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HOW TIME-TESTED MARRIED COUPLES KEEP LOVE LASTING — AND WHAT NEW COUPLES CAN LEARN

HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk,
Hourglass Staff Writer

Long-lasting marriages don't happen by accident. They're built—quietly, consistently, and intentionally—through thousands of small choices made over years. When you talk to couples who've been married for decades, you rarely hear about grand gestures or cinematic romance. Instead, they talk about habits, mindsets, and ways of showing up for each other that keep the relationship strong long after the honeymoon glow fades.

As part of our Valentine's Day feature, here is a look at what experienced married couples on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur do differently, and how new couples can follow their lead to build a love that lasts.

1. They Choose Each Other Every Day

Long-term couples understand something simple but profound: love isn't just a feeling; it's a daily decision.

What they do:

- They recommit to the relationship even on the days when it feels inconvenient.
- They don't take each other's presence for granted.
- They show affection in small, consistent ways—touching a shoulder, saying “good morning,” checking in during the day.

Advice for new couples:

Build micro moments of connection into your routine. A 10 second hug, a kiss before leaving the house, or a nightly “How was your day?” creates emotional glue that holds you together.

2. They Communicate Honestly—Even When It's Uncomfortable

Seasoned couples don't

avoid hard conversations; they've simply learned how to have them without tearing each other down.

What they do:

- They speak up before resentment builds.
- They listen to understand, not to win.
- They use “I feel” instead of “You always.”

Advice for new couples:

Practice honesty early. If something bothers you, bring it up gently but directly. Silence may feel easier in the moment, but it's the fastest way to create emotional distance.

3. They Fight Fair

Conflict isn't a sign of a failing relationship—it's a sign of two humans trying to build a life together. The difference is in how you fight.

What they do:

- They avoid name-calling, insults, and low blows.

•They take breaks when emotions run too high.

•They focus on solving the problem, not attacking the person.

Advice for new couples:

Create “rules of engagement” for arguments. Agree on boundaries—no yelling, no interrupting, no storming out without saying when you'll return. Healthy conflict strengthens trust.

4. They Keep Growing—Individually and Together

Long-term couples know that people change. They don't fear it; they adapt to it.

What they do:

•They support each other's dreams, even when those dreams evolve.

•They stay curious about each other.

•They reinvent their relationship as life shifts—kids, careers, health, aging.

Advice for new couples:



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Don't assume the person you're with today will be exactly the same in ten years. Stay open, flexible, and willing to grow alongside them.

5. They Maintain Friendship at the Core

Romance is wonderful, but friendship is what carries a marriage through decades.

What they do:

- They laugh together.
- They enjoy each other's company outside of romantic contexts.
- They treat each other with the same kindness they'd offer a close friend.

Advice for new couples:

Nurture the friendship. Go on adventures, share hobbies, tell jokes, be silly. Friendship is the foundation that makes love feel safe and enduring.

6. They Protect Their Relationship From Outside Noise

Seasoned couples understand that not everyone

needs access to their private world.

What they do:

- They set boundaries with family, friends, and work.
- They don't broadcast every disagreement.
- They prioritize the relationship over external opinions.

Advice for new couples:

Be selective about what you share. Not every conflict needs an audience. Protect your partnership like something precious.

7. They Keep Romance Alive—But Realistic

Long-term romance isn't about constant passion; it's about intentional connection.

What they do:

- They plan date nights even when life gets busy.
- They flirt, compliment, and express desire.
- They understand that intimacy evolves with time.

Advice for new couples:

Don't wait for romance to "just happen." Create it. Schedule it. Celebrate it. Love thrives when it's tended to.

8. They Forgive—Truly

No long marriage survives without forgiveness. Not the surface-level kind, but the deep, intentional kind that lets you move forward without keeping score.

What they do:

- They apologize sincerely.
- They let go of grudges.
- They focus on solutions rather than blame.

Advice for new couples:

Learn to repair quickly. The strength of a relationship isn't measured by how rarely you fight, but by how quickly you reconnect afterward.

9. They Keep Choosing Joy

Life brings stress, loss, and unexpected challenges. Couples who last don't avoid hardship—they face it as a team.

What they do:

- They find humor in the mundane.
- They celebrate small wins.
- They create rituals that bring joy into everyday life.

Advice for new couples:

Build a relationship culture that values joy. It becomes a buffer against the inevitable storms. The path to longevity isn't mysterious. It's built through:

- Daily connection
- Honest communication
- Respectful conflict
- Shared growth
- Friendship
- Boundaries
- Intentional romance
- Forgiveness
- Joy

Final Thoughts

Seasoned or experienced couples don't have magic formulas. They simply practice the fundamentals with consistency, patience, and heart. They understand that love is not a single moment but a lifelong series of choices—some easy, some difficult, all meaningful. ❖

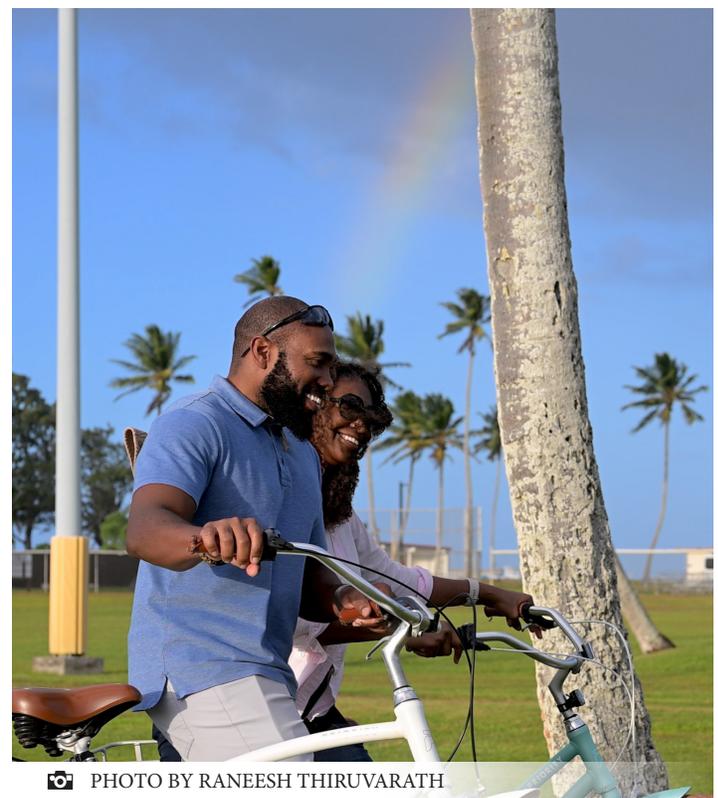


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Lawrence T. & Janet Clinton - 40 years



