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OUT OF THE WATER: DRY DOCKING KEEPS KWAJALEIN'S MARINE FLEET MISSION READY

HOURGLASS REPORT

By Isaiah Matthews, Hourglass Story Writer

When a vessel at Kwajalein needs major maintenance, the work begins with a process that most people on the island never see: lifting the entire vessel out of the water.

The evolution is commonly called dry docking, though the system used on Kwajalein is technically a synchro lift. For Ashley Gordon, marine operations manager, the distinction matters less than the outcome — safely getting vessels out of the lagoon so crews can inspect, repair and maintain them.

"Dry docking is an evolution where you lift a vessel all the way out of the water so you can conduct maintenance or an investigation," Gordon explained. "It's for vessels that are too large for trailers but still need to be out of the water so you can inspect the hull, repair steel or complete other major work."

Unlike a traditional dry dock that floods and drains like a basin, Kwajalein's system uses 16 synchronized lifting platforms. Working together, they raise a vessel evenly out of the water and place it into a cradle where maintenance crews can safely access areas normally hidden beneath the surface.

For the Marine Department, dry docking is part of a planned maintenance cycle.

Most vessels at Kwajalein operate on a three-year rotation under the Army's On-Condition Cyclic Maintenance program. Planning for a dry dock begins well before the vessel is ever lifted.

"We start with a work definition conference about 12 to 18 months ahead of the dry dock," Gordon said. "That's where we define what work we expect to do on the vessel."

Six months before the scheduled maintenance period, a technical inspection is conducted to verify what repairs are required. These steps allow crews to plan ahead, order materials and coordinate the work required once the vessel is lifted.

During dry docking, the work is typically divided between two areas: deck operations and engineering.

Deck maintenance focuses on structural and operational equipment — inspecting fittings, rebuilding winches or replacing sections of steel. Engineering work involves the vessel's power systems, including engines, generators, wiring and other mechanical components.

Because many of Kwajalein's vessels have been in service for decades, dry docking often involves significant repairs.

"We try not to completely rebuild the boat," Gordon said. "But because of the age of some of these vessels, sometimes we end up doing a lot of work."

Operating in a remote atoll environment adds additional challenges.

Kwajalein's location means replacement parts are not always easy to find. Many vessels in the fleet are decades old, and some parts are no longer manufactured. In those cases, components must be fabricated or adapted to keep vessels operational.

"You can't just order a part number and expect it to show up quickly," Gordon said. "Sometimes those parts don't exist anymore, and we have to figure out what will work instead."

Saltwater conditions also accelerate corrosion. According to Gordon, the marine environment around Kwajalein is among the harshest he has experienced in more than three decades working in maritime operations.

"I've worked in Africa, the Caribbean, Europe and South America," he said. "This is the worst place I've ever seen for corrosion."

Salt carried by ocean winds

settles on vessels and equipment, wearing away steel and mechanical components over time. Combined with continuous operations across the lagoon, the conditions place heavy demands on maintenance crews.

The Marine Department operates a busy fleet supporting transportation, cargo movement and operational missions across the atoll. Taking a vessel out of service for maintenance means other vessels must absorb the workload.

"Anytime I have a boat out of the water, another boat is pulling double duty," Gordon said.

That makes the timing of dry dock work especially important. Maintenance must be thorough, but vessels also need to return to service quickly to support daily operations.

Safety is a major factor throughout the lifting process. When hundreds of tons of steel are raised from the lagoon, every step must be carefully controlled.

Divers monitor the vessel from below while lift operators raise the platform slowly to ensure the vessel settles correctly into the cradle. Crews coordinate each movement while monitoring weight distribution and stability.

"You're dealing with a lot of weight," Gordon said. "You want everything to settle gradually and safely."

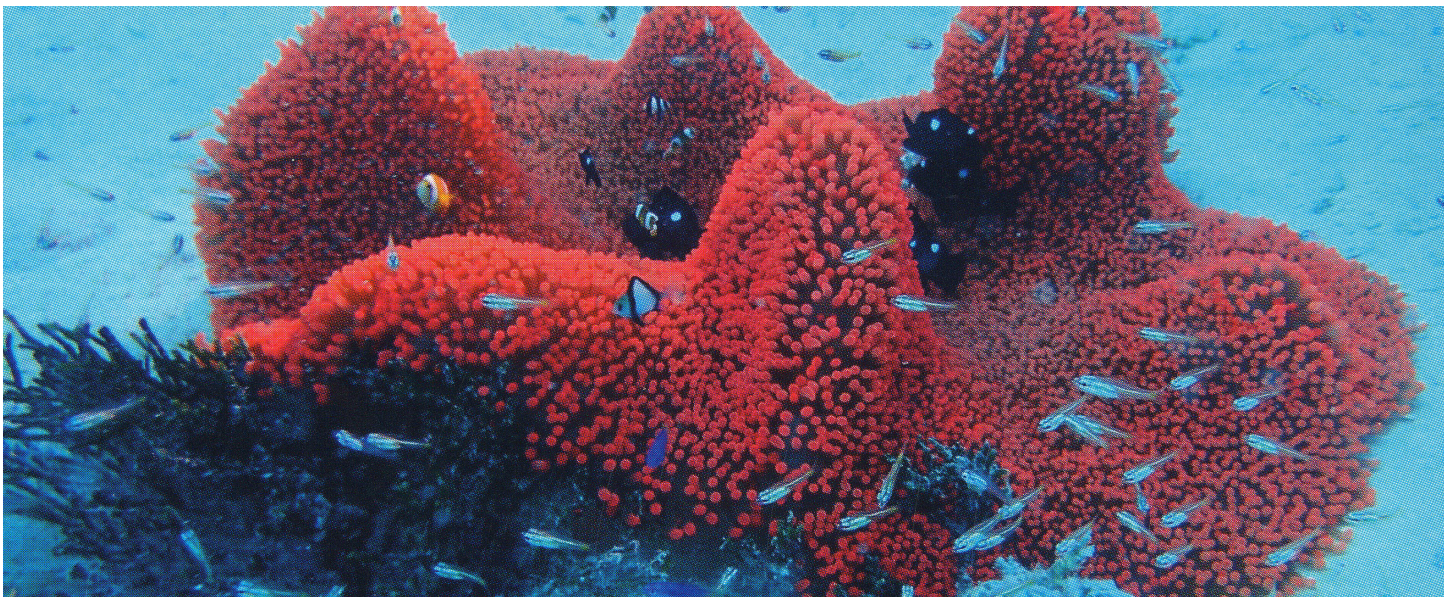
Once the vessel is secured in the cradle, shipyard crews begin the work that keeps the fleet running — welding, machining, mechanical repairs and inspections that ensure vessels remain seaworthy.

The process requires coordination between multiple teams, including welders, electricians, divers, mechanics and lift operators.

For Gordon, the success of each dry docking evolution ultimately comes down to the people performing the work.

"The marine team here is as good as I have ever had," Gordon said. "I couldn't ask for better professionals. They are the key to success."

From lifting vessels out of the lagoon to returning them safely to service, dry docking represents one of the most complex maintenance operations on the island.



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FINDING HERSELF BETWEEN DEPARTURES: HOW TRAVEL SHAPES IDENTITY

By Isaiah Matthews, Hourglass Story Writer

For Natalia Ponce Paulino, a service support lead senior, travel has never been about checking destinations off a list. It has been about distance—distance from routine, from expectations, and sometimes from versions of herself that no longer fit.

