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V2X LEADS EMERGENCY REPAIR DURING KWAJALEIN'S PLANNED POWER OUTAGE

HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Story Writer

A coordinated islandwide effort was completed May 25-31 as V2X and Arkel International teams partnered to carry out critical power infrastructure repairs designed to strengthen grid reliability for the Kwajalein community. The work required a series of planned nighttime power outages, which allowed crews to safely access underground utility corridors, repair damaged components, and conduct essential preventative maintenance.

The effort centered on repairing underground feeder lines that connect major portions of the island's power distribution network. V2X electrical teams conducted detailed assessments of cable damage, implemented various splice solutions, and restored line integrity to ensure long term system stability.

Their work included preparing manholes, accessing buried conduits, and performing precision technical repairs under tight timelines.

At the same time, Arkel teams cleaned manholes, cleared debris, and addressed weathering related issues that could compromise underground infrastructure. This preventative maintenance helped ensure that repaired lines would remain protected from corrosion, water intrusion, and environmental stressors moving forward.

To ensure safety throughout the operation, each outage window began with coordinated briefings involving the Kwajalein Power Plant, V2X Electrical and HVAC teams, the Generator Shop, Arkel, and MVL support personnel. These briefings included weather updates, hazard analyses, lock out/tag out procedures, and radio checks to maintain seamless communication once outage operations began.



Across the week, the teams executed a tightly choreographed schedule: energizing generators to support essential facilities, isolating feeder lines for repair, completing underground cable splicing, inspecting systems, and restoring power back to the island.

Although the technical work was highly complex, the success of this operation depended on the resilience, skill, and collaboration of every worker involved. Crews worked through late night hours — often into the early morning — to complete repairs safely while minimizing disruptions to the community.

Their dedication ensured that residents continued to receive reliable, stable power and that the island’s infrastructure remained prepared to meet future demands.

We recognize and deeply appreciate the hard work, expertise, and commitment of the V2X and Arkel teams. Their professionalism kept our island running — day and night — and their accomplishments this past week reflected the best of our mission.

Below is the day-to-day record of completed work provided by Samu Laszlo:

Phase 2: Operational Execution & Repairs – Completed

Monday, May 25

- 0800: Shut down grid power to Macy’s and Surfway; connected generators — Completed
- 1000: Energized generators at Macy’s and Surfway (shifting facilities off-grid to generator power) — Completed

Tuesday, May 26

- 0800: Energized generators at Macy’s and Surfway — Completed
- 1400: Erected tent over Manhole 8; cordoned off one lane of Lagoon Road — Completed
- 2000: Prepared manhole and surrounding areas for scheduled outage — Completed
- 2100: Conducted final pre-checks and safety briefing with Power Team, V2X

Electrical/HVAC, Gen Shop, Arkel, and MVL— Completed

- 2200: De-energized power line; commenced feeder repair — Completed
- 0300: Repaired and restored power to the island; damage identified due to possible collapsed encasement

Wednesday, May 27

- 2100: Final pre-checks and safety briefing — Completed
- 2200: De-energized power line; conducted feeder repairs and cable testing — Completed
- 0100: Removed secondary feeder to MWR vault due to failing PILC splice
- 0300: Completed fault investigation, removed damaged sections, prepped 9 cable ends for splicing, and restored power — Completed

Thursday, May 28

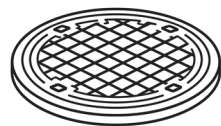
- 2100: Final pre-checks and safety briefing — Completed
- 2200: De-energized power line; initiated new feeder line installation and prepped new cable ends — Completed
- 0300: Restored island power after repairs — Completed

Friday, May 29

- 2100: Final pre-checks and safety briefing — Completed
- 2200: De-energized power line; began splicing — Completed
- 0300: Completed repairs; restored island power — Completed

Saturday, May 30

- 2100: Final pre-checks and safety briefing — Completed
- 2200: De-energized power line; finished splicing — Completed
- 0300: Completed repairs, tested cables, cleared site, and restored power — Completed
- 0400: Switched secondary feeders. Sunday, May 31
- 0800: Shut down generator power to Macy’s and Surfway and reconnected grid power
- 1000: Energized generators at Macy’s and Surfway as needed. ⚡





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BEYOND THE LAYOVER: RMI TOURISM EYES KWAJALEIN RESIDENTS AS LOCAL TRAVELERS

HOURLASS REPORT

By **Anthony Carnelli**,
Hourglass Story Writer

The Republic of the Marshall Islands Government wants to know what would make Kwajalein residents explore the Marshall Islands instead of simply passing through them.

For many Kwajalein residents, places like Majuro are not a destination. It is a pause between flights.

They land, stretch their legs, wait at the airport and keep going — often bound for Hawaii, Guam, the U.S. mainland or somewhere far outside the country.

The RMI Islands Office of Commerce, Investment and Tourism (OCIT) wants to know what it would take to

change that.

OCIT is turning its attention to a travel audience that is already inside the country but often looks elsewhere for vacation: the Kwajalein expat community.

“We’ve been waiting to see how we can better target Kwajalein and tap into that market,” said Kimber Rilometo, tourism manager for OCIT.

The office has launched a Kwajalein tourism market survey to learn what would motivate residents to travel within the RMI — whether for a weekend in Majuro, a cultural visit to Arno Atoll, or an outer-island trip to Jaluit or Wotje Atolls.

The Target Market Is Already Here

More than 1,000 expat residents live on Kwajalein, but

for many, recreational travel within the country remains limited.

Life on Kwajalein is largely influenced by the U.S. Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll, contract work and a routine community schedule. Vacation time often comes in concentrated bursts.

And when residents do travel, many fly right past Majuro — instead of flying to it with the mindset that it’s a paradise to discover.

OCIT is trying to address the root cause of that.

“People just don’t have the awareness,” said Francis Domnik, CEO of OCIT.

For the office, that gap is not just a tourism challenge. It is an economic one. Kwajalein residents already live inside the RMI, but much of their vacation spending

leaves the country.

“I feel bad because they come here and don’t do too much,” Domnik said of Kwajalein residents passing through Majuro. “And they don’t get off the airplane half the time.”

OCIT sees opportunity in changing that pattern — not only by giving Kwajalein residents more reasons to explore the country, but by encouraging more travel spending to stay inside the RMI.

“We’d like to see how we can do more with Kwaj — getting people there, trying to come here and spend their money here,” Rilometo said.

OCIT is a compact operation with an outsized mandate. The office handles destination marketing, event calendars, tourism policy and partnerships with local oper-

ators offering beach activities, cultural immersion programs and inter-island logistics.

“We’re the only tourism office for the government, so we’re doing everything from policy to promotion,” Rilometo said. “Tourism is one of the government’s current priority sectors.”

International travelers and outer-island fishing tournaments draw attention from OCIT throughout the year, but Kwajalein — a community with a significant role in the country’s economy and identity — has not been the focus of a dedicated tourism outreach effort.

“We’re trying to see the travel preferences of the residents of Kwajalein — what they expect when they travel within the RMI,” Rilometo said.

The Survey, And The Incentive

That work begins with the Kwajalein Tourism Market Survey, a short questionnaire designed to identify what would motivate residents to book a recreational trip within the Marshall Islands. The survey, accessible by QR code on OCIT’s campaign poster or at www.rmiocit.org, asks practical questions: Where would you go? What would



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you do when you got there? What is stopping you?

Anyone who completes the survey by June 30, 2026, is entered in a drawing for two round-trip Air Marshall Islands tickets to one of three destinations: Majuro, Jaluit or Wotje atolls.

The three are not interchangeable, and that is part of the point.

For Kwajalein residents looking for a change of scen-

ery, Majuro offers a variety of dining experiences, markets, cultural sites, national events and the kind of weekend getaway that does not require leaving the country.

Jaluit offers a slower pace, outer-island character and layers of cultural and historical depth rooted in its time as a colonial administrative center. Wotje is distinguished by its natural beauty and one of the most significant con-

centrations of World War II Japanese fortifications in the Marshalls — a part of the country many Kwajalein residents know about but few have actually visited.

Although Arno island is not listed among the giveaway destinations, OCIT is also promoting it as one of the RMI’s more accessible visitor options.

“Arno has beach resorts, and they do cultural immersion — cooking on an open fire and working with the local government and community to provide activities,” Rilometo said.

“For going out to more remote islands like Arno, we recommend between July and September because that is when conditions are usually calmest.”

None of these destinations requires a long-haul plane ticket.

The Challenge: Turning Interest Into A Trip

For OCIT, the challenge is not only getting Kwajalein residents interested. It is making the trip feel possible.

