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BELLS FOR THE FALLEN: KWAJALEIN REMEMBERS OPERATION FLINTLOCK

HOURLASS REPORT

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Today, Kwajalein Atoll plays a hugely significant role in America's national security, space surveillance and strategic operations across the Pacific. But the American military presence on Kwajalein began not with radars and rocket launches, but with Operation Flintlock — the 1944 Pacific campaign for the Marshall Islands during World War II — the campaign that would allow America to seize control from Imperial Japan.

Eighty-two years later, the community recently commemorated that anniversary on Jan. 31 — drawing residents back to the pivotal week and the legacy it left behind. The anniversary also invited a brief look at Flintlock

itself — the joint assault that turned Kwajalein into one of the Pacific theater's fiercest battlegrounds.

Bells for the Fallen

Students from the Kwajalein High School band stood in two rows along the aisles during a special remembrance ceremony at Island Memorial Chapel — hand bells at the ready. Behind them, a screen displayed names of those fallen along with actual video footage of the infamous events that took place. As each bell rang, its single clear note marked another American service member lost during the campaign.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jason DiDomenico led the 82nd anniversary remembrance ceremony before an audience of garrison service members, families and neighbors, in-

cluding Col. Matthew Cannon and Command Sgt. Maj. Stanley Jackson.

The ceremony unfolded on the same atoll where the battle once swept across runways, causeways and beaches — ground that residents now traverse as part of everyday life. The history commemorated that day began in the winter of 1944.

A Look at Operation Flintlock and How It Began

As January 1944 came to an end, Operation Flintlock was about to launch. Months of meticulous advance preparation had brought together America's top military minds under the direction of U.S. Navy Adm. Chester Nimitz, who submitted his invasion plan in August of 1943.

The operation would prove to be a turning point — the first in a series of landings

that shaped how the U.S. military carried out amphibious warfare for the rest of the war. It was also the first phase in an offensive strategy aimed at establishing an island chain that would support an eventual invasion of the Japanese home islands and bring an end to the war.

The USS Yorktown began its assault on Kwajalein to clear the way for ground troops. Airstrike support came from Vice Adm. Marc Mitscher's planes, flying from six light carriers and six fleet carriers, accompanied by cruisers, destroyers and battleships.

After three days of naval air bombardment, soldiers assaulted the beaches, dodged sniper fire and repelled attacks in efforts to overcome Japanese defenses. Though firsthand accounts vary, bat-

tle survivors recalled it as a scene of utter devastation, transformed from a fortified Japanese base into a heavily cratered, barren landscape of rubble and debris.

Lagoon Landings and the Fight for Kwajalein and Roi-Namur

Japanese defenders expected U.S. invasion forces to hit the islands from the ocean side — the approach that had proved so costly at Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands. Instead, Marines and soldiers came ashore on lagoon-facing beaches, landing men and equipment where defenders least expected it and catching them off guard.

On Kwajalein, Maj. Gen. Charles Corlett's U.S. Army 7th Infantry Division spearheaded the main ground assault. Meanwhile, to the north, Maj. Gen. Harry Schmidt's 4th Marine Division launched a coordinated attack on Roi and Namur — two separate islands at the time, not yet joined by land.

For residents who know



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A bugler plays taps outside of the chapel during a moment of silence for those who lost their lives in battle during Operation Flintlock.

Kwajalein today, the geography of the battle is strikingly close to home. Japanese forces conducting counter-attacks advanced from the westerly part of the island, with some fighting taking place in what is now the modern-day housing area.

Two rifle companies landed near the southern end of the island and fought their way from south to north. The final American assault would take place at the intersection of what is now Ocean and Lagoon roads.

In all, Kwajalein Island took five days to liberate. Ebeye would finally fall on Feb. 5, 1944, marking the end of the southern landing force operation on Kwajalein Atoll.

On Roi-Namur, the fighting played out over two and a half days. One of the most significant events — the Great Explosion — took place on Namur on Feb. 2, 1944, which is when Marines mistook a torpedo warhead storage facility for a fortified gun position and placed a 16-pound satchel charge, or a compact demolition device composed of high explosives inside.

The resulting blast was catastrophic. The smoke was so strong that many Marines believed they were under a poison gas attack, with many dying inside their protective gas masks. The explosion accounted for roughly half of all casualties needed to secure Roi-Namur.

The Cost — and What Remains

Although U.S. forces seized control of the Marshall Islands, it was not without a high cost. Approximately 348 service members were killed in action and 183 went missing. Another 845 were wounded at Kwajalein and 617 at Roi-Namur. Nearly 200 Marshallese were also among the casualties. More than 100,000 shells struck Kwajalein during the siege.

Operation Flintlock marked a major early step in the Central Pacific drive — an assault that punched through Japan’s defensive perimeter and opened the way for Allied advances across the Marshall Islands.

Eighty-two years later, the history returned in a quieter form — names on screen, a

chapel full of neighbors asked to hold silence, and the clear handbell tones that threaded through the ceremony. Directed by band teacher Kyle Miller and music teacher Ashley Wright, the Kwajalein school bell choir anchored the ceremony. As footage of Operation Flintlock played on screen, students rang each bell in turn — each toll marking the loss of a service member who made the ultimate sacrifice on the atoll.

After the final bell faded, Officer DiDomenico introduced and read a poem written not about Kwajalein, but about the universal weight of wartime loss.

The poem was written by Maj. Michael Davis O’Donnell on Jan. 1, 1970, at Dak To, Vietnam, months before his death later that year.

“The poem reflects the sacrifices those have made during war, so they are not forgotten and more importantly attempt not to repeat,” DiDomenico said in front of the ceremony crowd.

As the poem’s final words settled over the room, the au-

Poem By Major Michael O’Donnell

“If you are able, save them a place inside of you and save one backward glance when you are leaving — for the places they can no longer go. Be not ashamed to say you love them — though you may or may not have always. Take what they have left — and what they have taught you with their dying and keep it as your own. And in that time when men decide and feel safe to call war insane, take one moment, to embrace these gentle heroes you left behind.”

dience rose to their feet. Each person held a lit candle. A moment of silence followed — still and unbroken — before a bugler played taps, the last notes carrying across the chapel.

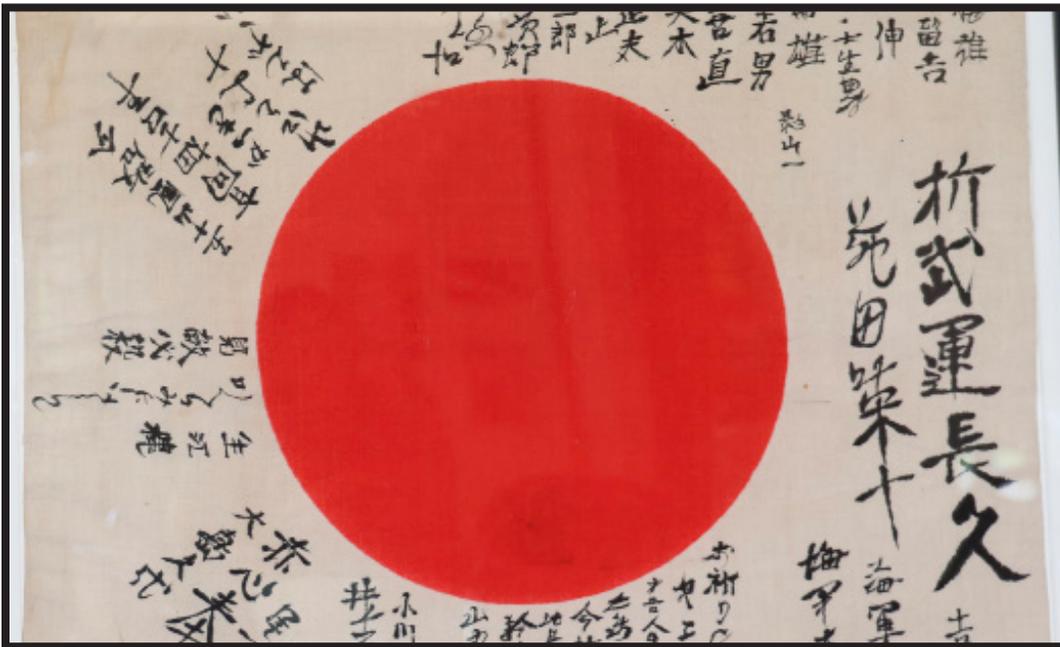
Relics of Flintlock
As part of the commemoration

of Operation Flintlock, volunteers at the Marshallese Cultural Center organized a special exhibit of World War II artifacts recovered from Kwajalein and Roi-Namur — objects that transform history from something read on a page into something tangible.

The display included a Japanese Arisaka 99 bolt-action rifle — the standard-issue infantry weapon of the Imperial Japanese Army during the war. According to archaeologist Ciara Caruthers, the rifle was discovered within the last five years during new construction near the airfield — a find documented and handled with care because it included human remains. Workers, she



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ABOVE: A typical Japanese Empire flag that was often carried by soldiers in the Imperial Japanese Army during WWII with words of encouragement from families and friends..

said, found the skeleton of a Japanese soldier still holding the rifle in his arms.

Among the most quietly powerful items was a Japanese Empire Flag — known as a good luck flag — often carried by soldiers in the Japanese Imperial Army. These flags were typically signed by family members, friends and community members and inscribed with handwritten

messages of encouragement, loyalty and good wishes before the soldier departed for service. It helped serve as a reminder that on both sides of the battle, there were letters from families and messages from home.

From the artifacts at the Marshallese Cultural Center to the bells at Island Memorial Chapel, the recent events asked the community to do

something simple and generous: remember. Students participated, volunteers organized, and neighbors showed up — continuing a tradition of honoring the history that shaped the ground beneath their feet.

For a deeper historical look at Operation Flintlock, readers can explore previously archived issues of the Hourglass at <https://www.dvidshub.net/>



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Back Cover: Roi Pathway by Isaiah Matthews

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FROM WAR GROUND TO DEFENSE HUB: KWAJALEIN'S UNFOLDING LEGACY

HOURLASS REPORT

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Kwajalein Atoll is more than ringed by coral and clear water. Beneath its tranquil surface lies a long arc of history — from a pivotal World War II battlefield to a modern missile test site that plays a role in national defense.

In early 1944, Kwajalein Atoll became a key objective for U.S. forces in the Pacific. As part of Operation Flintlock, troops from the U.S. Army and Marine Corps launched a combined assault on Kwajalein and nearby islands in the Marshall Islands. This operation, coming after the capture of other Pacific footholds, was intended to break through Japan's defensive perimeter and open the way for further advances across the Central Pacific.