"Away, definitely away," Ponce Paulino said. "I usually just need to escape my current reality and find something new and forget about whatever is home at the moment."

Over the past 12 years, Ponce Paulino has moved eight or nine times. Not out of a desire to be nomadic, she explained, but because that was what pursuing education, work, and personal growth required. She resists being labeled a "wanderer," emphasizing that her movement was not intentional restlessness, but a byproduct of ambition.

"I don't like to identify as that because it's not intentional," said Ponce Paulino. "It's just what has happened to do the work I want."

Each move, however, has reshaped how she understands herself. In new places where no one knows her history, family, or titles, she becomes quiet and observant, carefully deciding how much of herself to reveal.

"I like to take a step back and see what version of me is allowed here," Ponce Paulino stated. "If it's a new place, it's usually pretty reserved."

That anonymity comes with a duality. There is loneliness in holding back, but also freedom. Without expectations, she can exist with less pressure.

"Lighter because there's less pressure," she reflected. "They don't know me yet. I can be anybody right now."

Distance, she believes, is where real growth happens. Away from the mental noise of routine, she finds clarity that staying close to home never provided.

"The growth happens away from everything," Ponce Paulino said. "You don't have that everyday brain clutter. It's definitely more than if you were closer, like home."

That clarity has also forced difficult realizations. One of the hardest moments came when she returned to Puerto Rico, a place she had long considered home. The version she encountered as an adult did not match the one preserved in memory.

"Accepting the reality that it no longer is what you expected it to be was a struggle," she said. "It was shocking, mentally and emotionally."

Now living on a remote island, isolation has become a teacher rather than a threat. Ponce Paulino has learned she can handle solitude—and sometimes prefers it.

"That I can handle it, and I don't mind it," she said. "And sometimes prefer it."

When distractions fade, deeper questions surface. In quiet moments, she checks in with herself, asking whether her actions align with her values of honesty, integrity, and kindness.

"Am I the person I want to be?" said Ponce Paulino. "It's like a checkpoint."

Travel has also stripped away illusions of invincibility. Experiences abroad, including moments of fear, reminded her that strength is not the absence of vulnerability.

"I get a reality check sometimes," she said. "I don't know how I'm going to react until it happens."

When uncertainty hits, she relies on what she can control. Routine and faith anchor her, while trust in people comes cautiously, shaped by past disappointments.

"Not people," Ponce Paulino said plainly. "You can

always depend on your routine. I can expect something better, but I have to mentally prepare myself."

Despite moving often, her sense of belonging has nothing to do with geography.

"People," she said. "The few people who know me at my core—those are the ones who make me feel like I belong."

While constant movement has built resilience, it has also brought fatigue. She admits she looks forward to the day she no longer has to pack and unpack her life.

"I would feel so relieved," Ponce Paulino said. "I cannot wait for that moment to come."

For those who feel lost, Ponce Paulino does not offer certainty—only honesty.

"I'm lost, too," Ponce Paulino stated with certainty. "You're not alone."

Each journey, she believes, leaves her with something valuable.

"Every trip gives me a little tool to put in my toolbox on how to be better," she said as she leaned back in her chair reflecting.

In the spaces between departures and arrivals, Ponce Paulino continues to redefine who she is—not by where she lives, but by what she learns along the way.

MEET WESLEY M. PELLINEN: AAFES' NEW RETAIL MANAGER BRINGING GLOBAL EXPERIENCE TO KWAJALEIN

HOURGLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Staff Writer

When Wesley Pellinen stepped onto Kwajalein for the first time, he was greeted by the sound of waves rolling across the reef at sunrise — a moment he describes as both grounding and unforgettable. It was a fitting welcome for someone whose career has taken him across continents, through remote duty stations, and into some of the most challenging environments the Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) supports. Now, as Kwajalein's new AAFES Retail Manager, Wesley brings with him a wealth of experience, a deep commitment to the Exchange mission, and a sense of humor that keeps even the toughest days in perspective.

Wesley's journey with AAFES began shortly after he separated from the Navy. His wife was still on active duty at the time, and the Exchange offered the flexibility he needed as they navigated multiple duty station moves. What started as a part time role quickly became something more meaningful. "I developed a strong connection to the Exchange mission — 'We Go Where You Go.' Having served in deployed and remote environments myself, I deeply value the Exchange's impact on quality of life and morale for service members and their families," he shared.

Before arriving on Kwajalein, Wesley spent nearly 20 years in Loss Prevention, eventually shifting toward a more customer focused career path. His AAFES assignments have taken him across Kuwait, Qatar, Jordan, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the United Arab Emirates. He also spent two years running the Exchange in Thule, Greenland — one of the most remote and extreme duty stations in the world.

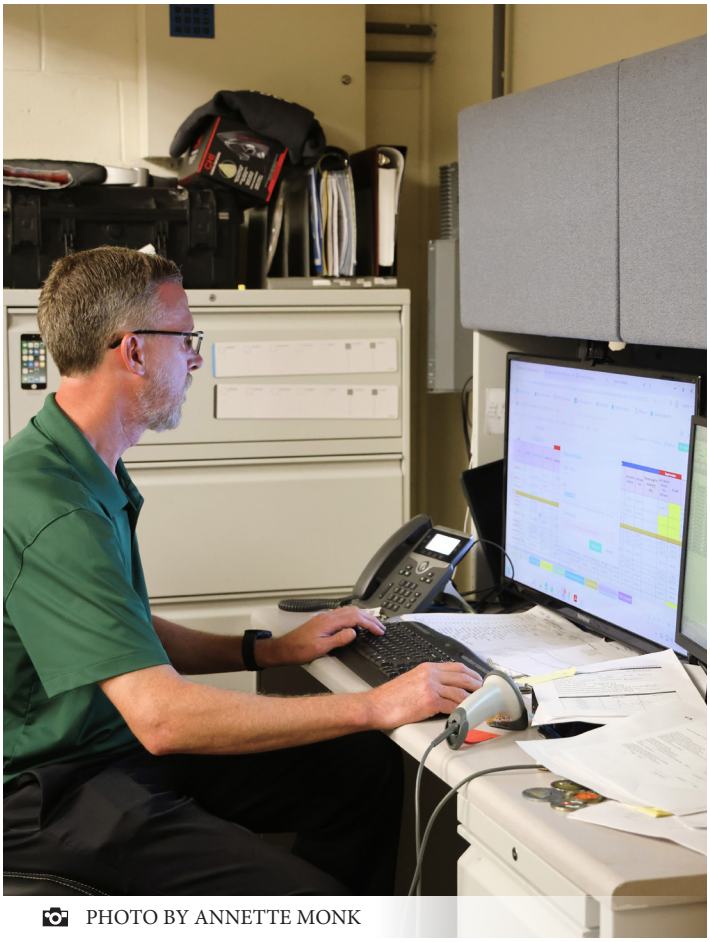
Those experiences shaped his leadership style: steady, adaptable, and unafraid of complexity.

When asked what a normal day looks like for a Facilities Manager on Kwajalein, Wesley laughs. "In locations like this, there is no truly 'typical' day," he said. "Standard operational tasks keep things running, but the environment is dynamic. You have to stay aware and be ready to shift priorities quickly."

