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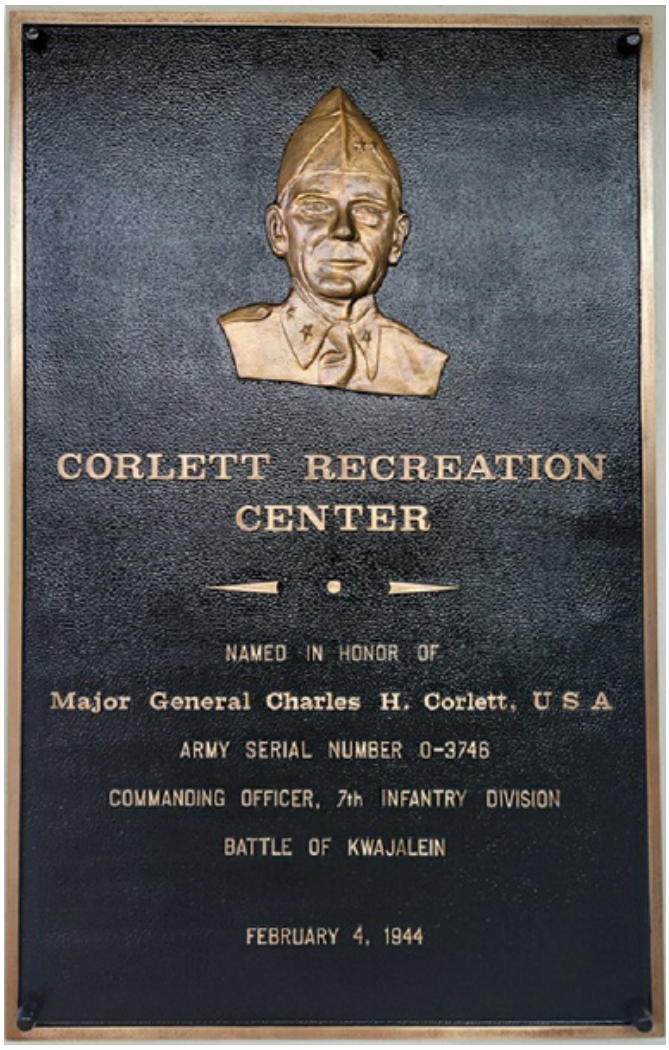
ABOVE: The plaque outside the CRC Gym prior to restoration.



ABOVE: The plaque outside the CRC Gym after restoration.

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THE PLAQUES OF KWAJALEIN: RESTORING WHAT WEATHER AND TIME WORE AWAY

Two Kwajalein volunteers spent months bringing the island's long-neglected memorial plaques back to life — not for recognition, but out of respect.

HOURGLASS REPORT

By Anthony Carnelli, Hourglass Story Writer

The bronze plaque of Major General Charles H. Corlett, the Commanding Officer of the 7th Infantry Division during the Battle of Kwajalein in 1944 outside of the Coral Recreation Center had seen better decades.

Years of salt air, tropical rain and intense, equatorial sunlight had left it coated in thick green patina — the kind of corrosion that doesn't just dull a surface but buries it. The inscription etched into the metal had become impossible to read. For most people walking past for many years, the marker was easy to overlook. For Chris Robinson and Lee Pennington, two seasoned Kwajalein residents it was impossible to ignore.

Over several months, the pair quietly restored several memorial plaques across the island. Working in their spare time with their own materials, they cleaned, sanded and recoated markers that had gone years — possibly decades — without dedicated maintenance. No one asked them to do it. No formal work order set the project in motion. They simply noticed something that needed doing and decided to act.

"It needed to be done — and no one on the island was responsible to do that, or assigned to do that," Pennington said. "It's not on the public works list of preventative maintenance that says, 'Once a year, we need to go work on these memorial markers.'"

The idea had been on Pennington's mind for years. He had noticed the condition of the markers during

walks around the island and thought about what it would take to bring them back. Robinson shared the same sentiment. Both understood that the plaques — which commemorate service members and events tied to Kwajalein's wartime history — carry a weight that outlasts the metal of which they're made.

When the two eventually agreed to attempt to make a move on it, they brought the idea to Command Sgt. Maj. Stanley L. Jackson, who fully embraced it. With his support, they gathered their own supplies and got to work — at their own free will.

"We were interested in doing it simply as a service to the community — and more importantly, as a show of respect to the folks who fought in the battle here," Pennington and Robinson said.

The restoration process required no specialized equipment — just persistence, elbow grease and a willingness to keep showing up.

Each plaque required multiple rounds of attention: an initial wash to clear salt buildup and surface debris, followed by a homemade cleaning solution made up of vinegar, salt and flour to break down the oxidation. After rinsing, the pair used a wire wheel to remove deeper corrosion, then sanded the surface smoothly. Once clean, they touched up the paint and lettering where needed and finished with a clear coat and wax to help protect the bronze against the elements.

Besides being obligated to full-time jobs and constantly unpredictable weather, none of it happened quickly.

"It wasn't like we went out one weekend and boom, boom, boom," Robinson said. "It was an hour here, an hour there — in between rainstorms."

He chuckled recalling one particularly stubborn morning. "I came out here three times one morning...every time I got started; it started raining."

The plaque at the CRC gym offered perhaps the most dramatic transformation. Before the restoration, the marker was barely recognizable.

"It was horrible — just green, basically," Pennington said. "You couldn't read any of the lettering."

Before Veterans Hall Plaque Restoration

During Veterans Hall Plaque Restoration

After Veterans Hall Plaque Restoration

Afterward, the inscriptions were legible again. Names that had been swallowed by years of corrosion stood out clearly against the restored bronze. Residents quickly took note. Praise appeared on one of the community Facebook pages, and the response was immediate. Even a visiting general and his officers had taken notice as they were passing by as they were cleaning the two plaques that stand outside of Veterans Hall — though neither Pennington nor Robinson had set out looking for any recognition.

More than a cleanup project, the work became a quiet form of stewardship. The plaques at the CRC, the Airfield Hourglass Sign, Veterans Hall and other sites across the island are among the few physical markers that connect present-day residents to Kwajalein's layered history. Without upkeep, that connection fades — not through any single act of neglect, but through the slow, steady work of salt, heat and time.

"To our knowledge, it was no one's duty, no one's responsibility," Pennington said, referring to plaque upkeep. "They installed them there, and that was it."

The restoration also carries potential benefit beyond the island. With the inscriptions legible again, the plaques can serve as more accurate reference points for historical documentation, including records maintained through Scouting America and other organizations with ties to the atoll's past.