The battle was intense. American soldiers and Marines encountered fierce resistance from entrenched Japanese defenders as they landed

on beaches and worked their way inland. When the fighting ended, U.S. forces had secured the atoll, which marked a major step forward in the island-hopping campaign toward Japan. The victory also reflected tactical lessons learned from earlier amphibious operations and helped refine U.S. strategy in the Pacific.

Almost immediately after the battle, American support and engineer units began transforming Kwajalein from a combat zone into a strategic logistics and operations base. Within a matter of days, airstrips had been repaired or rebuilt and aircraft began flying missions in support of operations against remaining Japanese positions in the region.

After World War II, Kwajalein's role continued to evolve. As global military focus shifted during the Cold War, the atoll's isolated location and expansive surrounding ocean made it suitable for missile testing and tracking. By the late 1950s, the U.S. Army

had established the Kwajalein Missile Range — later renamed the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site — to support research, development and evaluation of missile defense systems.

Today, the test site occupies a large range of ocean around the atoll and includes facilities on several islands. It provides critical instrumentation and tracking for long-range flight tests and intercept evaluations. The atoll's remoteness, far from densely populated areas, makes it ideal for tests that require safety buffers and clear ocean space.

Despite its modern technological role, echoes of the battlefield remain visible. On Roi-Namur Island, observers can still see remnants of Japanese defensive fortifications. Kwajalein and Roi-Namur has been recognized as a historic site due to its wartime significance and preserved structures from the battle.

For many residents and visitors, these relics — rusted gun emplacements, old con-

crete bunkers — are quiet reminders of a violent chapter in the atoll's past. Each year, anniversaries of Operation Flintlock draw attention from veterans, historians and military personnel who reflect on the significance of the campaign and the lives affected by it.

Kwajalein's trajectory — from frontline of war to cutting-edge defense test hub — is reflected daily in its landscape. Fishing boats ply the same waters where landing craft once approached; satellite dishes and tracking radars sit near relics of battle. While the world around it has changed, the atoll's strategic value has endured.

For people who live here now, the dual identity of Kwajalein — as home and as part of national defense infrastructure — is an everyday reality. Its history isn't distant; it's part of the islands, the community and the quiet reminders scattered across the lagoon's rim. ❧



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LEADERS OUTLINE PROGRESS, PRIORITIES AT COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Infrastructure upgrades, quality-of-life improvements topped the agenda as garrison looks ahead

HOURLASS REPORT

By **Anthony Carnelli**,
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Leaders highlighted housing milestones, dining facility remodels and infrastructure needs during a Community Information Exchange held Thursday, Feb. 12, as more than half of the multipurpose room at Kwajalein High School was filled with attentive residents and stakeholders — who heard updates and near-term timelines tied to quality of life improvements, communications upgrades and long-term sustainment, and the garrison's broader direction across Kwajalein Atoll.

The exchange featured Col. Matthew Cannon, Commander U.S. Army Garrison - Kwajalein Atoll (USAG-KA); Command Sgt. Maj. Stanley L. Jackson, Command Sergeant Major USAG-KA; Blair

Jones, area engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Chief Warrant Officer 3 Silvestre Arroyo, installation food service adviser; and Scott Hill, V2X community services director.

"Small tangible wins builds momentum. We have to start somewhere," Cannon said, summarizing the command's approach. He presented the garrison's operational plan organized into Lines of Effort that prioritize quality of life, infrastructure sustainment and readiness — designed to outlast any single command tour.

"If everything is a priority nothing is a priority," he noted.

Housing and Dining Facilities

Mr. Jones reported that Phase 1 housing at North Point is nearing completion, with a ribbon-cutting cere-

mony scheduled for March 4 at 9 a.m. Five total phases are planned, though subsequent phases will require additional government funding. Café Zamperini's interior remodeling is also progressing, with a new kitchen nearly completed.

Chief Arroyo said the upgraded kitchen will allow the food service team to produce high-quality meals more efficiently. Staff have been operating out of a 20-foot container for a facility that serves roughly 12,000 meals a day, he said.

When Phase 2 construction begins, Zamperini will temporarily lose half its dining capacity. A second dining facility near Space Fence — Zamperini South — is expected to open in March to offset the reduction. It was noted that both locations will ultimately serve the same

standard menu. The overall remodeling process is estimated at a year to a year and a half.

Infrastructure and Sustainment

Col. Cannon identified infrastructure as one of the garrison's main efforts. With the long-planned new power plant not yet moving forward, leadership will be making the effort to ensure repairs and upgrades, along with HVAC improvements across the atoll.

"Infrastructure and sustainment has a cascading effect on missions...everything," he said.

Other priorities include faster internet speeds, water system repairs on Roi-Namur, and port improvements aimed at speeding ship offloads and clearing empty containers. Leadership also

Quality of Life and Looking Ahead

Improvement to the atoll's bachelor quarters is a near-term priority, along with common-area upgrades. Beautification efforts include the Surfway work, repainting of current buildings, and the installation of new bike racks. On Roi, the Outrigger kitchen renovation design is roughly near completion. The ferry schedule has been formalized with additional runs, and new boat motors are slated for Morale, Wel-

fare, and Recreation (MWR) boat rentals on both Kwajalein and Roi.

Col. Cannon also addressed the garrison's integration with U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC) and the broader U.S. Indo-Pacific Command theater, a shift from the previous alignment under Space and Missile Defense Command that he described as a positive increase in operational capability.

Mr. Hill also outlined MWR and community programming through April,

encouraging residents to stay informed through the island roller channel, The Hourglass, and the official Facebook page for the garrison.

CSM Jackson closed with several housekeeping items, including the 2026 Army Family Housing Survey, which runs March 2 through April 1 and will be distributed by email, mailboxes and door delivery. Leaders also reminded residents to maintain tidy housing areas and said additional guidance is expected regarding enclosed

said additional guidance is expected regarding enclosed patios.

In all, it was a sense of cautious optimism that filled the multipurpose room with a long-term vision coupled with immediate wins. Those small wins are what gets Cannon excited. "Anytime we get some good wins, I always like to take a moment to savor those because that's what keeps me ... fired up."

The next Town Hall is anticipated in April. ▲





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A DIFFERENT KIND OF CLASSROOM: MWR'S CLIFF PRYOR IS TEACHING THE NEXT GENERATION TO BREATHE UNDERWATER

HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Staff Writer

When Clifford J. Pryor slips beneath the surface of the water, he isn't just diving — he's returning to a lifelong love that began before he could even write his name. Now, as the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Foreman, Pryor is using that passion to shape a new generation of young divers on Kwajalein.

At 17, growing up in Texas, Pryor discovered scuba diving and never looked back. But the truth is, he'd been in training since he was three — back when he first learned to swim and stayed in the pool "all afternoon if allowed." For years, he begged his mother

to let him take scuba lessons. She finally agreed when he turned 16, and he immediately enrolled in a community college course. That first certification opened a door he never again wanted to close. He spent the next 17 years sharpening his skills, collecting advanced certifications, and learning everything he could — from deep diving to equipment repair. He dove in the Atlantic, Pacific, Indian Ocean, Red Sea, Caribbean, and across the United States. Then, in 1998, while working on Johnston Atoll, he earned his Divemaster and Instructor certifications because the island had only two instructors and too many trainees. That decision shaped the next 25 years of his life.



UNDERWATER IMAGES BY ERIK HANSON

Today, Pryor is a Master Instructor, a title earned not through seniority, but through teaching divers, and hundreds of them.

Pryor arrived on Kwajalein in March 2015 and joined the MWR team right away. The island, he said, already felt familiar because Kwajalein and Johnston Atoll shared mail routes, and in a way, a shared spirit: remote, ocean-bound, and built around community and a life connected by water. Over the past decade, he has become a central figure in Kwajalein's diving culture. But nothing energizes him more than teaching new divers. "Seeing their eyes light up as they breathe underwater for the first time," he said. "Regardless of age, it is a cool feeling watching the eyes and facial expressions of new divers in the pool and their first open water dives." That joy is universal — but lately, Pryor has been sharing it with some of the island's youngest residents.

When two kids, ages 10 and 12, signed up for scuba training, Pryor had one reaction to training the young divers: "I have to admit that I am jealous of these kids as they get to learn at an earlier age than I did." Youth diving comes with structure, responsibility, and strict safety measures — and Pryor follows every protocol while adding his own teaching philosophy. For him, training children is not about simplifying the material. The kids learn the same skills and information as adults. The only difference, he said, is the emphasis on independence.

"I make sure they know that THEY are responsible for their gear setup and tear-down. They cannot rely on their parents — not during class." Parents are only allowed to help with tightening the tank strap, because 10- and 11-year-old hands usually lack the required strength.

But everything else? It's on the kids. And on Kwajalein, kids rise to the challenge. "Kwaj kids are a different

breed," Pryor said. "Independent, intelligent, and inquisitive. Years of personal instruction have made the kids unafraid to ask questions. I love that."

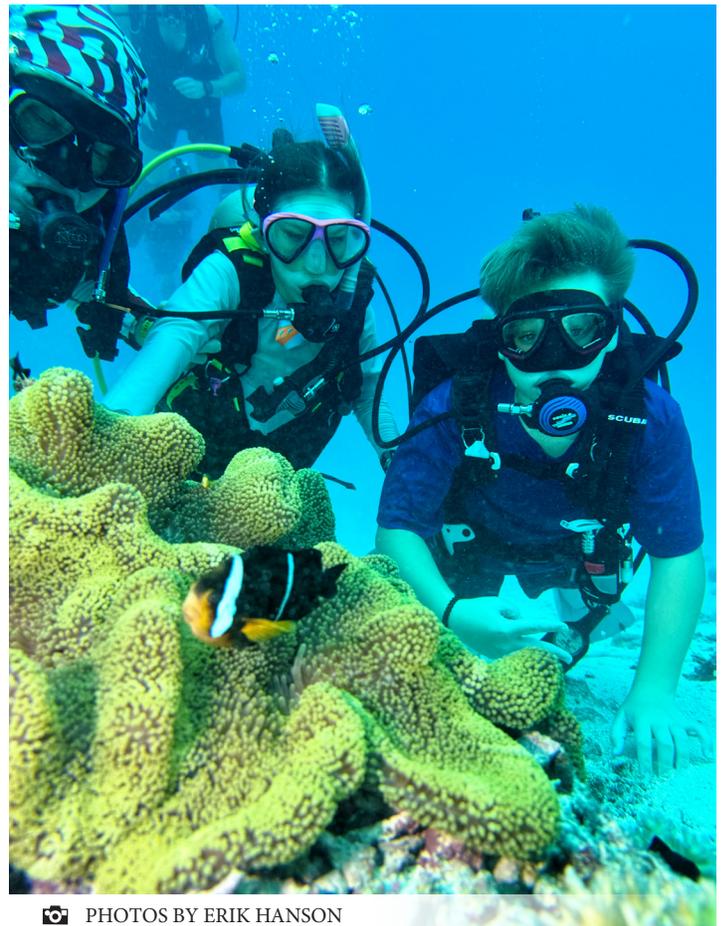
The students agree.

