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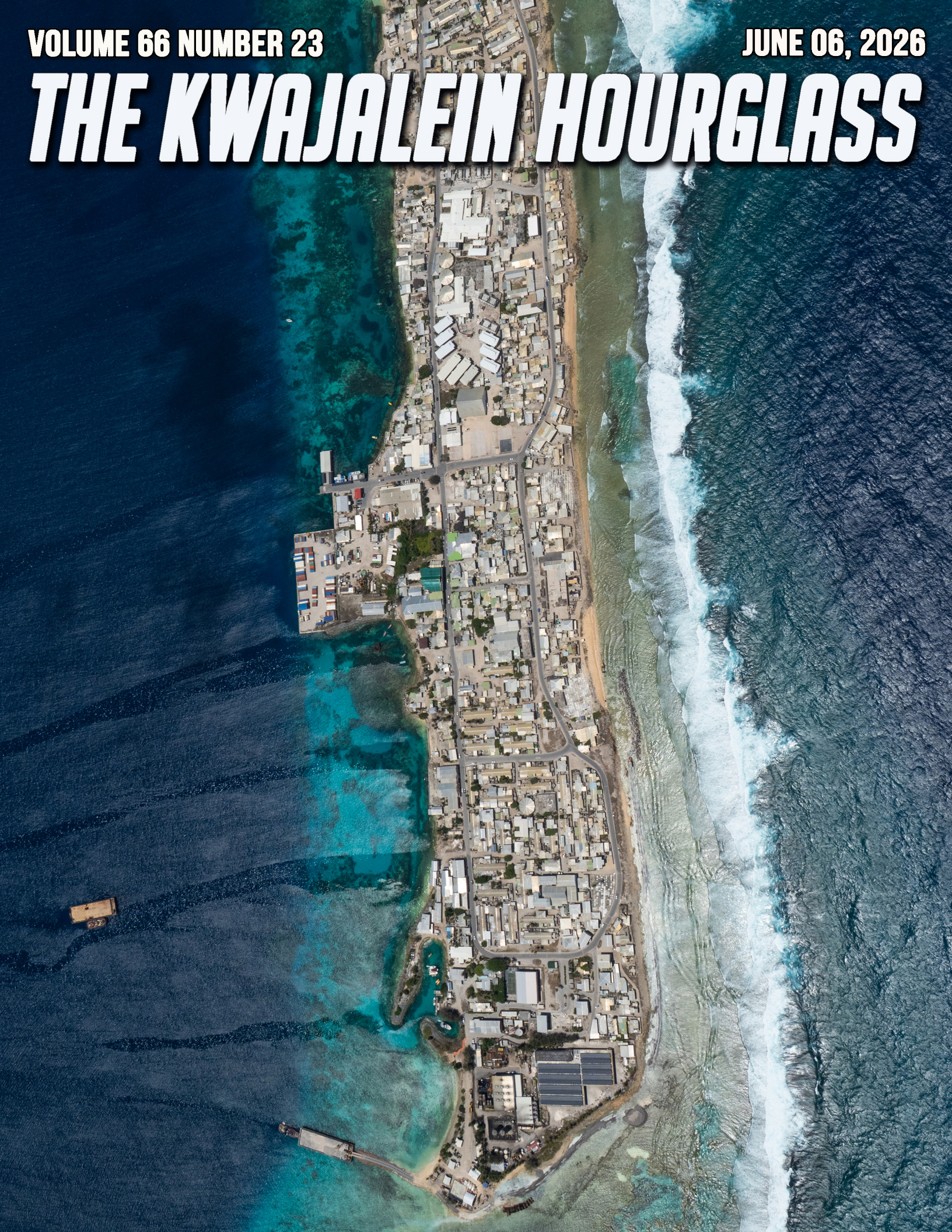




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COMMUNITY

# WIDE AS THE HORIZON

HOURLASS REPORT

By **Isaiah Matthews**,  
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For Michael John Diaz, an operations coordinator with Community Services, the story began with children running toward the waves.

The wind was strong that day, and the surf was rough as a storm moved through the region. Diaz had taken a group of children to the beach for one of their regular Friday gatherings, but when he saw the size of the waves, he wondered if swimming was a good idea.

Then one child gave him an answer that stayed with him.

“We’re not scared,” Diaz recalled.

That moment became the heart of “Wide as the Horizon,” the short film Diaz produced for the Pacific Media Institute 2026 My Pacific Story short film contest. The film placed third, but Diaz said the recognition was never the

real purpose.

The purpose was to show the children.

“What inspired me was showing the resilience of the Marshallese kids,” Diaz reflected. “They are amazing kids. They take care of each other.”

Diaz first learned about the contest through a post from Pacific Media Institute, an independent film organization focused on Pacific stories. His wife, Justice Love, who teaches students mobile filmmaking, also received information about the contest through the school.

At first, Diaz intended to prepare early. Then work, ministry events, Easter services and graduation preparations crowded his schedule. Before long, the deadline was only days away.

“I forgot about it,” Diaz admitted. “My wife reminded me, and I told her I didn’t have a script or anything.”

Love encouraged him to create something anyway.

With little time left, Diaz began shaping a story around what he already knew well: the children he and his wife serve through ministry. The original plan was simple. He would film them playing, swimming and enjoying the day.

But the children changed the direction of the film.

As they ran toward the water, held hands and stayed close to one another, Diaz saw something deeper than play. He saw courage. He saw friendship. He saw the strength of a community carried naturally by its youngest members.

“They were just having so much fun,” Diaz remem-





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show life there,” Diaz said. “There is such a difference between the two sides, and I wanted people to be aware of that.”

He described the contrast between Kwajalein and nearby communities as striking. For Diaz, that difference is not something to exploit, but something to understand. It has pushed him to think more carefully about how to tell stories with honesty, dignity and care.

“I started thinking about how I can tell more about the other side of this place,” Diaz explained.

Film, he believes, can help build empathy by allowing people to experience lives and perspectives they might

bered. “When they ran to the water, they held hands. They shared food. They loved each other.”

That image became the center of the film’s message.

For Diaz, “Wide as the Horizon” is about children who may be small in age, but large in spirit.

“They are small kids, but they have big hearts,” Diaz explained.

Joy became the emotion he most wanted viewers to feel. He used bright color grading, warm tones and images of children laughing and playing to make the film feel alive and hopeful.

“The main thing I wanted people to feel was joy,” Diaz emphasized. “The world is so dim right now, and I wanted the film to feel bright and colorful.”

That joy, he said, was not meant to ignore hardship. Instead, it was meant to reveal something powerful about the way children continue to find happiness, even when life around them is not easy.

Diaz said living and working on Kwajalein Atoll while serving children and families in neighboring Marshallese communities has changed the way he sees storytelling.

“Living and working here helped me figure out how to



otherwise never see.

"Film helps people experience the other side," Diaz observed. "Especially with a very small island, sometimes nobody even knows where we are."

His role as a chaplain's assistant on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll also shaped the way he approached the project. Diaz said he has been deeply moved by the volunteers who support ministry efforts, especially those who give their time after long workdays.

"Everybody has work, but they still go the extra mile to come and help," Diaz noted. "I wanted people doing that work to feel like what they do matters."

Much of that work, he added, begins with his wife.

"My wife is the real hero with the kids," Diaz said. "She is the spark plug."

Diaz described their partnership with humor and admiration. Love often develops the ideas and programs, while Diaz helps with cooking, filming, logistics and whatever else is needed.

"She is the thinker, and I am the doer," Diaz explained. "She thinks through the programs, and I help make them happen."

The work can be exhausting. Diaz said there are days when he arrives tired, overwhelmed or unsure he has enough energy to give. But the children often change that before he realizes it.

"The why is the kids," Diaz reflected. "If just one of them gets it, that makes a difference."

Making the film was not easy. Diaz shot the footage in about half a day and edited it in roughly one day. The short timeline created pressure, but the bigger challenge was making sure the children's voices were represented accurately.

Some of the children spoke in Marshallese during interviews, and Diaz wanted to be certain their words were translated with care.



"The hardest part was the language barrier," Diaz acknowledged. "I understood some of it, but they speak fast, so I asked a friend who speaks very good Marshallese to help me piece it together."

At first, Diaz tried to guide some of the scenes more directly. But the more he tried to control the children, the less natural the film felt.

Eventually, he stepped back.

"I realized I had to let the kids be kids," Diaz said. "If it felt staged, it would not feel real."

That decision gave the film its honesty.

Instead of polished performances, "Wide as the Horizon" shows children as they are: laughing, playing, running, teasing, swimming, helping and returning again and again to joy.

When Diaz finished editing and finally watched the completed film, the message struck him more deeply than he expected.

"When I exported it and watched it, I felt like it was a big reminder for me too," Diaz reflected. "No matter how hard life is or how bad the world feels, you can still be the good thing in some-



PHOTO BY SHERMAN HOGUE

one's day.”