When asked what stays with him the most about the project, Pennington paused in reflection for a second and said "my only negative thing is I just wish we had a way to connect to the people's families of those who are on the plaques ...and send them current updated photos out of respect," he said.

Here on Kwajalein, the weather never stops working against what people build. But, two volunteers spent their spare hours pushing back — not to make a statement, but to make sure the names cut into bronze could be read clearly, again.

Front Cover: Cleaning Plaques by Anthony Carnelli

Back Cover: Majestic Waves by Melissa Dethlefsen

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DFAC MODERNIZATION IMPROVES EFFICIENCY, AND ACCURACY FOR DINERS

HOURGLASS REPORT

By Isaiah Matthews, Hourglass Story Writer

A recent modernization effort at the Kwajalein and Roi-Namur dining facility is changing how patrons check in for meals, replacing the long-used meal card system with badge scanning technology designed to improve accuracy, efficiency and planning.

For Wade Brown, a food service supervisor at the Dining Facility, the change addresses a problem staff had dealt with for years.

"The problem created was an inaccurate accounting system," Brown explained. "Badges would scan, and at times could be double scanned, which resulted in inaccurate numbers."

Those inaccuracies made it harder for staff to track exactly how many meals were being served. Without reliable numbers, planning food inventory and preparing the right amount of meals became more difficult.

The new system uses the same identification badges most residents already carry, eliminating the need for separate meal cards and simplifying the check-in process.

According to Brown, the updated system has made daily workflow easier for staff while improving the experience for patrons.

"It has created an ease of flow when checking in customers and added an extra layer of security and accuracy," Brown said.

Since the system was implemented, staff have seen improvements across several areas, including meal line flow, head counts and customer wait times.

"It has improved all three by making it a unified check-in system that everyone follows," Brown said. "There's no confusion of leaving a badge behind or leaving your meal card. Everyone keeps their badge on them at all times, so everything runs smoothly."

Under the previous system, diners carried a separate meal card used only for the dining facility. Those cards were often misplaced or forgotten, which sometimes slowed down check-in lines as staff worked to verify eligibility.

With the new system, patrons simply scan the same identification badge they already carry for work or base access.

Beyond improving the check-in process, the badge system also provides more reliable data for the dining facility's daily operations.

"Better tracking improves food planning, inventory and waste reduction," Brown said.

Accurate head counts allow the DFAC team to better estimate how many meals will be served on any given day. Those numbers help determine how much food to prepare and how much inventory to order.

"With accurate head counts, we can project the inventory and meals we'll need day to day," Brown explained. "It helps us plan much better."

Better tracking also reduces the risk of preparing too much food or ordering unnecessary inventory, helping the team manage resources more efficiently.

While technology upgrades sometimes bring a difficult

adjustment period, Brown said the transition for both staff and diners was relatively simple.

"DFAC staff welcomed the transition," he said. "It was pretty painless."

Information technology personnel assisted during the changeover, but Brown noted that staff were eager to adopt the updated system.

Customers also responded positively to the change.

"Customers have been quite happy," Brown said.

Because most people already carry their identification badges throughout the day, the new system eliminates the need to remember an additional card just for meals.

"Many people would lose their meal card or leave it behind," Brown said. "Now they can use something they already have with them."

The streamlined check-in process also allows DFAC staff to focus more attention on food service rather than managing the entry process.

Under the previous system, multiple team members were often required to monitor the check-in process and handle bottlenecks when lines slowed down.

"This system allows us to not require multiple team members to monitor the process," Brown said.

With fewer personnel needed at the entrance, staff can be reassigned to other tasks such as restocking food stations, assisting diners or supporting kitchen operations.

"That allows us to put people in other places where they can help refill and serve," Brown said.

Brown could not confirm exactly where the modernization initiative originated but believes the upgrade reflects a broader effort to improve operations.

"Upper leadership may have seen gaps in our program and decided to deliver this technology to help us out," he said.

Looking ahead, Brown believes the new badge system could support additional improvements as the facility continues to modernize.

"As Kwajalein modernizes, this system will allow the DFAC to have a more intricate food tracking and inventory system," Brown said.

He expects the change will eventually connect with other digital systems to improve efficiency even further.

"In time, I believe our tracking system will join the 21st century and become fully digital," Brown said.

For Brown, the change represents more than a simple technology upgrade. It is part of a broader effort to improve service for the community.

"All great changes start somewhere," Brown said. "This is the first step in those changes, and there will be more to come."

For diners on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur, the process may feel simple—scanning a badge instead of presenting a card—but behind the scenes the system provides the accuracy and data needed to keep the dining facility running efficiently.

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JUGGLING MULTIPLE TIME ZONES ON THE WAY TO KWAJALEIN

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Staff Writer

Tips and tricks for adjusting to first time zone across the International Date line."

Traveling to Kwajalein isn't just a change of scenery — it's a journey through multiple time zones, long flight legs, and a complete reset of your internal clock. By the time most people arrive, they've crossed the International Date Line, overnighted in Honolulu, and made the final hop through Majuro. It's common for the trip to take several days door-to-door, and it's just as common for your brain and body to feel like they are living in three places at once.

For many newcomers, it takes about two weeks to truly adjust to the first time zone across the International Date line rhythm. Until then, you may find yourself wide awake at 2 a.m. or crashing at 6 p.m., missing calls back home or constantly doing mental math to figure out what time it is anywhere else.

The good news? With a few practical strategies, the transition becomes smoother — and even a little easier on your body and your relationships.

Try to understand what your body is doing. Jet lag isn't just being tired; it is your circadian rhythm being out of sync. Add the following:

• long travel days
• overnight flights
• airport layovers
• Honolulu overnight
• the Majuro stopover (45 minutes to an hour)

...and your mind and body are playing catch-up.

Expect:

• early-morning or middle-of-the-night wakeups
• unusual hunger times
• waves of fatigue
• a few "What day is it?" moments

Knowing that this is normal helps you be patient with yourself during the first couple of weeks.

Here are a few tips to help you make the adjustment:

Tip 1: Adjust your clock before you arrive.

A simple way to jump-start adaptation is to shift your sleep gradually before your flight.

• Start going to bed 30–60 minutes earlier (or later, depending on direction) for several days before travel.
• Push meals slightly toward Kwajalein time.
• Change the time zone on your phone or watch the day you depart so your brain starts cueing earlier.

Even small pre-adjustments help soften the time shock a bit.

Tip 2: Sleep with intention during travel.

You will spend long hours in the air. Use that time strategically.