Twelve year old Riley Wetering said he signed up because his grandfather, Ken Blumenauer, inspired him to dive. "The coolest thing I've seen is a huge sea turtle," he said. "Learning to dive on Kwaj is special because not many people get the chance to do it." Riley still laughs about one of his favorite lessons: "Mr. Pryor taught me how to backflip underwater with my scuba tank."

For Penelope Africano, age 11, diving was a family legacy. "When I was nine, I realized my whole family were certified divers, and I wanted to become one too." She said Pryor surprised her with one lesson in particular: "Holding your breath underwater can be really dangerous." She also learned the importance of buddy checks. "You have to make sure you and your buddy feel safe enough to dive at all times." She describes Pryor as "nice, helpful, and funny," and hopes to keep diving so she can "go deeper and master wider ranges."

Ten year old Emeri Gerber said the coolest thing she saw during training was an octopus. She loves the simplicity of island diving: "I can basically walk out of my house and go diving a few moments later." She was amazed to learn that two people can breathe from the same tank. To her, scuba diving is "adventurous, beautiful, and stress relieving."

For Rory Morrissey, age 12, buoyancy was the hardest skill to learn — and mask clearing the easiest. "It surprised me that I can breathe underwater for 45 minutes at a time," he said. Kwajalein diving feels special to him because "you can see wrecks, sea turtles, sharks, and mantas." He describes Pryor as "kind, knowledgeable, and



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he taught me how to use the compass.” Diving, he said, is “fun, exciting, and challenging.”

Children ages 10 and 11 can dive to 40 feet, exclusively with their parents or an instructor. Parents must attend every session, even if they never get in the water — something Pryor insists on. “I want parents to see and hear everything. I want them to see their child set up gear, pack their bag, interact with classmates. It helps ease their fears, and they see that their child takes the course seriously.”

He’s seen hesitant parents become enthusiastic supporters, but only when the child truly wants to be there.

“A child in the class only because their parent wants them there is a recipe for disaster,” he said bluntly.

Teaching scuba on Kwajalein is a dream compared to many places Pryor has worked. “The convenience factor here is unmatched,” he said. With the Kwajalein Scuba Club’s tank house, divers simply check out a tank and head into the water, and there are no expensive charter boats, no complex scheduling, and no hassle. Annual membership here costs less than a single two-tank morning dive in many popular dive destinations.

And then there’s the diving itself. “We have bona-fide WWII shipwrecks. We have

big and little animals. We have incredible walls on the ocean sides. The water is 78–85 degrees. The only thermal protection most of us need is sun protection.”

His go-to spot for beginners is the Japanese Patrol Boat, just an eight-minute shore kick from the ski steps. It’s shallow enough for young divers and rich with history that sparks curiosity. Emon Beach and North Point are favorites too — reliable, approachable, and always changing with the tides. But more than locations or conditions, Pryor wants students to walk away with a single foundational skill: “Good buoyancy control is the hallmark of good diving,” he emphasized.

It leads to better air consumption, better spatial awareness, protection of marine life, and a respectful relationship with fellow divers. No kneeling on the bottom. No digging into sand. No flailing arms. “My students perform required skills while hovering in mid-water,” he said. “No one wants to dive with a buddy that destroys coral.”

When Pryor talks about teaching kids, his voice shifts in a subtle, proud way. He believes learning to dive early teaches accountability, responsibility, and teamwork — essential traits in life and underwater. “If they don’t carry their own weight, it won’t be much fun for their

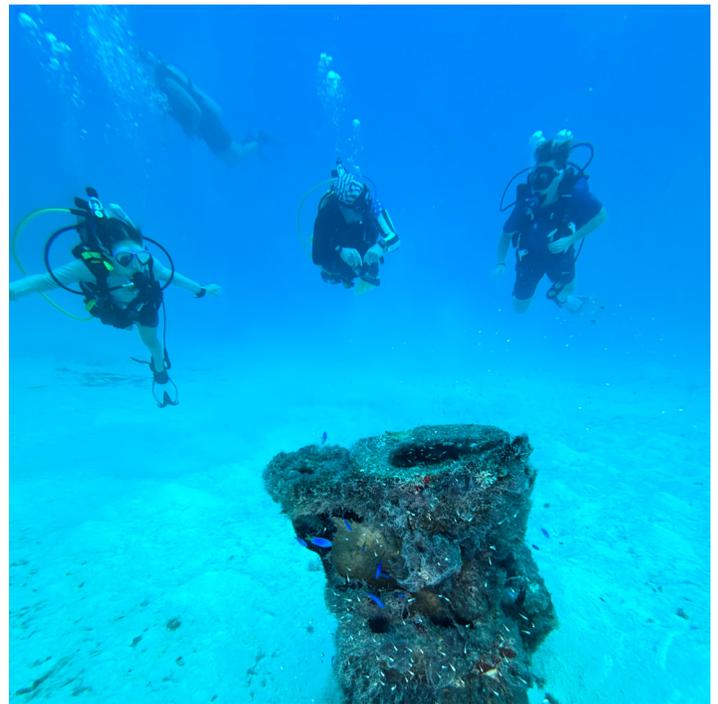


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buddy,” he said. Children also learn to respect expensive equipment because, as Pryor notes, “wreck your bike and it’s no big deal. Wreck the scuba gear and now nobody dives.”

His most memorable moment as an instructor wasn’t with a child at all — but with a man named George Toone, a diver blind since birth. George joked, “What am I going to see?” Pryor told him: “Contrary to public belief, the underwater world is not silent.” Bubbles, parrotfish nibbling coral, whales, dolphins — George heard things he’d never experienced before. The video is still online — and the memory, Pryor said, is unforgettable having made impact and built a legacy from an unexpected moment underwater.

In helping to build the next

generation, Pryor doesn’t take lightly the responsibility of shaping future divers, especially young ones. “It is an awesome responsibility,” he said. “There are people in their 80s still diving. This is a sport for life.”

When asked what diving gives people, he didn’t hesitate: “Diving is a lot cheaper than therapy.”

And for the children he trains today, it may also be the start of a lifelong relationship with the ocean, with confidence, and with themselves — something they can carry far beyond Kwajalein’s shores.

DID YOU KNOW? Youth Scuba Edition

Did you know that kids as young as 10 can become certified scuba divers?

Under internationally recognized training standards, young divers receive the same foundational skills and knowledge as adults—with added safety measures and parental involvement.

Here are a few more fascinating youth-diving facts:

- Ages 10–11 can dive up to 40 feet, always accompanied by a parent or instructor.

- A parent must be present for every training session, even if they never get in the water.

- Kids set up and break down their own gear, helping instill responsibility and independence from day one.

- Diving teaches life skills—situational awareness, communication, teamwork, and environmental respect.

- Kids often pick up buoyancy control faster than adults, thanks to lighter body

mechanics and natural curiosity.

- Young divers who start early are more likely to become long-term ocean stewards and confident lifelong swimmers.

- Many youth divers later become instructors, marine scientists, or environmental advocates, inspired by early underwater experiences.

For families living on Kwajalein, diving isn’t just a hobby, it’s a gateway to understanding the island’s history, ecology, and marine environment. And for kids who start early, the underwater world becomes not only a classroom, but a place where confidence and imagination take root. ▾





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GUARDIANS OF THE LAGOON: USCGC JUNIPER KEEPS KWAJALEIN AND ROI-NAMUR SAFELY ON COURSE

HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Staff Writer

When the United States Coast Guard cutter Juniper arrives in Kwajalein’s lagoon, it’s more than just a port visit. It’s a mission rooted in safety, precision, and partnership — one that directly impacts every mariner navigating the waters around Kwajalein and Roi-Namur.

Homeported in Honolulu, the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Juniper is a 225-foot buoy tender tasked with servicing aids to navigation across the Pacific. For communities like Kwajalein and Roi-Namur, that work ensures that critical buoys remain properly positioned, structurally

sound, and visible — guiding vessels safely through lagoon channels and surrounding waters.

Buoys may appear simple from afar, but their upkeep is anything but.

With a mission beneath the surface, Lt. Cmdr. Eric Girkin, commanding officer of Juniper, explains that each buoy is connected by heavy chain to a concrete sinker resting on the ocean floor. Over time, saltwater corrosion, currents, and friction wear down those chains. Replacing them requires coordination, training, and often divers. “Any time we can leave the pier, complete the mission, and bring the crew home safe and successful — that’s the high

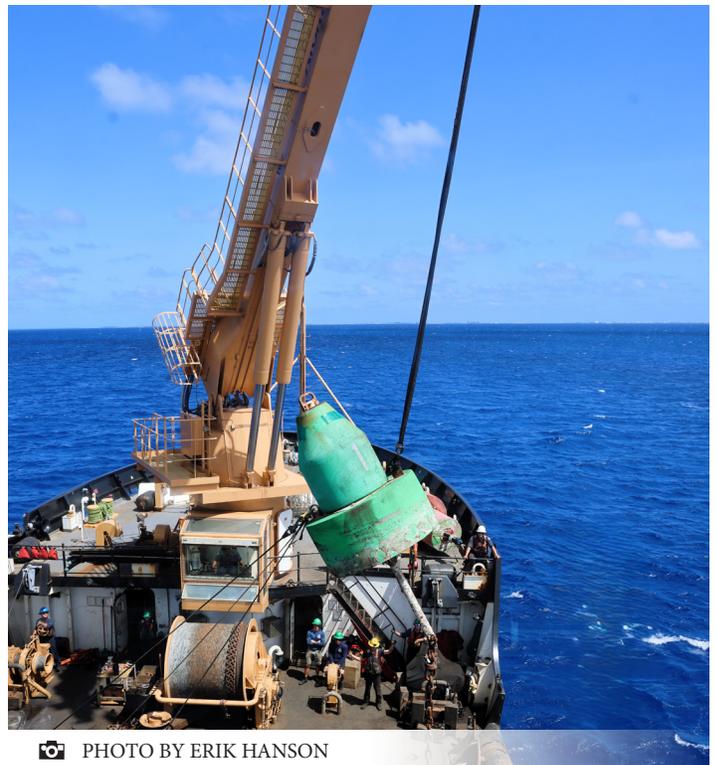


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light,” Girkin shared.

Depending on depth and location, Juniper either services buoys directly from the cutter using its powerful deck crane or deploys small boats carrying divers from a regional dive locker. For shallow or hard-to-reach areas, divers descend below the surface while crews topside maintain situational awareness and tow replacement equipment into position.