Cost, flight schedules, accommodations and activities are the kinds of practical questions that need answers



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before inspiration turns into a booked trip.

“We haven’t packaged everything together yet. It’s still bits and pieces here and there,” said Lori DeBrum, marketing and public relations officer for OCIT.

That is why the survey is paired with longer-term work to make RMI travel easier to understand and plan.

OCIT recently launched the RMI’s new tourism website, *visitmarshallislands.mh*, and is building a digital guidebook. The office also maintains an events calendar to help travelers plan trips around activities across the country.

Kwajalein residents can complete the Kwajalein Market Survey by scanning the QR code on OCIT posters posted on bulletin boards around the island, including the one on the first floor of Building 805 and the downtown bulletin board, across from AAFES. The deadline is June 30, 2026, and the winner



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will be announced in July.

For a community that often looks far beyond the Marshall Islands when planning a getaway, OCIT’s pitch is

simple: there may be more to see closer to home than many residents have realized.

Before it asks Kwajalein residents to travel within the

RMI, the office wants to simply learn what would inspire residents to pack a bag and explore their own backyard. ▾



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FIRE DEPARTMENT DEMONSTRATES HIGH ANGLE RESCUE CAPABILITIES THROUGH INTENSIVE TRAINING EXERCISE

HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Story Writer

The V2X Fire and Emergency Services (FES) Department recently conducted a High Angle Rescue Exercise designed to strengthen technical rescue capabilities while reinforcing community confidence in the department's readiness to respond to emergencies across Kwajalein, Meck, and Roi-Namur.

According to Fire Chief Damian Farrar, the exercise represented far more than a single day of training. It was the result of weeks of preparation, teamwork, planning, and commitment from firefighters, emergency medical technicians, assistant chiefs, dispatch personnel, and leadership across all three stations. "One of the goals of this exercise was to demonstrate the capability of the V2X Fire Department," Farrar said. "We wanted to ensure our community and partners know they are in good hands with V2X Fire and Emergency Services."

The high angle rescue training focused on preparing firefighters to safely rescue injured or trapped personnel from elevated, difficult to access, or structurally compromised locations. Crews practiced communication, victim stabilization, rope systems, rigging operations, and coordinated rescue procedures under stressful and physically demanding conditions.

Farrar emphasized that

the success of the exercise came from the dedication of the entire department rather than any single individual. "It wasn't one person," he explained. "It was a group effort

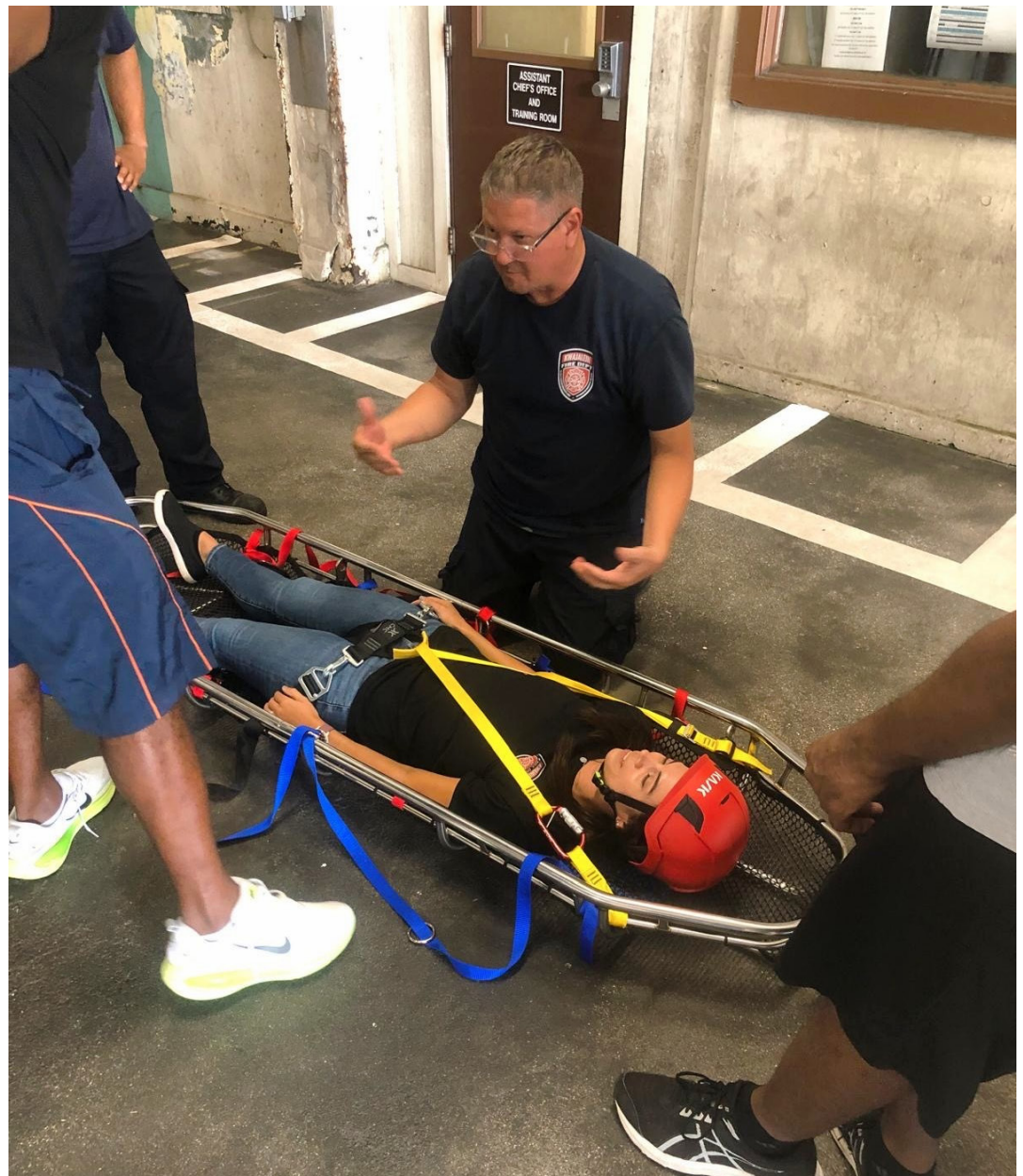
led by the assistant chiefs and firefighters who spent weeks building confidence, practicing rope systems, rigging equipment, and preparing to safely demonstrate what our department is capable of doing."

Assistant Fire Chiefs Scott Robinson and Mark Bledsoe played major roles in developing the department's extensive training schedule and coordinating the rescue evolution. Firefighters trained repeatedly at multiple locations, including towers and elevated structures throughout the island, while carefully reviewing safety procedures, equipment inspections, anchor points, and rescue sce-

narios. "This type of training is not something you can develop overnight," Farrar said. "It takes time, repetition, confidence, and teamwork."

One of the major training locations included the tower structure, where firefighters climbed nearly seven stories while practicing rescue operations in real world conditions. During one evolution, crews continued operations despite rainy weather, adding an additional layer of realism.

Firefighters also conducted dry run practice sessions without victims to test equipment, evaluate anchor systems, and ensure every step could be performed safely before transitioning to the



full rescue exercise. These dry run images are reflected in the photos taken without helmets, while the pictures of crews wearing helmets capture the live exercise itself. The group photo included in the set features the Rescue Squad, the team at the center of this high angle rescue effort.

Even dispatch personnel participated in portions of the training. Farrar shared that dispatchers Stephanie Kammerzell and Kristien Beatty volunteered to assist during rescue basket operations, placing their trust in the firefighters operating the rope systems. "Every successful evolution depends on trust, communication, and discipline," Farrar said. "High angle rescue work is physically demanding, mentally intense, and heavily dependent on teamwork."

Farrar also recognized Chris White, Joshua Grohe, and Efrem "EJ" White for their instrumental leadership in preparing, coordinating, and executing the rescue exercise. Their guidance ensured the operation ran smoothly and safely, reinforcing the department's culture of teamwork and preparedness.

The exercise also highlighted the unique challenges faced by firefighters operating in remote island environments. Unlike mainland departments with rapid access to outside resources, crews on Kwajalein Atoll often must operate independently while managing severe weather threats, corrosive salt air conditions, and mission critical infrastructure concerns.

Farrar explained that the department's renewed focus on technical rescue training also addressed questions raised about whether local firefighters had the capability to perform specialized rescue operations. Rather than allowing uncertainty to linger, department leadership committed to demonstrating the training, certifications, equipment, and operational



readiness already in place. "We wanted to put any doubt to rest," Farrar said. "If someone is in a bad place and needs to be rescued, the community should know their fire department is going to come get them."