• Sleep on flights that

match nighttime in Kwajalein as much as possible.

• Use eye masks, earplugs, and neck pillows to get real rest.

• Stay hydrated — dehydration worsens jet lag.

• Limit alcohol and heavy caffeine during travel days.

You may not sleep perfectly, but resting in the right direction helps your body reset.

Tip 3: Expect Honolulu to be part of the adjustment.

The overnight in Honolulu isn't just logistical — it's a built-in adjustment window.

Use it wisely:

• get real sleep, not just a nap

• get sunlight in the morning

• stretch or walk to loosen "airplane body"

• hydrate, hydrate, hydrate

Treat Honolulu as your halfway reset point rather than just another layover.

Tip 4: Light is your best time-zone tool.

Your brain resets using light. Once you land on Kwaj:

• Get sunlight early in the day (even 10–20 minutes helps).

• Avoid bright screens late at night the first week.

• If you wake up in the middle of the night, keep lights dim.

Light says "wake up." Darkness says "sleep." Use both deliberately.

Tip 5: Give yourself at least a two-week grace period.

I did and that helped a lot with me getting settled here. Most people report that full adjustment to the first time zone across the International Date line happens around day 10 to 14. Until then:

• Don't over-schedule your first week.

• Expect energy dips.

• Take short naps if needed but keep them under 45 minutes.

• Build a gentle routine: meals, movement, sunlight, sleep.

Be kind to yourself — your body is doing real work to reset.

Tip 6: Communicating across time zones — make it easier

You'll likely be juggling conversations with family, friends, or coworkers spread across the U.S. mainland and beyond.

Helpful tricks:

• Save multiple clocks on your phone (Kwaj + hometowns).

• Agree on one standing call time each week with family.

• Use messages when live conversations are hard to align.

• Remember the date-line shift — sometimes it's tomorrow for you and today for them.

At first it feels strange. Soon, it becomes second nature.

Tip 7: Establish "Kwaj rhythm" quickly

Your body adapts faster when you dive into the local routine:

• eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner at local times

• move your body — walk, bike, or swim

• connect socially, don't isolate

• go to bed when locals do, not when your jet lag tells you

The sooner you live by "Kwaj time," the sooner your body will follow.

Arriving in Kwajalein means adjusting not only to a small island community, but also to a whole new relationship with the clock. The long flights, time changes, and overnight stops are part of the journey — and so is the two-week window where your body and brain learn the rhythm of first time zone across the International Date line.

With patience, sunlight, good sleep habits, and intentional communication across time zones, you'll soon find yourself feeling grounded, rested, and fully present in island life — exactly where you're meant to be.

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FROM KWAJALEIN TO THE NAVAL ACADEMY: KHS SENIOR SETS HIS SIGHTS ON SERVICE

HOURGLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagnon, Hourglass Staff Writer

For students considering life after high school, military service academies offer a unique and demanding path, one that blends a top-tier college education with leadership development and a commitment to serve. The United States military academies including the Naval Academy, Military Academy at West Point, Air Force Academy, Coast Guard Academy, and Merchant Marine Academy are among the most competitive institutions in the country. In exchange for tuition-free education, room and board, and full medical care, students commit to years of service as commissioned officers following graduation.

Admission to a military academy requires academic excellence, physical fitness, leadership involvement, and, for most academies, a congressional nomination. The process is rigorous by design, preparing students not just for college, but for the responsibilities of military leadership.

This year, Kwajalein High School senior Joseph Aragon is navigating that path with determination—and proving that living on a remote atoll is no barrier to big ambitions.

Aragon's interest in a military academy grew from two long-standing goals: earning a college degree and serving in the U.S. military. For him, the academies offered the best of both worlds. "The academies allow you to do both: serve in the military and get a degree," Aragon shared.

He ultimately set his sights on the United States Naval Academy, drawn by its rep-

utation for academic excellence and its immersive military environment. "It offers top-notch education, paired with a rigorous immersion into the military lifestyle," he explained. "This prepares the midshipmen for military service while also giving them an advanced education."

Aragon also emphasized a practical advantage that many families may not realize tuition, housing, meals, and medical and dental care are fully covered. "Midshipmen receive incredible teaching and military training for free," he said.

Applying to a military academy is far more involved than submitting a standard college application. Aragon described the Naval Academy's process as structured and transparent, with a digital checklist that updates as materials are received.

One of the most critical steps is securing a congressional nomination, which requires a separate application to U.S. senators or representatives. "The difficulty in receiving one varies depending on the state," Aragon noted. "I was able to receive nominations from both of my senators fairly easily, which was made possible by my grades and extracurricular involvement."

In addition to nominations, applicants must complete medical evaluations, physical fitness assessments, and interviews, many of which require the student to take initiative. "I personally had to contact the interviewer to set up an interview for the academy," Aragon said. "The academy will not set one up for the applicant."

What surprised him most was just how hands-on the process was. "It was exciting contacting the people I needed to organize interviews or medical examinations," he shared. "I had never had to do that before."

Despite Kwajalein's remote location and significant time difference from the continental United States, Aragon says geography hasn't been a major obstacle. "I can't say I have encountered many challenges that were caused by living on Kwajalein," he said. "Many applicants are in different time zones than their interviewers. I can't imagine my experience being that different from my fellow applicants." His experience highlights an important takeaway for island students that while logistics may require flexibility, they are far from insurmountable.

Behind Joseph's success is a network of support, especially at home. "My parents have definitely helped me the most throughout the application process," he said. "With their constant reminders, they made sure I was on top of turning in everything that needed to be turned in." That support helped him manage the many moving parts of an application process that demands organization, follow-through, and personal responsibility.

For middle and high school students on Kwajalein who may wonder if a military academy is even possible from such a remote location, Aragon's message is simple and powerful: "Living out here should not stop them from achieving what they're capable of," he said. "If they put the work in and give it their all, their location becomes just another obstacle."

As Aragon awaits the outcome of his application, his journey already stands as an example of initiative, resilience, and ambition, qualities that military academies seek and that Kwajalein High School continues to cultivate in its students.

BUILT STRONG: ZACHARY BLUE, KWAJALEIN'S STRONGEST MAN, LIFTS MORE THAN WEIGHT

HOURGLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Staff Writer

On Kwajalein Atoll, strength is often measured in reliability, showing up, doing the job well, and keeping essential systems running. Few people embody that definition more fully than Zachary James Blue, widely known as the strongest man on Kwajalein, and quietly respected as one of its hardest-working mechanics.