It's exactly the kind of challenge that energizes him. The remoteness of the Pacific — one of the few regions he had not yet experienced — makes this assignment both professionally rewarding and personally exciting.

Wesley's first impression of Kwajalein was shaped by the people. "The community has been incredibly welcoming and consistently goes out of its way to make me feel at home," he said. "And the environment is remarkable. Starting each day with the sound of the waves at sunrise is something I will always value."

Though he arrived alone — his two grown daughters live in Georgia — he has quickly found connection through the island's close knit atmosphere.



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Beyond his job title, Wesley wants the community to know one thing: he thrives on humor. "Laughter helps keep perspective, especially in demanding environments," he said. "It brings people together. I make a conscious effort to create moments of levity because it strengthens teams and makes even challenging days more manageable."

It's a leadership philosophy shaped by years of working in high pressure, remote, and often unpredictable settings. For Wesley, humor isn't a distraction — it's a tool for resilience.

A Few Fun Facts

To wrap up the conversation, Wesley offered a few lighthearted insights:

Coffee or cold brew? "I am a firm believer that it is no longer coffee if it's cold."

Sunrise or sunset? "Sunrise on the ocean side is always my favorite."

Favorite thing discovered on island so far? "I feel contractually obligated to say the PX," he joked. "But honestly, it's hard to choose — just about anywhere you stand, the views across the island are hard to beat."

As Wesley looks ahead and settles into his new role, he brings with him a global perspective, a deep respect for the Exchange mission, and a genuine appreciation for the community he now serves. Whether navigating the complexities of facilities operations or sharing a laugh with coworkers, he is committed to supporting the island and the people who call it home.

Kwajalein may be remote, but with leaders like Wesley Pellinen, the Exchange mission continues to thrive — proving once again that AAFES truly goes where service members go.

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COMMUNITY

A GESTURE OF GENEROSITY STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY BONDS ON GUGEEGUE

HOURGLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Staff Writer

The sound came all at once — dozens of small metallic clicks followed by the soft hiss of soda cans opening in unison. For the children gathered on Gugeegue Island that Friday night, it was the sound of an unexpected treat.

Moments later, the room filled with wide smiles and delighted "oohs" and "aahs" as about 30 children settled in for movie night with snacks many of them had never tasted before. The treats, canned juices, breads, biscuits, and muffins, had traveled across the lagoon thanks to a chain of generosity that began days earlier at the National Prayer Breakfast on Kwajalein.

What started as extra food from the community event became an opportunity to share joy with children and strengthen bonds between the U.S. Army Garrison–Kwajalein Atoll (USAG-KA) community and its Marshallese neighbors. The food served at the annual National Prayer Breakfast had been made possible through donations from the many community members who attended the event. When the breakfast concluded, organizers found that a significant amount of food remained.

Rather than allow it to go unused, Father Daniel L. Gardner suggested an idea that quickly gained momentum: deliver the extra food to the children who participate in the Gugeegue outreach program.

Mission outreach leader Michael Love immediately saw the potential, but there was a challenge. Transporting large quantities of food through the Dock Security Checkpoint (DSC) normally isn't allowed without special authorization. To move the food across the lagoon, an Exception to Policy (ETP) would be required.

Love reached out to Major Daniel "Turk" Rothenberger, Director of Host Nation Activities, to see if the request might be possible. "Honestly, I was just so grateful," Love said. "It wasn't just that he said yes—he was eager to help. Knowing he was willing to secure the ETP meant we could actually make this happen for the kids without the usual logistical hurdles."

Working with Lt. Jerry L. Soto and security personnel, Rothenberger helped ensure the process moved smoothly. The checkpoint team was fully briefed ahead of time so they would know when Love would be arriving with the food. "Because they were involved, the DSC personnel were ready for us," Love explained. "Instead of delays or questions, the process moved quickly and easily." Soon the food was on its way to Gugeegue, where it would become the highlight of the weekend outreach gathering.

The Gugeegue children's outreach program began in 2023 and has steadily grown into a vibrant weekly gathering for 30 to 40 children ranging in age from toddlers to teenagers. Volunteers typically arrive on Fridays to spend time playing ball games, sharing music, and building relationships with the children. If schedules allow, they stay overnight so they can continue activities through Saturday.

Saturday mornings begin with a Bible class centered on stories of faith and virtues, followed by snacks or lunch whenever supplies are avail-

able. In the afternoons, older children learn to play the ukulele while younger participants join in crafts, music lessons, and an "Adventurer Club" that teaches practical skills such as first aid, knot-tying, and teamwork.

"Most of what we're able to give the kids—the food, the treats, and the supplies—comes from our photography work, ministry partners, and the generosity of the Kwajalein community," Love said. "We just want these kids to know that people across these islands truly care about them, just as Jesus does."

When the prayer breakfast food arrived, volunteers decided to divide it so the children could enjoy it over two different gatherings. The first opportunity came during Friday night's movie night.

As the children watched an animated film about the story of David, volunteers passed out the canned juices and biscuits alongside pizza and popcorn. The simple moment of opening the drinks together quickly became one of the evening's highlights. "When all the cans opened at once, the kids just lit up," Love said. "You could hear the excitement in the room."

The celebration continued the next morning during Bible class, when the muffins were shared. "The kids' faces completely lit up," Love recalled. "Some of them said it was the best muffin they had ever tasted."

One moment in particular left a lasting impression. Several of the children stopped eating halfway through their muffins and carefully wrapped the remaining portion. "They wanted to take the rest home so their parents could try it," Love said. "Seeing that kind of love for their families was really special."

The outreach extended beyond the children as well. On his way home, Love stopped by the Seventh-day Adventist School to deliver yogurt from the breakfast, which teachers gratefully received after a long day in the classroom.

For Love, the experience represented something much bigger than sharing food. "It shows how willing the Garrison is to help enrich the lives of the Marshallese community, especially the children," he said. "Acts like this really strengthen the relationship between USAG-KA and the host nation."

He also emphasized the role played by Rothenberger and his team in making the effort possible. "Their help was instrumental," Love said. "They made sure these extra blessings didn't go to waste but instead reached children who truly appreciated them."

In a community spread across islands and cultures, partnerships like this help build trust, friendship, and mutual care. Through the combined generosity of prayer breakfast attendees, faith leaders, volunteers, and garrison leadership, what began as extra food became something far more meaningful. It became a reminder that even small gestures—when shared with purpose—can strengthen the bonds that unite the Kwajalein and Marshallese communities.

And on one recent Friday night in Gugeegue, those bonds were celebrated with happy laughter, bright smiles, and a room full of grateful kids with very happy tummies.

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COMMUNITY

NEW HOMES RISE ON KWAJALEIN AS $59.7 MILLION HOUSING PROJECT REACHES FINISH LINE

HOURGLASS REPORT

By Anthony Carnelli, Hourglass Story Writer

A bright red ribbon stretched across the entrance to Kwajalein's newest neighborhood at Ocean Road and North Point as a standing-room-only crowd of community meembers celebrated the completion of the FY21 Phase One Army Family Housing Project — welcoming 24 new Army family homes this week. The newly built dome homes represent the first major step in renewing an aging housing inventory that has fallen behind the island's needs for years.

