INSTEAD THE FERRY WILL DEPART AT 2200.**

EBEYE – Tuesday to Saturday

EBEYE – Sunday & Holiday

ETD	ETA EBEYE	ETD EBEYE	ETA KWAJ	TYPE VESSEL	ETD KWAJ	ETA EBEYE	ETD EBEYE	ETA KWAJ	TYPE VESSEL
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0420	0445	0450	0515	FB 1	0500	0525	0530	0555	FB 1
0450	0515	0520	0545	FB 2	0600	0625	0630	0655	FB 1
0520	0545	0550	0615	FB 1	0830	0855	0900	0925	FB 1
0550	0615	0620	0645	FB 2	1140	1205	1210	1235	FB 1
0620	0645	0650	0715	FB 1	1530	1555	1600	1625	FB 1/N
0650	0715	0720	0745	FB 2	1700	1725	1730	1755	FB N
0720	0745	0750	0815	FB 1	2000	2025	2030	2055	FB N
0900	0925	0930	0955	FB	2200	2225	2230	2255	FB N
1140	1205	1210	1235	FB 2/A					Holidays only ADD extra run below
1300	1325	1330	1355	FB	1830	1855	1900	1925	FB N
1440	1505	1510	1535	FB A					Monday
1600	1625	1630	1655	FB A	0315	0340	0345	0410	FB N/1
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1730	1755	1800	1825	FB N	0600	0625	0630	0655	FB 1
1800	1825	1830	1855	FB A	0720	0745	0750	0815	FB 1
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2130	2155	2200	2225	FB N	1645	1710	1715	1740	FB N
(TUESDAY-FRIDAY) 2130 is final run of day					1745	1810	1815	1840	FB N
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SATURDAY - No 2130 ferry; 2200 is final run of day					2000	2025	2030	2055	FB N
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Roi-Namur / Enniburr Ferry Schedule

- 1. FIRST PRIORITY: BADGE WORKERS**
- Passengers are to board and disembark ONLY at the gangway area. As deemed by the Captain, any passengers, who are unruly and pose a safety hazard to the crew, other passengers, or vessel will not be allowed to ride the ferry. Maximum passenger load is 150 passengers.
- 3. SMOKING, TOBACCO CHEWING, BETEL-NUT, EATING and DRINKING ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED ON ALL FERRIES.**
- The clock kept by the ferry Captain is the official time. Departure times from Roi-Namur are mandatory times. Return times to Roi-Namur may be change slightly due to the offloading of water at Ennibur.
5. Any questions? Please call the Port Captain in Kwaijalein, 480-2173.

Tuesday to Saturday

Run Number	ETD Roi-Namur	ETA Enniburr	ETD Enniburr	ETA Roi-Namur	Vessel
1	0520	0535	0555	0610	FB
2	0730	0745	0805	0820	FB
3	1250	1305	1325	1340	FB
4	1715	1730	1750	1805	FB
5	1940	1955	2015	2030	FB

Sunday-Monday-Holiday

Run Number	ETD Roi-Namur	ETA Enniburr	ETD Enniburr	ETA Roi-Namur	Vessel
1	0650	0705	0725	0740	FB
2	0940	0955	1015	1030	FB
3	1450	1505	1525	1540	FB
4	1940	1955	2015	2030	FB

Tried to STOP, But You
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Has Alcohol become an
OBSESSION

There is a Solution to
the Problem with Alcohol

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

ROOM 214 KWAJ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
BUILDING (UPSTAIRS)

BUILDING #671

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

7PM-8PM

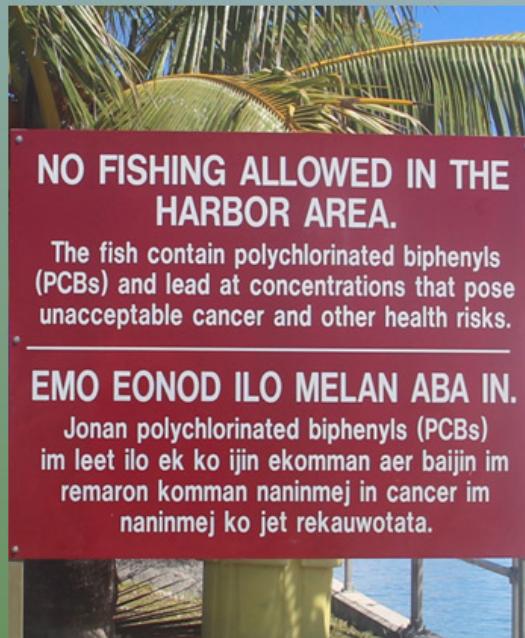
QUESTIONS? EMAIL: kwajchapel@gmail.com
OR CALL 480-2116