Originally from Stacy, Minnesota, a small town about an hour north of the Twin Cities, Blue has built a life around service, discipline, and resilience. At 29 years old, he works as a Ground Support Equipment (GSE) mechanic, maintaining everything from fire trucks and aircraft tugs to lawnmowers, loaders, and heavy equipment that keeps the airfield and island operations moving. "If it's got a motor," Blue said with a grin, "I've probably worked on it."

Blue first realized he was unusually strong during high school when he began weight training. In just three months, his bench press jumped from 115 pounds to 225—an early sign of what would become an exceptional lifting career. After high school, he committed seriously to powerlifting, and his numbers climbed rapidly. Within a few years, Blue was deadlifting more than 600 pounds, benching over 400, and building toward elite-level strength. By the end of his time in the military, he achieved a 1,500-pound total lift, a milestone that placed him among the strongest lifters most people will ever meet. "It's not just physical," Blue explained. "A lot of lifting is mental. If your head isn't there, the weight won't move."

Blue developed military discipline and served three and a half years in the U.S. Marine Corps as a generator mechanic, stationed primarily in Iwakuni, Japan. It was there that he competed in his first powerlifting competition, an experience he remembers not for rivalry, but for camaraderie. "Everybody was motivating each other," he said. "It showed how lifting can bring people together."

During his service, there were unforeseen setbacks. Blue faced profound personal loss when his grandfather passed away, and his cousin was murdered just weeks apart. The grief led him into a period of depression and distance from the gym—a setback he openly acknowledges shaped who he is today. "That was the hardest part of my life," he said. "But getting back up—that's mental strength."

On Kwajalein, Blue's strength isn't confined to the gym but is also displayed at work. It's a practical tool he uses daily to support coworkers and improve efficiency across operations. While working with the fire station, Blue regularly handled massive tanker tires—lifting, loading, and positioning them himself when others couldn't. His strength also played a role in torquing heavy equipment to precise specifications, ensuring vehicles critical to airfield safety were mission ready. "If the fire trucks are down," he explained, "planes can't land. It feels good knowing your work really matters." As a result, his strength is service at work is acknowledged and appreciated.

PHOTOS BY ANNETTE MONK

In automotive and GSE roles, Blue often lifts heavy motors and batteries by hand—jobs that would otherwise require cranes or additional personnel. The result is faster turnaround, fewer delays, and safer operations. "It just speeds things up," he said. "And it feels good to help."

Training on Kwajalein presents unique challenges. The relaxed island pace and social drinking culture require discipline to overcome. "You really have to stay focused," Blue said. "We train almost every day. Consistency is everything."

His workouts follow a structured split, targeting different muscle groups across five days. While he's currently rebuilding after time away from lifting, his goals remain ambitious: returning to 600-plus pound lifts and eventually reaching a 2,000-pound total. "I'll get there," he said confidently. "I always do."

Despite his imposing strength, Blue describes himself as introverted and antisocial. Outside of work and lifting, he enjoys gaming and weekly calls with his fiancée, who lives in Vietnam and

remains one of his biggest sources of motivation. "She keeps me grounded," he said. Long-term, Blue hopes to return to school and pursue a degree in astrophysics, drawn by a lifelong fascination with space and science. After years of physically demanding work, he's looking toward a future that challenges his mind as much as his body.

When asked what he hopes readers take away from his story, Blue doesn't hesitate with an empowering message that lifts others. "Don't give up," he said. "Whether it's working out or life in general. Things get hard—but quitting won't get you where you want to be." On Kwajalein Atoll, Zachary Blue's strength is evident in the weight he lifts—but it's his perseverance, humility, and commitment to service that truly set him apart.

PHOTOS BY ANTHONY CARNELLI

COMMUNITY

HIDDEN TALENTS TAKE THE STAGE AT ANNUAL KEYSTONE CLUB VARIETY SHOW

HOURGLASS REPORT

By Anthony Carnelli, Hourglass Story Writer

Enthusiastic, awestruck cheers filled the Multipurpose Room on the evening of March 1 as a loud and proud audience gathered for the annual Keystone Variety Show. For two hours, performers, mostly composed of Kwajalein High School and Keystone Club students, took the stage with solo songs, duets, dance numbers, comedic skits, stand-up comedy, instrumental performance and a live rock band.

The event, organized entirely by members of the Keystone Club, is part of a tradition stretching back more than five years on Kwajalein. The Keystone Club is a teen leadership and service program run through the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for young people ages 14-18. The local club channels that mission into an evening of entertainment with a charitable purpose. This year's proceeds from the show will go toward purchasing weather-resistant basketball hoops for the community on Ebeye. The effort is planned and carried out entirely by the students.

From auditions to curtain call, the show was a student-driven effort, along with some light supervision from Child Youth Services (CYS) aid staff members Daniel Roan and Lobo Arelong, as well as new CYS Supervisor Erica Simon. But Keystone members and Kwajalein High School students handled setup, cleaned and prepared the Multipurpose Room, designed event flyers, and prepared refreshments to sell during the show for their fundraising efforts.

Auditions were held in early February, and performers had several weeks on their own time to prepare their acts. A dress rehearsal at the end of February brought it all together. Roan and Arelong facilitated auditions, rehearsals and the show, along with Simon overseeing the effort.

Arelong, who has been aiding the students with the show for six years, said the show required significant effort from the students themselves — and praised their effort.

"They put in a lot of work," Arelong said. "Setting up, getting things ready, preparing. Also getting people to audition, especially outside of the school system — because most of them are kids, but getting the community involved was big, too. Just putting things together in a short amount of time — they're very good at it."

The show's lineup moved briskly from polished choreography to live instrument performances. Dance instructor and Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School business and computer science teacher Michellee Huwe helped coordinate three choreographed numbers performed by high school students, including members of the Kwajalein Jr./

Sr. High School Dance Club. Grade 5-12 band teacher Kyle Miller then treated the crowd to a saxophone set laid over electronic dance music — an unexpected pairing that drew an audible reaction. Another standout came from a student rock band that leaned into a Nirvana-inspired number, adding a gritty, live edge to the night's mix.

For Arelong, one of the most rewarding parts of the show was discovering talent he did not know existed among the island's young people.

"We have some really great dancers and singers here on the island ... and you never knew," he said. "You didn't know they had this talent until the Variety Show. You're just starstruck — like, 'Wow, they have a voice. Oh my gosh, they can dance.' They seem like such quiet kids, so you never knew that they possessed those kinds of talents."

This specific Variety Show also marked the final one for Kwajalein High School senior Taylor Aboud, who proudly serves as the current president of the Keystone Club.