The project addresses a stubborn reality — much of Kwajalein's existing housing stock is more than 50 years old. Roughly 130 units have been demolished over the years, and the island's housing inventory has not kept pace. The 24 new units — 22 three bedroom and two four-bedroom homes, including handicap accessible units — represent the first major step toward rebuilding that capacity. The price tag: $59.7 million.

"Today is about foundations," he said. "Foundations for families, foundations for readiness, and foundations for the long-term future of this installation."

He was also direct about the urgency. "Our housing has served this community well, but the time for reinvestment is now," Cannon said. "This project represents exactly that."

In such an isolated part of the world, housing quality can directly affect whether skilled workers and service members choose to stay — or come at all — the connection between new roofs and operational readiness is not abstract. "Investment in infrastructure is an investment in mission assurance," he said.

He additionally addressed what the project signals about Kwajalein's place in the broader defense landscape. "It's not just a legacy site with 50-year-old homes. It is a vital strategic location with a future."

SES Peter Ridilla, Programs Director for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Ocean Division echoed that point in practical terms. "It takes a special person to want to come to a remote, isolated location," he said. "But it helps if you know you have potentially a nice house to live in." He then added, "I think we're setting the stage for making Kwajalein a duty station of choice, which is incredibly important."

The project moved through its phases with deliberate momentum. The contract was awarded in August 2022. Design was completed by June 2023, with a groundbreaking ceremony that same month. Construction ramped up in earnest by January 2024.

On Kwajalein, construction is never just construction. Every phase must account for distance, weather and the kind of wear that comes with building in the middle of the Pacific.

"Delivering construction projects anywhere is complex," Cannon said. "Delivering them 2,500-plus miles from Hawaii in a corrosive maritime environment on a remote atoll requires expertise and commitment."

"Projects like this do not move forward without discipline, planning, constant communication and persistence," he added.

One of the project's least visible — and most complex — hurdles had nothing to do with the homes themselves. Before construction could move forward, extensive planning was needed to ensure telecommunications infrastructure for the new homes was installed correctly.

"A lot of people think, oh, it's just domes, said Project Engineer Sarah Rhoton. "We have to have the telecom infrastructure to support all the new infrastructure."

The scope of the work extended well beyond cabling. "Just coordinating that with the road closures and UXO clearances and archeological — a lot of things that we had to jump through to get that accomplished," Rhoton said. UXO, or unexploded ordnance, is a routine consideration for construction on Kwajalein, a legacy of the atoll's World War II history. "This was a huge logistical challenge that took us a long time."

For all the project's logistical complexity, its safety record was just as striking. According to Tommy Zhang, project manager for NAN Construction, the project recorded no recordable safety incidents during nearly three years of active construction. On a build of this scale, in a remote and demanding environment, that detail spoke to the level of planning and discipline behind the work.

The homes reflect decades of hard-earned lessons about what it takes to build on Kwajalein. Designed for the realities of atoll life, the new dome homes sit on elevated stem walls to provide added protection from flooding during heavy rains and storm surge. Standard windows replace the older bubble-style design that had long created maintenance problems, while the concrete dome construction itself marks a shift away from wood-framed homes that proved especially vulnerable to termites and rapid deterioration in the tropical climate.

Even for new construction, the corrosive environment means ongoing operations and maintenance — commonly referred to as O&M — will remain a fact of life.

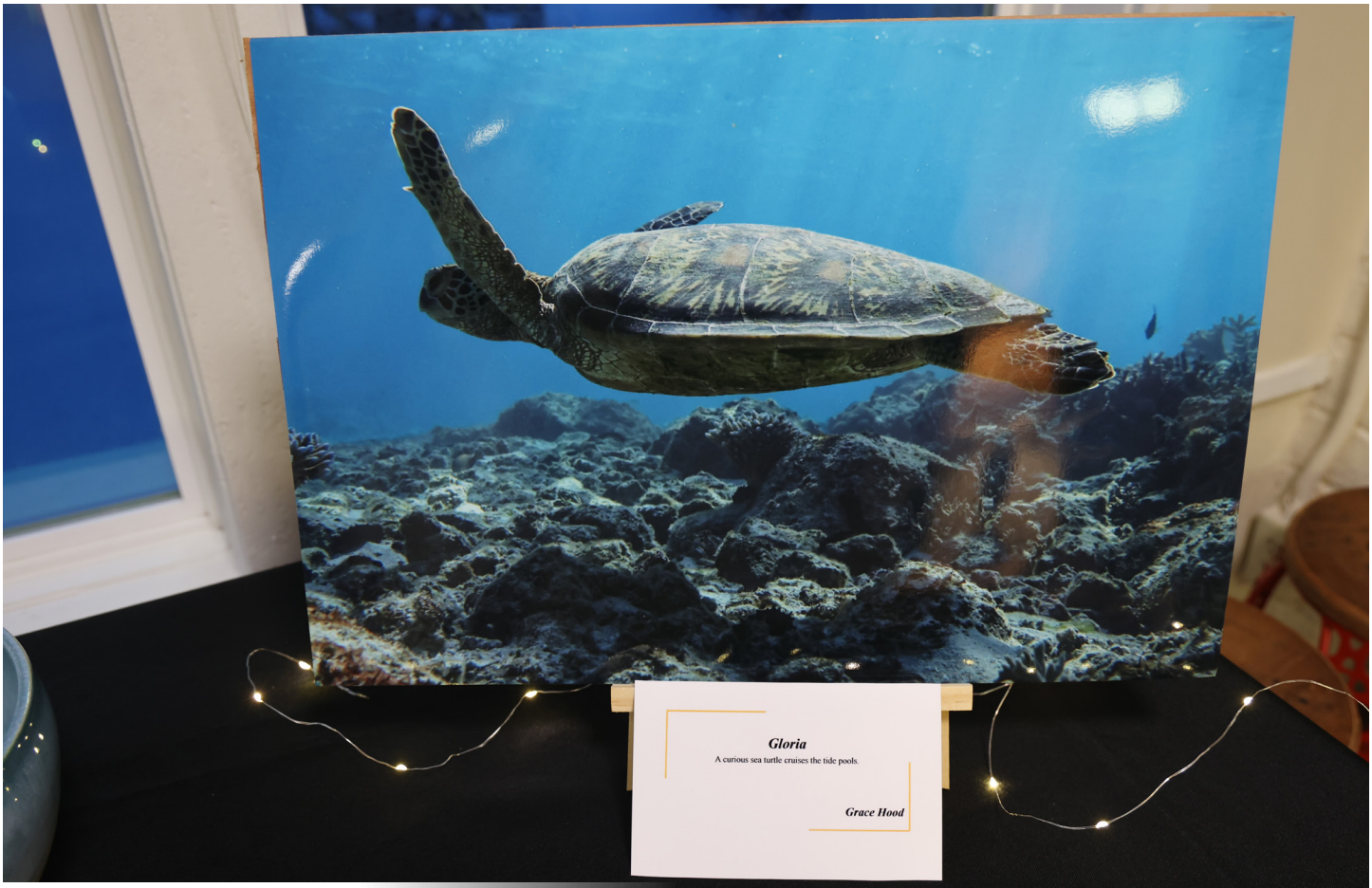
Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, attendees got the opportunity to tour a three-bedroom and four-bedroom model unit which were fully furnished, lit-bright and ready to shine.