Recently, the crew serviced buoy “South Pass 1” near Roi-Namur — replacing chain and restoring it to full operational integrity. The result: safer navigation for military, commercial, and recreational vessels operating in the atoll.

For Machinery Technician Petty Officer Graylyn Wolffis, the mission is both technical and personal. Originally from North Carolina and six years into her Coast Guard career, Wolfe serves as a diesel mechanic responsible for the ship’s main engines and generators. She also works as a small boat engineer and serves as one of only a few law enforcement boarding officers aboard Juniper. “I joined the Coast Guard because I wanted direct impact on the community,” Wolffis said. “Being able to help mariners navigate safely through the water — that direct impact on the mission is unique.”

Wolfe noted that working in the Marshall Islands is vastly different from her previous station in Alaska — warmer waters, new culture, and stunning visibility beneath the surface. “The water is beautiful. The community is very welcoming. I’m super blessed to be here.”

Petty Officer 3rd Class Joseph Clark, originally from Dallas, Texas, works in operations. On the bridge, he maintains charts, stands lookout watch, and helps ensure safe navigation. He also deploys on small boats to replace buoy lights and assist deck operations.

One piece of equipment that consistently impresses

him is Juniper’s radar system. “It can detect vessels up to 24 nautical miles away,” Clark explained. “It tells us distance, movement, and collision risk. It’s critical to what we do.” Clark described the Marshall Islands as having “the clearest water I’ve ever seen,” adding that snorkeling and connecting with local families on Ebeye made a lasting impression.

Behind every successful buoy operation is a healthy crew. Chief Petty Officer Julio Biaz serves as Juniper’s independent duty corpsman — the sole medical professional aboard. Biaz, originally from Brooklyn, New York, oversees daily medical readiness, preventative care, and even behavioral health support. “The less you’re sick or hurt, the more of the mission you can take care of,” Biaz said. “When you have good medical care, morale stays up.”

Long patrols — some lasting up to 45 days — demand resilience. To maintain morale, the crew organizes cooking lessons, movie nights, game nights, and morale events. Even routine maintenance can become a bonding experience. One example? The “heat and beat” — heating metal red-hot and hammering it into permanent shackles for buoy chain assemblies, often accompanied by music and an enthusiastic audience.

Across departments — deck, engineering, operations, medical, and command — the common thread aboard Juniper is teamwork. Lt. j. g. Hanna Apelizan, a deck watch officer and training officer, described the crew as “resilient, steadfast, and hilarious.”

Ensign Margarita Hillon, who also serves as morale officer and culinary specialist division officer, emphasized the human connection aboard. “When we make a good meal, you can see the impact immediately. It builds family.”

Commanding Officer



Girkin perhaps summed it up best: “They’re resilient. They’re tough. They’re selfless. Three words doesn’t really do this crew justice.”

For Kwajalein and Roi-Namur, Juniper’s work may go

largely unseen once the buoys are set back in place. But their impact is constant. Every vessel entering the lagoon relies on those aids to navigation — and on the crew that services them. The Juniper’s presence

is a reminder that maritime safety is a shared responsibility. It’s a partnership built across the Pacific built on expertise, preparation, and a commitment to community, from Honolulu to the Mar-

shall Islands.

As the crew might say in Marshallese until their next visit: *Iakwe*. ▾





February 2026

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**BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT**

INNER TUBE
WATER POLO

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**BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT**

**HOBBY SHOP
ORIENTATION**



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**BASKETBALL
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**BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT**

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INNER TUBE
WATER POLO



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QUIZZO

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**KWAJALEIN
LIBERATION DAY**



**THE BIG
GAME
WATCH PARTY**

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DAY PARTY*



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**The 55th
Annual Kwajalein Open** hosted by
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*President's
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A USAGKA Community Information Update

Meal Cards to Badges - Meal cards are being synched to AIE badges, the process will be done during slow periods at the DFAC. This will alleviate the need to carry the meal card.

UXO Clearance- The UXO Clearance Team will conduct nighttime intrusive excavation operations in support of the DP2025-68 & DP2025-90 Cascade Water Tower project.

Nightly operations: 8:00 PM – 3:00 AM

Phase 2: Complete

Phase 3: Monday, February 16 – Saturday, February 21

Phase 4: Monday, February 23 – Saturday, February 28

Jobs - Join the team! USAG-KA has multiple job openings:

Supervisory Police Officer: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/857520200>

Police Admin Specialist: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/858237800>

Supervisory Police Officer: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/857890500>

Police Officer: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/857884600>

Newcomers – The next USAG-KA Newcomers is tentatively scheduled for March 27th and 28th, 9am at the REB.

Art Annex - The Art Annex has been re-homed to room 247 at the elementary school due to the old Art Annex location requiring repairs.



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Mid-Atoll Closure - A range operation is scheduled for 04-05 March 2026. Caution times are 7:00 p.m. (1900hrs) through 2:34 a.m. in conjunction with this operation. March 05-06 is the backup day with same caution times. During operations, notice to mariners (NOTMAR) and notice to air mission (NOTAM) caution areas will extend into the open ocean near the Kwajalein Atoll and surrounding areas. The mid-atoll corridor will be closed from 1601 hours, 28 Feb 2026 through activity completion. The caution area extends from the surface to unlimited altitude.

Facility Managers - Would you like to be the Facility Manager for your BQ or Work building? Facility Managers aid the work orders and maintenance efforts around the Atoll. To get more info or sign-up email Naomi Halsey at: Naomi.Halsey@gov2x.com

Boat Captain Class-

- **Kwajalein:** Feb 23rd and 25th 5pm.
- **Roi:** Feb 27th 5:30pm

Sign up at the Small Boat Marina or call 480-3643.

Volunteers Needed

 - Kwajalein Jr/Sr High

School is looking for volunteers to participate in our College, Career, and Military Fair on March 12, 2026, from 2:00–3:00 PM in the MP Room. Interested should contact Mrs. Parra at:

parrac@kwajaleinschools.org



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Dome Homes Ribbon Cutting- USACE

will be holding a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Army Family Housing - Dome Homes on North Point March 4th at 9am. All are welcome!

Passport Session - USAG-KA Passport

Appointments will be open for Sat. Feb 28th from 3-5pm at Bldg 730, Rm. 127. Email usarmy.bucholz.usarpac.mbx.kwaj-passport-applications@army.mil to make an appointment or for more questions. You will need to bring two printed copies of your passport photo.

Passport Photos - Passport photos can be

obtained at Bldg 805, 2nd floor in the Visual Information Division (VID) Studio. Email KwajaleinHourglass@gov2x.com to arrange an appointment.

New Hairstylist - Please welcome our New

Hairstylist, Joyce Appoh, who specializes in braids, weaves, and other styles. Call 480-3319 to make your next appointment.

Life Support Areas (LSA) - We are replacing

the legacy term "Man Camp" with LSA. New signs are going up to name/identify each LSA to clarify the purpose of these spaces and to aid in emergency situations.



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

Forklifts - Forklifts need to be used in their designated locations, i.e. warehouse forklifts should not be transporting items down the road and road machines should not be in the warehouse areas.

Private Boat Yard- While the efforts so far have been outstanding, please continue to clean up the private boat yard. Hazmat removal can be coordinated through the Small Boat Marina.

Containers - Do you have a container on the Atoll? Matson, Company Storage, or even boat yard. DPW needs to know. Email: usarmy.bucholz.smdc.list.shipping-receiving@army.mil

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

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



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A USAGKA Community Information Update

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

Non-Potable Water Restriction -

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

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

ARMA - Need something fixed in your housing, BQ or Office?

Go to ARMA : [ARMAhttps://www.armymaintenance.com/arma](https://www.armymaintenance.com/arma) or call 480-3550.

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

ICE - To voice your concerns or to say GOOD JOB visit the Interactive Customer Evaluation page for Kwajalein at: https://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site_id=984



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

- **Day Pass Form:**
https://home.army.mil/kwajalein/4217/6064/8721/USA-KA_FORM_2_Day_Pass.pdf – Then needs to be sent to the DSC Mailbox at: usarmy.bucholz.id-pacific.mbx.usag-ka-dsc@army.mil
- **Overnight Guests Form 480:**
https://home.army.mil/kwajalein/7617/6481/7510/Form_480_Overnight_Guests.pdf – Then emailed to E/E: usarmy.bucholz.id-pacific.mbx.usag-ka-e-e@army.mil.

Rain - The rainfall count so far for Kwajalein is:

Friday Feb 20th: 0.35”

Feb total: 3.61” - Feb Deviation: +1.25”

Year Total: 11.44” – Year Deviation: +5.07”

RTS Weather: <https://www.rts-wx.com/forecasts/kwajalein-atoll-forecast/>

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

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



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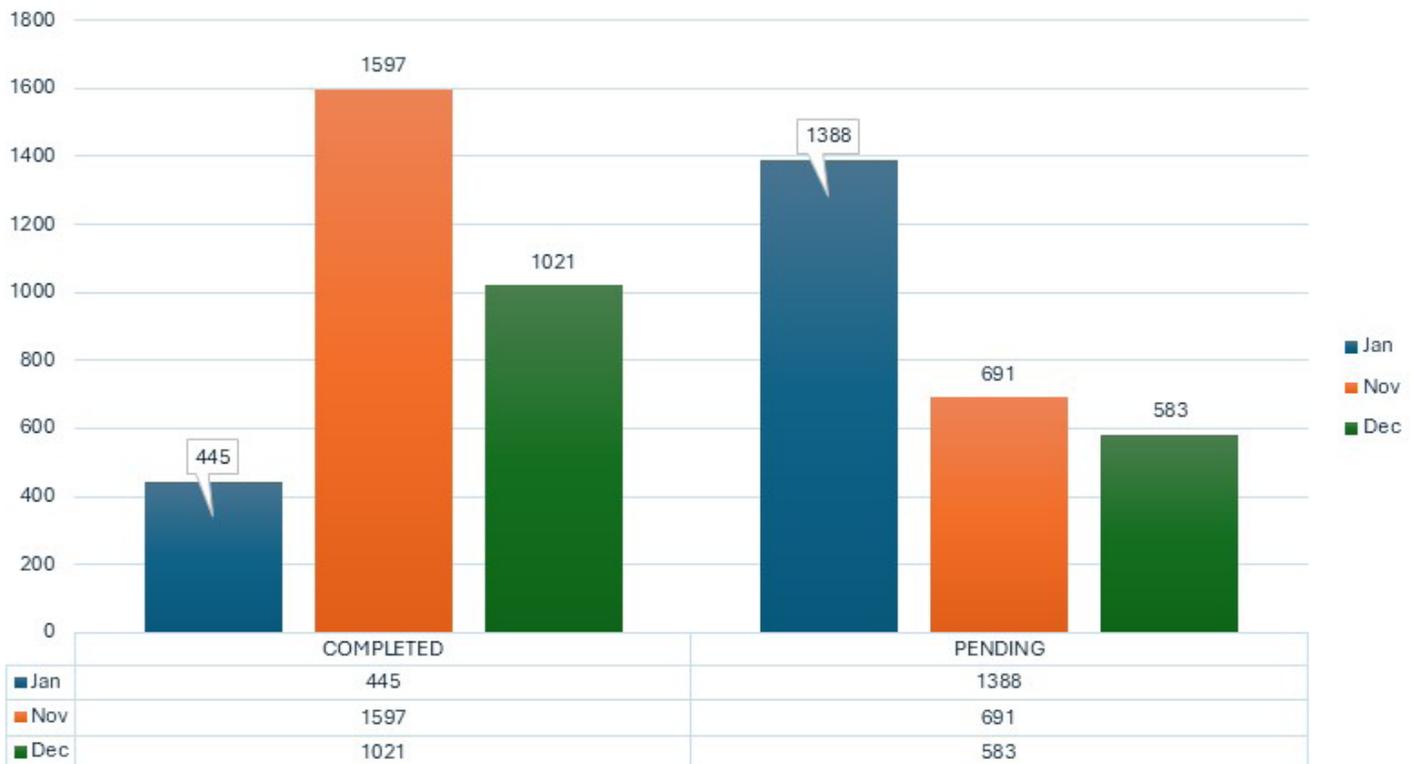
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Events - Events can be found on Kwajalein Community Events FB