Show organizers also offered a message of gratitude to the audience — and the entire Kwajalein community: "Thank you to our families and friends for your constant support and enthusiasm. Your encouragement gives our performers the confidence to step onto this stage."

From the student camaraderie of setup to the final bow, the Variety Show demonstrated what Kwajalein's young people can accomplish when they work together — and the community turned out in loud and large number to let them know it. ⧗

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A USAGKA Community Information Update

Emergency Call Boxes -

New emergency alert systems are going up around Kwajalein Atoll. This is an effort to expand the safety net for USAG-KA. These systems are connected directly to emergency services and are not intended to replace the courtesy phones. PLEASE talk to your children about the importance of not triggering the system without there being a true emergency.

DSC Awning -

A new awning is in the planning phase for installation at the Ferry waiting area at the DSC. This will provide some shade and cover from rain while waiting at the front of the line.

Coast Guard Band -

A six-person band will be in the area from Apr 9th-12th. They plan to have musical engagements on Kwajalein, Ebeye and possibly Roi-Namur and Eniburr.

Army Recruitment Team -

U.S. Army Recruiters will be on Kwajalein from 10-24 March and conducting the ASVAB 17-23 March. To schedule a meeting email HERE.

Newcomers -

The USAG-KA Newcomers Orientation is tentatively scheduled for Mar 27th & 28th, 9am at the REB.

RTS to RTR -

Following the National Defense Authorization Act, Reagan Test Site has been changed to Reagan Test Range, adjust your briefings and language as needed.

THE minute HAND

A USAGKA Community Information Update

Power Outage -

There will be a controlled power outage that will affect a large portion of the installation March 16th from 7pm to 12am.

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.

Housing Survey-

Keep an eye out for this year's Army Family Housing Surveys arriving at your door, in your mailbox, and in your email (check you junk mail). Follow the links provided to give your feedback on YOUR house. The links you will receive are tied directly to YOUR quarters.

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

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 parties should contact Mrs. Parra at: parrac@kwajaleinschools.org

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A USAGKA Community Information Update

RMI Shopping Day - AAFES will be conducting another RMI shopping day on 1 May. Look for details on fliers at the Shoppette and PXtra.

Medical Services Job Fair - V2X invites Acuity International employees to attend a Medical Services Job Fair on March 12 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the ARC. All other candidates interested in applying may submit their applications online at www.gov2x.com.

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

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.

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.

Marshallese - **Kememej:** *(Keh-meh-mej),* To Remember

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Kwajalein Passport Services -

The next Passport Services appointment session will be announced soon. Thank you for your patience as we establish a normal timeframe for this service.

Keep Kwaj Clean -

From your work to home we need to all work diligently to keep our island home clean.

Airfield STOPS!!!! -

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.

ARMA -

Need something fixed in your housing, BQ or Office? Go to ARMA : ARMAhttps://www.armymaintenance.com/arma or call 480-3550.

HAZMAT Items -

Separate 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 March 7th: 1.43”
Year Total: 13.70” – Year Deviation: +5.93”
RTS Weather: https://www.rts-wx.com/forecasts/kwajalein-atoll-forecast/

The Roller 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: 99.9FM/102.1FM/104.1FM, Roi-Namur 97.9FM – Roi Rat Radio

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Events - Events can be found on Kwajalein Community Events FB

- **KJSHS College, Career and Military Fair** - MP room Mar 12th 2-3pm
- **St. Patrick's Day** - Oceanview, Mar 14th 8pm
- **KSS Spring Break** - Mar 17-21
- **Easter Egg Hunt** - Brandon Field Apr 4th 5pm
- **Pajama Party** - Oceanview – Apr 4th 8pm
- **Kwajalein Craft Fair** - CRC Gym, Apr 6th
- **Spring Break Music Festival** - Yacht Club Apr 12th 3pm
- **GSES Art Show** - GSES Art Room Apr 14th 4:30pm
- **KJSHS Art Show** - GSES Art Room, Apr 17th 4:30pm
- **KSS Prom** - Country Club, Apr 19th 5pm

Have an upcoming event? Email HERE to get the word out.

Work order received 5725 and completed 2288

March 2026

U.S. ARMY MWR — SOLDIERS · FAMILIES · RETIREES · CIVILIANS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 CYS KEYSTONE **Variety Show**	2 **DOWNWIND DASH Run**	3	4	5	6	7 **KARAOKE** Sing Him Home ***Randy Brown*** Tribute
8 **QUIZZO** LAW & DISORDER Dr. Norman Means	9	10 **WATER POLO** CHAMPIONSHIP Game Contingency 14 March	11 **BASKETBALL** CHAMPIONSHIP Hobby Shop ***ORIENTATION*** & ***DEMO*** Night	12 **COLLEGE CAREER MILITARY FAIR**	13	14 **St. Patrick's Day Party at Oceanview**
15	16	17 HAPPY St. Patrick's DAY	18 Hobby Shop Garden Homes ***BIRD HOUSES PAINT*** & ***DECOR***	19	20	21 **KARAOKE**
22	23	24 **SOFTBALL** SEASON *Starts*	25	26	27	28
29 ROI BOY SCOUTS **KICKBALL GAME**	30	31				

17 – 23 : LIFEGUARD CLASS @ CRC

29 - YYWC MURDER MISTERY PROM YACHT CLUB

29 - KWAJALEIN SCUBA CLUB EASTER EGG HUNT

ALWAYS CALL...

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

FROM THIS

TO THIS

Meal Card scanning from 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.

BARGAIN BAZAAR: COMMUNITY & MISSION

- Volunteer-run resale shop on Kwajalein
- Donations fund scholarships & school grants
- Supports education across the Marshall Islands & Micronesia
- Open Every Wednesday 4:30 to 6:30 PM
  & 1st Saturday 4:00 to 6:00 PM
- Promotes reduce, reuse & recycle
- A hub for connection and community

We Accept:
Clean clothing, baby gear, shoes, linens, kitchenware, décor, working electronics, books, toys, school supplies, jewelry & holiday décor

We Do NOT Accept:
Food or medications

How to Donate:
Stop by DSC for gate access
Bring items directly to BB door
Wrap breakables & attach cords

Donations

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE YYWC EDUCATION ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE.
KOMMOLTATA FOR YOUR DONATION!

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 jerbal nan kareoik dren ko, ej ejaak im koba ippen kij ko remon ilo dren ko. Kein liklik eo im eiton einwot juon carbon ej jerbal nan karoik im kadriklok jonan TTHM.