The turnover schedule is already underway: signing for eight additional units was expected within the week, with the remaining 13 to follow in the weeks after. Once the U.S. Army finally accepts the homes, appliances and furniture will be installed, and the goal is to remove construction fencing and trailers by around May 1 — transforming the site from a construction zone into a full-fledged residential neighborhood.

For Rhoton, who worked closely with the on-site team through weekly progress meetings, the ceremony carried a personal sense of satisfaction, "it's just very encouraging to see a project start to finish," she said.

The ribbon is cut now, but the larger meaning of the project will unfold over time. For a community that has watched housing age, disappear and wait for replacement, the new neighborhood offers something tangible at last — proof that rebuilding is no longer just a plan. Additional housing projects are on the way, and the FY21 homes are meant as a signal of what's ahead.

Above: Community residents had the opportunity to take a full tour of two of the 24 new dome homes.



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ART, MUSIC, AND COMMUNITY SHINE AT KWAJALEIN ART GUILD & YYWC ART SHOW

HOURGLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagnon, Hourglass Staff Writer

The Commander's Residence was transformed into a vibrant gallery of creativity, music, and community spirit as the Kwajalein Art Guild (KAG), in partnership with the Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club (YYWC), hosted a highly successful art show celebrating local talent while supporting education and the arts across the region.

The evening drew an estimated 113 attendees and raised over $2,000 to support community art initiatives and senior scholarships through the Kwajalein Art Guild, while YYWC funds will benefit educational programs throughout the Marshall Islands and Micronesia, reinforcing both organizations' shared commitment to creativity, opportunity, and learning.

Guests were greeted by an impressive and diverse collection of artwork displayed throughout the residence. Paintings, mixed-media pieces, sculpture, and glasswork reflected island life, ocean themes, and global connections. One striking abstract piece depicted manta rays gliding through a swirling sea of blues, purples, and golds, while another showcased a tranquil beach scene beneath a flowering tree, a single blue chair facing the lagoon in quiet reflection. A large mixed-media world map constructed from sea glass invited viewers to linger, offering a familiar global image reimagined through an ocean-inspired lens.

Among the most talked-about works were a set of delicate ceramic hearts created by "Joey," the show's youngest artist, who made his art show debut with a piece titled "One, Two, and ME Makes Three." Joey's work drew smiles and admiration throughout the evening, serving as a heartfelt reminder that creativity on Kwajalein spans all ages and stages.

Adding to the evening's atmosphere was live music, which flowed through the residence as guests mingled. Performances featured a variety of instruments, including ukulele, piano, and brass instruments, creating a warm, celebratory backdrop that elevated the experience from an art viewing to a true cultural event.

The event also stood out for its elegant and festive energy, with many attendees embracing the occasion by dressing up for the evening. Cocktail dresses, sequins, island-inspired prints, and polished evening attire filled the space, adding to the sense that this was not just an art show, but a special night out celebrating Kwajalein's creative community.

Throughout the residence, informational placards accompanied each piece, offering insight into the artists' inspiration and process. Conversations between artists, supporters, and guests flowed easily, underscoring

the close-knit, collaborative spirit that makes events like this possible.

The success of the evening would not have been possible without the generosity and support of many. Sincere thanks to the Cannons for graciously hosting the event, to the artists who shared their talent and creativity, and to everyone who attended and supported the show. Special appreciation is also extended to those who donated appetizers and wine, helping create a welcoming and memorable atmosphere for all.

The strong turnout, enthusiastic engagement, and funds raised underscore the power of community collaboration. Through this art show, YYWC and the Kwajalein Art Guild once again demonstrated how creativity can connect people, support education, and give back—both locally and throughout the broader region.

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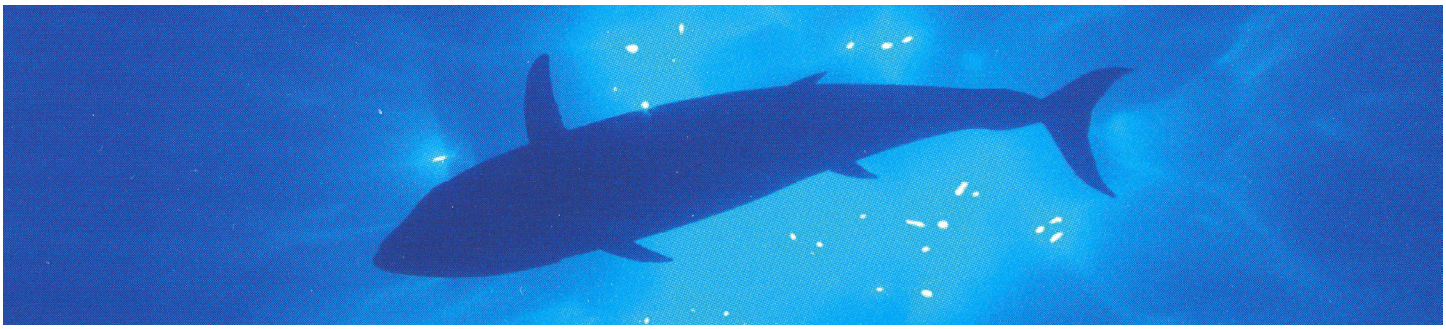

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- Jeiki etam (ak company eo am) im address eo ilo return label eo.
- Koddeb e ilo kilin box eo.
- Kanne USPS Customs Declaration tag en jen Post Office. Likit "used printer supplies" im cost "$50" ilo ijo ej ba Identify Content ilo tag eo.
- Boklok non USAG-KA Post Office non aer jilkinlok (ej aikujin wor am K-Badge).

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.

Roi Residents
register for a friendly pick-up game of **kickball!**

The Boy Scouts of Kwajalein challenge Roi residents to a friendly game of kickball.

Trophy for the winning team!

No cost. Please register with MWR.

Sunday, **29 March 2026**, 09.30 am

Softball Field

Birdhouse Class

Ever wanted to turn a simple slab of clay into a charming birdhouse?

Join us for a fun, step-by-step pottery workshop where you'll learn how to design, build, and decorate your own ceramic birdhouse!

Wednesday, March 18, 5-8 pm
$15 Members, $20 Non-members
Hobby Shop

Supplies and step by step instructions provided
8 spots available, reserve early to guarantee entrance
Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult

Community Notice

Power Outage
Kwajalein
March 16, 2026 @ 7pm-12am

A project to support USACE for the cleaning and testing of Echo Pier manholes.