- **GSES Talent Show** - MP room Feb 26th, 5pm
- **Community Ri-Katak Day** - KJSHS closed event, All day Feb 27th
- **CYS Keystone Club Variety Show** - MP room Mar 1st 6-9pm
- **KJSHS College, Career and Military Fair** - MP room Mar 12th 2-3pm
- **St. Patrick's Day** - Oceanview, Mar 14th 8pm
- **Easter Egg Hunt** - Brandon Field Apr 4th 5pm

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

Work order received **5725** and completed **2288**



RANGE OPERATION ANNOUNCEMENT (ENGLISH)

FOR ANNOUNCEMENT ON **HOURGLASS**: SATURDAY, 21 FEBRUARY THROUGH END OF OPERATION
 FOR ANNOUNCEMENT ON **ROLLER**: SATURDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2026 THROUGH END OF OPERATION OR RELEASE
 FROM RTS MISSION SAFETY

ROLLER ANNOUNCEMENT (21FEB)
HOURGLASS ANNOUNCEMENT (21FEB & 28FEB)
ENGLISH

A RANGE OPERATION IS SCHEDULED FOR 04-05 MARCH 2026. CAUTION TIMES ARE 7:00 PM. (1900hrs) THROUGH 2:34 A.M. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS OPERATION. 05-06 MARCH IS BACKUP DAY WITH SAME CAUTION TIMES.

DURING OPERATIONS, NOTICE TO MARINERS (NOTMAR) AND NOTICE TO AIR MISSION (NOTAM) CAUTION AREAS WILL EXTEND INTO THE OPEN OCEAN NEAR THE KWAJALEIN ATOLL AND SURROUNDING AREAS.

THE MID-ATOLL CORRIDOR WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1601 HOURS, 28-FEB-2026 THROUGH ACTIVITY COMPLETION. THE CAUTION AREA EXTENDS FROM THE SURFACE TO UNLIMITED ALTITUDE.

SEE THE ROLLER AND HOURGLASS DATED 21FEB & 28FEB FOR A MAP OF THE CLOSED AREAS. QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO REAGAN TEST SITE (RTS) MISSION SAFETY OFFICE AT (808) 580-2230.

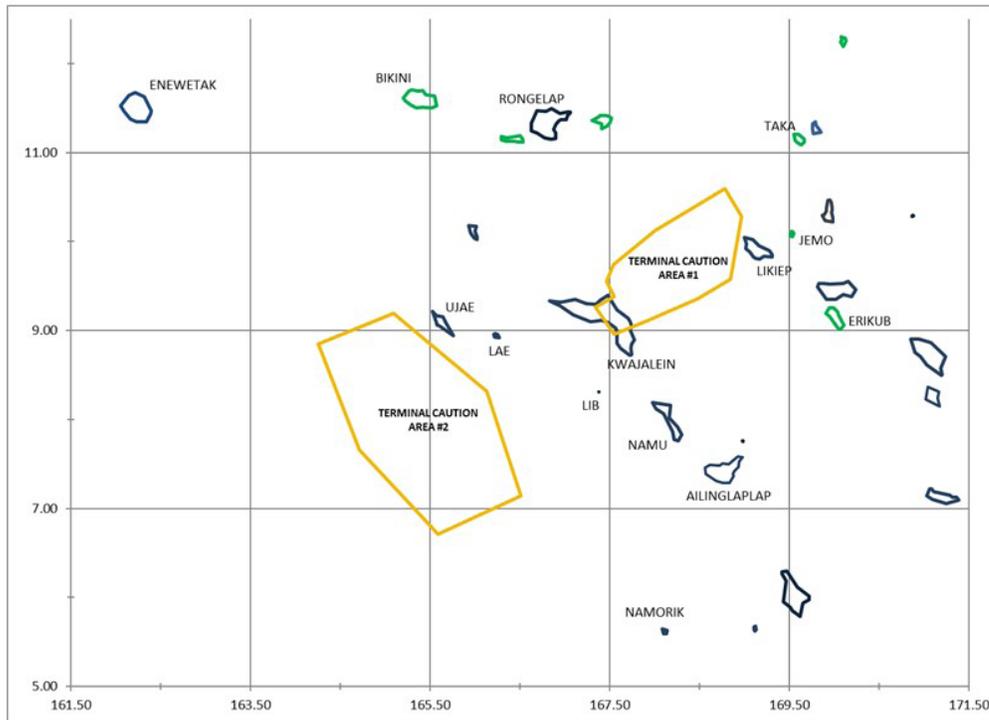
ROLLER ANNOUNCEMENT (21FEB)
HOURGLASS ANNOUNCEMENT (21FEB & 28FEB)
RMI TRANSLATION

JUON IEN KOKEMELMEL ENAJ KOMAN ILO RAN KO 04-05 MARCH 2026. AWA KO REKAUWOTOTA EJ JEN 7:00PM JOTA LOK NAN 2:34AM IN JIMAROK/JIBON. 05-06 RAN MARCH EJ BACKUP NAN KOMELEMEL IN.

ILO IEN KOMELMEL IN, ILO KILAAN KARONG NAN MARINERS (NOTMAR) IM AIRMEN (NOTAM), JIKIN KAUWOTATA KEIN RENAJ LAPLOK IM KITBUUJ MALO ILO TURIN AILIN IN IM MALO KO TURIN BELAAK IN AILIN IN BAREINWOT.

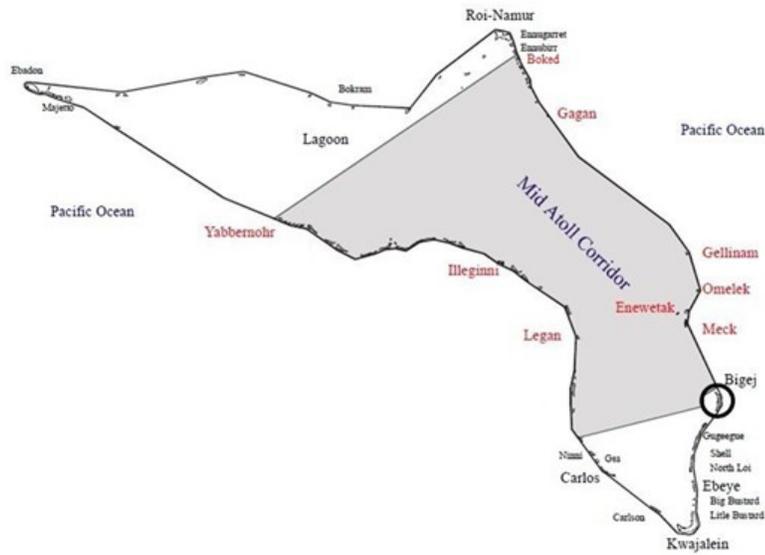
ENE KO ILO IOLAP IN AELON IN (MID-ATOLL CORRIDOR) RENAJ KILOK JEN 4:01PM AWA ELKIN RAELEP ILO 28 RAN IN FEBRUARY NAN NE EDEDELOK KOKEMELMEL KEIN.

LALE ROLLER IM HOURGLASS EO JUON 21 RAN FEB IM 28 RAN IN FEBRUARY 2026 NAN AM LALE IA KO REJ KILOK. NE EWOR AM KAJITOK JOUJ IM CALL E LOK KWAJALEIN RANGE SAFETY OPIJA RO ILO (808) 580-2230.



Broad Ocean Area and Caution Area

RTS AIROPS 442/1 (NOTAM & NOTMAR CAUTION AREAS)

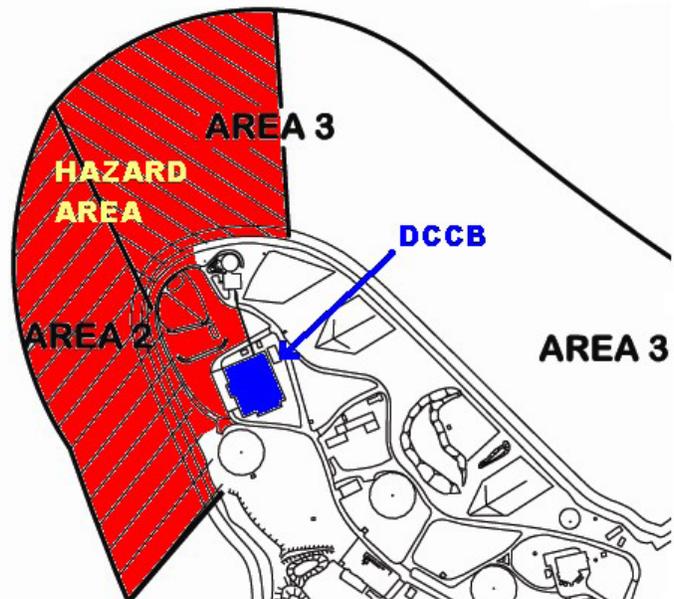


MID-ATOLL CORRIDOR CLOSED FROM 1601 HOURS, 28-FEB-2026 THROUGH OPERATION COMPLETION (TENATIVELY 6MAR) OR WHEN FLAGS ARE REMOVED



Chenega will be conducting a small arms range on 26 February 2026 from 0800hrs to 1200hrs.