That lesson has stayed with him.

Diaz said the children have taught him patience, forgiveness and perspective. They may argue or become upset, but they rarely hold on to anger for long.

“Kids can teach us so much, especially Marshallese kids,” Diaz said. “They don’t hold grudges. They just come back and hug you.”

That childlike spirit is something Diaz believes adults often lose under the weight of responsibility, stress and disappointment.

“They have the purest spirit,” Diaz reflected. “They can turn anything into a game and something fun.”

For Diaz, placing third in the Pacific Media Institute contest mattered most because it gave the children recognition. He does not see the film as his achievement alone.

“I was happy that they were recognized,” Diaz shared. “They were the main actors. I just put it together.”

The contest included prize money, which Diaz said was used to buy items for the children and hold a celebration.

In that way, the film’s success returned to the people who inspired it.

More than the award, Diaz said he was grateful the message reached viewers across the Pacific.

“I was honored to be part of that group,” Diaz stated. “I was happy they understood the message.”

Since the film’s release, Diaz said viewers have responded to its reminder that hardship does not have to erase joy. Some told him it helped them appreciate what they have. Others said it gave them a new perspective on resilience.

That response encouraged him to continue making films.

“The purpose of doing this is to bring something that feels good to people and gives them a reminder,” Diaz explained. “Everybody is going through something, but you are not alone.”

For Diaz, storytelling is also tied to faith. Life in the Marshall Islands, he said, has taught him that people cannot control everything. Sometimes the lesson is to be still, trust God and pay attention to what can be learned



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through difficult circumstances.

“Be still and know that I am God,” Diaz said, referencing a Bible verse that has guided his perspective.

That belief runs quietly through “Wide as the Horizon.”

The film is not simply about children playing in the water. It is about what those children reveal: courage with-

out performance, generosity without expectation and joy that rises even when life is hard.

Diaz said the children remind him of what it means to be childlike without being childish.

“The credit goes to the Marshallese kids,” Diaz emphasized. “No matter how hard life is for them, they find ways to enjoy it.”

For Diaz, that is the story worth telling.

Not because it is perfect.  
Not because it is polished.  
But because it is true.

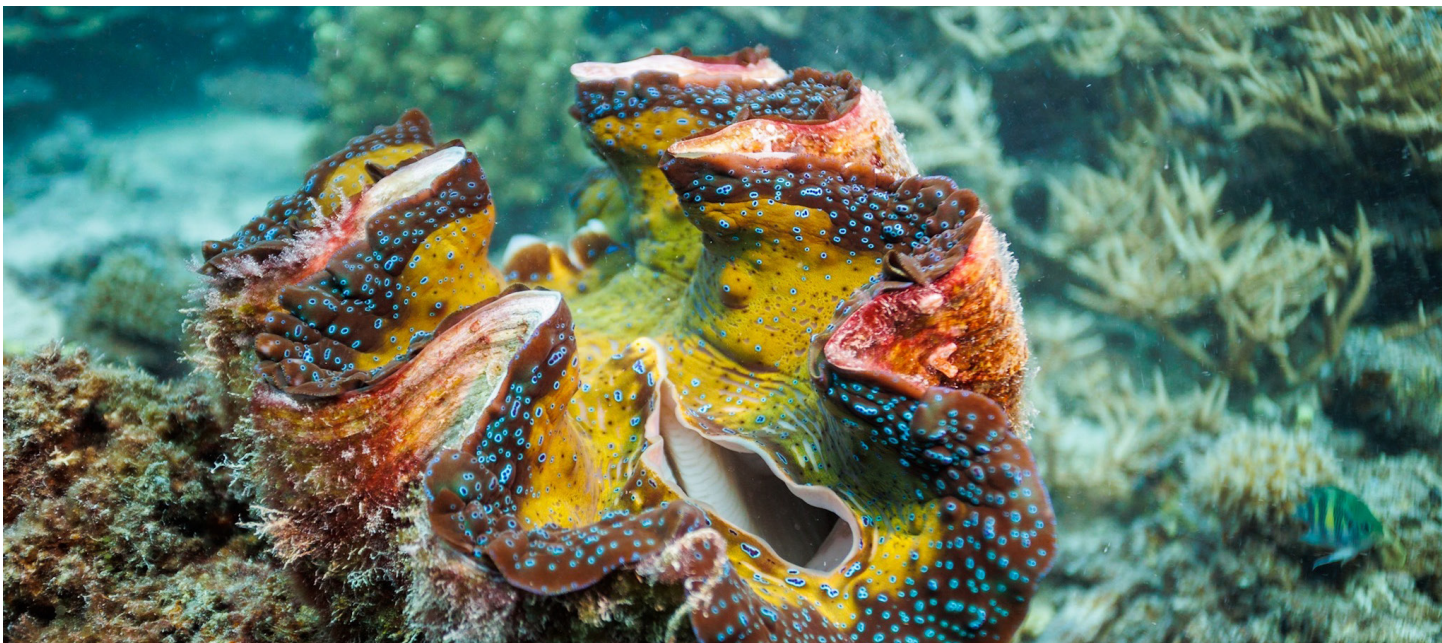
A story of children with wide hearts.

A story of joy standing against the waves.

A story, like the horizon itself, reaching farther than the eye can see. ❖

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## COMMUNITY

# THE WOMAN BEHIND KWAJALEIN'S MOST COLORFUL WELCOME

*Kwajalein's first grade teacher and softball team founder has built a unique culture at work and on the field — around joy, structure and belonging.*

### HOURLASS REPORT

By **Anthony Carnelli**,  
Hourglass Story Writer

The socks are the first sign. Tall, striped and aggressively vibrant, they are pulled to the knee with the confidence of someone who has never treated a Tuesday night softball game as just a Tuesday night softball game. The woman wearing them is Carrie Corley — a first-grade teacher at George Seitz Elementary School (GSES) and the founding ringleader of Kwajalein's most joyfully un-serious coed softball team, the Rainbow Runners. Before the night is over, someone will probably have their face colored with crayons. Nobody will seem especially bothered by this.

Welcome to the game-day experience Corley has built: Spice Girls queued up as walk-up music, a dugout that cheers loud, and strike-

outs that may come with an agreed-upon obligation to buy the next round after the game. Win or lose, the point is not just to play. It is to make people feel like they belong.

It looks like cheerful chaos. It's Corley's philosophy in cleats: everyone participates, nobody gets left out and the silliness is part of the plan

Corley has spent years perfecting a very particular trick. She makes joy look spontaneous. In reality, all of the antics and effort that goes into making the Rainbow Runners game an extraordinary experience for a recreation league softball game is a deliberate kind of leadership — one that operates the same way whether her audience is 6 years old or 60.

"Whether it's my first graders or the Rainbow Runners, it's the same idea: create a space where people feel safe, included, and excited to show up," Corley said. "When that's in place, the fun and the



PHOTOS BY ANTHONY CARNELLI

growth come naturally."

### When No One Asked, She Built One

The Rainbow Runners started in 2020, after Corley realized no one had asked her to join a softball team. So, she built one — for herself, for her friends and for anyone else who needed a place to land. The name came partly from her favorite fish, the rainbow runner, and partly from a simple idea: everyone, she figured, could find a color to wear.

What began as a work-around has lasted six seasons. The team has played through pandemic-era social distancing, through Corley's 2023 maternity leave — when teammates kept the roster running while she was off island having her son, Ellis — and through the steady churn of a Kwajalein community where neighbors often

arrive, work and rotate out, sometimes within weeks or months.

"TDY? Come join us," Corley said. "Night shift and know nobody? We'd love to have you, tried softball one time and hate it and just want to cheer on a team? Come on out!"

### The Rituals Are The Welcome

That open-door policy is the team's actual mission statement, not a marketing line. The matched colors, social media photos and video highlights, the written game recaps and the post-game celebrations may look like extras, but for Corley, they are the framework of belonging — small rituals that make a weeknight softball game feel worth showing up for and worth remembering.

She picked up the habit on purpose. After losing a friend



a few years back, she stopped waiting for important moments to feel important.

“Life is short, and we need to take the pictures,” she said. “Sometimes someone might only play one game with the Rainbow Runners, and I want there to be a memory of that.”

### Competitive, Mostly In Theory

When her husband Chris Corley was asked to describe the most “Carrie” thing his wife does at a game, he did not hesitate: she cheers for both teams. Carrie does not exactly deny it — though, of course, she still prefers when her team wins.

In her own opinion: “The most ‘Carrie’ thing I do is just being excited for everyone, making connections, and reminding us that we’re all out there to have fun together,” Corley said, with a smile. Let’s please not take ourselves too seriously or argue with the umpires — except when they make bad calls.”

That does not mean she lacks competitive imagination. In her head, at least, she is mostly hitting home runs.