Working alongside assistant chiefs and training leaders, firefighters reviewed certifications, evaluated rescue equipment, practiced knots and rigging systems, and conducted continuous drills leading up to the May 16 demonstration exercise.

According to Farrar, the department's rescue personnel exceeded expectations during the final evolution, successfully demonstrating their capabilities before leadership, safety personnel, and partner organizations observing the operation. "They knocked it out of the park," Farrar said. "People may not always see the work we do behind the scenes, but our firefighters train constantly to stay ready."

The Fire and Emergency Services Department regularly conducts drills and exercises throughout the week and on weekends, including airfield response training, technical rescue scenarios, tabletop exercises, and emergency response evolutions across the atoll.

Farrar hopes sharing these training efforts with the community will not only build trust, but also inspire future firefighters and emergency responders. "I want people to see what we do," he said. "Hopefully someone sees this training and thinks, 'That's really cool. I want to do that someday.'"

As V2X Fire and Emergency Services continues expanding technical rescue training opportunities and certifications, department leadership says the mission remains simple: ensuring the communities of Kwajalein, Meck, and Roi Namur know their firefighters are trained, prepared, and ready to respond whenever needed. ▾



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KEEPING ROI-NAMUR RUNNING: MEET PWD TRADE SHOP LEAD KEVIN FIGARO

HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Story Writer

When something breaks on Roi-Namur, chances are Kevin Figaro and his team are already working on a solution.

As the acting Public Works Department (PWD) Trade Shop Supervisor for 11 months now, Figaro oversees facility maintenance across the island, managing everything from electrical and plumbing issues to HVAC systems and construction-related repairs. Since stepping into the role over a year ago, he has quickly become a driving force behind maintaining and improving the quality of life for residents, visitors, and mission partners on Roi-Namur. "I just want to do better," Figaro said. "Being prior military, we're in the habit of leaving someplace better than when we found it. I want to improve the quality of life

here as much as we can while I'm here."

Figaro is no stranger to the Ronald Reagan Space and Missile Test Range community. Before accepting his current position, he spent three years on Kwajalein serving as an HVAC lead. After a brief departure from the atoll, he returned when the supervisor position on Roi became available. "When I got here, there really wasn't anyone on the ground providing direction," he said. "I just jumped in and got things moving."

That attitude has helped him earn the respect of a tight-knit team that includes HVAC technician Lison Bolkeim, plumber Calep Laninlur, electrical lead Ricky Peevey, and local trades professionals who work together across multiple disciplines to keep facilities operational. "We have a solid team," Figaro said. "Everybody communicates, and everybody pitches in."

One of the first major chal-



lenges he faced involved the air conditioning system at Nike Housing. The central cooling system had failed, leaving approximately 18 temporary lodging rooms without adequate air conditioning during a busy period of incoming personnel. “We had customers arriving, and they were hot,” Figaro recalled with a laugh.

Rather than waiting for a permanent solution, the team mobilized immediately, installing temporary window air conditioning units in every room within two days. “It wasn’t just one shop doing the work,” he said. “Everybody was there. Electrical, HVAC, carpenters — everyone worked together to make it happen.”

That same collaborative spirit was evident during another significant project at the Roi-Namur Surfway, where the team replaced a

failed HVAC unit. The installation required multiple trades working side-by-side, fabricating ductwork from scratch, preparing the site, installing fencing, and completing the electrical and mechanical work necessary to bring the new system online. “Each trade had their time to shine,” Figaro said. “That’s what it’s really all about. One team.”

Working on a remote island comes with unique challenges, particularly when it comes to obtaining materials and replacement parts. “Logistics,” Figaro said without hesitation when asked about the biggest obstacle in his role. “Sometimes you don’t have the right parts or the right tools. You have to work with what you have.”

Rather than seeing that as a limitation, Figaro views it as an opportunity to innovate. “You figure it out safely and

responsibly,” he explained. “Everybody pools their knowledge together, and we find the best route forward. You learn how to make something from nothing.”

Looking ahead, one of his top priorities is restoring Nike Housing’s central air conditioning system. The new chiller and condensing unit have already arrived on island, and installation will begin once the necessary refrigerant is delivered.

In addition, PWD is preparing to retille the Outrigger facility later this year in coordination with Construction Manager Shawn Gallagher and other project stakeholders.

Outside of work, Figaro and his wife, Kaleokalani Parker, who works in environmental and safety operations with RGNNext, continue to enjoy island life after returning to the atoll together.

Whether responding to emergencies, tackling major maintenance projects, or finding creative solutions to logistical challenges, Figaro remains focused on the mission and the people he serves. “At the end of the day, it’s about making things better for everyone,” he said.

For Roi – Namur residents, that commitment means having a dedicated leader and a hardworking team behind the scenes ensuring that the island’s facilities continue to support the community, one project at a time. X





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MEET KUROMI: THE TINY DIVA CAPTURING HEARTS ACROSS KWAJALEIN

HOURLASS REPORT

By **Isaiah Matthews**,
Hourglass Story Writer

A new resident has arrived on Kwajalein, and despite weighing just one pound and being only a few weeks old, she has already developed a loyal following.

Her name is Kuromi.

Known by nicknames such as “Princess,” “Diva” and “Her Royal Highness,” the tiny kitten has quickly become one of the most popular attractions at the veterinary clinic. While her adoptive family is eagerly awaiting to bring her home and officially bond with her, one thing is already clear: at one pound, Kuromi possesses a personality far larger than her size.

Veterinary Technician Alea Lasley has had a front-row seat to the kitten’s earliest days and says the tiny feline wasted little time establishing herself as the star of the litter.

“As her nicknames suggest,

she’s already very needy and seems to think she’s better than everyone else,” Lasley said. “I don’t know if that’s because she knows she’s beautiful, because she’s the only female in the litter, or if that’s simply her personality.”

Kuromi was born at the veterinary clinic alongside her two brothers, Ace and Ventura, affectionately known as Vinny. Like their sister, both kittens have already found adoptive homes. The trio has spent its first weeks of life under close supervision, enjoying what Lasley described as a fortunate start to life.

Born to a healthy mother in a safe environment, the kittens have benefited from consistent care, proper nutrition and shelter from the challenges often faced by feral cats on the island.

That comfortable upbringing, however, has done little to humble the young princess.

While her brothers eagerly embrace the soft kitten food offered as they begin tran-

sitioning away from their mother’s milk, Kuromi remains unconvinced.

According to Lasley, the kitten typically approaches the bowl, sniffs the food and then turns away in apparent disgust before returning to nurse. On particularly generous occasions, she may take a single lick before loudly voicing her disapproval.

“Her two brothers love the soft kitten food,” Lasley explained. “Kuromi, however, sniffs it, turns her head and returns to nursing. Sometimes she’ll take one lick, scream at the bowl and look at me like she can’t believe I offered it to her.”

Fortunately for visitors hoping to meet the island’s newest celebrity, Kuromi remains blissfully unaware of her growing reputation.

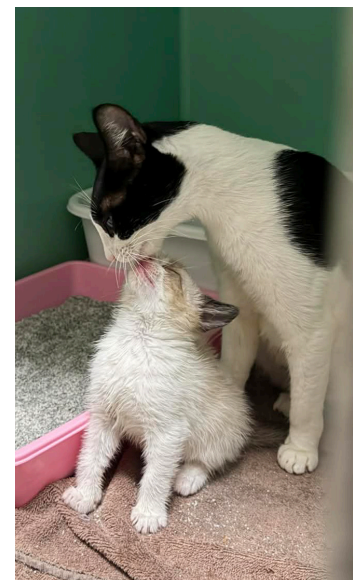
“She has no idea she was born on an island,” Lasley shared with a laugh. “She was born in the clinic and has only been outside once while I was holding her.”

For now, her world consists

of her mother, her brothers and a steady stream of admirers who stop by to check on her progress.

That includes Mama Kitty, whose own journey has become something of a success story.

When she first arrived at the clinic, Mama Kitty was defensive and distrustful, greeting people with hisses, growls





and the occasional swat. Over time, patience and consistent care helped her slowly lower her guard. Today, she has begun allowing several people to pet her and eagerly leans into scratches under her chin.

“She’s really come a long way,” Lasley noted. “She’s sweet once she trusts you.”

Now in the process of weaning her kittens, Mama Kitty may eventually become a permanent clinic cat, although Lasley hopes she can find a family willing to give her a forever home.

“She may take some time to warm up and relax, but she’s affectionate when she trusts someone,” Lasley explained.