Please observe the **RED FLAG** hazard area. If you have any questions, contact CPT Johnson at 480-9046.



ALWAYS CALL...

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



Meal Card scanning from AIE Badge



FROM THIS

TO THIS
AIE BADGE



We have begun transitioning the Meal Card system to accept the new AIE badge, replacing the need to carry a meal card. Thank you for your patience as we streamline your dining experience. If you have any questions or concerns, please ask for a manager at the dining facility and we can explain the process.

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.





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.



Kwajalein Drinking Water Notice - Important Information

Recent tests showed a small amount of a chemical called Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) in Kwajalein's drinking water that was slightly elevated than allowed. The minimum standard for a locational rolling annual average (LRAA) is 0.080 mg/l. The tests revealed three sampling locations had TTHM levels of 0.087 mg/L, 0.088 mg/L, and 0.101 mg/L.

This is ***not an emergency*** and does not require you to boil your water.

What happened? TTHMs form when the disinfectants like chlorine, that are used to clean our water, reacts with natural organic materials in the water source. A carbon-based filtering system is used in the water treatment plant to reduce TTHM levels.

What's being done? The spent carbon in the filter system is being with clean carbon. This will lower TTHM levels and ensure our water quality.

Do I need to take action? No. You do not need to boil your water or take any other steps. If you have health concerns, please consult your doctor.

Note: Long-term exposure (over many years) to high levels of TTHMs *may* have health effects, but the amount found in Kwajalein's water and the short duration of the exceedance pose minimal risk.

For questions, contact Environmental Services at 480-0722.



Melele Ko Raurok Ikijeen Drenin Draak Eo Ioon Kwajalein

Ilo kar teej ko maan tak ekar walok jirik in kamikol eo im jej nae etan (TTHMs) ilo dren in idraak ko ioon Kwajalein im ekar lap jen jonan eo kar kotmene. Jonan driklok in jonok emoj an kar (LRAA) kwalok ej 0.080 mg/L. Jilu ien jikin kein ej kwalok ke TTHM kin jonon in 0.087 mg/L, 0.88 mg/L, im 0.101 mg/L.

Men in ***ejjab emergency*** im ejjab require non am boili dren eo nimum..

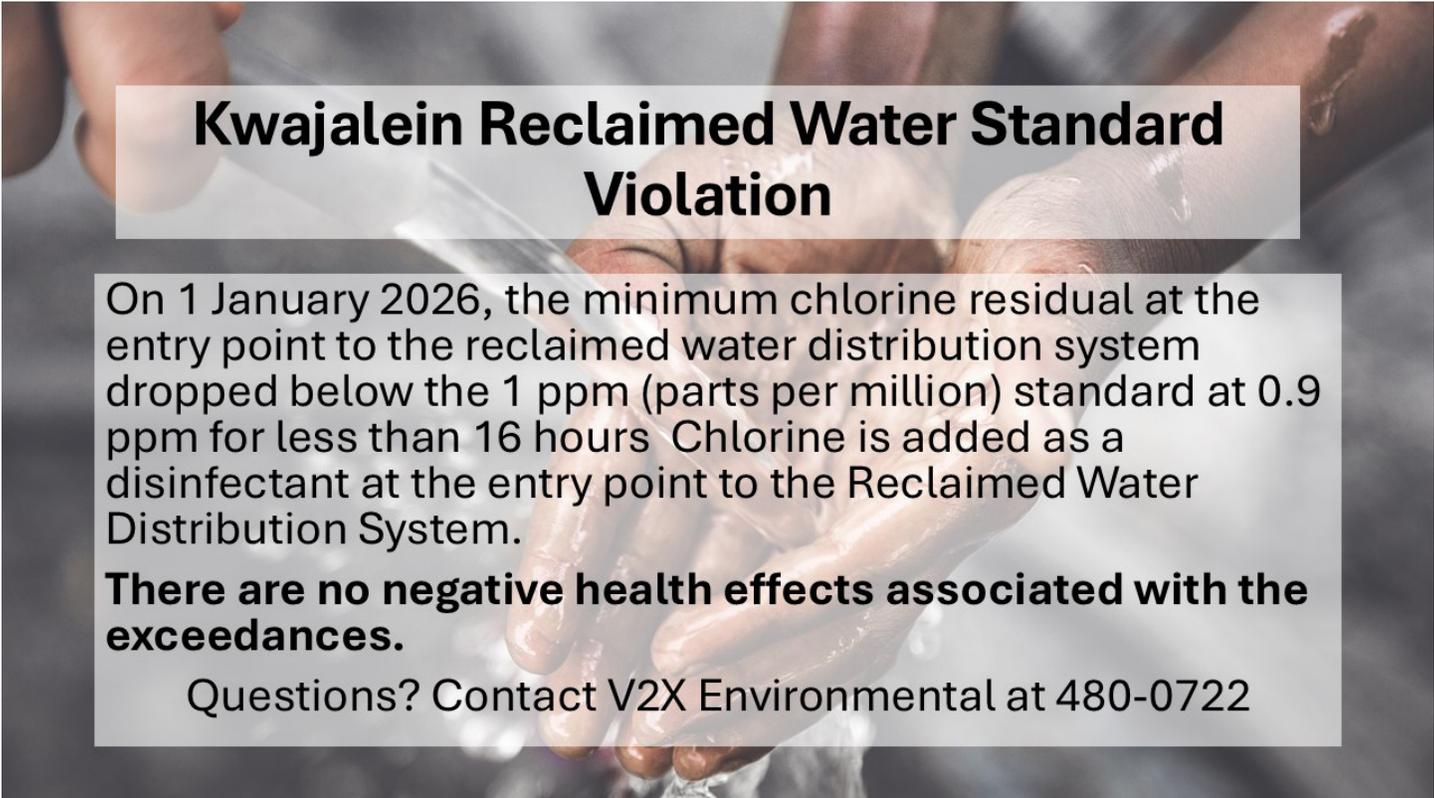
Ta eo ewalok? TTHMs ej walok tok einwot juon chlorine eo im einwot emoj an jejjot, eo im ej jermal nan kareoik dren ko, ej ejaak im koba ippen kij ko remon ilo dren ko. Kein liklik eo im eiton einwot juon carbon ej jermal nan karoik im kadriklok jonan TTHM.

Ta eo emoj komane? Ilo filter system kein ilo jikin likik dren eo emoj aer erre. Wawein in ej jiban kadriklok TTHM im kajejjot eman eo an dren eo.

Aikuij ke bok kilton ko? Jab. Kwojjab aikuij boili dren eo nimum ak komon jabdrewot. Ne ewor am uwota ejelet ejmour, jous im lolak tokto eo am.

Note: Ne ej aitok am kar bok ak idraak jen dren ko (elon yio ko) ilon lok jonon ko kin TTHMs emaron jelete ejmour eo am, ijo wot ke jonan eo rakar loe jen drenin draak ko ioon Kwajalein im jonan mokaj in aer kar loe im jerbale ejjab lukun kauwotata.

Non Kajitok, kir Environmental Services ilo 480-0722.

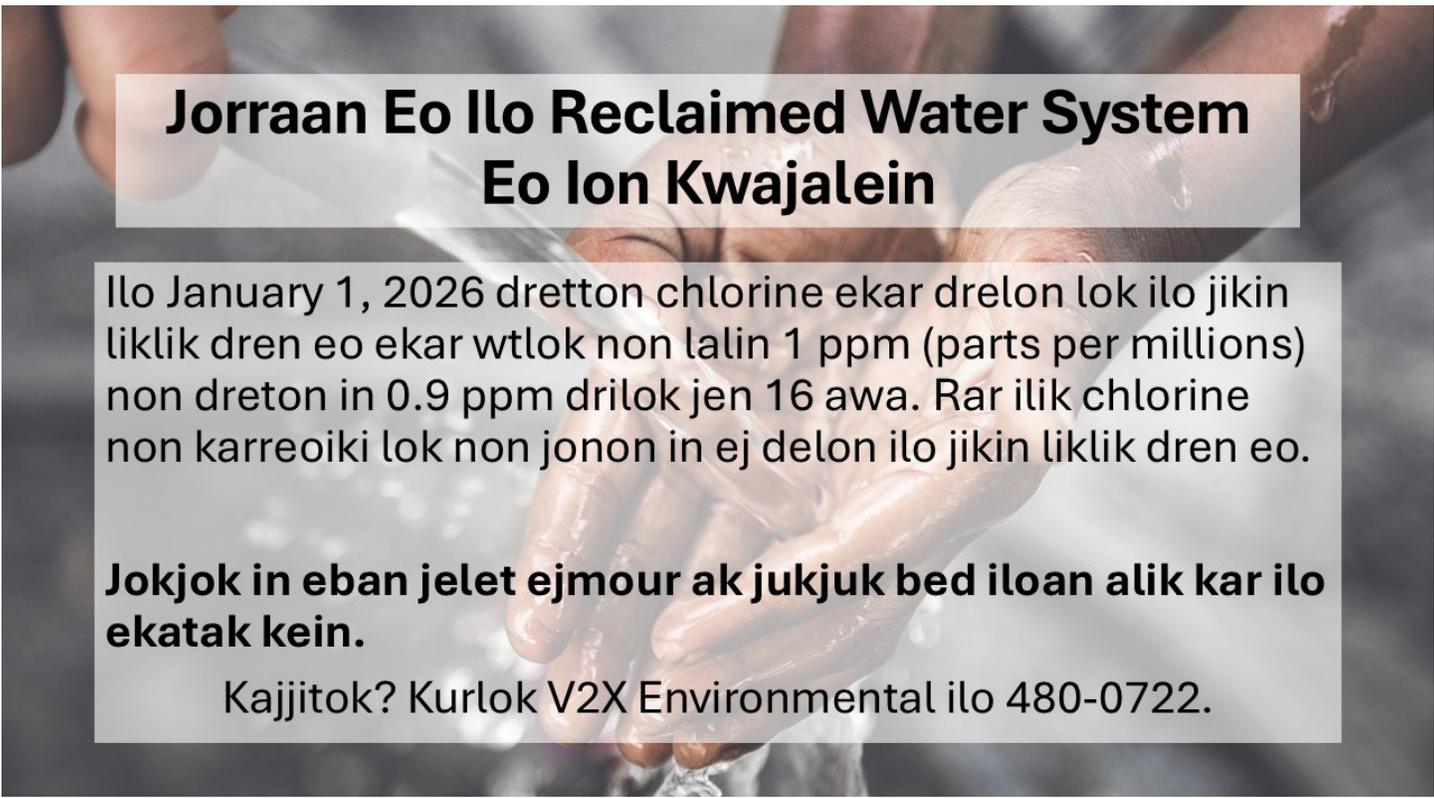


Kwajalein Reclaimed Water Standard Violation

On 1 January 2026, the minimum chlorine residual at the entry point to the reclaimed water distribution system dropped below the 1 ppm (parts per million) standard at 0.9 ppm for less than 16 hours. Chlorine is added as a disinfectant at the entry point to the Reclaimed Water Distribution System.