E-wareness: No Fishing Areas

Call 480-0722 for more info

No fishing areas exist at the Kwaj landfill and in the Kwaj, Meck, Roi, and Illeginni Harbors due to PCB and/or heavy metals contamination.

Ejjab melim enwod turin Kwaj landfill ak dump eo im bareinwot ob ko ion Kwaj, Meck, Roi, im Illeginni kin wot PCB im jonan lap in paijin ko ie rej walok jen metal ko.



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.



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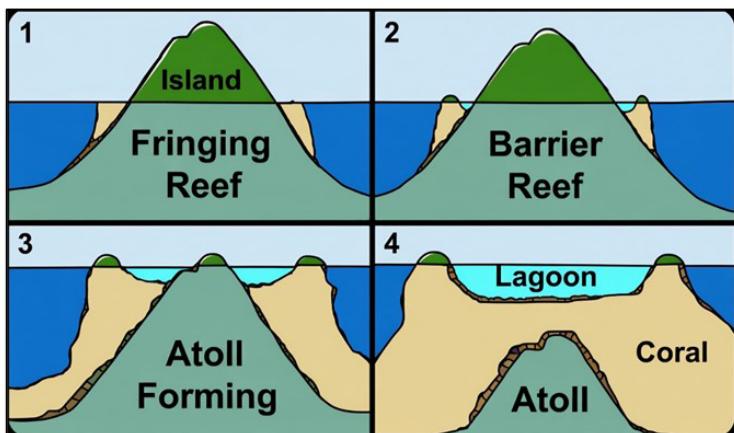
January 2026 American Legion Monthly meeting is POSTPONED

The next American Legion Monthly meeting will be Wednesday, February 11th.

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



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.

FY21 ARMY FAMILY HOUSING

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY



US Army Corps
of Engineers.



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and NAN INC would like to formally invite you to the groundbreaking ceremony for the FY21 Army Family Housing project.

**Where: Ocean Road at North Point
(NAN Construction Gate)**

When: March 4th at 9:00 a.m.



Attention Kwajalein AFH Home Residents

TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND INTEGRITY OF HOUSING
INFRASTRUCTURE

V2X Department of Public Works (DPW)
Will be conducting an Annual Preventative Maintenance Inspection
(480-3550)
(ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, STRUCTURAL)

Saturday 31st January (0900-1630)
103, 105, 106, 203, 205, 217, 223, 228

Tuesday 3rd February (0900-1630)
102, 104, 225, 227, 229, 241
(Approximately 20-30 minutes per house)

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

 Email: drwtblack@aol.com

Or scan the QR code.



KWAJALEIN VETERINARIAN CLINIC



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	480-1760
Yard Vegetation Collection	480-1890
Hazardous Waste Pickup Line	480-8858



TRASH & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

The Green Residential TRASH receptacles are collected every **Tuesday and Friday**.

The blue RECYCLE bins are also collected every **Tuesday and Friday**.

The large black General Solid Waste Community Containers are emptied on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Safety First! Please keep any curious children away from the Compactor Truck as it feeds contents into the truck.

Recyclable materials are also collected by both *solid waste* and *horizontal maintenance personnel*, in conjunction with general trash collection. Currently the island only recycles glass, aluminum, metal, and bulk organic materials. **Cardboard and plastics are not recycled materials on Kwajalein.** These items should be placed into the general trash stream for disposal/incineration.



Residential users will be given a **green trash** receptacle and a smaller **blue receptacle** for recyclable materials. It is requested that residences place their recyclable items into the blue containers, and stack larger materials next to the bins. Lawn clippings and leaves should be bagged and placed next to bins. Palm fronds and coconuts should also be stacked up next to the bins for removal by horizontal maintenance personnel.