Until then, Mama Kitty will remain under Lasley’s care. Because she was pregnant and then nursing, she has not yet been able to receive her vaccinations or be spayed. Lasley expects she will stay at the clinic at least until Halloween, when those procedures can be completed.

As the kittens have grown older, clinic staff have begun allowing supervised exploration sessions where the litter can safely run, climb and

investigate their surroundings. Those adventures have become a favorite source of entertainment for staff and visitors alike.

The kittens currently have several toys available inside their kennel, but much like children on Christmas morning who ignore expensive gifts in favor of the cardboard box, they often prefer chasing their own shadows.

“Just watching them play for a few minutes makes me, and a lot of other people, laugh and smile,” Lasley reflected.

Part of Kuromi’s appeal comes from her unusual appearance.

When she was born, she appeared completely white. Some visitors even speculated she might become one of the rare all-white cats on Kwajalein. Over time, however, darker markings began appearing on her ears and face. Now, at just over four weeks old, she displays distinctive Siamese-like coloring that has made her instantly recognizable.

“I think she may be the only Kwajalein kitten with

this particular color combination,” Lasley observed.

Despite weighing just one pound, Kuromi has already developed a reputation that far outweighs her size.

Lasley described a kitten who has already mastered the art of getting exactly what she wants. During nursing sessions, Kuromi has no problem climbing over her brothers to secure the best position. During playtime, she enjoys wrestling and biting, provided she is the one winning.

“If she gets pinned down by one of her brothers, she screams and is done playing,” Lasley said. “When I tell her ‘no bite,’ she stops just long enough to glare at me and then continues biting.”

Those tendencies have led many visitors to conclude that the self-appointed ruler of the litter is already developing leadership skills.

Whether those skills will translate into productive employment remains unclear.

Asked what role Kuromi would hold if she were assigned an official island job, Lasley offered a candid assessment.

“Any job that requires self-control, maturity, accountability or adaptability, she would fail miserably at,”

Lasley joked. “She’s very well suited for her current position as a beautiful, spoiled diva princess.”

Despite her demanding personality, visitors continue to fall under her spell.

“People specifically ask to see the princess,” Lasley remarked. “Even if she’s sleeping or nursing, people still want to look in and see her.”

Kuromi and her brothers receive visitors throughout the day, many of whom arrive curious about the kittens and leave charmed by their larger-than-life personalities.

For those fortunate enough to meet the young royal, Lasley offers simple advice.

“Embrace it and enjoy it while it lasts,” she advised.

Kuromi will soon head to her forever home with her adopted family, where she will eventually receive her vaccinations and begin the next chapter of her life.

Until then, the tiny diva continues her reign from the comfort of her kennel, accepting visitors, ignoring advice and maintaining the standards expected of royalty.

After all, when you are known across the island as “Her Royal Highness,” there is a certain reputation to uphold. ❖





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COMMUNITY

MORE THAN JUST A GAME: HOW THE FLOOR IS LAVA BUILT CONFIDENCE, COURAGE, AND TEAMWORK

HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagon,
Hourglass Staff Writer

The inspiration behind The Floor is Lava was simple: CYS SAC staff wanted to completely wow the kids with something they had never experienced before, and wow them we did.

The warning signs were posted. Volcano eruption music echoed through the elementary gym. Red “lava” stretched across the floor, swallowing safe spaces one by one. Rope swings dangled overhead while obstacle courses, climbing stations, balance challenges, and escape routes transformed the gym into a full-scale volcanic adventure zone.

Little did we know there was apparently a super volcano bubbling up underneath the elementary gym Saturday night, but that didn’t stop our brave SAC adventurers from taking on The Floor is Lava.

From the moment children walked through the doors

and saw the complete transformation of the gym, the excitement was immediate. Eyes widened. Kids pointed at the lava-covered floor and immediately started planning how they would survive. Many didn’t want the night to end.

Education Specialist Jaime Dlubac made her mark with this first major SAC event, which attracted 30 children in grades K-2 for a night full of movement, imagination, and nonstop adventure.

Throughout the evening, the lava slowly overtook more and more of the safe zones, forcing participants to think quickly, work together, and get a little more daring each round. Children swung across ropes, balanced across beams, launched themselves between mats, bounced across stepping zones, and raced through increasingly difficult obstacle courses to avoid falling into the “lava.”

What started as cautious steps quickly turned into fearless leaps as the night went on. Children who were

unsure at the beginning of the event became more confident with every round, jumping farther, moving faster, and cheering each other on along the way.

One of the most valuable parts of events like The Floor is Lava is something youth programs call “challenge by choice.” Children are encouraged to try hard things at their own comfort

level in an environment that feels exciting and adventurous while still being carefully supervised and intentionally designed for safety. To a child, swinging across lava or leaping between platforms can feel thrilling, daring, and even a little dangerous and that feeling is important.

When children safely push themselves outside their comfort zones, they build



confidence, resilience, problem-solving skills, and trust in their own abilities. The goal is not perfection.

The goal is growth. Sometimes the biggest victory of the night was simply seeing a child who was nervous at the beginning decide to finally take the leap by the end.

The gym was filled with nonstop laughter, teamwork, problem solving, and dramatic screams every time the volcano “erupted” again.

Maxson Bell summed up the night best with his review of the event: “It was GRRR-REPEAT!”

Events like The Floor is

Lava are just one example of the creativity, energy, and hands-on fun families can expect this summer at the CYS SAC Summer Camp, open to children entering Kindergarten in Fall 2026 through 6th grade.

Summer Camp kicks off May 27 with Game Show Mania Week, where favorite game shows and challenge-style activities will be recreated for campers to experience themselves. From physical challenges and team competitions to larger-than-life obstacle courses and creative competitions, campers can expect a summer filled

with movement, friendships, laughter, and adventure.

But camp is about more than keeping kids busy during the summer. Programs like SAC Summer Camp help children continue building social skills, independence, teamwork, confidence, and healthy routines long after the school year ends. Camp provides structure, consistency, and opportunities for growth in a way that still feels fun and exciting for children. For many kids, it also helps ease the transition back into full school days by keeping them engaged in active schedules, group experiences, and dai-

ly routines throughout the summer months.

Parents may choose full-day or half-day camp options. For more information on pricing and registration, stop by CYS Central Registration Tuesday-Saturday between 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

So instead of a summer filled with boredom and screens, send your child somewhere they can swing, jump, climb, compete, laugh, challenge themselves, and make memories they’ll be talking about long after summer ends. ❖



ROI PUBLIC NOTICE: UXO CLEARANCE OPERATIONS

DATES: MAY - Nov 2026

The UXO Clearance Team will conduct daytime intrusive excavation operations in support of the DP2026-35 UXO Clearance Roi LSA South.

Daily operations: 6:00 AM – 4:30 PM

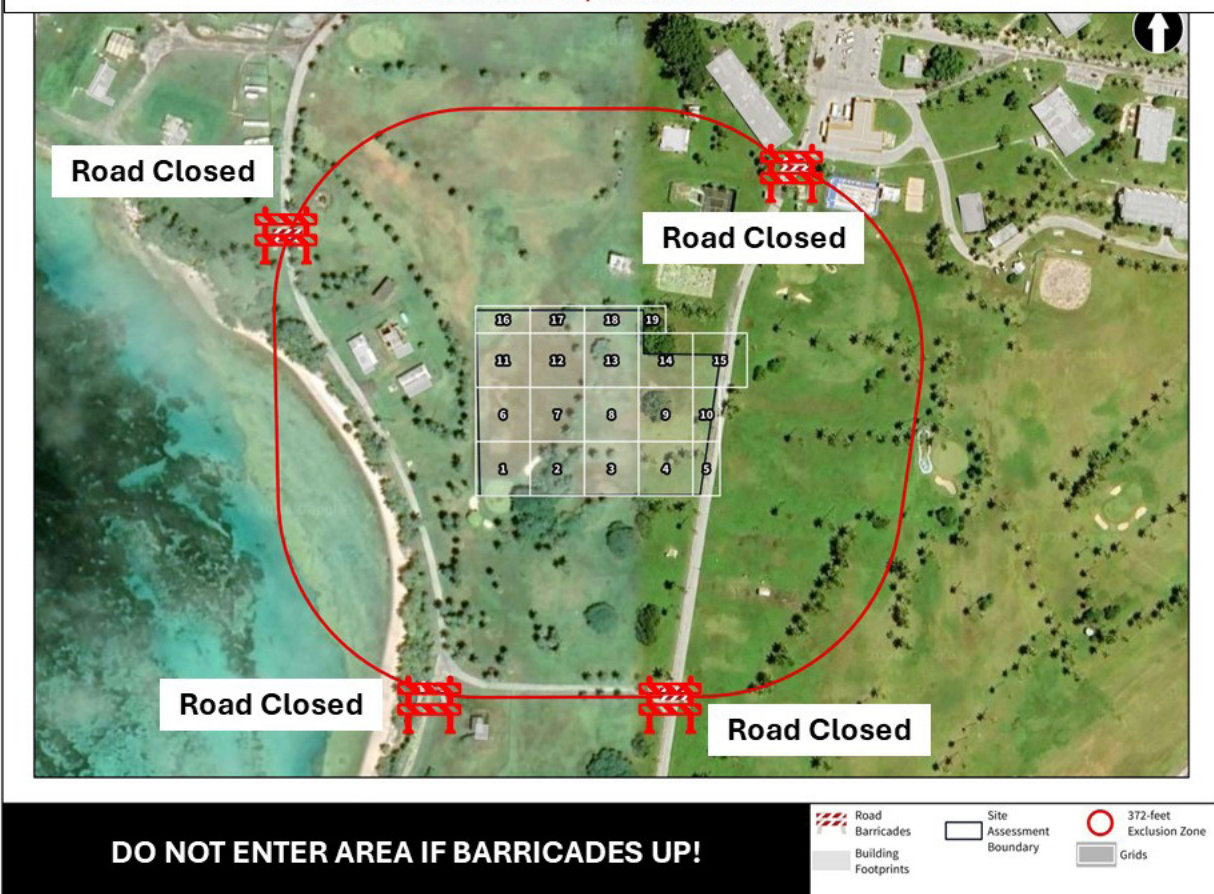
Schedule: Thursday – Sunday until project completion