Mike & Lori Klein - 40 years



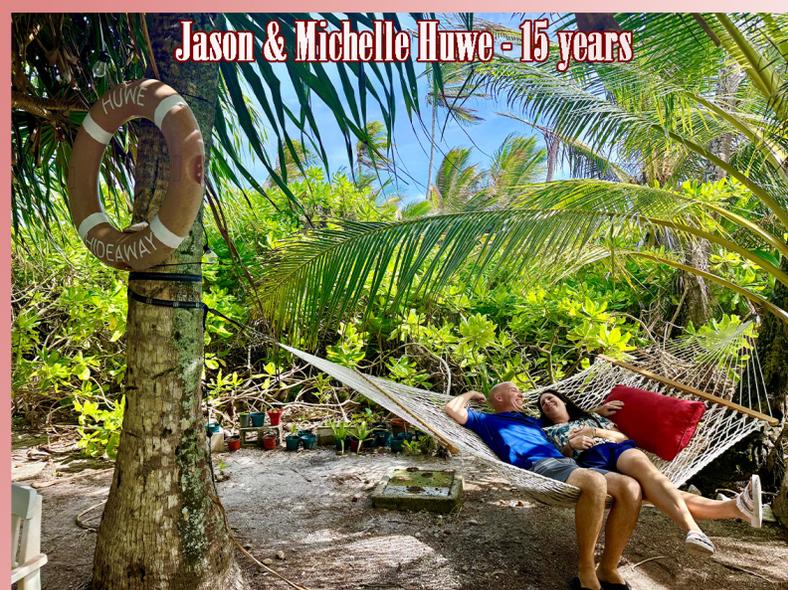
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Jason & Michelle Huwe - 15 years



Karl & Jill Hayes - 34 years



Rafael & Yessenia Johnson - 16 years



Taj & Nikki George - 15 years



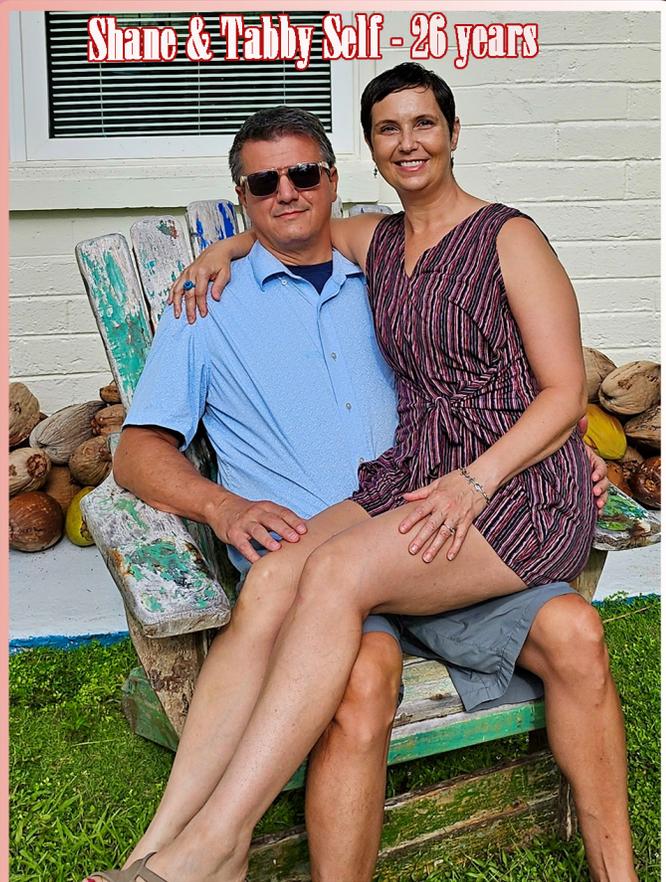
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LOVE

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Josh Bell & Stephanie McCutcheon - 10 years



Shane & Tabby Self - 26 years



David & Marcie King - 50 years



The Johnsons



Glenn & Terri Hibberts - 32 years



The Huwes



The Langinbeliks



Bob & Jane Sholar - 31 years





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COMMUNITY FINDING PURPOSE, ONE CLASSROOM AT A TIME

HOURLASS REPORT

By **Isaiah Matthews**,
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Melissa Rodriguez doesn't make a big production when she introduces herself.

"My name is Melissa Rodriguez, but everyone calls me Mely," she said, smiling.

Rodriguez teaches fifth- and sixth-grade social studies and English Language Arts, working with native English speakers and Marshallese students who are English Second Language Learners. She is originally from Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, and brings more than 20 years of experience in bilingual and ESL education into her classroom each day.

For Rodriguez, teaching was never just a career choice.

"I have always believed in the power of education and language to transform lives," she said. "What continues to motivate me is watching stu-

dents grow in confidence, develop their voices, and realize they are capable of far more than they initially believe."

Her decision to come to Kwajalein was rooted in both family and purpose. Her mother, Marisol Hilerio, teaches on island as an ESL instructor, turning the move into something deeply personal.

"Being able to work alongside her, learn from her, and share this experience together has been incredibly meaningful," stated Rodriguez. "She has always been an example of dedication and excellence in education."

Before arriving, Rodriguez expected island life to be quiet and slow. That part turned out to be true — but incomplete.

"I've also discovered how deeply intentional and connected life here can be," she exclaimed. "Living on Kwajalein has helped me appreciate

simplicity, presence and purpose."

That sense of connection stood out almost immediately.

"What has stood out most is the strong sense of community," she said. "People are welcoming, supportive, and genuinely connected."

Teaching in a small, close-knit place has shaped how she approaches the classroom.

"It's made me more intentional about building relationships," said Rodriguez. "Trust, consistency and really knowing your students — that matters even more here."

Outside of school, Rodriguez describes herself simply.

"When I commit to something, I give fully," she said. "I do it with intention, heart and purpose."

She is also quick to talk about her children — three, she says proudly — who encouraged her to take this leap alongside their grandmother.

"They're incredibly supportive," she proclaimed with great enthusiasm. "They're proud of both of us."

When it comes to adapting to a new environment, Rodriguez leans on a few guiding values.

"Faith, patience and adaptability," she said. "I try to approach new experiences with openness and gratitude."

In her classroom, Rodriguez hopes students walk away with more than grades.

"I want them to feel seen," she said. "I want them to believe in themselves."

She balances structure with flexibility, encouraging students to take risks while knowing they are supported.

"This is a place where it's okay to try," she said.

Life on Kwajalein has also shifted how she moves through her days.

"The pace here makes you slow down," Rodriguez said.

“You notice more. You reflect more.”

To her, community means shared responsibility.

“In a place like this, relationships matter,” she said. “People matter.”