There are no negative health effects associated with the exceedances.

Questions? Contact V2X Environmental at 480-0722

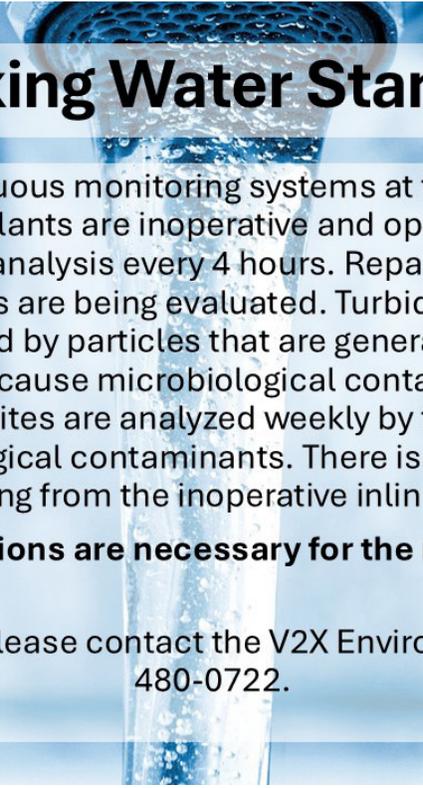


Jorraan Eo Ilo Reclaimed Water System Eo Ion Kwajalein

Ilo January 1, 2026 dretton chlorine ekar dreton lok ilo jikin liklik dren eo ekar wtlok non lalin 1 ppm (parts per millions) non dreton in 0.9 ppm drilok jen 16 awa. Rar ilik chlorine non karreoiki lok non jonon in ej delon ilo jikin liklik dren eo.

Jokjok in eban jelet ejmour ak jukjuk bed ilon alik kar ilo ekatak kein.

Kajjitok? Kurlok V2X Environmental ilo 480-0722.

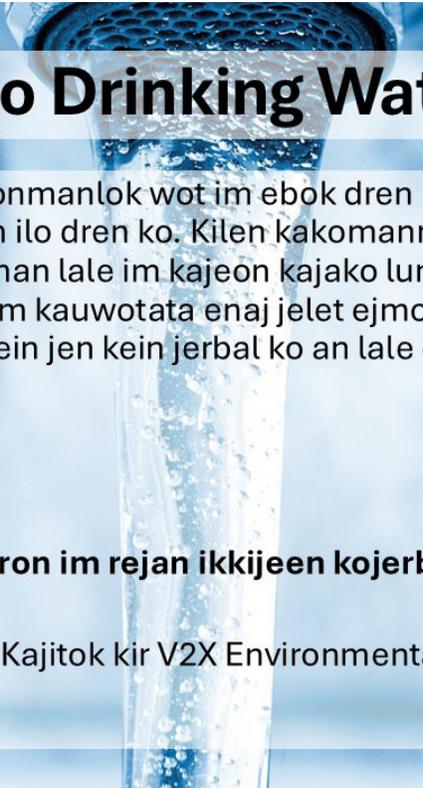


Drinking Water Standard

The turbidity inline continuous monitoring systems at the Kwajalein and Roi-Namur Water Treatment Plants are inoperative and operators are collecting manual grab samples for analysis every 4 hours. Repair or replacement projects for the monitoring systems are being evaluated. Turbidity is the cloudiness or haziness of a liquid caused by particles that are generally invisible to the naked eye and by itself does not cause microbiological contamination. Drinking water from several distribution sites are analyzed weekly by the Kwajalein Hospital Laboratory for microbiological contaminants. There is no threat to public health or the environment resulting from the inoperative inline monitoring equipment.

No health-based restrictions are necessary for the normal use of drinking water.

If you have questions, please contact the V2X Environmental Department at 480-0722.



Jorraan Eo Ilo Drinking Water Standard

Rijerbal in dren ro rekar wonmanlok wot im ebok dren nan kamelmel im lale elane elap ejake eo an lum ilo dren ko. Kilen kakomanman lak im tiljek lok jirik kon dren ko ekar bok jikin nan lale im kajeon kajako lum ko ilo dren iumwn kajojo 4 awa. Ejjelok joraan elap im kauwotata enaj jelet ejmour eo ilo juon kabijuknen eo elane ej koman katak kein jen kein jermal ko an lale dren eo.

Ejjab jelet ejmour non karon im rejan ikkijeen kojerbal dren in non aikuij ko jet.

Elane ewor am Kajitok kir V2X Environmental ilo 480-0722.

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



**American
Red Cross**

Service to the Armed Forces

Volunteer Opportunity at Kwajalein Atoll

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

Online & Virtual Training Provided

No experience needed!

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

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

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

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
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(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

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

FIRST PRIORITY: BADGE WORKERS

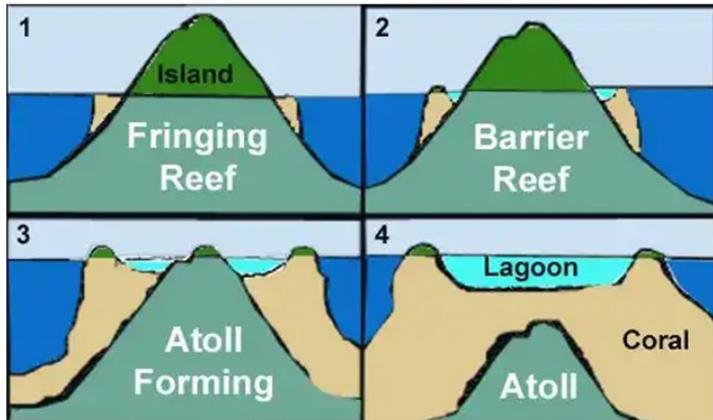
Passengers are to board and disembark ONLY at the gangway area. As deemed by the Captain, any passengers, who are unruly and pose a safety hazard to the crew, other passengers, or vessel will not be allowed to ride the ferry. Maximum passenger load is 150 passengers.

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.

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 ilon 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.



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 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.

E-wareness: Shoreline Protection

USAG-KA leased islands at Kwajalein Atoll have several miles of shoreline that are protected naturally or with man-made structures. Shoreline areas provide habitat (birds, crabs, turtle nesting), recreation for residents, and protection from waves. Threats to the shoreline areas include run-off from on-island activities, offshore spills, and erosion from wave action. Vegetation along the shoreline provides soil stability, habitat areas, and prevents runoff.

What can you do?

- Scoop the poop! Pet waste can contribute bacteria and excess nutrients to surface waters.
- Any activities with the potential to impact areas within 50 ft. of the shoreline (demolition, construction, vegetation removal...etc.) require review and approval.

If you have any questions, please call V2X Environmental at 480-0722. Thank you!!



E-wareness: Kejbarok Ibarijet

Aeto ko emoj an USAG-KA lease i ion Kwajalein Atoll ewor jet mile ko me emoj komman ak illik jet men ko ak kokkalle ko non kejbarok i. Konan emman ibarijet in jokkein, ekomman bwe en emman non jikin kabbed (bao, baru, jikin lik an won), jabdrewot men ko arnej remaron kommane ie, im kejbarok jen no ko. Men ko remaron kakkure ijokein rej einwot jabdewot men ko ilo rej bed ilo dren ko rej lutoklok jen enne non lojet, lutok in oil, kab jorren ko jen no ko. Menin errek ko itorerein ibarijet rej komman bwe en tot bwirej ko, komman jikin kabbed, im kejbarok lutoklok in dren jen ene non lojet.

Ta komaron kommane?

- Bok jen bwirej! Bwirej ko an menin mour ko remaron komman kij ko non ion lojet.
- Jabdewot makutkut ilonan 50 ne (rubrub, ekkal, ka-iine...etc.) rej aikuj bar lale im komalim.

Elane elon am kajjitok, jouj im kurlok V2X Environmental ilo 480-0722. Komol!



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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MIA Project

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<https://kwajaleinmiaproject.us/>

COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

Submit Announcements to the Roller Channel and The Kwajalein Hourglass

OPEN CALL FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS
The island community is invited to submit listings for events and for sale items; announcements; department trainings; safety updates; public service messages; and thank-you messages.

Preparing Your Message
For questions about your messaging, please reach out to the USAG-KA Public Affairs Office at 480-4848.

Ads should always include a point of contact, phone number and/or email address.

Private parties, fundraisers and events requesting and/or accepting donations are typically not allowed for publication per AR 360-1. Fundraisers and support activities for private and schools-based organizations, scouting groups, civic clubs and other listings may be subject to a legal counsel review to determine their eligibility for publication.

Formatting Your Listings
It is recommended that graphical 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



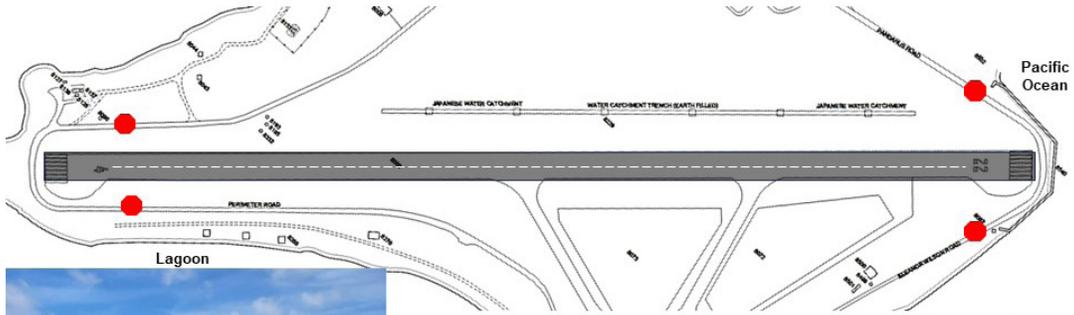
OPSEC IS NOT RETROACTIVE.

THINK BEFORE YOU SHARE INFORMATION. ONLINE AND OFFLINE.

 Like and share @USArmyOPSEC

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!