Safety Notice:

During these periods, the designated exclusion zone (see accompanying map) will be strictly off-limits to all personnel. Road barricades will mark restricted access points. For your safety: Do not enter or cross any barricaded areas during the specified time frames. Follow all posted signage and instructions from safety personnel. We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a safe work environment.

Emergency Services can come through exclusion zone, blast horn to notify UXO team.

UXO Clearance Operations: DP2026-35





US Army im Missile Defense Command eo
EJ KARUWAIENENIK EOK NAN AM BOK KONAAM
 Im Koba lok ilo Makutkut eo ej bellok nan aolep
 ilo Kommelmel eo an
**Ronald Reagan Space im Missile Range (RTR) Makutkut
 ko an Program in kommelmel in kokkelok Mijel DEP**

US Army Space im Missile Defence Command eo emoj an kebooj juon Draft Programmatic Document ak juon pepa eo ej kwalok juon elmokot in komman jerpal in kommelmel (RTR Mission) im wween kejbarek belaaq ko, (Environmental Protection), ilo an kokkelok mijel ilo aelon in Kuwajaleen, im ta ko renaj jelet belaaq ko, im wween etale, kojella kake, im riboot nan loori ta ko raikuj im rekkar im emoj karoki jen US Army eo ilo Aelon in Kuwajaleen, (USAKA) Environmental Standards ak UES RTR Mission Flight Test Activities, (loori jonok ko ilo komman kommelmel in kokkelok mijel) eo emaron bar koba jonan aetokan ak tolok in kotoan kommelmel in kokkelok ko jen joko USAKA ej bed ie im bareinwot jipan ko jet iumwin iio ko jonoul. Elmokot in makutkut kein remaron komman ilo lojet/lomalo im jikin kommelmel ko ilo ene im jikin jipan ko jet ilo aelon in Kuwajaleen. Jikin ko emoj kojenoloki nan jerpal ie ekoba eria e an Kwajalein Missile Impact Scoring System, lojet ko ilo Illeginni Islet, im Illeginni Islet. Raket, Target Mijel, im interceptor ko remaron komman jen islet ko ilo Meek, Roi-Namur, im Gallinam. Wa nan kommani kommelmel in kokkelok mijel im makutkut in jipan ko jet remaron komman ilo ijo emoj kommane ilo aba ak jikin emmaan wa ko ilo USAKA, jikin kommelmel ko, jikin jok im kelok ko, im helpad ko, im bareinwot ial ko ekke an armej etetal ie ilo aelon in Kuwajaleen.

Ien Emman Nan An Aolep Armej Bok Konaeer

US Army Space im Missile Defense Command eo ej karuwainenik nan am etale im kwalok ennaan ko am ikkujjeen Draft Programmatic DEP in. Ennaan ak konono ko maron lilok ilo email nan:

usarmy.redstone.smdc.mbx.dcsenvironmental@army.mil
 ak jilkinilok ilo mail nan:

U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command
 Deputy Chief of Staff G4, Environmental Division
 Post Office Box 1500
 Huntsville, AL 35807-3801

**Aolep ennaan/konono raikuj ilok ilo email ak post office im ren jitaam
 ilo Julae 6, 2026**

Draft DEP in ebed ilo <https://www.smdc.army.mil/RESOURCES/DCSENG/>
 ak ilo laibrere kein:
 Kwajalein Island's Grace Sherwood Library im Roi Namur Library.



The U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command
INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE
 in the Public Involvement Process for the
**Ronald Reagan Space and Missile Test Range (RTR)
 Mission Flight Text Activities Proammatic DEP**

The U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command has prepared a Draft Programmatic Document of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide a description of proposed RTR Mission Flight Test Activities at Kwajalein Atoll, the associated potential environmental effects, and procedures for monitoring, notification, and reporting to meet requirements of the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll (USAKA) Environmental Standards ore UES. RTR Mission Flight Test Activities would involve the full range of flight tests terminating at USAKA locations, mission launches from USAKA locations, and flight test-related vessel operations and other support activities over a 10-year period. Proposed activities would take place at ocean- and land-based test sites and support locations throughout Kwajalein Atoll. Payload target sites would include the Kwajalein Missile Impact Scoring System area, ocean waters in the vicinity of Illeginni Islet, and Illeginni Islet. Rocket, target missile, and interceptor launches would occur from Meek, Roi-Namur, and Gellinam Islets. RTR mission flight test-related vessel activity and other support activities would occur at established USAKA harbors, test sites, airfields, and helpads, as well as within typical Kwajalein Atoll travel corridors.

Public Involvement Opportunity

The U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command welcomes your review and comments on the Draft Programmatic DEP. Comments may be submitted by email to:

usarmy.redstone.smdc.mbx.dcsenvironmental@army.mil
 or by mail to:

U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command
 Deputy Chief of Staff G4, Environmental Division
 Post Office Box 1500
 Huntsville, AL 35807-3801

All comments must be submitted by email or postmarked by July 6, 2026.

The Draft DEP is available online at
<https://www.smdc.army.mil/RESOURCES/DCSENG/>
 or at the following public libraries:
 Kwajalein Island's Grace Sherwood Library, and Roi-Namur Library.



Department eo an Navy im Department eo an Army
REJ KUR EOK NAN AM BOK KONAAM
 Ilo juon jerpal eo ej komman nan aolep armej
 nan pileeni Makutkut ko an Joint Flight
Second Supplemental EA/OEA

Ra ko ruo an US Navy im Army emoj aer kebooje juon Draft Supplement Environmental Assessment/Overseas Environmental Assessment (EA/OEA) nan etale jonan kajoor in an kommelmel in kokkelok mijel ko naj jelet belaaq ko ilo aer komman ilo Malo ko jimor ilo Atlantic im Pacific. Draft Supplemental EA/OEA in ej etale jonan kajoor in kommelmel in kokkelok kein jen jikin ko rekaal lok nan ijoko rar jino komman ie ilo Wake Island, eo ej mottan Majel, im San Nicolas Island ilo California, im bareinwot raft ko rej ebbebe ilo malo ko ilo Pacific im Atlantic.

Ien Emman Nan An Armej Bok Konaeer

Navy eo im Army eo rej karuwainenik am etale im komman am ennaan ikkujjeen Draft Supplemental EA/OEA in im Draft Finding of No significant Impact (Pija eo emoj loe ke ejjelok oktak elap enaj walok jen jerpal in)/ Finding of No Harm (Loe bwe ejjelok jorreen enaj walok) (FONS/FONSH) ilowaan 30 raan ko emoj ko-belloki nan an armej kwalok aer ennaan.