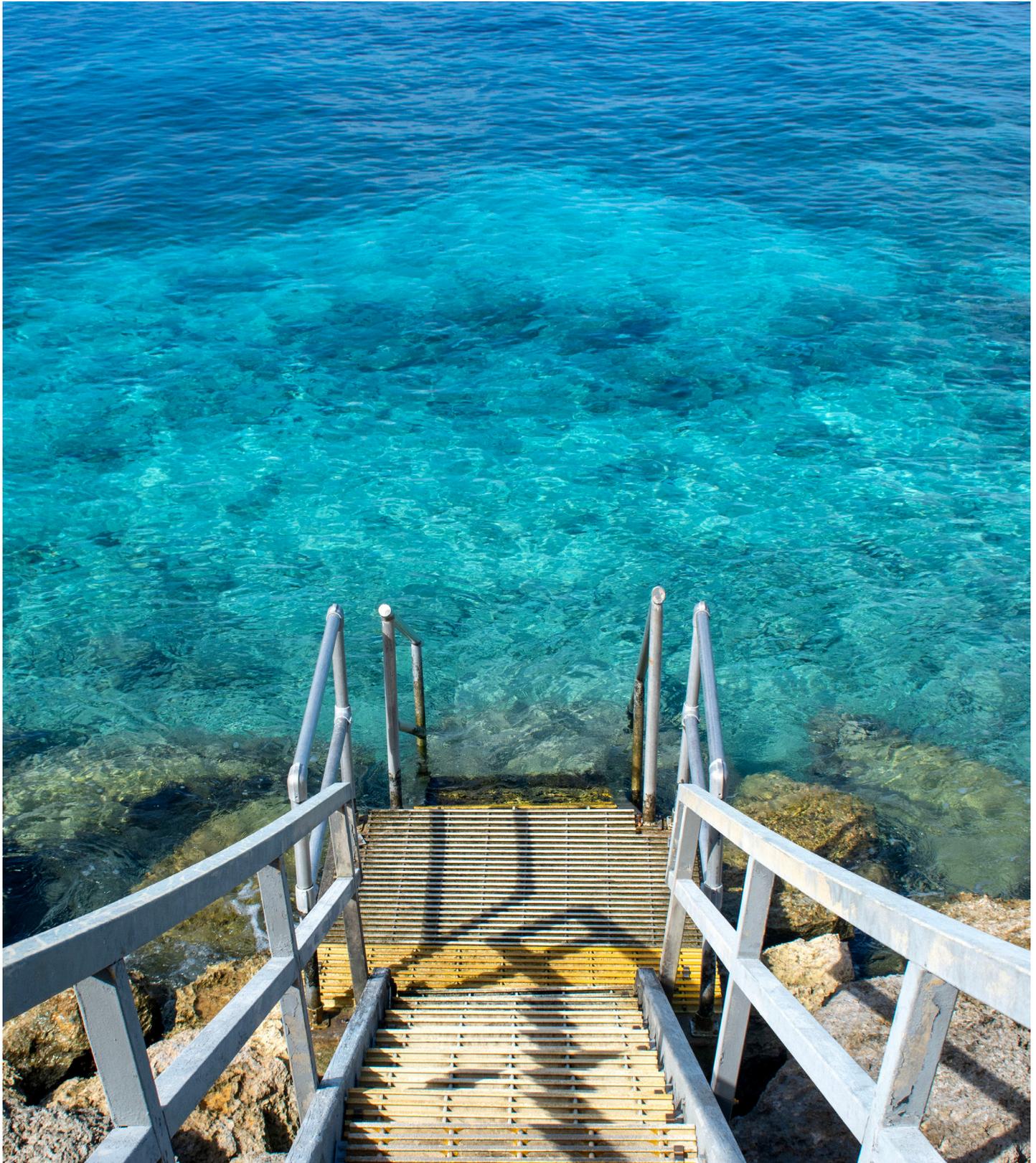
Looking ahead, Rodriguez

sees this chapter as one of growth — professionally and personally.

“I hope this experience brings clarity and meaningful moments,” she said. “I want to keep growing as an educator and as a person.”

As for how she hopes the community comes to know her, her answer is simple.

“I lead with heart,” Rodriguez said. “I’m grateful to be here, and I’m ready to give my best.” ❧





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FROM DUKE ELLINGTON TO BILLY JOEL: KWAJ POPS! HITS THE STAGE

HOURLASS REPORT

By Anthony Carnelli,
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Three bands. Months of preparation. A ranked-choice ballot. On Friday, Feb. 6, students from the Kwajalein Junior High and Senior High School bands stepped onto the Multi-Purpose Room stage for the Kwaj POPS! 2026 Concert — an evening of pop culture music they had selected, voted on, and rehearsed themselves.

Directed by Kwajalein Schools 5-12th grade band teacher Kyle Miller, the concert featured three ensembles: the Stage Band, the Jr. Band, and the Concert Band — each performing its own set of songs. The evening was designed to bring the community together, celebrate pop culture, and highlight the increase in musical talent





among students in the Kwajalein Schools system.

“Currently, yes, we have one eighth-grader in the group,” Miller added when asked about the Stage Band’s mix of junior high and senior high school musicians. “This is an auditioned group with limited space available and capable students of all ages are routinely invited to audition each year.”

Miller explained the Stage Band is “a jazz ensemble that holds auditions at the start of every school year.” It meets “twice a week after school,” he said, while the Concert Band is the curricular ensemble for grades 9-12.

However, the work behind the concert started long before the first rehearsal. During the first quarter of the school year in September, students used class time to research music based on

three criteria: their individual skills, their musical interests, and the context they intended to create for the concert. The process was methodical. From a long initial list, stu-

dents submitted their preferences, and went through a few rounds of elimination. Every band member had a voice in shaping the final program.

“Students take class time to research music based on their individual skills, our ensemble skills, their musical interests, and the context that we intend to create for this





concert,” Miller said. “They submit their preferences, and from that very long list, we go through a few rounds of elimination to narrow it down to about 10 songs that then appear on a ranked-choice voting ballot. That’s how we come to a consensus on the music for this particular performance.”

Musically, the students had been preparing for the concert since Thanksgiving of last year. By the time Feb. 6 arrived, they had spent months with the material — first choosing it, then learning it.

“Especially with this challenging music, the growth is tremendous!” Miller said when asked how students changed between the first rehearsal and Friday night’s performance. “We take it slow at first and in small musical chunks. As they gain confidence in the music, we really squeeze every available minute of class time to refine the smaller details of each

piece.”

For the performance, band members were split into three groups. Each band took a turn on stage and played a number of sets, with soloists stepping forward during different songs throughout the evening.

“There were a lot of soloists in this music, and every section of the band had a chance to shine!” Miller said.