Ta eo emoj komane? Ilo filter system kein ilo jikin likik dren eo emoj aer erreo. 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, jouj 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 drelon 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 iloan 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 jerbal 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.

E-wareness: *Leaks from Vehicles*

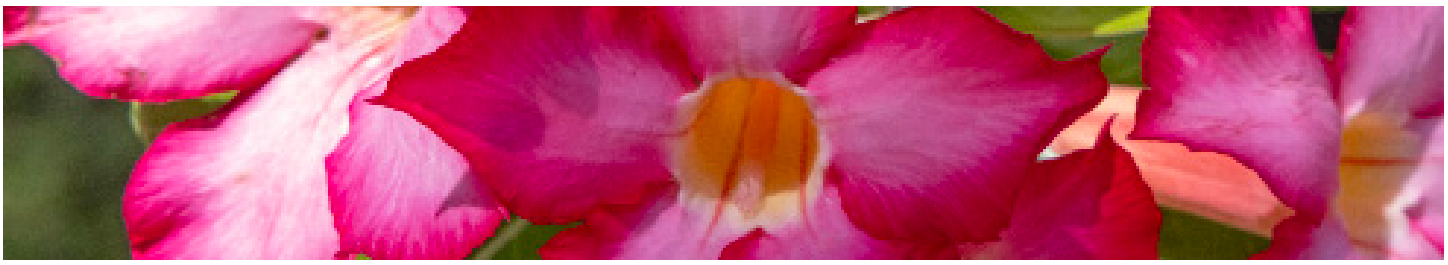
It is each driver's responsibility to ensure vehicles are not leaking fluids other than air conditioning condensate. Call 911 to report spills and arrange with automotive for routine maintenance.

Please call Environmental at 480-0722 with questions.

MARSHALLESE TRANSLATION

Ej an ri-kator eo eddo non lolorjake bwe wa eo ejjab leak jabdewot oil ijelak in drennin air condition eo jen wa eo. Ne elon jabdwot leak/lutok in oil jen wa eo, Kiir 911 non report e lutok eo.

Ak kiir Environmental ilo 480-0722.



Kwajalein Atoll

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

GO TO ICE
INTERACTIVE CUSTOMER EVALUATION

Kwajalein to Ebeye Ferry Schedule

1. **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.
2. On Stevedoring days, workers involved with cargo operations have priority on the 2000 ferry.
3. SMOKING, TOBACCO, CHEW, BETEL NUT, EATING and DRINKING ARE PROHIBITED ON ALL FERRIES.
4. 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.
5. Meck catamarans may operate on a dynamic schedule and will be available by calling Meck Management.
6. **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.

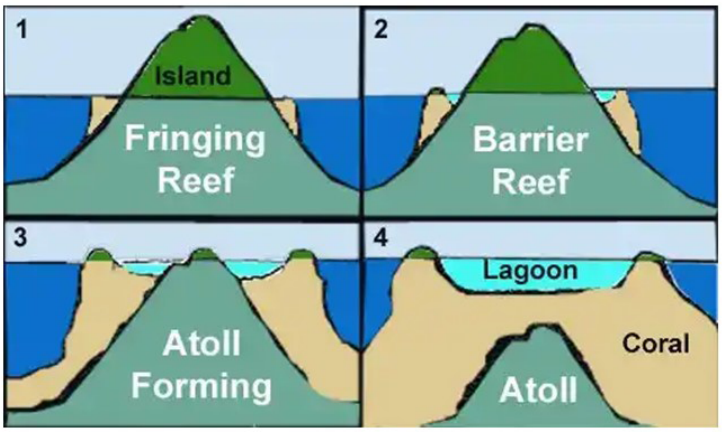
Tuesday to Saturday

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

Atoll Formation



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

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

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

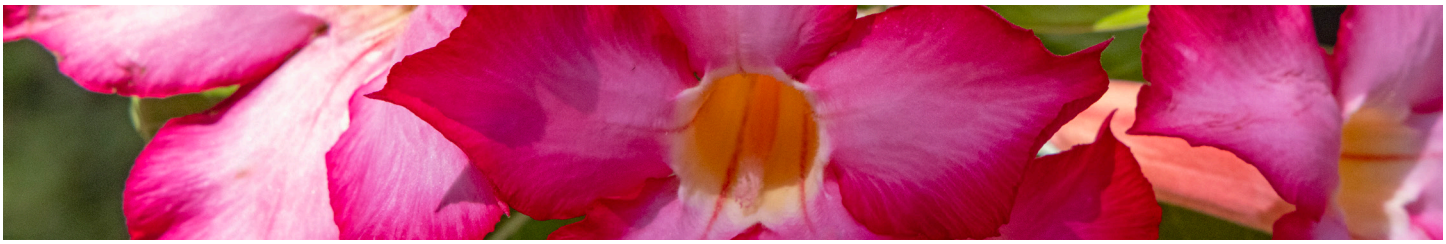
TRASH & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

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.

Now Available by Appointment...

PASSPORT PHOTO SERVICES

Located on the 2nd floor of Bldg. 805 on Kwajalein. When taking your photo, remember the following guidance for a successful shoot:

- Directly face the camera without tilting your head.
- Have a neutral facial expression with both eyes open and mouth closed.
- Take off your eyeglasses, headphones or wireless hands-free device.
- Do not wear a uniform, clothing that looks like a uniform, or camouflage.
- Remove hats or head coverings or submit a signed statement or doctor's note that says you must wear it for religious or medical purposes.

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

KwajaleinHourglass@gov2x.com

PASSPORT

United States of America

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U.S. ARMY USAKA KWAJALEIN ATOLL

Click QR Code to jump to social page

Kwajalein MIA Project

NEVER FORGET.

https://kwajaleinmiaproject.us/

COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

Submit Announcements to the Roller Channel and The Kwajalein Hourglass

OPEN CALL FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Preparing Your Message

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

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

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

Formatting Your Listings

It is recommended that graphical advertisements and announcements intended for the Hourglass and the AFN Roller Channel be formatted as PowerPoint slides.

Graphic designers are asked to maintain a generous margin (.75-1-inch) around all sides and to size fonts no smaller than pt. 20.

If your Roller Channel advertisement requires a special expiration date, please note this for the Roller team in the body of your message.

Deadlines for Submissions

Send advertisements for the Kwajalein Hourglass and the AFN Roller Channel to kwajaleinhourglass@gov2x.com on Wednesdays by close of business/Thursday morning.