Kwajalein/Roi-Namur Drivers Licensing

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.

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

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



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Kwajalein MIA Project



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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 adver-

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 tele-communication 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.

tisements 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.



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HELP WANTED

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

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

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

The NEC Testing Center Is Open to the Community - Giving you the head start you need to thrive! - Open Tuesday through Saturday by appointment

Authorized Pearson VUE Test Center. Schedule A test Today!
NEC testing Center, 480-4344, FN 1008-131
ACUITY International

Kwajalein / Roi Namur Licensing Classes on Kwajalein are every Wednesday @0900 Marshallese @1245 Expats (by appointment only as class size 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



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Volunteer Opportunity at Kwajalein Atoll

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

Online & Virtual Training Provided
No experience needed!

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

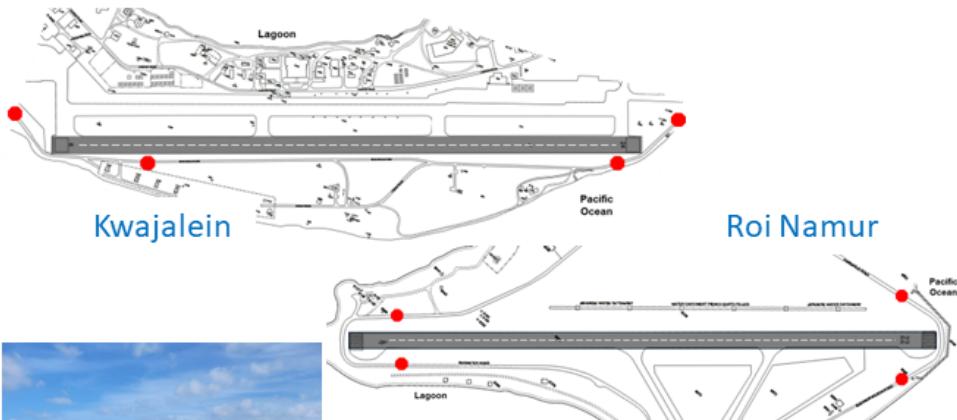
Contact **Alana Wilson** at alana.wilson@redcross.org

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



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!



Stop at designated signs and look for aircraft landing or taking off. If you see an aircraft, hold your position at the stop sign and wait until the aircraft has landed or departed before moving.

NOW SHOWING at the YUK THEATER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

“A Journal for Jordan” (1988)
(PG-13) 69 min.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

“Hidden Figures” (2016)
(PG) 127 min.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

“The Great Debaters” (2007)
(PG-13) 126 min.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

“Soul” (2020)
(PG) 100 min.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

“The Color Purple” (2023)
(PG-13) 141 min.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

“Mr. Malcolm’s List” (2025)
(PG) 117 min.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

“Devotion” (2022)
(PG-13) 139 min.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

“Glory Road” (2006)
(PG) 118 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 7.78" of precipitation, which is 4.16" above normal for the month so far. Rainfall will be suppressed for most of the week, with the subtropical ridge to the north dominating the weather pattern. There could be a slight increase in shower activity through the overnight hours with nocturnal instability, 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 lightning 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) has become less active and remains 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 Niña 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.

tonight. A High Surf Advisory (HSA) is not expected.