For Miller, the night moved quickly. “It’s hard to pinpoint one moment; the whole concert goes by so quickly for me,” he said. “All three ensembles really performed at their best, and I’m very proud of the hard work that they all put in.”

The Stage Band’s highlights included “Whiplash” from the *Duke Ellington* Caravan Greatest Recordings and *Luis Fonsi’s* “Despacito” — a set that moved from big-band jazz to Latin pop.

Miller said “Die With a Smile” was another highlight of the night. “Taylor Aboud

put a lot into that tenor feature, and the ensemble really stepped up their game in support.”

The Concert Band featured a Dixie-style rendition of “Look for the Bare Necessities” from “The Jungle Book” — a Dixie-flavored take on the Disney classic — as well as a full set of top hits from music legend *Billy Joel*. The Jr. Band also performed a full set, including selections from “The Greatest Showman,” jazz-pop artist *Laufey* and pop-R&B artist *The Weeknd*, rounding out the evening’s lineup.

Some pieces required extra patience and precision. “From The Start was a particular challenge for the Jr. High band,” Miller said. “It’s full of syncopation and supporting rhythms that shouldn’t line up in the expected ways. We spent a lot of time going slow and steady on one part at a time and layering them in together over time.”

What set the Kwaj POPS!

Concert apart was the process behind it. The students spent weeks in rehearsal preparing to perform material they had a real stake in. That kind of ownership is not something that happens by accident — it takes structure, and it takes a teacher willing to hand the reins to the students. The evening highlighted the increase in musical talent within the Kwajalein Schools system — and the kind of results that follow when students have real ownership over what they play. ❧





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SANTANA SPENCE: A VALENTINE TO RESILIENCE, COMMUNITY, AND THE HEART SHE BRINGS TO KWAJALEIN

HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Staff Writer

Santana Spence carries her Jamaican heritage with deep pride, grounding her life in resilience, adaptability, and an unwavering sense of community. Raised on the island, she learned early that love isn't just something you say — it's something you show. It's in the way neighbors support one another, the way families share what little they have, and the way a community becomes a safety net woven from countless acts of kindness. Those lessons continue to shape her approach to every challenge and opportunity.

Beneath her uniforms and job titles, Santana is known as a trustworthy, attentive presence: a “ball of ears,” as she fondly puts it — always ready to listen, understand,

and offer a safe space for others to share their stories. In a world that often rushes past people's quiet struggles, Santana's gift is simple and rare: she makes others feel seen. If Valentine's Day is about celebrating the people who bring warmth into our lives, Santana embodies that spirit year round.

Her upbringing in Jamaica taught her resourcefulness and perseverance. She remembers her parents working tirelessly to provide for their family, and neighbors stepping in when times were tough. Those memories instilled in her a deep appreciation for hard work and the power of community love — the kind that doesn't need grand gestures, just consistency. Guided by the island philosophy that “everything happens for a reason, and you can't change what you can't control,” Santana learned to

navigate life's complexities with calmness and clarity.

Santana's journey has been anything but linear. Instead, it has been a winding path of growth, humility, and self discovery. She has learned to embrace uncertainty, find opportunity in unexpected places, and make the best of every twist and turn. Through it all, she has remained grounded in the belief that it is our response to life's surprises that truly defines us — a belief rooted in self love and compassion for others.

With more than a decade of experience as a Pharmacy Technician, Santana has developed a deep passion for healthcare and a fascination with the evolution of medicine. Her work has shown her the profound impact healthcare professionals can have on patients' lives, reinforcing her commitment to compassionate care, teamwork, and attention

to detail. Her approach to medicine mirrors her approach to people: steady, thoughtful, and full of heart.

In 2019, Santana expanded her creative horizons by launching Yardie Cosmetics, a small business that allowed her to share her love of beauty and artistry. During a time of global uncertainty, the brand became a source of peace and purpose — a reminder that creativity can be a powerful force for healing. Though she has paused the business to pursue her calling in healthcare, she looks forward to returning to it when life allows her the space to balance both passions. It's a love she hasn't let go of, just one she's saving for the right moment.

Today, Santana is embarking on a new chapter as she joins the Air Force as a Respiratory Care Practitioner. She is eager to serve, learn, and continue making a



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meaningful difference in the lives of others. The opportunity to work alongside fellow healthcare professionals in such a dynamic field fills her with excitement and purpose, a commitment that reflects the kind of love rooted in service and community.

One of the most heartfelt examples of Santana's love for community blossomed this year when she organized a Rainbow Picnic a couple of weeks ago for the friends she's grown close to on Kwajalein. In true Santana fashion, it wasn't just a gathering — it was a celebration of color, individuality, and the beauty of showing up as your full self. Each friend chose a color and arrived dressed in their shade, bringing foods and drinks to match. The result was a vibrant, joy filled spread that looked like something love itself had arranged across the picnic table.

A rainbow picnic is more than an outdoor meal; it's a tribute to diversity — a reminder that friendships are richer when everyone brings their own hue. Santana wanted her friends to feel seen, valued, and celebrated for their differences, and the day became exactly that. Together, the ladies reflected

on 2025 and set intentions for 2026 by creating vision boards, painting whimsical flower girl portraits, and ending the day with an oceanside photoshoot bathed in golden light.

It was a gathering stitched together with laughter, gratitude, and the kind of affection that doesn't need Valentine's Day to be felt — but fits the spirit of the season perfectly. Santana's rainbow picnic wasn't just colorful; it was a love letter to friendship itself.

Life on Kwajalein has brought its own lessons. The island's remoteness has pushed Santana to confront fears of isolation and vulnerability, ultimately helping her grow in perspective and appreciation. She has learned to value simplicity, presence, and genuine relationships. Even swimming, something one might assume comes naturally to someone raised on an island, has become a personal milestone. Despite being a self described landlubber, she has embraced the challenge and now proudly paddles through shallow waters, celebrating every bit of progress — a sweet reminder that loving yourself means cheering for

your own small victories.

Music has always been a central part of Santana's life. Raised in a church family, she began singing at age three and quickly became known in her neighborhood as the "singing bird." From choir competitions to hotel cabaret performances, music has been a lifelong source of joy. Kwajalein has rekindled that passion, whether through karaoke nights or singing with Jake Evans during jam sessions at the Yacht Club —

moments that feel like love letters to the parts of herself she never wants to lose.

The kindness and culture of the Kwajalein community have humbled Santana, reminding her that many of life's worries are unnecessary burdens. She has come to understand that true strength lies not in individual achievements but in the connections we build with others. As Santana continues her journey, she hopes to inspire others to embrace their own paths, remembering that the loves, lessons, and little colorful moments along the way make them uniquely theirs. She strives to be a source of hope, support, and encouragement, carrying forward the lessons of resilience and community that shaped her.