AFFECTED FACILITIES

Facility No.	Facility Name	Facility No.	Facility Name	Facility No.	Facility Name
507	YOKWE YUK THEATER RESTROOMS	735	ADMINISTRATION BUILDING	867	COMPRESSOR BUILDING 4160V SUPPLY
566	VET CLINIC AND OPTOMETRIST	740	TRANSFORMER BUILDING	867	COMPRESSOR BUILDING 208V SUPPLY
568	MUX SITE #6	760	PM / COOM SHOP	934	FUEL FARM PUMPHOUSE 208V SUPPLY
603	HOPSPITAL	761	TRANSFORMER BUILDING	965	FUEL PIER LIGHTS
603	HOSPITAL AIR CONDITIONING	771	SMALLL BOAT MARINA PICNIC AREA	1058	MEDICAL WAREHOUSE
631	TRANSFORMER BUILDING	776	SALTWATER PUMP HOUSE (BOTH POOLS)	1137	SEWAGE LIFT STATION
632	MARINE REST ROOMS	777	FUEL FARM OFFICE / WAREHOUSE	1139	HEAVY EQUIPMENT AREA RESTROOMS
636	COLD STORAGE FACILITY	787	SCUBA TANK HOUSE	1140	HEAVY EQUIPMENT ADMIN TRAILER
666	RESTROOMS REGAN FIELD	789	MARINA MAINTENANCE SHOP	1239	MOGAS FUEL TANK
667	RF TRANSMITTER (UHF/VHF XMTR BLDG)	791	SMALL BOAT MARINA STORAGE	1240	DIESEL FUEL TANK
677	RF TRANSMITTER (AFRTS BLDG)	794	SMALL BOAT MARINA FUELING DOCK	1241	FUEL STATION SUPPORT BUILDING
699	RADIOLOGY LAB	804	FACILITIES SUPPORT DIVISION	1390	SMALL BOAT MARINA OFFICE
700	ADMINISTRATION, HR	806	IT / IMD	1418	OCEAN VIEW CLUB
702	ADMIN BLDG / WAREHOUSE	807	POLICE STATION	1758	MUX SITE #7
703	BAKERY AND PART OF ZAMPERINI	808	AUTOMOTIVE COMPLEX	1759	ADMIN, FINANCE, & REPRODUCTION
703	ZAMPERINI DINING FACILITY	813	CARPENTER SHOP / FOM	1789	FURNITURE WAREHOUSE
704	PX/BANK/FOOD COURT/UPH	816	AAFES WAREHOUSE	1791	SELF HELP/WAREHOUSE/OFFICE
706	POST OFFICE	830	FOM SHOWERS	3999	STREET LIGHTING 636-1 TO 636-7
707	SEWAGE LIFT STATION #3	835	KPD/PROVOST MARSHALL OFFICE	3999	STREET LIGHTING 699-1 TO 699-6
711	MARINE PAINT SHOP	840	FUELING STATION ATTENDANT'S BUILDING	3999	STREET LIGHTING 706-1 TO 706-9
712	MINI MALL	844	ENGINEERING	3999	STREET LIGHTING 740-1
714	PAINT WAREHOUSE	851	SEWAGE LIFT STATION	3999	STREET LIGHTING 835-1
716	RETAIL WAREHOUSE	856	VEHICLE PAINT AND PREP	3999	STREET LIGHTING 1201-1 TO 1201-10
728	BOILER STEAM PLANT	868	AUTO TIRE WAREHOUSE		

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.

ISLAND WIDE TRASH PICKUP

MONDAYS 12:30-2:30PM

For more information, email Caedmon Rios at

riosc@kwajaleinschools.org

March 16th

CRC past all Oceanside Homes

March 23rd

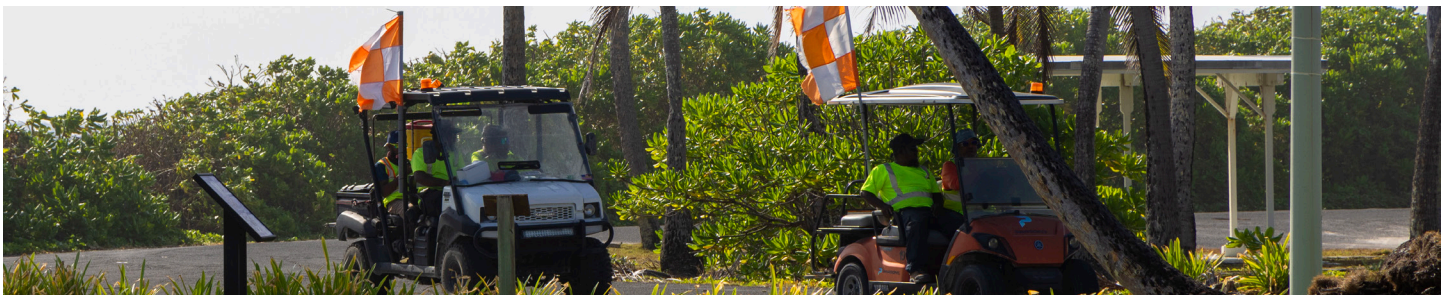
Snake Pit to Kwaj Lodge

March 30th

Kwaj Lodge to
Airplane Warning Sign

April 13th

Old Boy Scout area through
Dirt path along Golf Course



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

ETD	ETA EBEYE	ETD EBEYE	ETA KWAJ	TYPE VESSEL
0245	0310	0315	0340	FB N/1
0420	0445	0450	0515	FB 1
0450	0515	0520	0545	FB 2
0520	0545	0550	0615	FB 1
0550	0615	0620	0645	FB 2
0620	0645	0650	0715	FB 1
0650	0715	0720	0745	FB 2
0720	0745	0750	0815	FB 1
0900	0925	0930	0955	FB
1140	1205	1210	1235	FB 2/A
1300	1325	1330	1355	FB
1440	1505	1510	1535	FB A
1600	1625	1630	1655	FB A
1700	1725	1730	1755	FB A
1730	1755	1800	1825	FB N
1800	1825	1830	1855	FB A
1830	1855	1900	1925	FB N
1900	1925	1930	1955	FB A
2000	2025	2030	2055	FB N
2130	2155	2200	2225	FB N
(TUESDAY-FRIDAY) 2130 is final run of day				
2200	2225	2230	2255	FB N
SATURDAY - No 2130 ferry; 2200 is final run of day				
	FB =	Ferry	Boat	

EBEYE – Sunday & Holiday

ETD KWAJ	ETA EBEYE	ETD EBEYE	ETA KWAJ	TYPE VESSEL
0400	0425	0430	0455	FB N/1
0500	0525	0530	0555	FB 1
0600	0625	0630	0655	FB 1
0830	0855	0900	0925	FB 1
1140	1205	1210	1235	FB 1
1530	1555	1600	1625	FB 1/N
1700	1725	1730	1755	FB N
2000	2025	2030	2055	FB N
2200	2225	2230	2255	FB N
Holidays only ADD extra run below				
1830	1855	1900	1925	FB N
Monday				
0315	0340	0345	0410	FB N/1
0500	0525	0530	0555	FB 1
0600	0625	0630	0655	FB 1
0720	0745	0750	0815	FB 1
0830	0855	0900	0925	FB 1
1140	1205	1210	1235	FB 1
1440	1505	1510	1535	FB 1/N
1645	1710	1715	1740	FB N
1745	1810	1815	1840	FB N
1900	1925	1930	1955	FB N
2000	2025	2030	2055	FB N
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

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@acuityinternational.com

Kwajalein Island Trash & Recycling

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

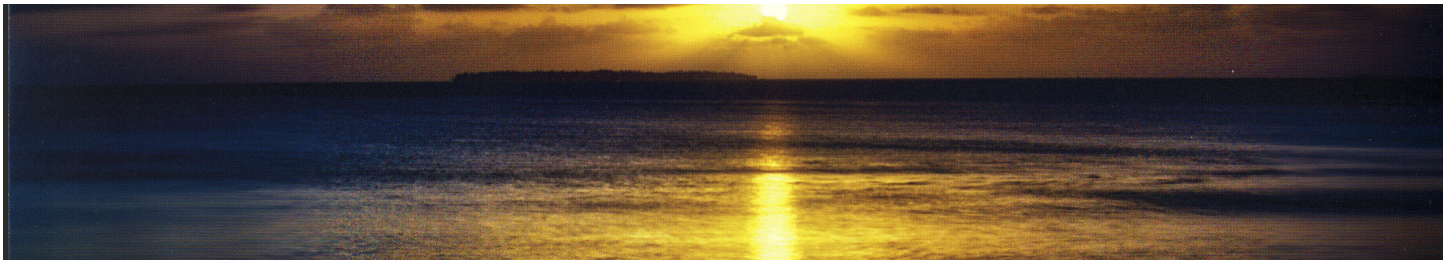
TRASH & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