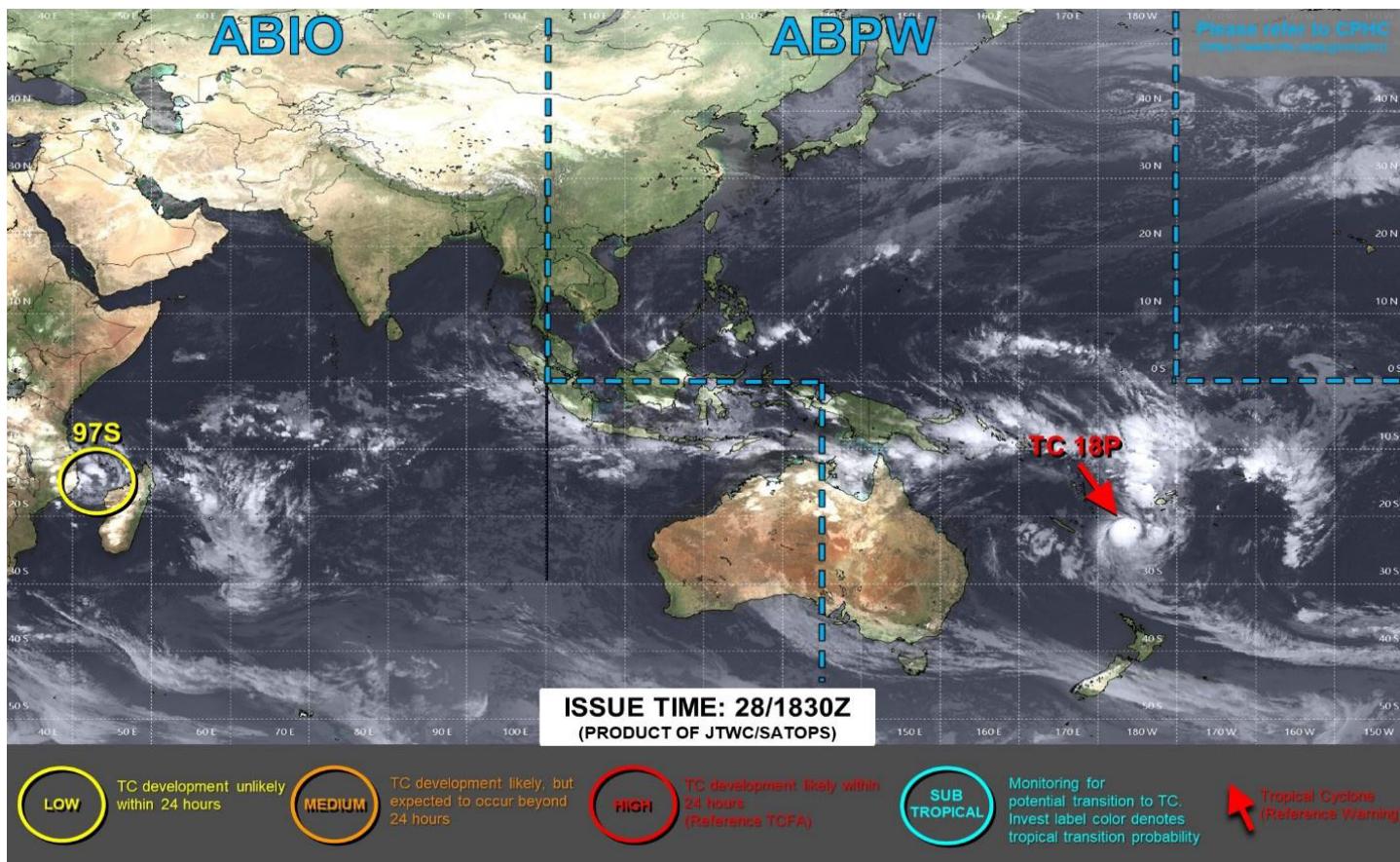
Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:

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 first quarter moon occurred on Monday the 26th of January resulting in milder tidal conditions with high tides peaking at 3.5 feet and low tides only dropping to 0.3 feet. 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 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 be issued today but only last until