For Santana, life is not defined by the destination but by how we navigate the twists and turns along the way. She looks to the future with gratitude, curiosity, and excitement for all that lies ahead — and this Valentine's season, her story is a reminder that love isn't just romantic. It's resilience. It's community. It's creativity. It's courage. And it's the way one person's light can brighten an entire island. ▾



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A SHARED LEAP TO THE PACIFIC WITH HER HUSBAND: NEW CYS SUPERVISOR BRINGS PEOPLE-FIRST APPROACH

HOURLASS REPORT

By **Anthony Carnelli**,
Hourglass Story Writer

Erica Simon is still getting used to life on Kwajalein. But the shift in pace has been a welcome one. After years in the bustle of Dallas, she finds herself trading rush hour traffic for bike rides and hurried mornings for laid back ocean breezes. As the Youth Education Supervisor for Child Youth Services (CYS), Simon oversees the before-and after-school (SAC) program for elementary students, Namo Weto Youth Center and Youth Sports Program. It's a position that shapes how island kids spend their afternoons, how families connect, and how the community stays connected.

Simon was born and raised in Lafayette, Louisiana. With deep Creole heritage rooted in the state, Louisiana will

always hold her heart before she went on to spend 25 years in Dallas. Her professional background includes executive leadership at a non-profit organization serving children and families—work that ranged from hands-on community outreach to appearances on local television. Stepping into the CYS role represents a meaningful return to her roots and the heart of why she began this work in the first place. “In working with CYS, I am returning to my first love, which is Early Childhood Education,” Simon said. “I made that 360-degree circle back to what graduated college for”. Her professional background includes overseeing education lab schools, where she mentored student teachers and ensured quality experiences for the children in their care.

When Erica Met Michael
The path to Kwajalein

began with her husband, Michael Simon, a Communications Engineer in the Audio-Visual Department. “After he applied for the job, that’s when she really started researching the location,” Simon recalled with a laugh. When he received the offer on Kwajalein, she made it clear she planned to come along. “You’re not leaving me in Dallas,” she told him. “Not with this unpredictable Texas weather, while you enjoy 80-degree weather year-round.”

The couple’s story stretches back nearly 26 years to a Winn-Dixie grocery store in Louisiana. Michael was working in the frozen food department while attending college at University of Louisiana-Lafayette; Erica was a student at Louisiana Tech, frequently running errands for her family. “I saw him quite frequently at the store,” she said. One day, he greeted her by name

— a detail that caught her off guard. “I was taken back, well, how do you know my name?” It turned out he had been asking around. “If you know anything about Michael, he did a very extensive background,” she said. That grocery-store hello turned into a decades-long happy marriage — and now, a shared leap to Kwajalein.

Relationship Centered Approach

In her first weeks in the role, Simon has been struck by the teamwork and genuine warmth within CYS. “My supervisors want me to succeed,” she said. “They’ve said, ‘Here are the tools you need—how can we support you?’ It truly feels like we’re a winning team.” She adds that her staff has been equally enthusiastic—eager to collaborate, share ideas, and move the programs forward together.

Simon’s leadership philoso-



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phy is rooted in relationships. “I love working with people,” she shared. “When individuals know you genuinely care about their needs and concerns, they’re far more open to engaging in what you’re building.”

She is intentional about fostering those connections

not only with students, but also with families and staff. “When people see how much stronger we are together,” she said, “they naturally want to be part of the team—not just for the students, but for the families we serve as well.”

Simon’s commitment to community service runs

deep. In Texas, she served in executive leadership with a nationally recognized, award-winning nonprofit in Plano dedicated to providing free food and vital resources to families experiencing food insecurity. Her work brought her into contact with local dignitaries, thousands of dedicated volunteers, and even well-known public figures who came to serve alongside the organization — including Jim Parsons of *The Big Bang Theory*, music icon Rihanna, and Oprah Winfrey.

Through every opportunity and high-profile moment, however, her focus never shifted from what mattered most: the individuals and families being served.

Now on Kwajalein, Simon is discovering that same sense of connection in life’s simpler moments—a friendly

wave from a passing cyclist, a warm smile from a neighbor. “Those small gestures make everything feel more connected,” she said. For a supervisor whose philosophy begins and ends with people, it feels like exactly the right place to be. ▾





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CELEBRATING LOVE, FRIENDSHIP, AND COMMUNITY: YYWC VALENTINE’S DINNER AT THE VET’S HALL

HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagon-Hourglass Staff Writer

Valentine’s Day is often associated with romantic dinners and heart-shaped chocolates, but on Kwajalein it is just as much about friendship, connection, and community. Whether celebrating with a partner or gathering friends for a festive Galentine’s Day outing, the Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club’s Valentine’s Day Dinner offers a chance to come together and enjoy a meaningful evening with fellow island residents.

The YYWC Valentine’s Dinner will be held at the Vet’s Hall, transforming the familiar space into a warm and welcoming venue for an evening of good food, conversation, and community spirit.

Designed to be inclusive and social, the event welcomes couples, groups of friends, and individuals alike, creating an atmosphere that reflects the close-knit nature of life on Kwajalein.

Beyond being a night out, the YYWC Valentine’s Dinner also serves a larger purpose. Funds raised from the event will go toward supporting education initiatives in the Marshall Islands and Micronesia, continuing YYWC’s longstanding mission to give back to the region that hosts and supports the Kwajalein community. Through events like this, YYWC helps turn social gatherings into opportunities for positive impact well beyond the island.

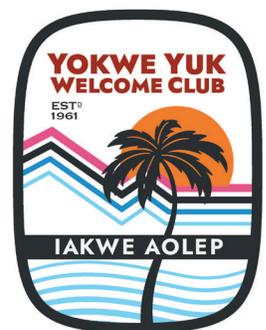
The Valentine’s Dinner is just one of many events orga-

nized by the YYWC throughout the year. Looking ahead, members can also anticipate upcoming Murder Mystery nights and Date Night events, which will be offered as members-only experiences. These events are designed to provide unique, creative, and fun opportunities for members to connect while supporting YYWC’s outreach and fundraising efforts.

Those interested in becoming a YYWC member and gaining access to these exclusive events are encouraged to contact Keri Jones for information about membership benefits and upcoming activities. Community members can also stay informed about events, reminders, and photos by following the Kwaj YYWC Facebook page, where

updates are posted regularly.

Whether you’re celebrating love, friendship, or simply the joy of community, the YYWC Valentine’s Day Dinner promises an evening that captures the heart of Kwajalein, bringing people together while supporting education and opportunity across the Marshall Islands and Micronesia. 