Ennaan ko remaron ilok ilo online nan
<https://www.nepa.navy.mil/JFCSecondSupplemental/EA>
 ak ilo mail nan:

Environmental Program Manager/SP2521
 Strategic Systems Programs
 1250 10th Street SE, Bldg. 200, Suite 3600
 Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5127



**Aolep konono ak ennaan ko raikuj ilok ilo online ak ilok ilo mail eo
 ar jitaam ilo June 10, 2026.**

Draft Supplemental EA/OEA im Draft FONS/FONSH ko rej bed online ilo
<https://www.nepa.navy.mil/JFCSecondSupplementalEA>
 ak ilo public laibrere kein: Oxnard Downtown Main Library, California ; Hawaii State Library-Honolulu; Kwajalein Island's Grace Sherwood Library im Roi-Namur Library, ilo Republic of the Marshall Islands.



The Department of the Navy and Department of the Army
INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE
 in the Public Involvement Process for the
**Joint Flight Campaign Second Supplemental
 EA/OEA**

The U.S. Department of the Navy and Department of the Army have prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment / Overseas Environmental Assessment (EA/OEA) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of conducting missile flight tests in both Atlantic and Pacific Ocean regions. The Draft Supplemental EA/OEA evaluates the potential impacts of flight tests involving launch from new potential land-based launch locations at Wake Island, Meck Islet in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and San Nicolas Island in California, as well as the use of floating target rafts in broad ocean areas of the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.

Public Involvement Opportunity

The Navy and Army welcome your review and comments on the Draft Supplemental EA/OEA and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact / Finding of No Significant Harm (FONS/FONSH) during a 30-day public comment period. Comments may be submitted online at

<https://www.nepa.navy.mil/JFCSecondSupplementalEO>
 or by mail to:

Environmental Program Manager/SP2521
 Strategic Systems Programs
 1250 10th Street SE, Bldg. 200, Suite 3600
 Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5127



All comments must be submitted online or postmarked by June 10, 2026.

The Draft Supplemental EA/OEA and Draft FONS/FONSH are available online at <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/JFCSecondSupplementalEA> or at the following public libraries: Oxnard Downtown Main Library, California; Hawaii State Library-Honolulu, Kwajalein Island's Grace Sherwood Library, and Roi-Namur Library, Republic of the Marshall Islands.



Community Notice

Kwajalein Diving Depth Restriction

Date: 15-27 JUN 26 - Until Mission Completion

Restriction Details:

- Maximum dive depth: 50 feet
- Effective June 15th until mission completion
- Reason: Hyperbaric chamber operators are currently supporting mission.

Applies to all:

- Recreational divers operating within Kwajalein Atoll under USAG-KA authority
- Dive shops, clubs, and instruction providers
- Small Boat Marina customers engaged in dive activities
- Visiting or contracted dive operations



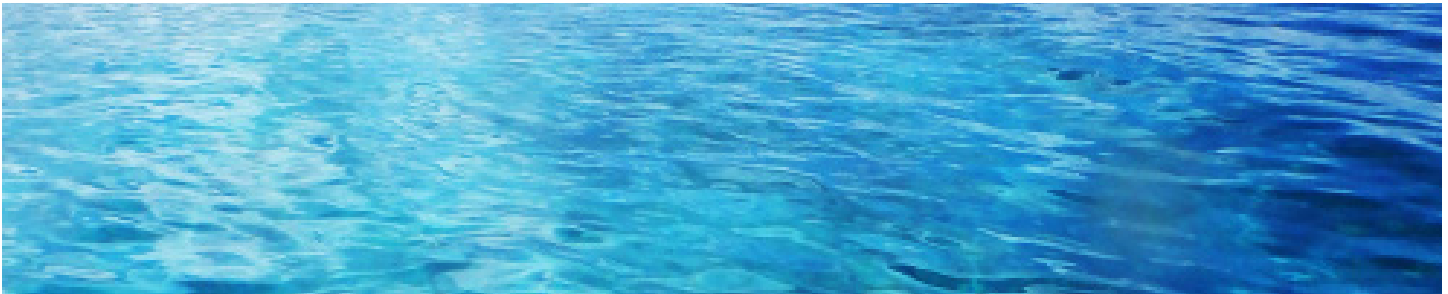


Fogging Schedule

- 5:30-7:30 P.M.
- Roi Namur: June 26, 2026
- Kwajalein: June 17-18, 2026 and June 24-25, 2026
- Weather dependent
- Avoid fogged area for ~30 minutes

Fogging with Eco-friendly EcoVia EC Insecticide

- Liquid botanical oil insecticide
- Active ingredients include Thyme Oil & Rosemary Oil
- Safe to use in and around homes and near water
- Safe to use around children and pets



Do your part to eliminate mosquitoes:

- Check for standing water where mosquitoes breed
- Dump any accumulated water at least weekly
- Manage vegetation and eliminate accumulated leaves

Dump standing water



Do your part to eliminate flies:

- Do not add food waste directly into open trash cans such as the Emon Beach trash containers, large black trash cans, or residential green trash receptacles.
- Always seal food and animal waste inside trash/plastic bags before adding to trash cans.
- Periodically clean outdoor trash receptacles.



Kwajalein /Roi Driver Orientation

Sponsors need to bring newcomers to Bldg 856

Wednesdays:

At 0900 - Marshallese

At 1300 - EXPATS

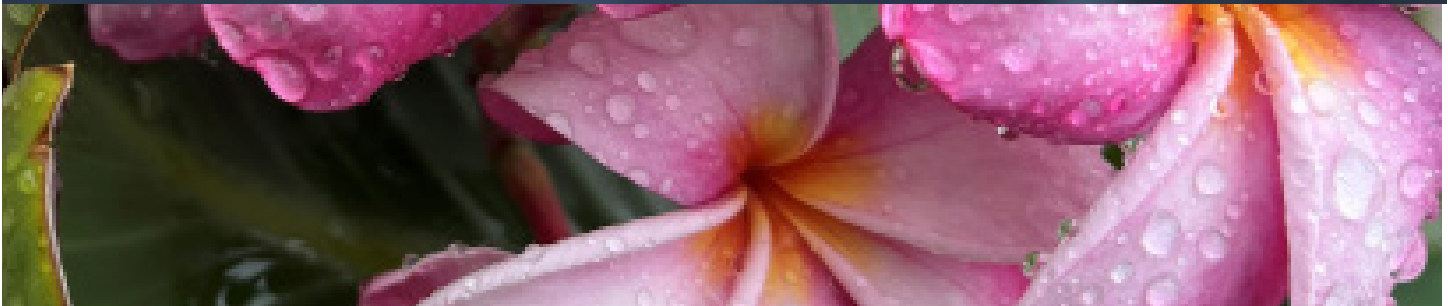
To find out the requirements to obtain a base license

Roi Classes every 2nd Friday time base on flight schedule in Bldg C

POC's on this matter are:

George.parker3@gov2x.com and Wilson.Kaisha@gov2x.com

or Stop by Bldg 856, Room 101



Kwajalein (KWA), Republic of the Marshall Islands

DAY OF WEEK FLIGHT NUMBER	SUNDAY NO FLIGHT	MONDAY UA155	TUESDAY UA154	WEDNESDAY UA133	THURSDAY UA132 UA155	FRIDAY UA154	SATURDAY NO FLIGHT	
ARRIVING FROM		Guam, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae	Honolulu, Majuro	Guam, Chuuk, Pohnpei	Honolulu, Majuro	Guam, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae	Honolulu, Majuro	
DEPARTING TO		Majuro, Honolulu	Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, Guam	Majuro, Honolulu	Pohnpei, Chuuk, Guam	Majuro, Honolulu	Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, Guam	
CHECK-IN TIME		2:30PM ↓ 4:50PM	10:30AM ↓ 11:10AM	2:15PM ↓ 4:15PM	11:00AM ↓ 11:40AM	2:30PM ↓ 4:50PM	10:30AM ↓ 11:10AM	
ARRIVAL TIME		5:40PM	12:00PM	5:00PM	1225PM	5:40PM	12:00PM	
CHECK-IN COUNTERS CLOSES NINETY (90) MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED DEPARTURE								
BOARDING		As soon as Cabin Inspection is complete						
DEPARTURE TIME		6:20PM	12:40PM	5:45PM	1:10PM	6:20PM	12:40PM	
AIRCRAFT TYPE		B737-800						
SECURITY SCREENING CHECKPOINT CLOSES SIXTY (60) MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED DEPARTURE								
CARGO HOURS		9:30A M-2:30PM 6:00PM-6:30PM	9:00A M-10:45AM 1:30PM-4:30PM	9:30A M-11:00AM 1:00PM-2:15PM 5:45PM-6:00PM	9:00A M-11:00AM 1:30PM-4:30PM	9:00A M-11:00AM 1:30PM-2:30PM 6:00PM-6:30PM	9:00A M-1045A M 1:30PM-4:30PM	9:30A M-11:00AM 2:00PM-4:30PM
<small>*Times are subject to change</small> Cargo bookings must be made 48 hours prior to the day of tender for United Airlines and APA flights Asia Pacific Airlines (APA) operates Wednesdays & Saturdays ETA 1:00PM / ETD 2:00PM. For flight schedule updates, visit APA's website www.asiapacificairlines.com								

E-wareness: Stormwater Pollution Prevention

Stormwater discharges are a significant source of pollutants. Stormwater can become polluted as it flows over contaminated surfaces. This leads to contamination of lagoon waters and potential damage to corals and other marine species.