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. □



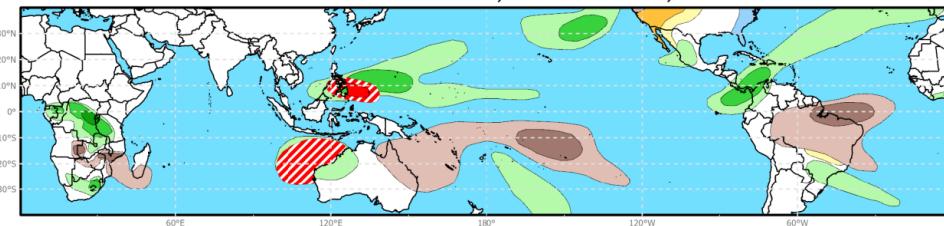


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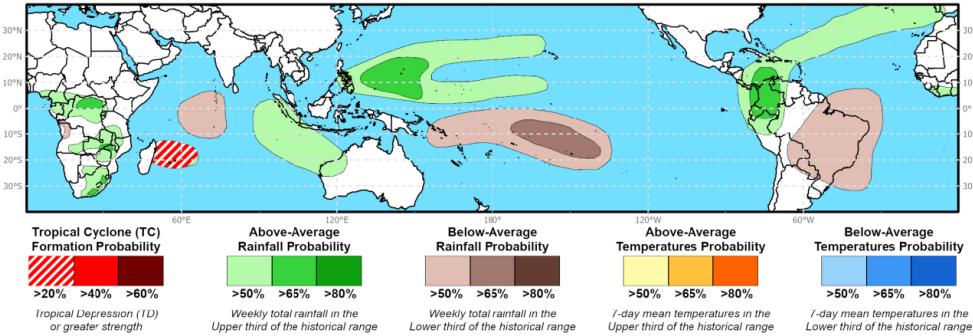
Climate Prediction Center



Week 2 - Valid: Feb 04, 2026 - Feb 10, 2026



Week 3 - Valid: Feb 11, 2026 - Feb 17, 2026



Issued: 01/27/2026
Forecaster: Long

This product is updated once per week and targets broad scale conditions integrated over a 7-day period for US interests only.
Consult your local responsible forecast agency.

WEATHER

RIS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION

Mostly dry conditions and moderate to fresh trade winds will persist across Kwajalein Atoll through the end of the week and into the weekend. A strong subtropical ridge north of the region will remain the dominant weather feature, maintaining a tight pressure gradient while suppressing widespread shower development. Stray to isolated showers may develop Saturday in areas of localized speed or directional convergence, but in the absence of any larger scale forcing, coverage will remain limited. Any showers that do form this weekend will favor the overnight and early morning hours, supported by nocturnal instability. Sustained winds will remain elevated in the mid to upper teens through the weekend. Occasional clear-air gusts into the upper teens and lower 20s are expected at times, with gusts near showers briefly reaching the mid-20s.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers. Winds NE-E at 14-19 knots with higher gusts near showers.

MONDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers early, becoming partly sunny with stray showers. Winds NE-E at 14-19 knots with higher gusts near showers.

NEXT WEEK

Fresh to moderate trade winds will persist into early next week with periods of isolated to widely scattered showers developing Tuesday night through Wednesday, as the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) develops to our south and sends an atmospheric wave through the region. Mostly dry conditions

return by Thursday afternoon persisting through the rest of the week, with any shower activity thereafter occurring from perturbations in trade

winds. Outside of showers, winds will predominantly be NE-E in the mid teens through the week. ▀



	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:55 p.m.	6:16 p.m. 6:17 a.m.	4:10 a.m. 3.4° 4:19 p.m. 4.8°	9:55 a.m. -0.3° 10:46 p.m. -0.8°
MONDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:56 p.m.	7:15 p.m. 7:11 a.m.	4:45 a.m. 3.7° 4:55 p.m. 5.0°	10:34 a.m. -0.5° 11:18 p.m. -0.9°
TUESDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:56 p.m.	8:08 p.m. 7:59 a.m.	5:17 a.m. 3.9° 5:28 p.m. 5.0°	11:09 a.m. -0.6° 11:48 p.m. -0.8°
WEDNESDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:56 p.m.	8:58 p.m. 8:43 a.m.	5:48 a.m. 4.0° 5:58 p.m. 4.8°	11:43 a.m. -0.6° -----
THURSDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:56 p.m.	9:46 p.m. 9:23 a.m.	6:18 a.m. 4.0° 6:26 p.m. 4.4°	12:16 a.m. -0.7° 12:14 p.m. -0.4°
FRIDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:57 p.m.	10:32 p.m. 10:02 a.m.	6:46 a.m. 3.9° 6:52 p.m. 4.0°	12:42 a.m. -0.4° 12:45 p.m. -0.1°
FEBRUARY 7	7:09 a.m. 6:57 p.m.	11:18 p.m. 10:40 a.m.	7:14 a.m. 3.7° 7:15 p.m. 3.5°	1:05 a.m. -0.2° 1:15 p.m. 0.3°

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ISLAND LIFE AND ARMY REGULATIONS,
PLEASE CALL THE COMMANDER'S HOTLINE AT 480-1098.



Until Next Week!