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HOSPITAL CELEBRATES “FRIENDUARY” WITH MONTH-LONG SECRET VALENTINE EXCHANGE

HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Staff Writer

February at the hospital is usually busy with patient care, but thanks to the creativity and heart of Morale and Welfare Officer Peggy Burton, this month is also filled with friendship, kindness, and thoughtful surprises.

This year’s initiative, affectionately called “February is for Friends” or “Hospital Frienduary,” invites staff members to participate in a Secret Valentine-style exchange that runs from February 4 through February 28. Each participant draws the name of a coworker and becomes that person’s “secret friend” for the month, leaving small, thoughtful gifts, notes, candy, memes, or encouraging messages in personalized bags displayed on a bulletin board in the hospital.

“There’s no price limit and no set schedule,” Wharton explained. “It’s just about doing something kind — finding out your friend’s favorite candy, color, or movie and leaving something that shows you care.”

Some gifts are simple notes, others are candy or small keepsakes, and when items are too large to fit in the bags, they’re hand-delivered with a smile. At the end of the month, participants take down their bags and see the full collection of surprises they received throughout February.

This tradition began last year and was such a hit that Burton brought it back again. Though her role as morale and welfare officer is unofficial and unpaid, everyone at the hospital knows her as the organizer behind group celebrations, birthdays, holidays, and team-building activities.

Physician Assistant

Bess Buchanan, who has worked at the hospital for 26 years, shared high praise for Wharton’s dedication. “Everybody here is so far away from their families, that you become each other’s family,” Buchanan said. “Peggy has self-appointed herself as one of the mothers of our little hospital. She pulls us all together — birthdays, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Valentine’s Day — she’s always there. Hats off to her. She tracks everything, circulates cards, and makes sure everyone feels seen.”

Burton says her motivation is simple: “Just to build morale, bring the team together, and do something fun outside of our regular job. The staff love things like this.” The bulletin board instructions capture the spirit perfectly:

This February, instead of snow,

There are new friends you’ll make and get to know.

You’ll be given a member of the team

To share some stories or an ice cream

So use this board to leave them a note, a meme, or an encouraging quote.

The goal of this fun is to better morale,

Workplace improvement, whether guy or gal.

No matter if you walk, bike, or take the ferry,

HAVE A HAPPY HOSPITAL FRIENDUARY!!!

In a place where teamwork and compassion are essential every day, “Frienduary” serves as a reminder that small gestures can make a big difference — strengthening bonds, lifting spirits, and turning coworkers into family, one thoughtful note at a time. ▼



Fogging Schedule

- 5:30-7:30 P.M.
- Roi Namur: February 27, 2026
- Kwajalein: February 24, 2026, thru February 26, 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

Dump standing water



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.



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

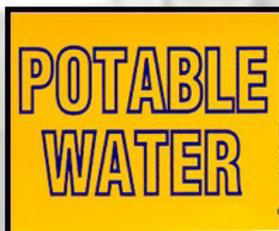


E-wareness: Reclaimed Vs. Drinking Water



Kwajalein Island has two water systems.
The reclaimed (**Non-Potable**) system, color-coded
with red labels, is not suitable for drinking.
Landscaping with reclaimed water conserves
drinking (**Potable**) water.

Call Vectrus Environmental if you have any
questions. 480-0722



Ewor ruo kain system in dren ion Kwajalein.
Reclaimed (**Non-Potable**) system eo, ekokalle kon
label biroro, ejjab emman nan idrak.
Utrikrik kon reclaimed water ekojbarok drenin idrak
(**Potable**).

Ne ewor am kajitok kaki, call e lok Vectrus
Environmental ilo 480-0722.

HOBBY SHOP

VASE/POT WORKSHOP



Date: **February 18, 2026**

Time: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Members: \$15.00

Nonmembers: \$20.00

8 spots available

Ready to trade "store-bought" for "hand-wrought"?

Join us for an intimate pottery session where you'll design and hand build a custom ceramic vessel from scratch. Whether you're dreaming of a textured vase or a modern plant pot, we'll help you bring it to life.

We provide the clay, tools, glazes, and firing. Every participant receives a custom stand to perfectly display their finished work. No experience required, just bring your creativity!

Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.



[Hobby Shop: Bldg. 815, Phone: 480-1700](#)

[Hours: Wed. & Thur. 1-8pm, Fri. 12-8pm, Sat.- Mon. 12-6pm, Tue. Closed](#)



Kwajalein Atoll

Do you have a Concern or Kudos?
Go to the Interactive Customer Evaluation
and give us your feedback.

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INTERACTIVE CUSTOMER EVALUATION



Kwajalein to Ebeye Ferry Schedule



- C - BADGE WORKERS have priority, EXCEPT on the following runs:**
 - 0650 run (arriving at Ebeye at 0715) High Schools students have priority ridership.
 - 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
0245	0310	0315	0340	FB N/1	0400	0425	0430	0455	FB N/1
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
1700	1725	1730	1755	FB A	0500	0525	0530	0555	FB 1
1730	1755	1800	1825	FB N	0600	0625	0630	0655	FB 1
1800	1825	1830	1855	FB A	0720	0745	0750	0815	FB 1
1830	1855	1900	1925	FB N	0830	0855	0900	0925	FB 1
1900	1925	1930	1955	FB A	1140	1205	1210	1235	FB 1
2000	2025	2030	2055	FB N	1440	1505	1510	1535	FB 1/N
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
2200	2225	2230	2255	FB N	1900	1925	1930	1955	FB N
SATURDAY - No 2130 ferry; 2200 is final run of day					2000	2025	2030	2055	FB N
	FB =	Ferry	Boat		2130	2155	2200	2225	FB N



Roi-Namur / Enniburr Ferry Schedule



- 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.
- SMOKING, TOBACCO CHEWING, BEETLE-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 Enniburr.
- Any questions? Please call the Port Captain in Kwajalein, 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

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



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.



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.** Those 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.



NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

SCHEDULE UPDATE

The National Prayer Breakfast schedule is **CONFIRMED**.

DATE: FEBRUARY 19, 2026

TIME: 6:30 AM | VENUE: REB

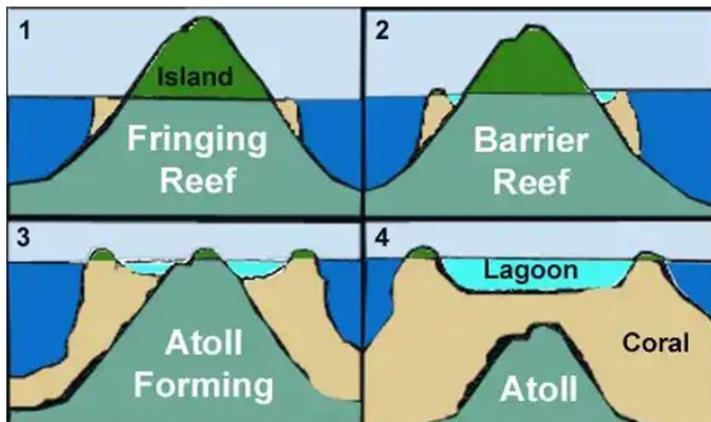
GUEST SPEAKER:

CH(Col.) Khalid M. Shabazz Ph.D, D.Min.
USARPAC Command Chaplain

All tickets remain valid and will be honored for the new date.