What can you do?

- Good housekeeping
- Preventive maintenance on vehicles and equipment
- Maintain spill prevention and quick response supplies
- Preserve sediment erosion control
- Manage storm water runoff
- Employee training



For more information on stormwater pollution prevention or training opportunities, contact V2X Environmental at 480-0722.

E-wareness: Kejbarok Jen paijin in an toor dren

Ijoko elap an toor dren ie rej jikin ko elap menin paijin/kij ko remaron in bar walok ie. Ekka wot an jede paijin kein jen ijoko dren eo ej toorlok ie. Elane ej toor dren kein nan lojet innem enaj kakure lojet eo, wod ko ie im menin mour/eddreko ko ie.

Ta komaron komane?

- Karreo
- Kejbarok wot jermal ko bwe in driklok an nej walok jorren im kein jermal
- Kojermal spill kit ko im mokaj nan jermal ko
- Lale men ko rej elejo bwe renjab toor
nan lojet
- Manage e drenin wot ko ial ko
- Etal nan Training ko nan ekatak

Nan melele ko relaplok ikijeen wewein kein ak training, call e V2X Environmental ilo 480-0722.





SCAN ME 

PARTICIPATE IN THE KWAJALEIN TOURISM MARKET SURVEY TO SHARE YOUR INSIGHTS AND PREFERENCES ON TOURISM IN THE RMI.

COMPLETE THE SURVEY BY JUNE 30TH 2026 FOR A CHANCE TO WIN 2 ROUND-TRIP TICKETS ON AIR MARSHALL ISLANDS TO YOUR CHOICE OF ATOLL: MAJURO, JALUIT, OR WOTJE.



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Can't

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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

Kwajalein to Ebeye Ferry Schedule



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

EBEYE – Tuesday to Saturday

EBEYE – Sunday & Holiday

ETD	ETA EBEYE	ETD EBEYE	ETA KWAJ	TYPE VESSEL	ETD KWAJ	ETA EBEYE	ETD EBEYE	ETA KWAJ	TYPE VESSEL
0245	0310	0315	0340	FB N/1	0400	0425	0430	0455	FB N/1
0420	0445	0450	0515	FB 1	0500	0525	0530	0555	FB 1
0450	0515	0520	0545	FB 2	0600	0625	0630	0655	FB 1
0520	0545	0550	0615	FB 1	0830	0855	0900	0925	FB 1
0550	0615	0620	0645	FB 2	1140	1205	1210	1235	FB 1
0620	0645	0650	0715	FB 1	1530	1555	1600	1625	FB 1/N
0650	0715	0720	0745	FB 2	1700	1725	1730	1755	FB N
0720	0745	0750	0815	FB 1	2000	2025	2030	2055	FB N
0900	0925	0930	0955	FB	2200	2225	2230	2255	FB N
1140	1205	1210	1235	FB 2/A	Holidays only ADD extra run below				
1300	1325	1330	1355	FB	1830	1855	1900	1925	FB N
1440	1505	1510	1535	FB A	Monday				
1600	1625	1630	1655	FB A	0315	0340	0345	0410	FB N/1
1700	1725	1730	1755	FB A	0500	0525	0530	0555	FB 1
1730	1755	1800	1825	FB N	0600	0625	0630	0655	FB 1
1800	1825	1830	1855	FB A	0720	0745	0750	0815	FB 1
1830	1855	1900	1925	FB N	0830	0855	0900	0925	FB 1
1900	1925	1930	1955	FB A	1140	1205	1210	1235	FB 1
2000	2025	2030	2055	FB N	1440	1505	1510	1535	FB 1/N
2130	2155	2200	2225	FB N	1645	1710	1715	1740	FB N
(TUESDAY-FRIDAY) 2130 is final run of day					1745	1810	1815	1840	FB N
2200	2225	2230	2255	FB N	1900	1925	1930	1955	FB N
SATURDAY - No 2130 ferry; 2200 is final run of day					2000	2025	2030	2055	FB N
	FB =	Ferry	Boat		2130	2155	2200	2225	FB N



Roi-Namur / Enniburr Ferry Schedule



Tuesday to Saturday

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

Sunday-Monday-Holiday

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

FIRST PRIORITY: BADGE WORKERS

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

SMOKING, TOBACCO CHEWING, BEETLE-NUT, EATING and DRINKING ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED ON ALL FERRIES.

The clock kept by the ferry Captain is the official time. Departure times from Roi-Namur are mandatory times. Return times to Roi-Namur may change slightly due to the offloading of water at Enniburr.

Any questions? Please call the Port Captain in Kwajalein, 480-2173.

USAG-KA Passport Services on Roi-Namur

USAG-KA Passport Appointments will be open for Thursday, June 25th on Roi-Namur from 0900 -1200 and 1300-1400 in the library.

To schedule an appointment email: usarmy.bucholz.usarpac.mbx.kwaj-passport-applications@army.mil

Please note, if NO appointments are scheduled the Roi Passport Services trip will be canceled.

Passport Photos will be shot during meetings and printed off back at Kwaj and added to your packet.



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Kwajalein MIA Project



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COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

Submit Announcements to the Roller Channel and The Kwajalein Hourglass

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

Preparing Your Message

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

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

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

Formatting Your Listings

It is recommended that graphical adver-

tisements and announcements intended for the Hourglass and the AFN Roller Channel be formatted as PowerPoint slides.

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

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

Deadlines for Submissions

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HELP WANTED

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

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

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

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

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



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SATURDAY, JUNE 6

“The Hunt for Red October” (1990)
(PG) 135 min.



SUNDAY, JUNE 7

“Anaconda” (2025)
(PG-13) 99 min.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

“Wicked: For Good” (2025)
(PG) 137 min.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

“The Silence of the Lambs”
(1991) (R) 118 min.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

“Zootopia 2” (2025)
(PG) 108 min.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

“The Green Mile” (1999)
(R) 189 min.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

“Sonic the Hedgehog 2” (2022)
(PG) 122 min.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

“The Wolf of Wall Street” (2013)
(R) 180 min.



All showtimes start at 7:30 p.m.



WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION

Expect relatively dry weather throughout the rest of the week into the weekend, especially during the daytime hours. There is a slight increase of shower potential during the early morning hours, but shower coverage should be isolated. Winds will remain out of the northeast in the upper single digits, dropping into the mid-single digits Monday. Doldrums should settle in for the first half of the next workweek.

SATURDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers. Winds NE-E at 6-11 knots with higher gusts possible near showers.

SUNDAY

Partly sunny with stray

showers. Winds NE-E at 5-10 knots with higher gusts possible near showers.