“In my mind, I’m visualizing this huge hit, the ball flying in a perfect rainbow arc way out past the field ... may-



be even over the DFAC,” Corley said. “In reality, it’s usually a bunt or foul ball that turns into a bit of a scramble for the pitcher and catcher. But hey, the enthusiasm is there.”

The enthusiasm follows her behind the plate, too.

“When I’m catching, I end up chatting with everyone and giving high-fives as they come up to bat,” Corley said. “We’re all out there — 20’s, 30’s, 40’s, 50’s, 60’s — just having a good time.”

That cheering amongst her and her teammates, along with the music, can get loud. The ‘rainbow high-five’ — palms together, then arced apart into a half-circle — is non-negotiable. New players sometimes roll their eyes and look in disbelief the first time. But, Corley has them doing it by the end of the game anyway.

“If ‘over-the-top’ means bringing energy, joy and silliness, I’ll take it,” Corley said.

“Especially at 8 p.m. games, when the energy on a school night can be low. But I think it’s better to show up as your authentic self than to try to tone it down or hide parts of who you are.”

### Where The Goofiness Has A Lesson Plan

It would be easy to mistake that energy as something reserved for the ballfield. It is not. The same person leading cheers at night is leading first graders the next morning. The volume may shift, but the foundation is the same.

“I’m enthusiastic, a little goofy, and I love building a strong sense of team,” Corley said. “In first grade, that all sits on top of really clear structure. We have tight routines, high expectations, and we work hard every day. Because of that structure, we’re able to have so much fun.”

The proof tends to show up in the projects her class takes on. Earlier this year, her first graders staged a “Fairy Tale Showcase”, inviting parents and staff into the classroom across three time slots to watch student-led skits with handmade puppets, three different stop-motion videos the class produced from scratch — including one telling of “Rapunzel” — and an original blues song the students wrote





together, fairy tale themed of course. The third showing was standing room only.

The blues song was not on the lesson plan. Corley asked her students what the problems and solutions were in the stories they had been reading. They started writing lyrics on the song. Then they wanted to sing them.

“There’s some magic age, and I think it’s 6 and 7, where kids just go out there and they’re so brave to try,” Corley said. “I think most adults — me included — if you put a microphone near me, I’m not going to take that opportunity to sing a song that I’ve never heard before. And my first graders will.”

She credits the administration at GSES for the room to teach this way, and she is protective of the creativity her students bring through the door.

“I think it’s important to foster creativity in children because they are naturally creative, and some schools can sometimes have a way of sometimes squashing that creativity if we’re not careful.”

#### Permission To Show Up

The connection between Corley’s classroom and the

softball field is not just personality, though she has never been short on that. It is the way she creates the conditions for people to join in. In first grade, that means routines and expectations sturdy enough for students to take creative risks. On the Rainbow Runners, it means colors, cheers, photos, recaps and a welcome that does not require anyone to already know the rules. In both plac-

es, the goofiness works because the groundwork has already been laid.

Maybe that is why Corley is so deliberate about making room for other people. She knows what it is like to wonder whether her own energy needed to be edited down.

Corley said she spent stretches of her life trying to tone herself down, worried about being “too much.”

I’ve learned that when you

lean into who you are, it creates space for others to do the same,” she said.

This is what Corley wants people to take away — more than the rainbow socks, the classroom showcases, the scores, the standings or the praise from administrators and peers.

What matters most is the feeling of having shown up, joined in and been part of something.

In reflecting back on softball — “winning is great, but it’s not the point,” Corley said. “I hope people remember how it felt to try something new or to play a sport they’ve always loved with new friends. I hope they remember that they showed up, put themselves out there, and had a really good time.”

The Rainbow Runners will be back next year for another season of Kwajalein softball. Her first graders will move on to the next classroom. The lineups will change, the colors will rotate and new faces will come to Kwajalein.

But Corley’s real work is not keeping everyone in one place. It is giving them permission to step in while they are here — to sing the song, wear the colors, take the picture, swing the bat and trust that there is room for them. ▾



Carrie Corley leads her first-grade performers in a fun, spirited final bow at the class’s Fairy Tale Showcase.



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## COMMUNITY SPORTS

# RAIN, UPSETS AND LAUGHTER: A LOOK BACK AT KWAJALEIN'S 2026 SOFTBALL SEASON

### HOURLASS REPORT

By Anthony Carnelli,  
Hourglass Story Writer

Under a sky that couldn't quite make up its mind, 31 softball teams spent the spring chasing fly balls, ribbing each other from the dug-out and — when the weather cooperated — squeezing in games before the next round of rainouts.

Some nights, the schedule stacked up as planned. Other nights, the rain sent everyone home. The 2026 Kwajalein softball season brought playoff surprises, weather delays and plenty of reasons to laugh along the way.

If you had to sum the whole stretch up in a single word, Stephanie Brown — a supervisor with Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) who coordinated the leagues and handled playoff scheduling this year — had it ready.

"I can say one word: rainy," she said.

What made the season hold together wasn't the weather — it was the people. Across four leagues, dozens of teams, manager meetings, ferry coordination from Eb-eye and a steady stream of texts, the 2026 season turned out to be less about who won and more about how the community kept the bases loaded all spring long.

### Champions Crowned Across Four Leagues

In the **Coed League**, the Helmet Crabs took the championship over the Blue Footed Boobies in a seven-team bracket that produced its share of surprises. Heavy Cargo, one of the regular season's top teams, fell to the Helmet Crabs in the playoffs, while the underdog Rainbow Runners upset the LANLords in the first round before eventually being eliminated.

The **Men's A League**, a

four-team spread, saw Usual Suspects overtake Ekkiniae in the championship. Ekkiniae had advanced by beating Under The Radar; Usual Suspects punched their ticket past Spartans 1.

In the **Women's League**, Jinetiptip rolled to a 16-0 championship win against Sup-Fly. Sup-Fly had come through Liahona to reach the final, while Jinetiptip beat Pitch Perfect in the semifinals. Pitch Perfect and Liahona had advanced past Spartans 1 and Spartans JV in the opening round of a six-team bracket.

The **Men's B League** — at 14 teams, the largest of the four — saved one more surprise for the championship game, with Monkubok defeating Love Love 15-6 to claim the title at Brandon Field. The road there had not gone according to seed.

Lojokomlak, the No. 1 seed, and H2 Imports, the

No. 2 seed, both earned first-round byes before losing to Monkubok and Love Love, setting up a bracket that kept shifting all the way to the final. "Both of the top two teams: the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds — lost to teams they had beaten before in the regular season," Brown said. "It was definitely different, because when you have the first- and second-place teams, you always kind of expect them to be better than the rest."

### The Work Behind The Scoreboard

This was Brown's first season working with the leagues. She'd played before, and even managed to suit up for a couple of games this year between job duties.

Once the playoffs arrived, Brown's role shifted from player to problem-solver.

The regular-season schedule had been built by her predecessor, Annalise Castillo, who left the island before the

season ended to prepare for the birth of her baby. Brown stepped in for the playoffs, a stretch she said quickly became “an everyday thing.”

Behind every first pitch was Brown, working the kind of logistical puzzle most people never saw.

Players and families still had to get from Eb-eye through Dock Security Checkpoint. Sponsors still had to be tracked. Championship games still had to fit around school events, an early graduation schedule and a rainy season that kept threatening to rewrite the bracket.

“Even though it’s such a small island, you’d be surprised how conflicting schedules can get,” she said, “because there’s only a certain amount of time and a certain number of places to do things.”

When the weather held, the schedule moved fast. Most weeks, the fields carried three games at 5:30 p.m., followed by another at 6:45 and a final game at 8, turning softball nights into a steady rotation of teams, umpires, families and dugout noise.

Getting there took repeated manager meetings, adjusted playoff dates and enough coordination to keep teams, families and field space moving in the same direction. If she takes the role again next



season, Brown said she would build in more organizational structure earlier — “so it’s a little less stressful when game time comes.”

### Strike Out, Laugh, Repeat

The moments Brown kept coming back to weren’t the big swings or final outs. They were the laughs.

The players from Arkel Construction, with two teams in the B League, were one example she kept coming back to.

“They didn’t care how good they were. They could be the worst teams in the league, and they were just out there

having fun,” she said. “Those were the fun games to watch because they would strike out, and they’d laugh at one another.”

Her own team, the Rainbow Runners, had a running deal: anyone who struck out owed everybody a round of beverages at the next game. Across all four leagues, she said, the jerseys were sharp up and down the rosters — a small but visible sign of how much pride each team carried onto the field.