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

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

SHARP
Achieving Cultural Change
Assault Response & Prevention
preventsexualassault.army.mil

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

Captain Tameka Edmonson
SHARP Victim Advocate
Work: 480-1419 or

Major Matthew DeMartino
Work: 480-1402

USAG-KA SHARP

Pager: 808-580-3241
DOD SAFE Helpline: 877-995-5247

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Taxi Service. Call 480-TAXI (8294) or 3341 to book your ride at least 24 hours in advance of check-in time.

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

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

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

ROI-NAMUR STOP FOR AIRCRAFT!!

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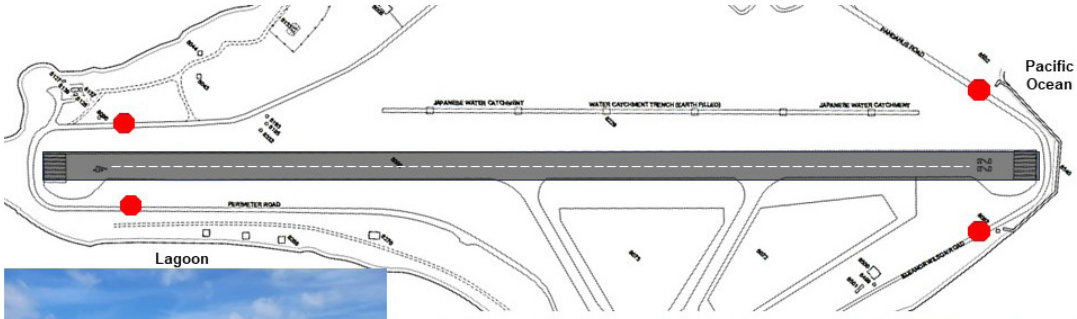

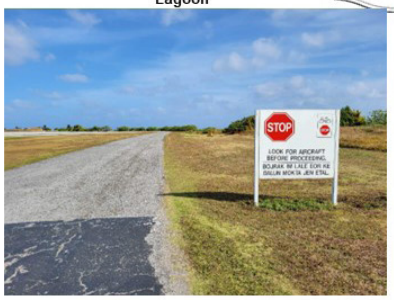

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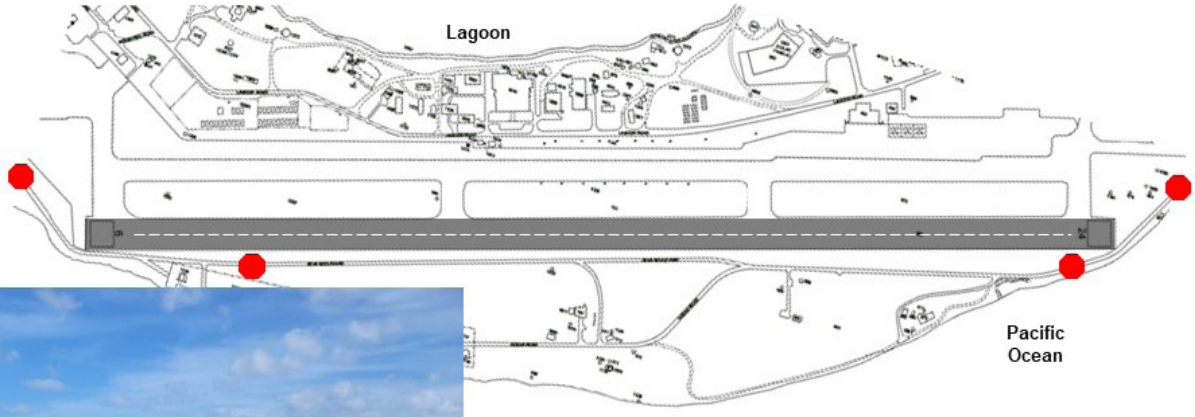

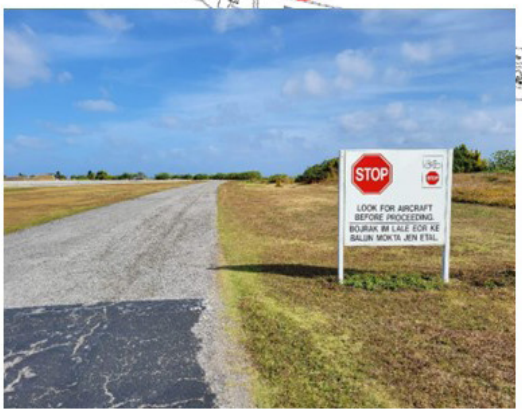

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NOW SHOWING at the YUK THEATER

SUNDAY, MARCH 1
"Civil War" (2024)
(R) 109 min.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7
"Shrek" (2001)
(PG) 90 min.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8
"Deadpool" (2016)
(R) 108 min.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14
"Moana" (2016)
(PG) 107 min.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15
"Monkey Man" (2024)
(R) 121 min.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21
"The Blue Angels" (2024)
(G) 93 min.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22
"The First Omen" (2024)
(R) 119 min.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28
"The Lion King" (1994)
(G) 88 min.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29
"The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare" (2024)
(R) 120 min.

WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

Discussion:

March has been above normal so far at 1.43 inches putting us at 0.97" above normal for the month. We have received 13.70" of precipitation for the year putting us at 5.93" above normal. We are looking at slightly greater than normal rainfall coverage for the next seven days with today keeping the isolated showers and another bump Saturday and just isolated showers for the weekend. We are also anticipating the beginning of the workweek to be above par with shower coverage. We did not register any thunderstorm days last week. 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 lighting risk will remain low as is normal in March with Saturday seeing a slightly elevated risk. The Madden/Julian Oscillation's (MJO) is positive over the RMI and more robust, contributing to the above normal precipitation coverage for March so far. The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) is still positioned over the central RMI creating the favorable conditions for shower coverage, but it is anticipated to return to it normal March location just south of the RMI starting tomorrow. 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 an overall negative impact on the RMI's rainfall coverage. It is expected that conditions will become neutral by the end of March helping the RMI maintain normal precipitation coverage. Erosion of the la Nina conditions are already starting show up in the eastern Pacific.

Tropical Cyclones:

None for the RMI.