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 ilolan 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.

Now Available by Appointment...

PASSPORT PHOTO SERVICES

PASSPORT

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.



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of America*



To schedule an appointment,
contact IMD/AVD personnel at:

KwajaleinHourglass@gov2x.com



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Kwajalein



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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-

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.

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

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

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

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

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



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

Sergeant First Class Darrius Hodge
SHARP Victim Advocate
Work: 480-1419
USAG-KA SHARP Pager:
808-580-3241
DOD SAFE Helpline: 877-995-5247



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HELP WANTED

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

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

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

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

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

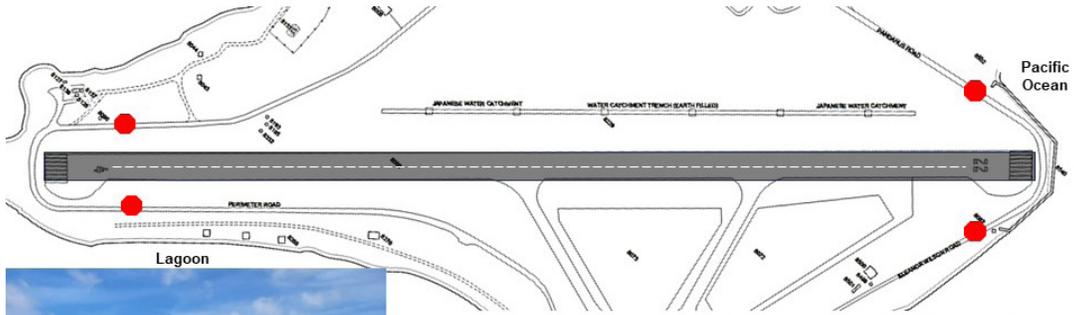
Contact **Alana Wilson** at alana.wilson@redcross.org

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



ROI-NAMUR FOR AIRCRAFT!!

Stop and look both ways for aircraft on Perimeter Rd., Pandanus Rd., Eleanor Wilson Rd.
If aircraft are on approach or taking off, you must hold your position and wait!

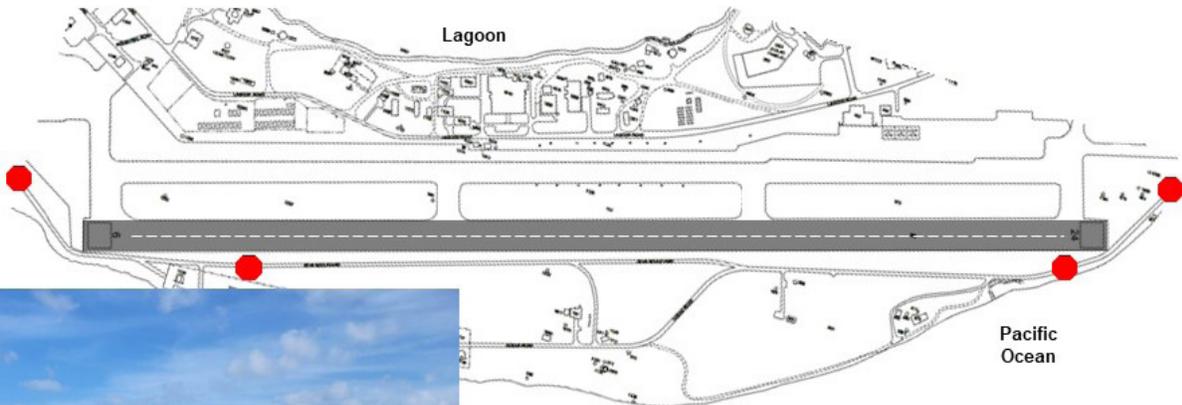


Stop at designated signs and look for aircraft landing or taking off.

If you see an aircraft, hold your position at the stop sign and wait until the aircraft has landed or departed before moving.

KWAJALEIN FOR AIRCRAFT!!

Please remember to stop and look both ways for aircraft on Zeus Blvd. or Ocean 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 February, we have received 1.92" of precipitation, which is 0.74" above normal for the month. We have received 9.75" of precipitation for the year at 4.56" above normal. February is our climatologically driest month at only 3.3" and we are looking to stay at about average for the next seven days with just stray showers possible. Friday and morning will see some broad troughing in the winds for elevated shower coverage and another bounce on Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon. 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 inversion conditions at the

mid-levels and the absence of the ITCZ. The Madden-Julian Oscillation's (MJO) is rather lack-luster right now having little influence on our precipitation regime. The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) is strong to the south of the RMI but is expected to wane over the next seven days in its normal climatological location. 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 by the end of March helping the RMI maintain normal precipitation coverage.

Tropical Cyclones:
None for the RMI.

Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:

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

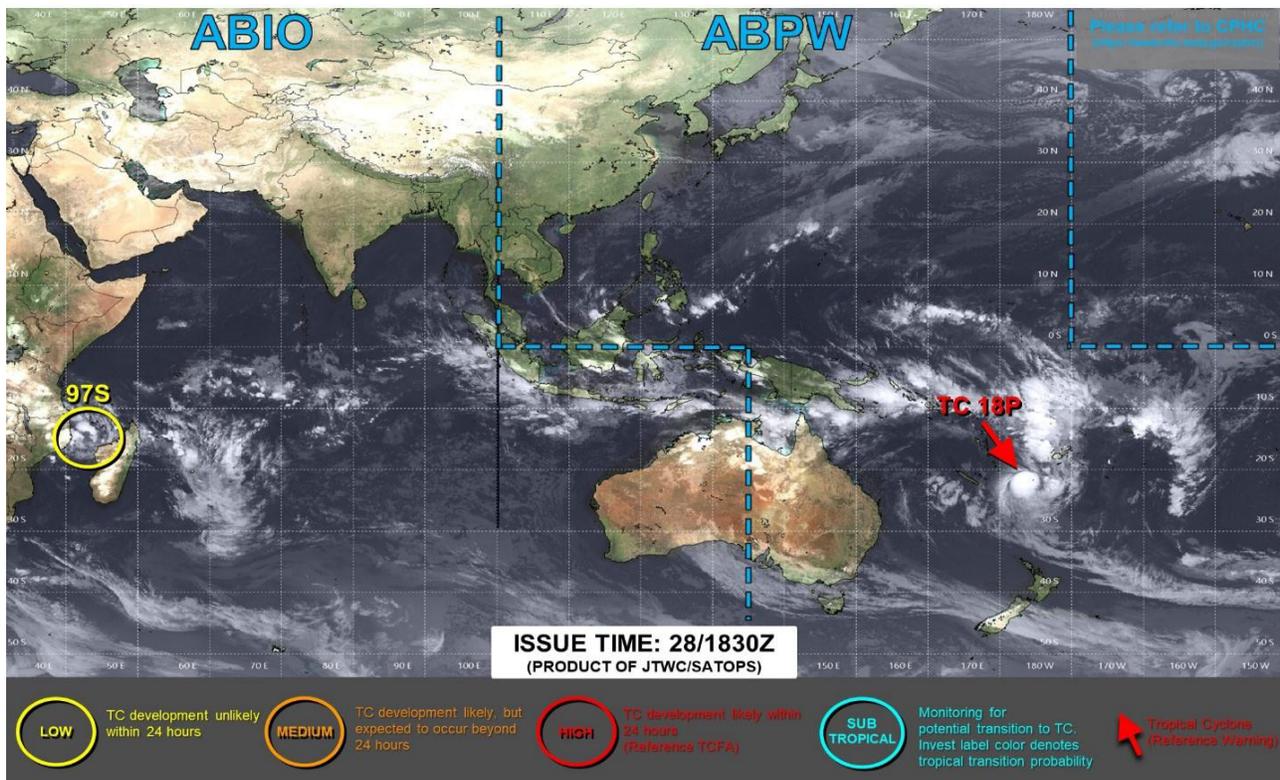
Swell / Tide Inundation for Kwajalein Atoll and Wake Island and Winds:

We will continue waning to a new moon on the 17th and associated higher high tides at just under five feet on the 18th and 19th. **Winds:** after yesterday's strong trade-wind surge, expect the winds to stay in the middle teens today and only the low teens for the most part on Friday. Saturday will see the wind come back up to the middle and upper teens staying that way for most of the weekend. A **Small Craft Advisory (SCA)** may be issued next week with another trade-wind surge expected. 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. ▾



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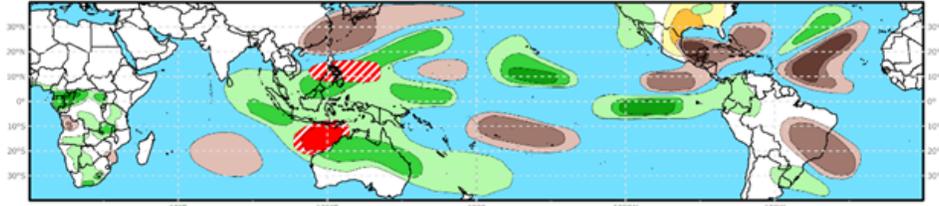


Global Tropics Hazards Outlook

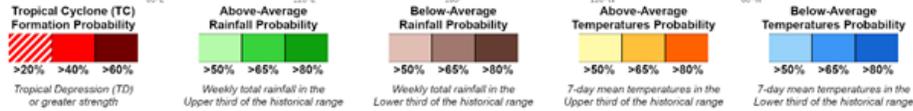
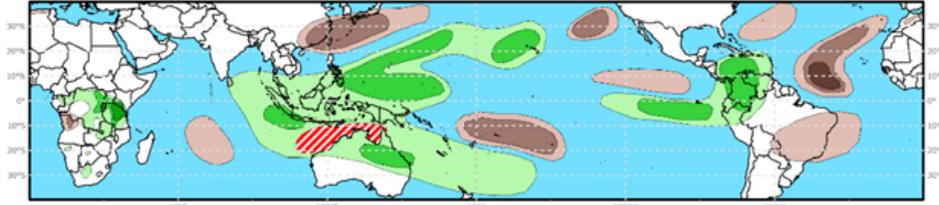
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Week 2 - Valid: Feb 11, 2026 - Feb 17, 2026



Week 3 - Valid: Feb 18, 2026 - Feb 24, 2026



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WEATHER

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WEATHER DISCUSSION

Limited shower activity and a return to breezy conditions are expected across Kwajalein Atoll as we had into the weekend. Subtropical high pressure to the north will begin build back into place, bringing our northeasterly trades into the middle and upper teens on Sunday. The increase in winds could spark up some shower activity Sunday, but these showers will tend to be on the lighter side and pass by quickly. Mostly dry and breezy conditions are likely to continue on Monday and into at least the middle part of next week as the sub-tropical ridge to the north remains in control.

SATURDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers. Winds ENE-ESE at 11-16 knots with higher gusts near showers.

SUNDAY

Partly sunny with stray

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

MONDAY

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

NEXT WEEK

Mostly dry and breezy conditions appear likely throughout much of next week. Strong subtropical ridging to the north will push dry, sinking air into the mid-upper atmosphere which will work to suppress shower activity. There are signs of easing winds later in the week due to disruption of ridging to the north, but this remains uncertain. ▼



SUN-MOON-TIDES

	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	7:08 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	5:10 a.m. 5:01 p.m.	3:40 a.m. 2.9' 3:40 p.m. 4.1'	9:21 a.m. 0.3' 10:07 p.m. -0.2'
MONDAY	7:08 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	5:58 a.m. 5:54 p.m.	4:05 a.m. 3.3' 4:09 p.m. 4.5'	9:52 a.m. -0.1' 10:32 p.m. -0.5'
TUESDAY	7:07 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	6:43 a.m. 6:45 p.m.	4:30 a.m. 3.7' 4:37 p.m. 4.8'	10:22 a.m. -0.4' 10:57 p.m. -0.7'
WEDNESDAY	7:07 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	7:26 a.m. 7:35 p.m.	4:57 a.m. 4.0' 5:05 p.m. 4.9'	10:52 a.m. -0.6' 11:23 p.m. -0.8'
THURSDAY	7:07 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	8:07 a.m. 8:25 p.m.	5:25 a.m. 4.2' 5:34 p.m. 4.9'	11:23 a.m. -0.7' 11:49 p.m. -0.8'
FRIDAY	7:06 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	8:48 a.m. 9:15 p.m.	5:54 a.m. 4.4' 6:03 p.m. 4.7'	11:55 a.m. -0.6' -----
FEBRUARY 21	7:06 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	9:31 a.m. 10:07 p.m.	6:24 a.m. 4.3' 6:33 p.m. 4.3'	12:16 a.m. -0.7' 12:29 p.m. -0.4'

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