### Closing The Season

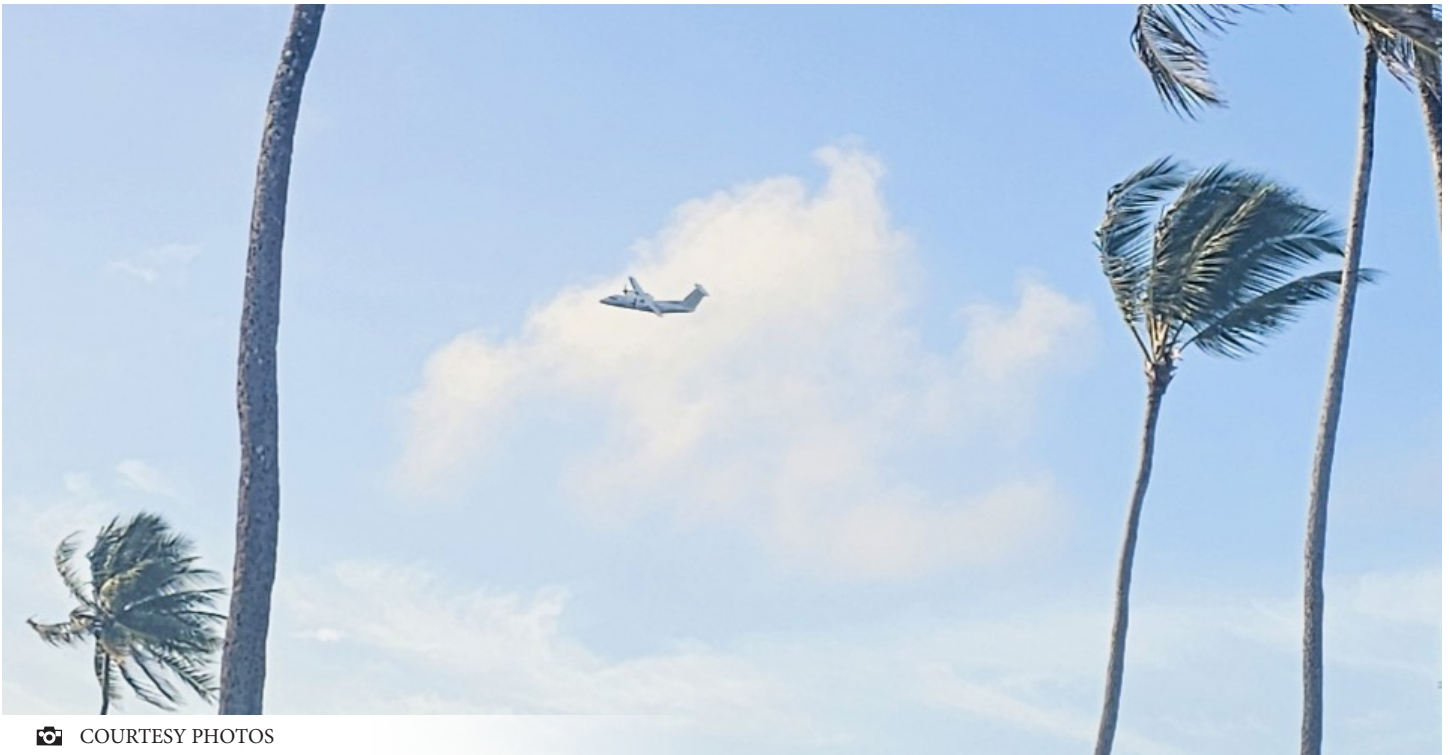
The champions got the trophies. The Helmet Crabs, Usual Suspects and Jinetip-

tip each walked away with a coveted painted coconut and a league title. But for Brown, the season’s lasting image was not a scoreboard.

“Being out there for the games,” she said. “Watching and being able to be part of it. I think that was the best part.”

That, more than anything, is what the 2026 season delivered — not a tidy bracket, but a spring’s worth of evenings where neighbors showed up, the rain eventually moved on, and somebody, somewhere on Kwajalein, was laughing about a strikeout. ❏





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# SKYBORN MIRACLE: THE BIRTH OF “DASH RUALITOK” DURING A CASEVAC FLIGHT OVER KWAJALEIN ATOLL

### HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Story Writer

What began as an urgent medical transport quickly became a moment that will be remembered across the Marshall Islands. On May 25th 2026, at 7:31 a.m., a young mother went into labor far sooner than expected, beginning a journey that carried her from Ennubirr (Third Island) to Roi Namur and then aboard a Dash 8 aircraft bound for Kwajalein.

Her partner, Jemty Peter, shared that they believed this birth — like his others — would happen naturally, close to home on Third Island. But, as he put it, “we live in a world where things are always unexpected,” and the early morning pain signaled that their plans were about to change.

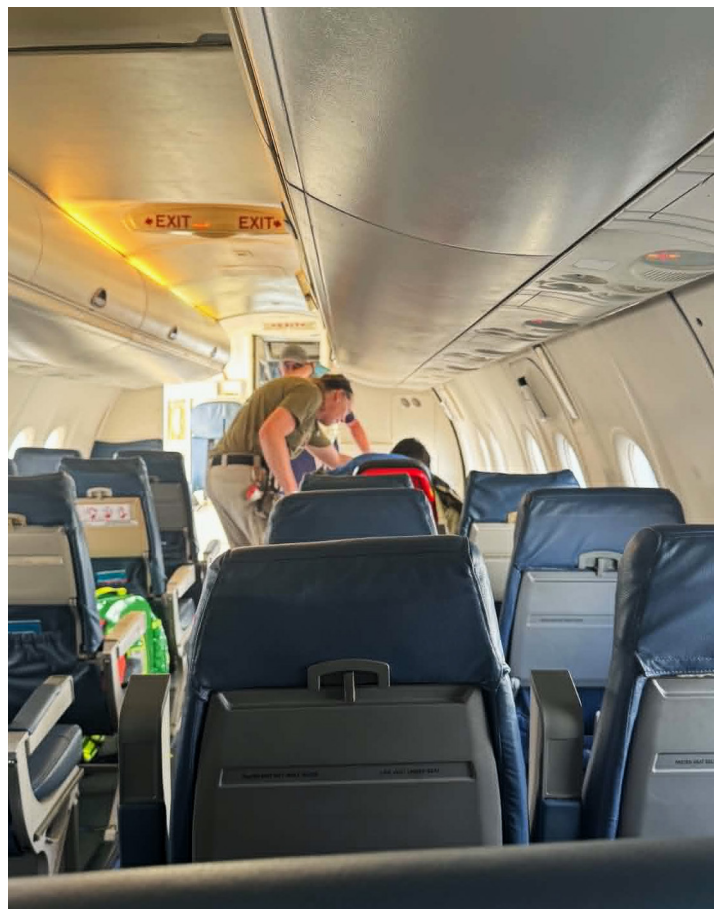
After being evaluated at the local clinic and advised

to head to Ebeye for further care, the couple prepared for a medical evacuation. What they did not know was that teams across the atoll were already mobilizing.

### The Medical Readiness Partnership Between Roi-Namur And Kwajalein

Because the mission began in Roi-Namur, Nurse Manager David Terry, MSN NP, RN, emphasized the critical role of the Roi-Namur medical and firefighter teams, who managed the patient for more than three hours while waiting for sunrise and the arrival of the flight team. He noted the exceptional team efforts of:

- Amy Asiaban, RN – Roi-Namur
- Deirdre Ellis, PA-C – Roi-Namur, covering the shift for a colleague on leave
- Crew Chief W. Owens
- Firefighter A. Hill
- Firefighter J. Brown
- Firefighter R D. Schroder
- Firefighter / EMT R.





Phomsavanh

- Firefighter / EMT T.

Boucher

- Crew Chief P. Condor
- Firefighter A. Carpenter
- Firefighter / EMT R.

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David was already at Kwajalein Hospital managing a separate emergency when Amy called around 4:30 a.m. on May 25 to report a patient at 9 months' gestation whose contractions were becoming more frequent. He immediately began coordinating the CASEVAC: notifying Dr. Shawn Wilson, Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Carrie Jimenez (V2X Medical Services Manager), Fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Dock Security Checkpoint (DSC), and preparing for an ambulance boat transfer to Ebeye.

While staying in continuous communication with Roi-Namur staff, David briefed the incoming medical flight crew — Rebecca Craig, FP C, Randell “Mac” Belcher, CFRN, and Josh Newby, FP C — and drove them to the

airfield. As reports from Roi-Namur signaled increasing contraction frequency, he made the key decision to send a third medic, anticipating the possibility of two patients instead of one.

Once the Dash 8 was airborne, David monitored updates from both the flight crew and Roi-Namur until the moment an unexpected radio transmission arrived from Pilot Michael Bockler who stated, “We now have a midflight +1-passenger.” He alerted EMS/Fire that the baby had been born inflight and prepared the receiving teams at the DSC and the ambulance boat from Ebeye, which ultimately transported the mother and her healthy newborn son.