MONDAY

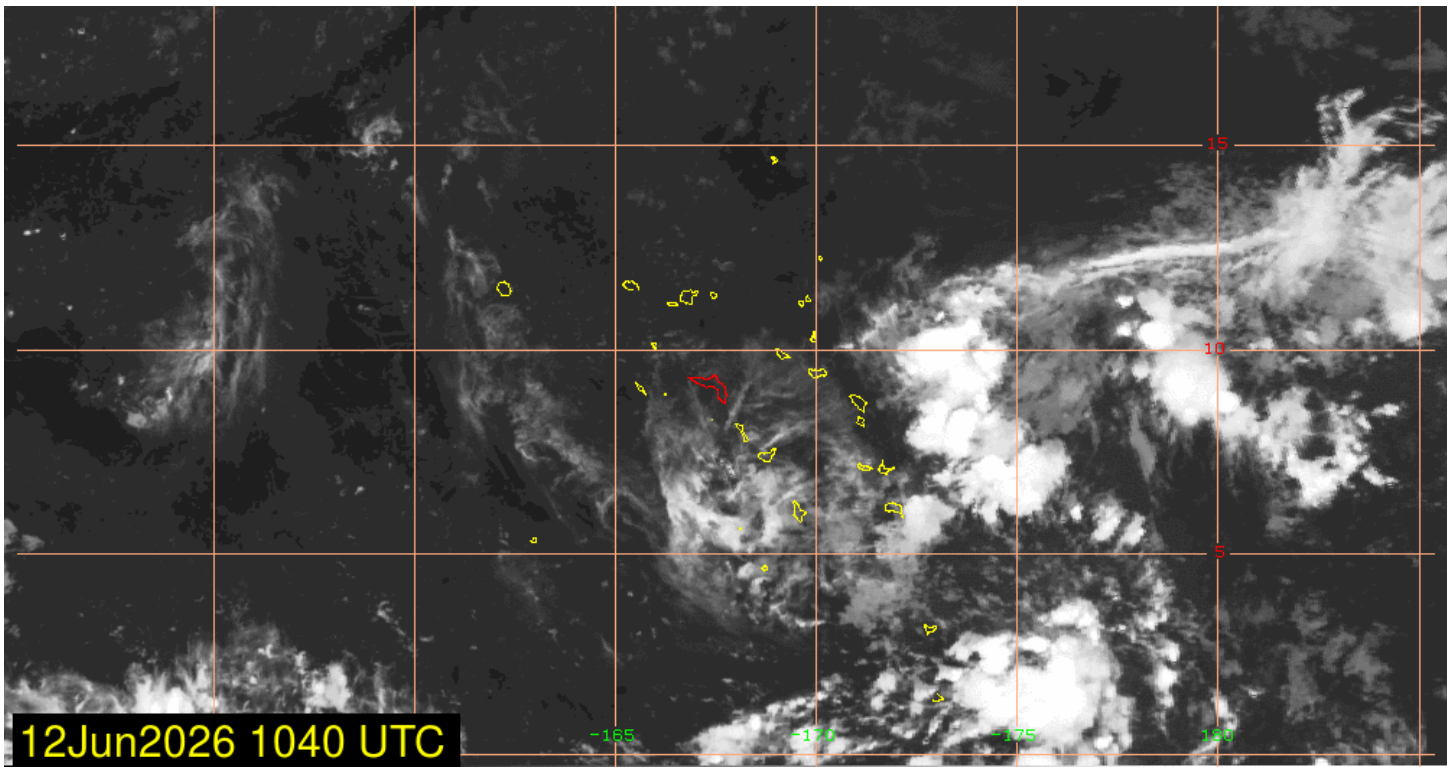
Partly sunny with stray showers. Winds light and variable with higher gusts possible near showers.

NEXT WEEK

Models are indicating a few atmospheric waves traveling across the region next week which could increase shower potential.



SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:30 a.m. 7:08 p.m.	5:02 a.m. 6:10 p.m.	3:16 a.m. 4.7' 3:45 p.m. 3.5'	9:49 a.m. -0.3' 9:34 p.m. -0.1'
MONDAY	6:31 a.m. 7:08 p.m.	6:07 a.m. 7:19 p.m.	4:02 a.m. 4.9' 4:33 p.m. 3.5'	10:36 a.m. -0.5' 10:20 p.m. -0.2'
TUESDAY	6:31 a.m. 7:09 p.m.	7:15 a.m. 8:25 p.m.	4:48 a.m. 5.0' 5:19 p.m. 3.5'	11:23 a.m. -0.6' 11:05 p.m. -0.2'
WEDNESDAY	6:31 a.m. 7:09 p.m.	8:23 a.m. 9:25 p.m.	5:33 a.m. 5.0' 6:05 p.m. 3.4'	12:08 p.m. -0.5' 11:51 p.m. -0.1'
THURSDAY	6:31 a.m. 7:09 p.m.	9:26 a.m. 10:19 p.m.	6:19 a.m. 4.8' 6:51 p.m. 3.3'	12:54 p.m. -0.3' -----
FRIDAY	6:31 a.m. 7:09 p.m.	10:24 a.m. 11:07 p.m.	7:05 a.m. 4.5' 7:39 p.m. 3.2'	12:37 a.m. 0.2' 1:39 p.m. 0.0'
JUNE 20	6:32 a.m. 7:10 p.m.	11:18 a.m. 11:50 p.m.	7:51 a.m. 4.1' 8:31 p.m. 3.1'	1:25 a.m. 0.5' 2:26 p.m. 0.3'



WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

Discussion:

So far in June, we have received 1.47" of rain putting us at 0.7" below normal for the month. We have received just under 40.7" of precipitation for the year at 14.6" above normal. We will remain rather dry through the weekend with only slow-moving stray showers possible and a bump through the overnights. Starting on Tuesday, expect elevated shower coverage for the first half of the week. We experienced no lightning days over the last seven days. A thunderstorm day is defined by an "in situ" lightning strike, meaning lightning is observed or thunder is heard within five miles of the Kwajalein airfield. The lighting risk will be elevated starting on Tuesday into the workweek. The Madden/Julian Oscillation's (MJO) is positive right now but looks to trend negative at mid-month. Positive has the effect of assisting

in shower development. The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) has become very lack-luster over the southern RMI and is the primary reason for the drier weather lately. El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is now in an El Nino phase and is expected to intensify significantly moving into summer. This will have the impact of bringing above normal shower coverage, elevating the west wind threat and augmenting the tropical cyclone risk over the RMI for the rest of the year.

Tropical Cyclones:

None for the RMI but expecting an increased threat for the rest of the year. We are watching a circulation that might develop to our due east and trek just north of most of the RMI. **Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:**

Not anticipated. The west wind threat will be higher this wet season due to El Nino.

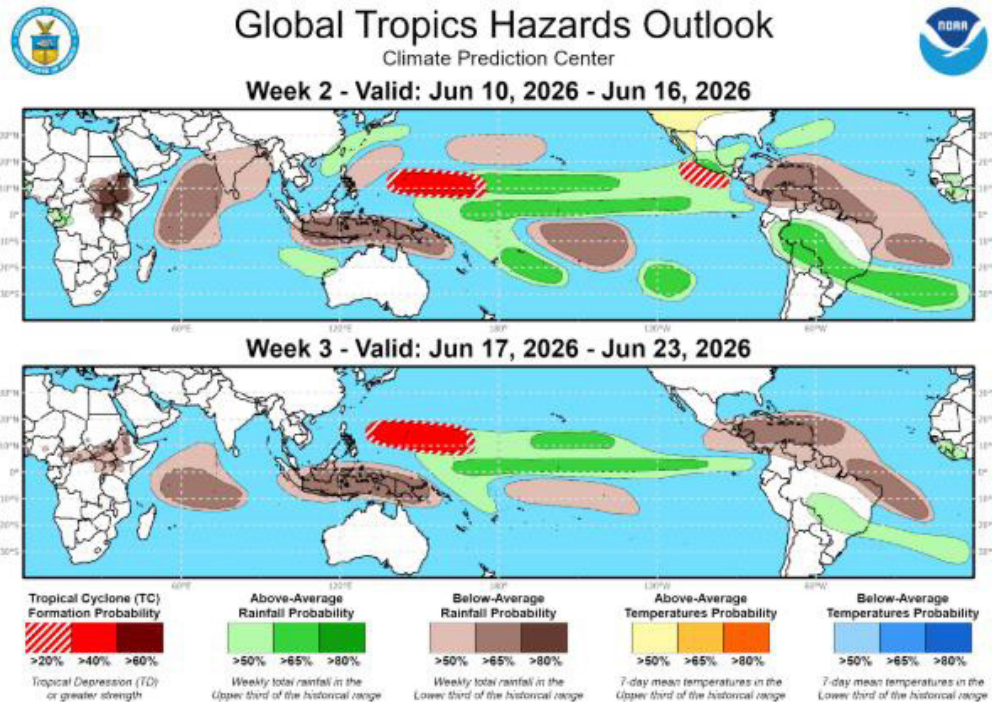
Swell / Tide Inundation For Kwajalein Atoll and Wake Island and Winds:

We are moving toward a new moon on the 15th with high tides of 5 feet on the 16th and 17th. Winds: today represents the highest winds around 12 knots that we will see for a while outside of any short gusty outflow periods. We will settle down to 8 to 11 knots on Friday and Saturday with Sunday expecting doldrum to near doldrum winds with meandering direction into Monday outside of brief gusty outflow possible near any heavy showers that happen to occur. Entering the workweek winds will range between 5 and 10 knots outside of any outflow. A Small Craft Advisory (SCA) is not anticipated for the next seven days except for the possibility of a short issuance during periods of gusty outflow near any heavy showers. A High Surf Advisory (HSA) is not

expected.

Purpose:

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



Until Next Week!