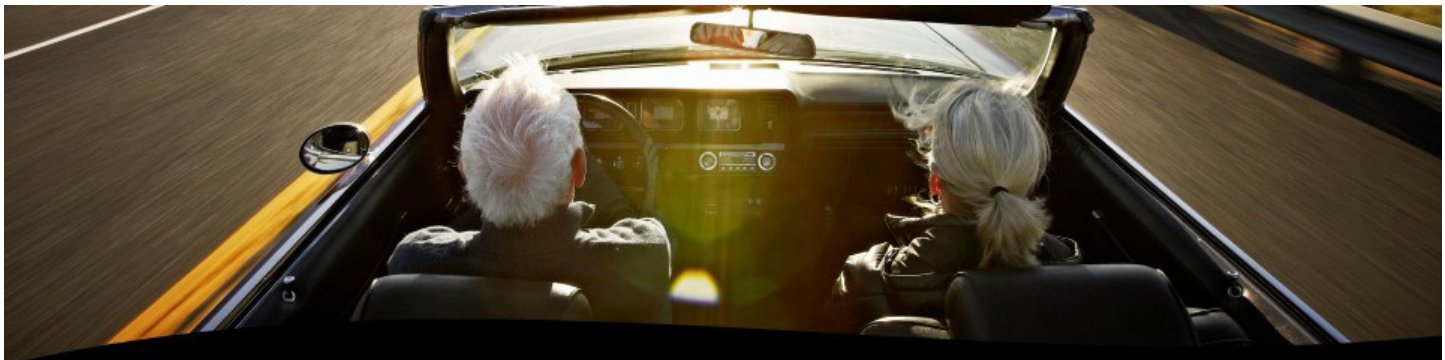
The Green Residential TRASH receptacles are collected every **Tuesday and Friday.**
The blue RECYCLE bins are also collected every **Tuesday and Friday.**
The large black General Solid Waste Community Containers are emptied on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

***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.

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

FOLLOW US AT THESE LOCATIONS

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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

HELP WANTED

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

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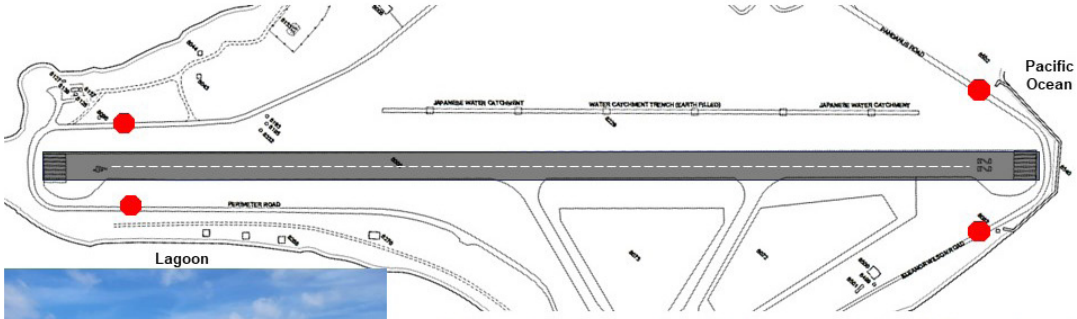

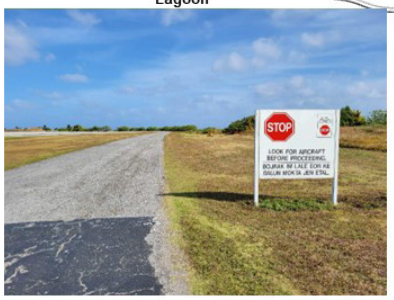

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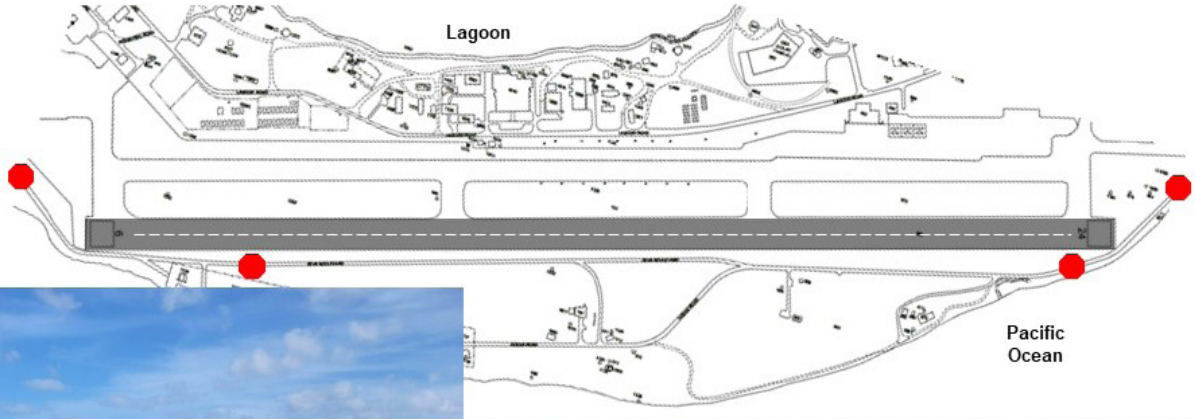

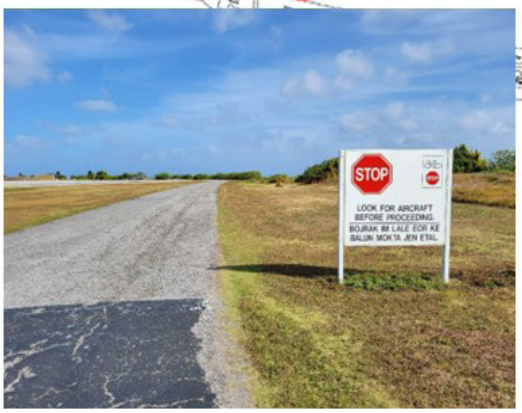

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NOW SHOWING at the YUK THEATER

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:

2.77 inches have been received in Mach putting us at 1.62" above normal for the month. We have received 15.04" of precipitation for the year putting us at 6.58" above normal. Once again, we will see above normal shower coverage for the next seven days for the atoll. Look for Friday through the first half of Sunday with increased shower coverage then another bounce on Monday afternoon, also will keep the above normal shower coverage up into the workweek. 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 greatest risk of lighting will

be on Saturday, but the risk will be a little higher than normal for March due to the weaker trade-wind inversion conditions. The Madden/Julian Oscillation's (MJO) is rather non-transitory but positive over the RMI, contributing to the above normal precipitation coverage for March so far. The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) is positioned closer to the central RMI than normal with respect to March helping with the increased shower coverage. 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:

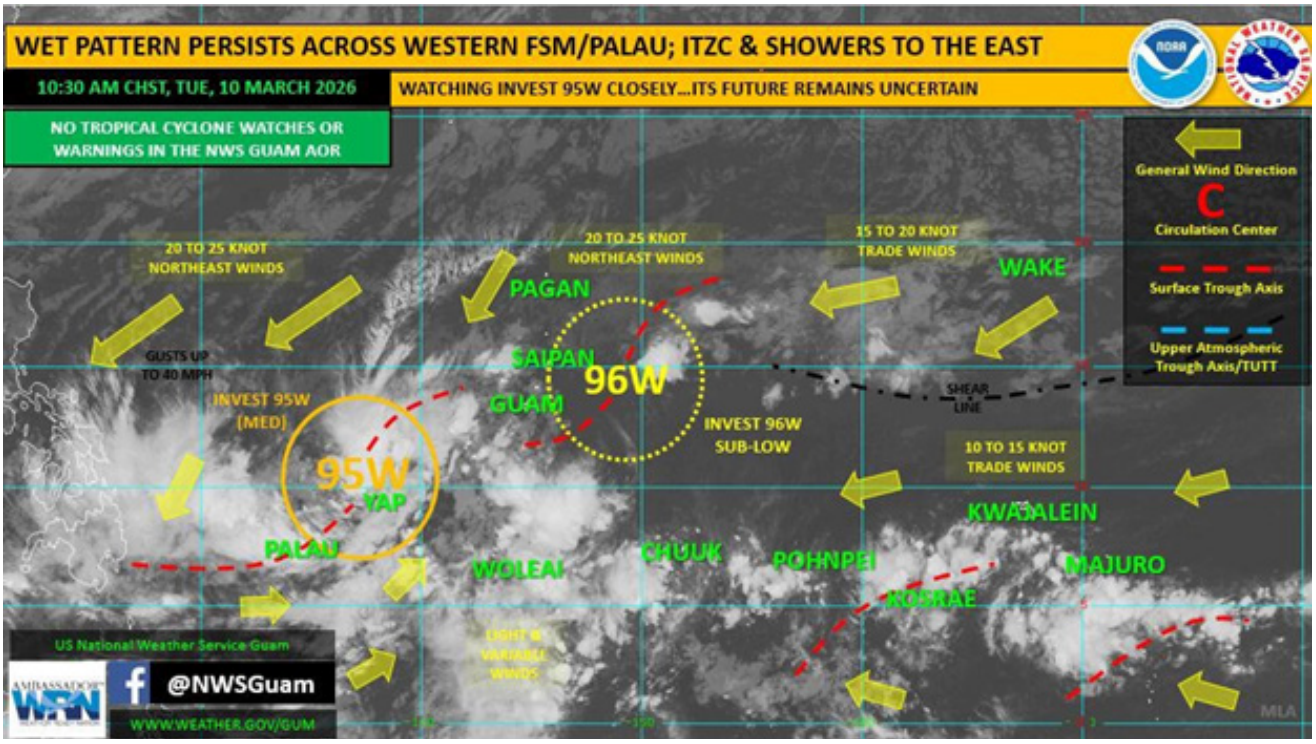
We are waning to a new moon on the 19th and will high tide at just under five feet around that time.

Winds: will be lighter than normal in the upper single digits and low teens. This is due to mid-latitude storms battering the subtropical high-pressures to our north to weaken the surface pressure gradient. We are tracking a potential West Wind/Swell Warning (WWSW) situation starting on Monday and becoming more of a threat on Tuesday into Wednesday when the winds out of the southwest will be 8 to 12 knots. These unusual winds are the result of the flow into a powerful storm transiting to the north of the RMI. Gusty winds are possible near any periods of heavy showers. 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 southwesterly winds driving lagoon swells for Monday into Wednesday particularly for North Point and

Emon Beach.

Purpose: This weekly briefing is delivered Thursday mornings to island leadership. The intention of this

briefing is to provide situational awareness of weather events that may interrupt operations and transportation around Kwajalein, to/from Hawaii and Guam, and in the Wake vicinity. The main threat assessed in this brief is existing and potential development of tropical cyclone activity. This brief also provides an outlook of abnormal winds, sea state, and precipitation guidance for next 7 days around the Kwajalein Atoll. The distribution list will also receive updates on any developing tropical cyclone activity in the Kwajalein region that occur between the weekly outlook products.



WEATHER

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WEATHER DISCUSSION

Periodic shower chances, mainly during the early morning hours, along with light winds, are expected over Kwajalein Atoll as we head into the weekend. Subtropical ridging to the north is not well established enough to dominate the weather pattern across the RMI. Instead, fragments of the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) will occasionally remain closer to the central RMI, bringing a higher-than-typical chance of rainfall for this time of year.

As a result, wind speeds will remain unseasonably light, since the weaker subtropical ridge to the north allows the pressure gradient to stay weak. Stray to isolated showers are expected Sunday and Monday, especially during the overnight and early morning hours.

Looking ahead to next week, rainfall chances may increase as a series of weak waves move along the ITCZ, potentially expanding shower coverage across the region. Model guidance remains inconsistent between the two primary forecast models, further suggesting a weather pattern that is somewhat unusual for this time of year. Forecasters will continue monitoring how the models adjust to the current pattern to see if greater agreement develops in the coming days.

SATURDAY

Partly sunny with isolated showers and a possible stray thunderstorm. Winds NE-E at 10-15 knots with higher gusts near showers.

SUNDAY

Partly sunny with stray to isolated showers. Winds E-SE at 5-10 knots with higher gusts near showers.

MONDAY

Partly sunny with stray to isolated showers. Winds SE-S at 5-10 knots at times calm 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 light in the upper single digits and low teens out of the south-southeast at the beginning of the workweek.

SUN-MOON-TIDES

	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:56 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	3:49 a.m. 3:42 p.m.	2:52 a.m. 2.6' 2:44 p.m. 3.6'	8:26 a.m. 0.9' 9:13 p.m. 0.3'
MONDAY	6:56 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	4:35 a.m. 4:34 p.m.	3:13 a.m. 3.2' 3:13 p.m. 4.1'	8:58 a.m. 0.4' 9:35 p.m. -0.1'
TUESDAY	6:55 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	5:18 a.m. 5:25 p.m.	3:37 a.m. 3.7' 3:42 p.m. 4.5'	9:29 a.m. -0.1' 9:59 p.m. -0.5'
WEDNESDAY	6:55 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	6:01 a.m. 6:15 p.m.	4:02 a.m. 4.1' 4:11 p.m. 4.8'	10:00 a.m. -0.5' 10:25 p.m. -0.7'
THURSDAY	6:54 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	6:43 a.m. 7:06 p.m.	4:30 a.m. 4.5' 4:40 p.m. 4.9'	10:32 a.m. -0.7' 10:51 p.m. -0.8'
FRIDAY	6:54 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	7:26 a.m. 7:59 p.m.	4:59 a.m. 4.8' 5:11 p.m. 4.8'	11:05 a.m. -0.8' 11:19 p.m. -0.8'
MARCH 21	6:53 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	8:11 a.m. 8:54 p.m.	5:29 a.m. 4.9' 5:42 p.m. 4.5'	11:40 a.m. -0.7' 11:47 p.m. -0.7'

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Until Next Week!