**Inside The Dash 8: The Flight Crew's Perspective**

Flight Paramedic Rebecca Craig, recalled being woken just before 5 a.m. by David Terry with the medevac request. The flight crew quickly assembled — Josh Newby, Mac Belcher, and Rebecca — and coordinated



their flight plan, equipment, and team roles. Airport Operations and Berry Aviation readied the Dash 8 for departure as the crew prepared for the 15 minute flight to Roi-Namur.

Upon landing, they received a rapid handoff from the Roi-Namur medical team, performed a fetal check, and moved the patient to the aircraft. As they taxied, all three clinicians exchanged knowing looks: the contractions were coming fast. Takeoff was at 7:23 a.m.

During climb-out, they initiated IV medication, placed pads, prepared the OB kit, and discussed who would “catch.” At 7:28 a.m., the patient’s water broke. All three were trained in neonatal resuscitation, and Rebecca and Mac had each participated in three previous field deliveries. Josh had performed more than 20.

At 7:30 a.m., the patient cried out — the baby was coming. Mac confirmed crowning. On May 25th 2026, at 7:31 a.m., a healthy baby boy entered the world at 2,000 feet and 250 mph.

The crew performed a standard newborn assessment and were relieved to find strong vitals and a good cry. They warmed both mother and infant under a heat blanket and prepared for landing, where Kwajalein Fire Department personnel were waiting to transfer the family to the ambulance and then to the Ebeye hospital boat.

After the successful handoff, the flight crew returned to clean and reset the aircraft, tired, exhilarated, and grateful for a safe outcome.

### **A Father’s Gratitude And A Community’s Pride**

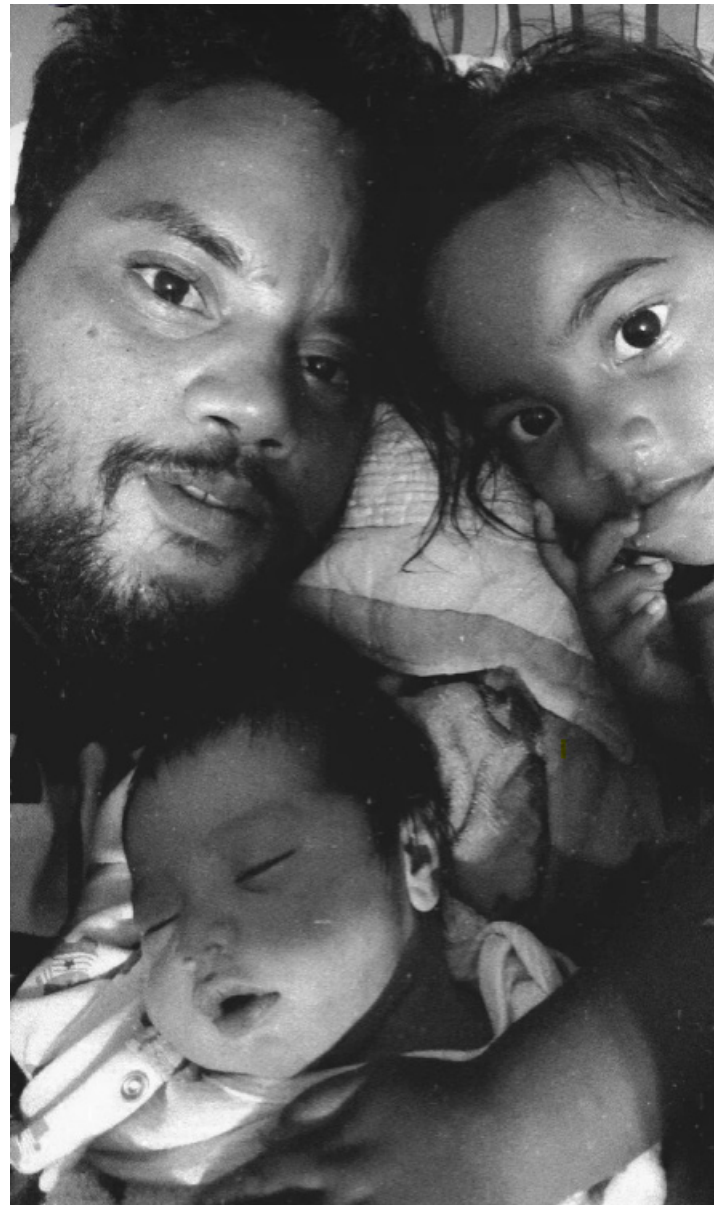
Back on the ground, Jemty described the moment he realized what had happened: “All of a sudden, I heard my girlfriend screaming. When I opened my eyes, I saw an extra passenger — someone who was never boarded to be on the plane.”

He thanked the responders who reassured his partner with words like, “You did great,” calling them “true heroes who can save others’ lives at a moment’s notice.”

In honor of this extraordinary birth, the family bestowed a special nickname upon their son:

“Dash Rualitok,” a tribute to the Dash 8 aircraft that carried him into the world. Rualitok is the Marshallese word for the number “eight”.

Moments like this highlight the strength and interconnectedness of the Marshallese communities — the calm coordination of medical teams, the readiness of emergency responders, and the resilience of island families. Through what Jemty called “God’s miracles,” baby Tommy Dash Rualitok Peter arrived healthy and strong, reminding everyone involved that even in urgent moments, there can be profound beauty and joy. ✕





PHOTOS BY ANTHONY CARNELLI

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# GLOW BASH WELCOMES FUTURE YOUTH CENTER MEMBERS

### HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagnon,  
Hourglass Story Writer

The Child and Youth Services (CYS) Youth Center recently lit up the evening with a Glow Party designed to welcome sixth-grade students as they prepare for an exciting transition into seventh grade and full Youth Center membership.

For students at George Seitz Elementary School, sixth grade marks their final year of elementary school and an important milestone in their youth development journey. While sixth graders are already able to attend the Youth Center after school until 5:30 p.m., graduation opens the door to full membership privileges, including access to evening programming, special events, leadership opportunities, recreational activities, and

programs offered during all operating hours.

The transition represents much more than simply moving up a grade level. Students are stepping into a teen-focused environment designed specifically for youth in grades 7-12. To help ease that transition, Youth Center staff hosted the Glow Party, giving future members an opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments while becoming more familiar with the facility, staff, and opportunities awaiting them in the coming school year.

“Events like the Glow Party provide a fun, low-pressure environment where incoming seventh graders can meet new friends, connect with staff, and become familiar with the Youth Center before the school year begins,” said Youth Education Specialist Ariel Smock. “By creating positive first experiences, we help youth build confidence

and feel more comfortable stepping into this new chapter.”

The event featured glow-in-the-dark games, music, snacks, and hands-on activities that encouraged youth to connect with friends and begin building relationships with students who will soon become their peers in the Youth Center program.

According to Smock, the glow-themed activities quickly became the highlight of the evening. “Students especially enjoyed creating glow slime and getting glow-in-the-dark tattoos,” she said. “These hands-on activities encouraged creativity, sparked conversations, and helped students interact with one another while having fun. The excitement and energy throughout the event made it easy for youth to connect and engage.”

The Youth Center serves youth in grades 7-12 and is

an important part of the CYS continuum of care. Beyond providing a safe place for teens to gather, the program offers recreational activities, leadership development, educational support, service-learning opportunities through Keystone Club, and experiences that help youth build confidence, independence, and lifelong skills. The program also provides a place for youth to connect with friends, explore new interests, and develop leadership abilities in a safe, supervised environment.

For many students, the Glow Party was their first opportunity to experience the Youth Center as future members rather than elementary school students. One incoming seventh grader said the event made them excited for the opportunities ahead. “I’ve been looking forward to being able to come to the Youth Center in the evenings,” the

student said. "It seems like there's always something fun happening, and I can't wait to be part of it."

Smock said the event reflected the Youth Center's mission of creating a welcoming environment where youth feel valued and connected. "The Glow Party reflects our mission by giving youth a safe, welcoming space where they can socialize, express themselves, and build positive relationships," she said. "Through engaging activities and supportive staff interactions, students were able to have fun while feeling included and valued. Events like this help create a sense of belonging that is central to everything we do at the Youth Center."

Youth Center staff hope the event helps students feel welcomed and supported as they move into this new stage of their lives. "The move from sixth grade to seventh grade is an exciting milestone for our youth," Smock said. "The Glow Party gave students a chance to celebrate their accomplishments, learn about the opportunities available to them, and begin building connections before they officially join the Youth Center community. We want every youth to know they belong here."



Smock also emphasized that the Youth Center offers far more than after-school recreation. "I want families to know that the Youth Center provides opportunities for leadership, community service, recreation, academic support, special events, and social connections," she said. "Our goal is to help youth develop confidence, discover new interests, and build meaningful friendships in a positive environment. We

encourage all incoming seventh graders to get involved and take advantage of the many opportunities available throughout the year."