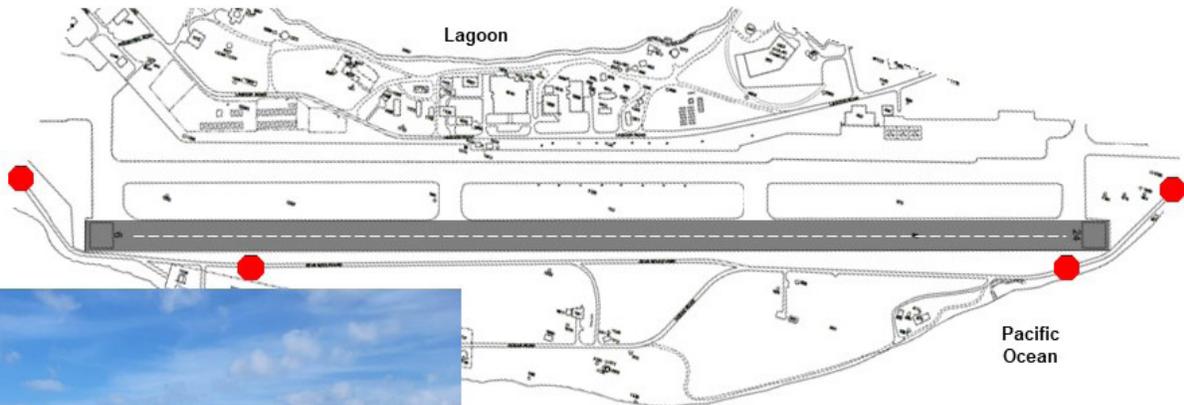


Stop at designated signs and look for aircraft landing or taking off.

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 2.20" of precipitation, which is 0.20" above normal for the month. We have received 10.03" of precipitation for the year at 4" above normal. Normally, February is our climatologically driest month at only 3.3". Increased shower coverage will continue for the rest of the day light hours today for the area around the atoll. There will be another bump in shower coverage on the second half of Saturday carrying into Sunday due to wind speed convergence but with only short-lived showers. In just over a week, we are looking at more significant shower coverage due to (ENE-E-ESE) troughing in the winds. No thunderstorms occurred over the past seven days. A thunderstorm day is defined by an "in situ" lightning strike, meaning lightning is observed or thunder

is heard within five miles of the Kwajalein airfield. The current lighting risk will remain low but become elevated in just over a week. 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 with a bit of an anomalous transit to the north today and again next week. 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:

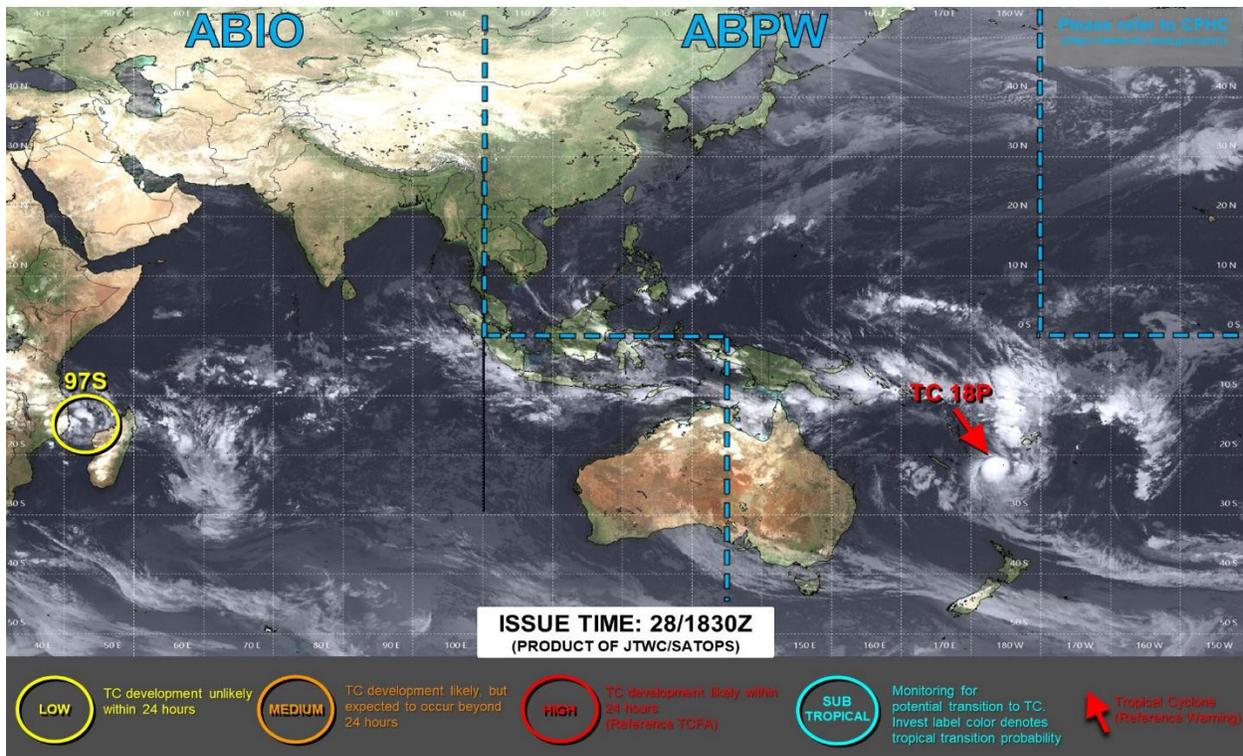
The waxing half-moon will occur on the 24th with its associated neap tides all under 4 feet. Winds: will remain for the most part in the mid-teens until next week, when there will be periods lower winds in the single digits associated with the troughing entering the area. The possibility of gusty outflow winds are possible in and around any heavy showers or thunderstorms. A Small Craft Advisory (SCA) is not anticipated for the next seven days. A High Surf Advisory (HSA) is not expected. Will be watching some swells around nine feet with swell periods of

about 14 seconds briefly on the afternoon of the 27th mainly for Roi-Namur.

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. ⚠



JOINT TYPHOON WARNING CENTER



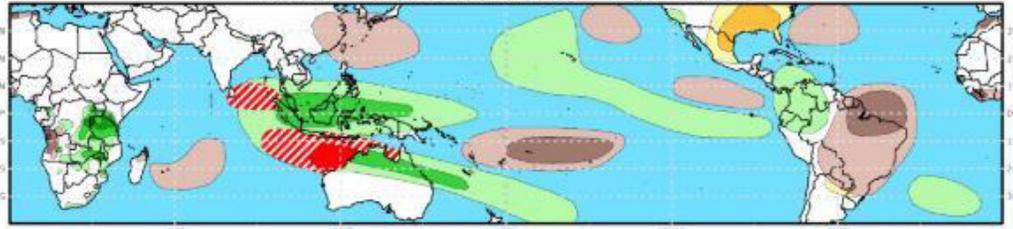


Global Tropics Hazards Outlook

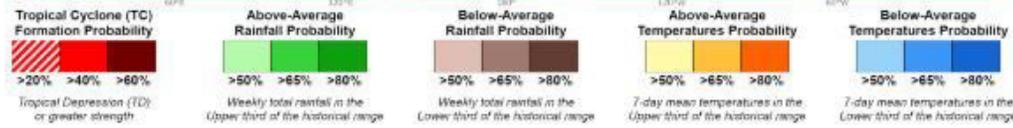
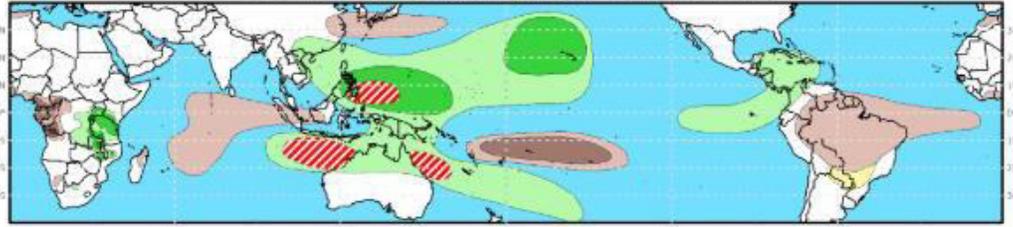
Climate Prediction Center



Week 2 - Valid: Feb 18, 2026 - Feb 24, 2026



Week 3 - Valid: Feb 25, 2026 - Mar 03, 2026



WEATHER

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION

Shower coverage is expected to increase late this week as the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) shifts slightly northward. Most of the deeper convection associated with the ITCZ should remain south of the atoll, though periods of increased cloudiness and scattered showers are possible.

Conditions improve Friday as drier air filters into the region, with generally fair weather continuing through Saturday. A weak trough moving across the RMI may bring a brief uptick in showers Sunday morning before drier conditions return late Sunday into early next week.

As the weekend concludes, expect several days of relatively dry weather accompanied by unseasonably light easterly winds ranging from 9-14 knots

SATURDAY

Partly sunny with stray

showers during the day, increasing to isolated showers overnight. Winds northeast to east at 13-18 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

SUNDAY

Partly sunny with isolated showers early, becoming stray by afternoon. Winds northeast to east at 12-17 knots, with occasional higher gusts near showers.

MONDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers. Winds northeast to east at 9-14 knots, with occasional higher gusts near showers.

NEXT WEEK

Dry conditions and modest trade winds are favored through the first half of the week. By mid to late week, the ITCZ is expected to reorganize and shift northward over the atoll, bringing an increase in shower activity along with northeast to east

winds strengthening into the mid to upper teens. ⚡

SUN-MOON-TIDES

	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	7:06 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	10:16 a.m. 11:02 p.m.	6:57 a.m. 4.2' 7:05 p.m. 3.8'	12:44 a.m. -0.5' 1:06 p.m. -0.0'
MONDAY	7:05 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	11:04 a.m. -----	7:33 a.m. 3.9' 7:40 p.m. 3.1'	1:13 a.m. -0.1' 1:49 p.m. 0.4'
TUESDAY	7:05 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	11:58 a.m. 12:00 a.m.	8:18 a.m. 3.5' 8:26 p.m. 2.4'	1:45 a.m. 0.3' 2:48 p.m. 1.0'
WEDNESDAY	7:05 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	12:56 p.m. 1:02 a.m.	9:33 a.m. 3.1' 10:25 p.m. 1.8'	2:25 a.m. 0.9' 5:00 p.m. 1.4'
THURSDAY	7:04 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	1:58 p.m. 2:05 a.m.	12:16 p.m. 3.0' -----	4:01 a.m. 1.4' 7:59 p.m. 1.0'
FRIDAY	7:04 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	3:02 p.m. 3:08 a.m.	2:00 a.m. 2.1' 2:00 p.m. 3.5'	7:15 a.m. 1.2' 8:51 p.m. 0.4'
FEBRUARY 28	7:03 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	4:03 p.m. 4:07 a.m.	2:52 a.m. 2.7' 2:52 p.m. 4.0'	8:28 a.m. 0.7' 9:27 p.m. -0.1'

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

Until Next Week!