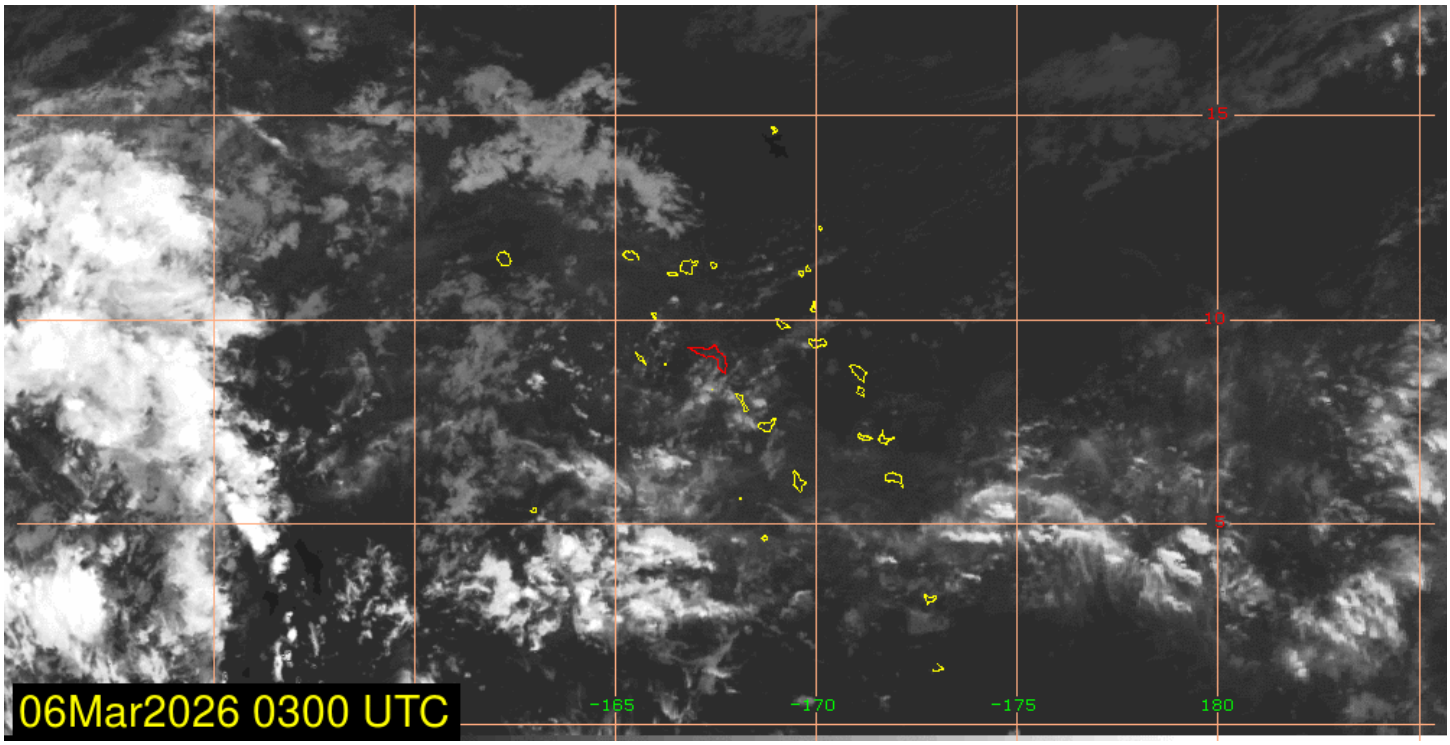
Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:

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

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

The waning half-moon will occur on the 11th with its associated high neap tides all under four feet. Winds: will be lightest today at about 8 to 12 knots and then take on their more normal speed at about 12 to 17 knots out of the east-northeast for the next seven days. Gustier winds are possible near any periods of transiting showers especially just off to the east. A Small Craft Advisory (SCA) is not anticipated for the next seven days except for the possibility of short issuance during periods of gusty outflow near showers. A High Surf Advisory (HSA) is not expected, but we are watching some long period swells that may adversely affect Roi-Namur on the 13th.

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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WEATHER DISCUSSION

Periodic shower chances and moderate winds are expected over Kwajalein Atoll as we head into the weekend. Subtropical ridging to the north will continue to be hampered by a series of mid-latitude cyclones into next week. This will keep wind speeds generally in the low-mid teens and allow for the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) to remain closer to the central RMI at times, giving us an unusually higher chance of rainfall than is typical for this time of year. Sunday and Monday will not be a washout by any means, but occasional showers are certainly possible, especially during the overnight and early morning hours. Looking ahead to next week, more opportunity for rainfall is expected.

SATURDAY

Partly sunny with isolated to widely scattered showers and a possible stray thunderstorm. Winds NE-E at 11-16 knots with higher gusts near showers.

SUNDAY

Partly sunny with stray to isolated showers. Winds NE-E at 10-15 knots with higher gusts near showers.

MONDAY

Partly sunny with stray to isolated showers. Winds NE-E at 9-14 knots with higher gusts near showers.

NEXT WEEK

Periods of increased shower activity are likely throughout parts of next week as the ITCZ is expected to remain near the central RMI. Winds will be moderate in the low-mid teens out of the northeast for at least the beginning of the workweek.

SUN-MOON-TIDES

	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	10:45 p.m. 9:55 a.m.	6:34 a.m. 4.1' 6:39 p.m. 3.5'	12:22 a.m. -0.2' 12:43 p.m. 0.1'
MONDAY	6:59 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	11:35 p.m. 10:38 a.m.	6:58 a.m. 3.8' 6:59 p.m. 3.0'	12:41 a.m. 0.1' 1:10 p.m. 0.5'
TUESDAY	6:59 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	---------- 11:24 a.m.	7:22 a.m. 3.4' 7:16 p.m. 2.6'	12:59 a.m. 0.4' 1:40 p.m. 0.9'
WEDNESDAY	6:58 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	12:26 a.m. 12:13 p.m.	7:53 a.m. 3.0' 7:28 p.m. 2.1'	1:15 a.m. 0.8' 2:22 p.m. 1.4'
THURSDAY	6:58 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	1:18 a.m. 1:04 p.m.	8:51 a.m. 2.6' ----------	1:25 a.m. 1.2' 10:29 p.m. 1.6'
FRIDAY	6:57 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	2:10 a.m. 1:57 p.m.	1:04 p.m. 2.6' ----------	8:39 p.m. 1.1' ----------
MARCH 14	6:57 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	3:01 a.m. 2:50 p.m.	2:38 a.m. 2.1' 2:09 p.m. 3.1'	7:43 a.m. 1.4' 8:53 p.m. 0.7'

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ISLAND LIFE AND ARMY REGULATIONS, PLEASE CALL THE COMMANDER'S HOTLINE AT 480-1098. FOLLOW THE UPDATES REGARDING SAFETY INFORMATION, EVENTS AND OFFICIAL COMMAND ACTIVITIES.


Until Next Week!