As the school year ends and summer begins, the newest members of the Youth Center community can look forward to expanded opportunities for recreation, leadership, service, and fun. The Glow Party served as more than just a celebration, it was a bright welcome into the next

stage of their CYS journey.

"The event was energetic because students were excited and actively participating throughout the evening," Smock said. "It was welcoming because everyone was encouraged to join in and make new connections. Most importantly, it was memorable because it gave incoming students a fun and positive start to the summer." ▾





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## COMMUNITY

# CRUISING KWAJALEIN AND ROI-NAMUR THE RIGHT WAY: GOLF CART ETIQUETTE & RENTALS MADE EASY

*Everything you need to roll through the islands responsibly.*

### HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Story Writer

On Kwajalein and Roi-Namur, life moves at its own unique pace — one where golf carts aren't just a convenience, they're a way of life. Whether you're heading to the marina, or catching a sunset by the lagoon, knowing proper golf cart protocol and how to rent one through Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) can make your island experience smoother, safer, and more enjoyable.

Golf carts may be small, but the responsibility that comes with driving one is big. Our tight-knit communities rely on shared respect and awareness to keep everyone safe. The island cart culture is simple: courtesy comes first.

Here are a few key etiquette tips every driver should follow:

- **Pedestrians Have the Right of Way**

Always yield and be mindful—especially around housing areas, schools, and high foot-traffic zones.

- **Keep It Slow and Steady**

Speed limits aren't just suggestions. Drive cautiously and adjust for weather, visibility, and crowded areas.

- **No Distractions Behind the Wheel**

Stay focused. Phones, loud music, or overcrowded carts can quickly turn into safety hazards.

- **Park with Purpose**

Be considerate when parking. Avoid blocking walkways, entrances, or other vehicles.

- **Night Safety Matters**

Use lights when required and ensure your cart is visible after dark.

Living on our little islands means sharing space, and a little courtesy goes a long way.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO RESERVE YOUR GOLF CART

DOWNLOAD

**MWR APP NOW**

### Hours of Operation

**EVERYDAY**  
8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

### Prices / Hourly

2 Seater - \$ 7.00

4 Seater - \$ 7.00

6 Seater - \$ 9.00

8 Seater - \$ 10.00

Truck - \$ 15.00

If you're in need of a cart, no problem. Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) makes it easy to rent one for your daily needs or special occasions. Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) makes it easy to rent one for your daily needs or special occasions.

According to former MWR Supervisor Oana Neagu, the rental process has recently been streamlined for convenience and accessibility.

Here's how it works:

### 1. Reserve Through the MWR Cart Rental App

All rentals are managed through the MWR Cart Rental App, where customers can check real-time availability and reserve carts in advance—especially helpful during busy seasons or com-

munity events.

### 2. Flexible Hourly and Daily Rentals

Carts are rented on an hourly or daily basis, giving users flexibility based on their needs. Weekly or monthly rentals are not currently offered.

### 3. Simple Checkout Process

Renters complete a quick agreement through the app and receive instructions for pickup.

### 4. Know the Expectations

While there are no deposits required and MWR handles maintenance, renters are responsible for returning carts in the same condition they were received.

### 5. Be Aware of Additional Fees

A \$20 flat fee applies for late returns, and lost or damaged keys incur a \$10 charge.

### 6. Pick Up and Go

Once reserved, carts can be picked up during operating hours and are ready to cruise.

### 7. Hours of Operation:

Cart Rental is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### 8. Returning Your Cart:

Carts should be returned to the Cart Rental location. For after-hours returns (8:00 p.m. to midnight), simply park the cart at the rental area and drop the keys off at the Oceanview Club.

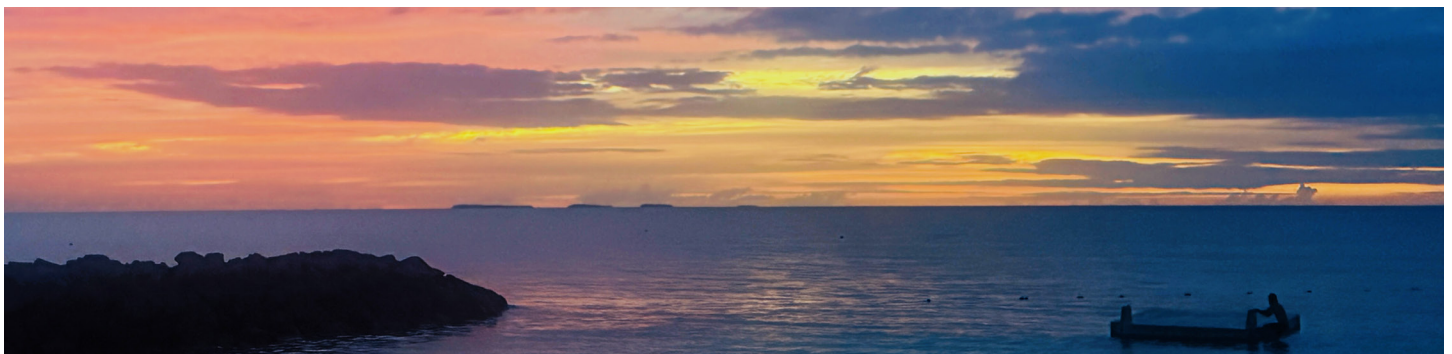
Availability can vary, so planning ahead is always a smart move. As a new community benefit, 14 new golf carts have been added to the fleet. Two carts will now be

added to Roi-Namur's fleet.

Also available for rental is a sturdier F-150 pickup truck if you need to move large items like furniture—please do not over-burden our carts.

Golf carts are more than transportation on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur — they're part of the island's rhythm and lifestyle. By following proper etiquette and understanding the rental process, you're not just getting from point A to point B — you're contributing to a safer, more connected community.

So, buckle up, slow down, and enjoy the ride — Kwajalein and Roi-Namur style. ▼



# PUBLIC NOTICE

**Notice of Availability  
USAG-KA Draft Document of Environmental Protection  
for Air Emissions From Major and Synthetic Minor Stationary Sources**

The U.S. Army - Kwajalein Atoll (USAKA) Environmental Standards (UES) require specific USAKA activities with the potential to affect public health and the environment must be defined in a Document of Environmental Protection (DEP). The UES further provides a review and comment period by the public and the regulatory agencies on the draft DEP.

The Draft DEP for the continued activity associated with Air Emissions from Major and Synthetic Minor Stationary Sources includes the operations and conditions to provide air quality protection at the U.S. Army Garrison - Kwajalein Atoll.

The public is invited to review and comment on the Draft DEP. The Draft DEP and the UES are available for review at the Grace Sherwood Library (Kwajalein Island), the Roi-Namur Library, and the RMI Environmental Protection Authority (RMEPA) offices on Ebeye and Majuro.

Written comments regarding the Draft DEP can be directed to:

Gus Aljure  
U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll  
Attn: V2X Environmental Services  
PSC 701 - Building 357  
APO AP 96555-9998

Or sent electronically to:

Gustavo.A.Aljure.ctr@army.mil

A period of at least 30 days will be provided for public comment. Comments on the Draft DEP should be postmarked no later than June 8, 2026.

**Naan In Kokabilokok  
USAG-KA Draft Document of Environmental Protection non  
Air Emissions From Major and Synthetic Minor Stationary Sources**

The U.S. Army - Kwajalein Atoll (USAKA) Environmental Standards (UES) ej aikuj bwe aolep makitit ko an USAG-KA make im remaron jelet ejmour eo an jukjukin ped eo ren alikar ilo Document of Environmental Protection (DEP). UES ej bareinwot remaanlok wot im lala melele keim jen public im kakien ko jen agencies ikijen draft in DEP.

Draft DEP in ej wonmanlok kin makitit ko bedbed wot ion Air Emissions jen Major im Synthetic Minor Stationary Sources ekoba makitit im wewein ko ikijen air quality nan kejbroke eo ilo U.S. Army Garrison - Kwajalein Atoll.

Aolep rej ruwainene nan lala im iik aer melele ikijen Draft DEP in. Draft DEP in kab UES ej bellok nan advoj lala ilo Grace Sherwood Library (Kwajalein Island), im ilo Roi-Namur Library, im bareinwot ilo opij ko an RMI Environmental Protection Authority ion Ebeye kab Majuro.

Ne ewor melele ak Kakobaba nan Draft DEP in remaron etal non:

Gus Aljure  
U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll  
Attn: V2X Environmental Services  
PSC 701 - Building 735  
APO AP 96555-9998

Ak jilintok nan email in lal:

Gustavo. A. Aljure.ctr@army.mil

Enaj bellok iumwin 30 raan non jabdwot eo ekonaa likit melele ko ak wawein im lemmak ko kin DEP Draft in. melele keim rej aikuj postmark mokta jen June 8, 2026.



**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 keim 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 Konaer**

Navy eo im Army eo rej karuwaineneik 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 (Loo 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/JFCSecondSupplemental/EA> ak ilo public laibrare keim: 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/JFCSecondSupplemental/EA>  
or by mail to:

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# 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.

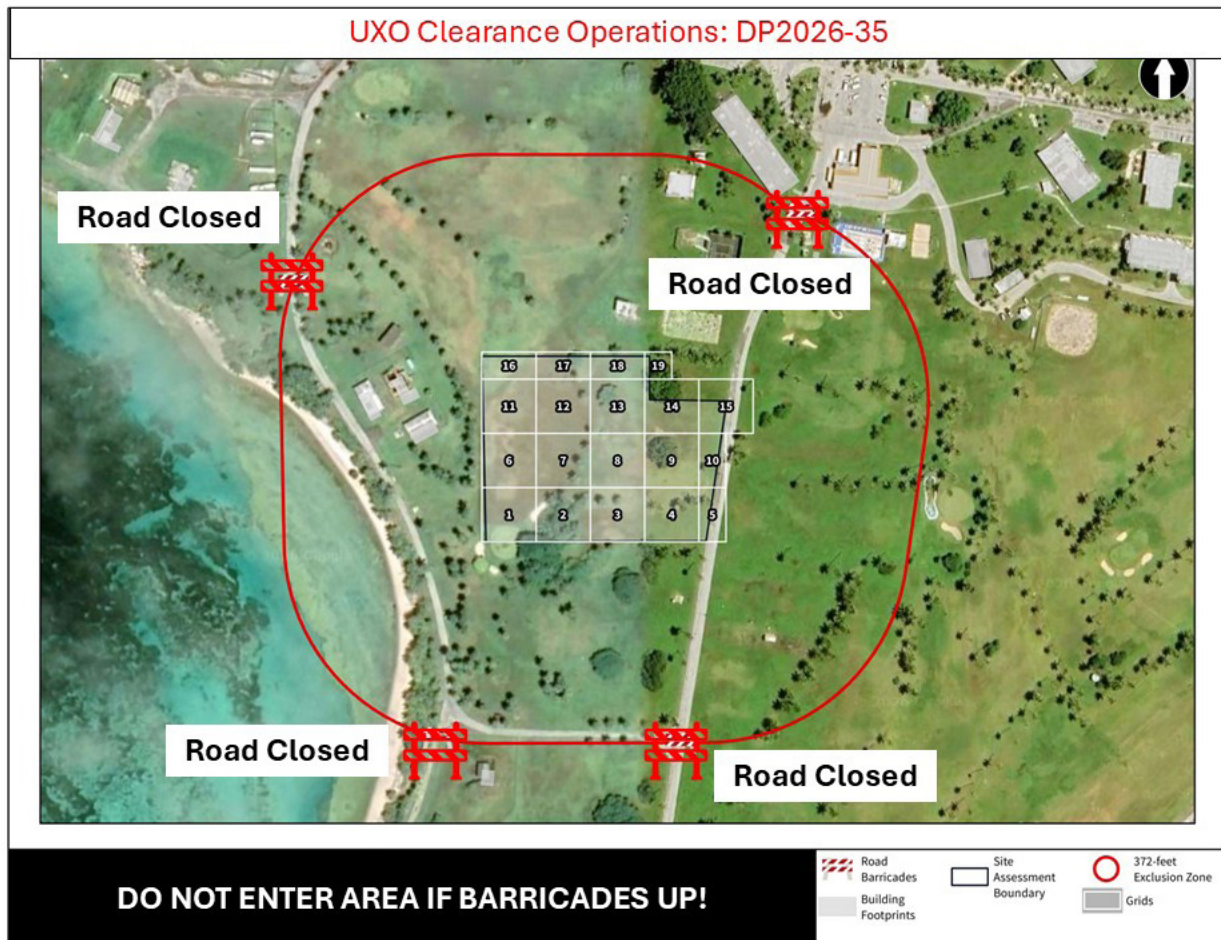
Daily operations: 6:00 AM – 4:30 PM

**Schedule:** Sunday – Thursday 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.**





# Community Notice

## New Matting at Millican Family Pool

New matting is currently being put in place at the Millican Family Pool. While the project will take a few days, the pool will remain open during regularly scheduled hours. Please visit the pool to see how the new matting feels to bare feet!



# Community Notice

## WELCOME TO THE ZAMPERINI SOUTH!

### Hours of Operation:

#### Breakfast:

Tuesday – Saturday and  
Army Food Program Holidays 0600-0730  
Sunday – Monday 0730-0900

#### Lunch:

Tuesday – Sunday 1130-1300

#### Dinner:

1600-1800





# 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



## E-wareness: Drum Labels

Contact Environmental at 480-0722 for information.

Labels provide vital information about chemical hazards and help prevent accidents. All hazardous materials and waste drums must be properly labeled. Hazardous Waste is now translated to Marshallese. Contact *V2X Environmental* with questions.

### MARSHALLESE TRANSLATION

Label ko rej letok melele ko raurok ikijeen ta eo ej bed ilowan drum eo im remaron in bobrae kij jen jorran. Aolep container ak drum ko ewor men ko rekauwotata ie rej aikuj in wor aer label. Kojerbal label in Marshallese, "KWOBEJ KO REKAUWOTATA" Kir *V2X Environmental Department* kin kajitok.





### 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**

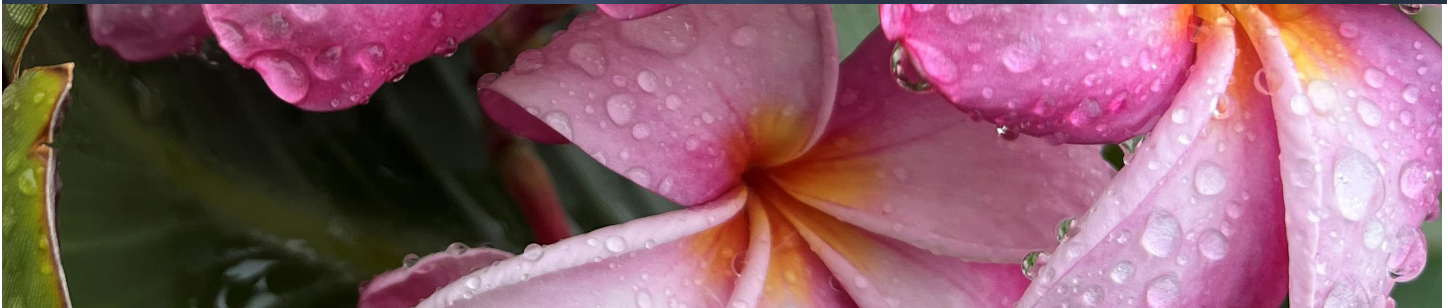
**To find out the requirements to obtain a base license**

**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   | SUNDAY           | MONDAY                                  | TUESDAY                         | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY                        |  | FRIDAY                         | SATURDAY                        |
|---|------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| FLIGHT NUMBER   | <b>NO FLIGHT</b> | <b>UA155</b>                            | <b>UA154</b>                    | <b>UA133</b>                                     | <b>UA132</b>                    | <b>UA155</b>                                     | <b>UA154</b>                   | <b>NO FLIGHT</b>                |
| 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<br>↓<br>4:50PM                   | 10:30AM<br>↓<br>11:10AM         | 2:15PM<br>↓<br>4:15PM                            | 11:00AM<br>↓<br>11:40AM         | 2:30PM<br>↓<br>4:50PM                            | 10:30AM<br>↓<br>11:10AM        |                                 |
| ARRIVAL TIME  |                  | 5:40PM                                  | 12:00PM                         | 5:00PM   | 1225PM                          | 5:40PM   | 12:00PM                        |                                 |
| <b>CHECK-IN COUNTERS CLOSES NINETY (90) MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED DEPARTURE</b>            |                  |   |                                 |  |                                 |  |                                |                                 |
| 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                                |                                 |  |                                 |  |                                |                                 |
| <b>SECURITY SCREENING CHECKPOINT CLOSES SIXTY (60) MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED DEPARTURE</b> |                  |   |                                 |  |                                 |  |                                |                                 |
| CARGO HOURS   |                  | 9:30AM-2:30PM<br>6:00PM-6:30PM          | 9:00AM-10:45AM<br>1:30PM-4:30PM | 9:30AM-11:00AM<br>1:00PM-2:15PM<br>5:45PM-6:00PM | 9:00AM-11:00AM<br>1:30PM-4:30PM | 9:00AM-11:00AM<br>1:30PM-2:30PM<br>6:00PM-6:30PM | 9:00AM-1045AM<br>1:30PM-4:30PM | 9:30AM-11:00AM<br>2:00PM-4:30PM |

**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](http://www.asiapacificairlines.com)



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

COMPLETE THE SURVEY BY JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> 2026 FOR A CHANCE TO WIN  
2 ROUND-TRIP TICKETS ON AIR MARSHALL ISLANDS TO YOUR CHOICE OF ATOLL:  
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**26-27 KINDERGARTEN**

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**CALL  
480-3601  
for an online  
link**



# **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



# ALWAYS CALL...

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



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](mailto: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.

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# PASSPORT

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



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To schedule an appointment,  
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[KwajaleinHourglass@gov2x.com](mailto:KwajaleinHourglass@gov2x.com)



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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:George.Parker@gov2x.com)  
[Wilson.Kaisha@gov2x.com](mailto:Wilson.Kaisha@gov2x.com)  
...or stop by Bldg. 856, Rm 101



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“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

An increase in shower activity can be expected across Kwajalein Atoll to wrap up the workweek as a modest trade wind trough transits the region. Relatively dry weather can be expected over the weekend, especially during the daytime hours. Winds will remain gentle and out of the east northeast in the upper single digits, dropping into the mid-single digits Monday. Trade winds will slowly come back next week along with the potential for the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone to reorganize across the south-central RMI, increasing shower and thunderstorm potential.

## SATURDAY

Partly to mostly cloudy

with isolated to widely scattered showers and stray thunderstorms. Winds NE-E at 8-13 knots with higher gusts possible near showers.

## SUNDAY

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

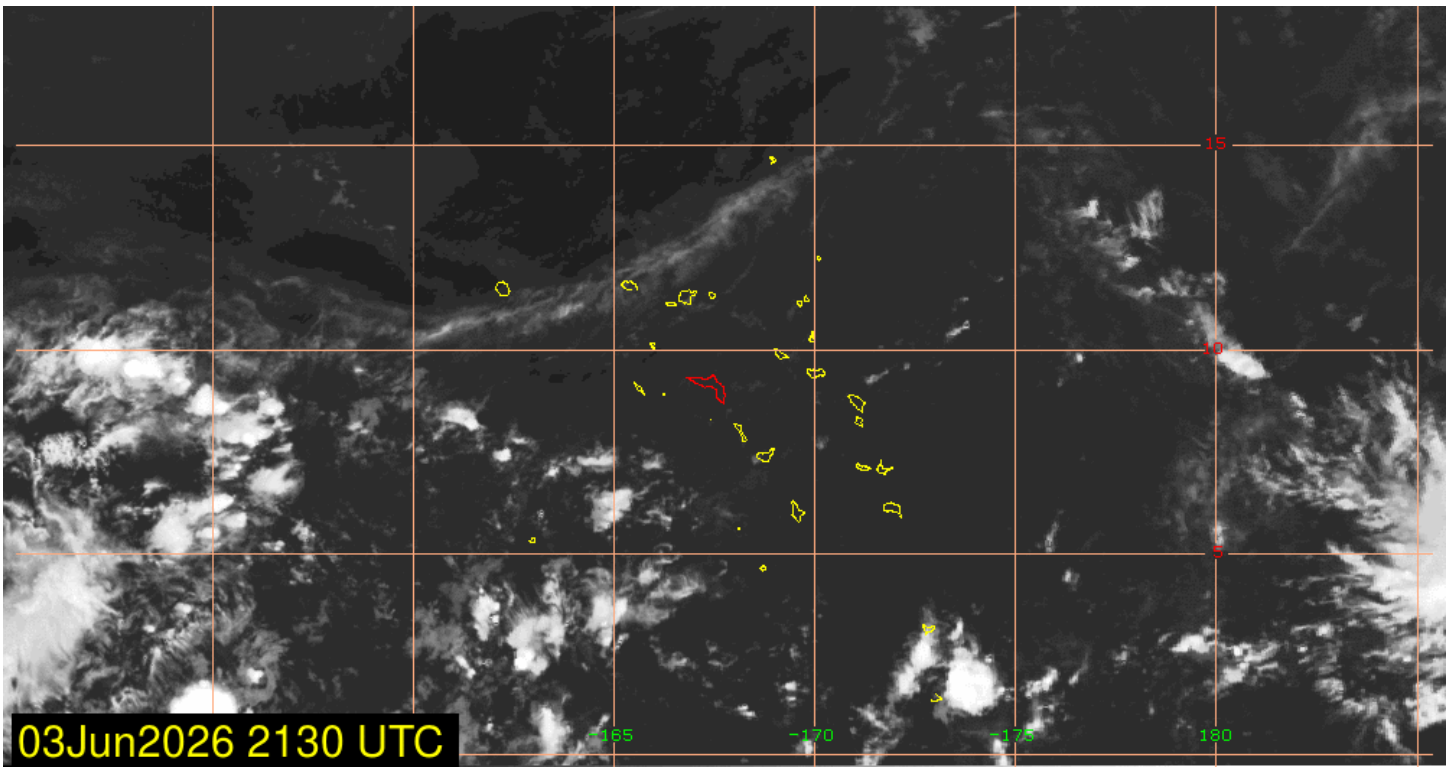
## MONDAY

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

## NEXT WEEK

Gradually increasing trade winds with potential troughing associated with a redeveloping ITCZ across the RMI. Winds will increase into the lower and middle teens by mid-week.

|  <b>SUN-MOON-TIDES</b> |                        |                          |                                    |                                  |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|   | SUNRISE<br>SUNSET      | MOONRISE<br>MOONSET      | HIGH TIDE                          | LOW TIDE                         |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>   | 6:29 a.m.<br>7:06 p.m. | -----<br>11:46 a.m.      | 8:09 a.m. 3.6'<br>8:59 p.m. 2.7'   | 1:42 a.m. 0.9'<br>2:50 p.m. 0.7' |
| <b>MONDAY</b>   | 6:29 a.m.<br>7:07 p.m. | 12:23 a.m.<br>12:34 p.m. | 9:07 a.m. 3.4'<br>10:14 p.m. 2.8'  | 2:43 a.m. 1.2'<br>3:50 p.m. 0.8' |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>  | 6:30 a.m.<br>7:07 p.m. | 1:02 a.m.<br>1:21 p.m.   | 10:20 a.m. 3.2'<br>11:32 p.m. 3.1' | 4:05 a.m. 1.3'<br>4:58 p.m. 0.8' |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>  | 6:30 a.m.<br>7:07 p.m. | 1:42 a.m.<br>2:11 p.m.   | 11:40 a.m. 3.1'<br>-----           | 5:37 a.m. 1.2'<br>6:05 p.m. 0.7' |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>   | 6:30 a.m.<br>7:07 p.m. | 2:25 a.m.<br>3:03 p.m.   | 12:40 a.m. 3.5'<br>12:54 p.m. 3.2' | 6:58 a.m. 0.9'<br>7:04 p.m. 0.5' |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>   | 6:30 a.m.<br>7:08 p.m. | 3:11 a.m.<br>4:00 p.m.   | 1:37 a.m. 3.9'<br>1:58 p.m. 3.3'   | 8:03 a.m. 0.4'<br>7:57 p.m. 0.3' |
| <b>JUNE 13</b>  | 6:30 a.m.<br>7:08 p.m. | 4:03 a.m.<br>5:03 p.m.   | 2:28 a.m. 4.3'<br>2:54 p.m. 3.4'   | 8:59 a.m. 0.0'<br>8:47 p.m. 0.0' |



# WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

**Discussion:**

Finished May at 12.32", which was 5.71" above normal for the month. We have received just under 40" of precipitation for the year at 15.5" above normal. We are starting this first week of June on the drier than normal side. We will see elevated shower coverage Saturday afternoon into early Sunday and on Tuesday. 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 Friday night into early Saturday morning. 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, for the time, collapsed into a Near Equatorial Trough (NET) over the southern RMI, which by nature does not have the best surface forcing but does offer some for shower development. If it were closer, we would see greater shower coverage. El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is now in El Nino phase and expected to intensify 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.

**Damaging West Winds /**

**Westerly Swell:**

Not anticipated. Will watch the 2nd and the 3rd.

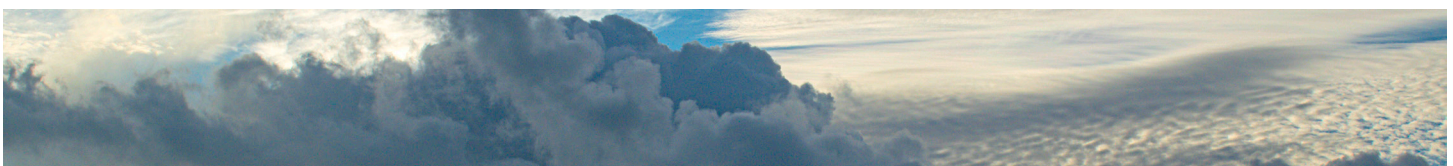
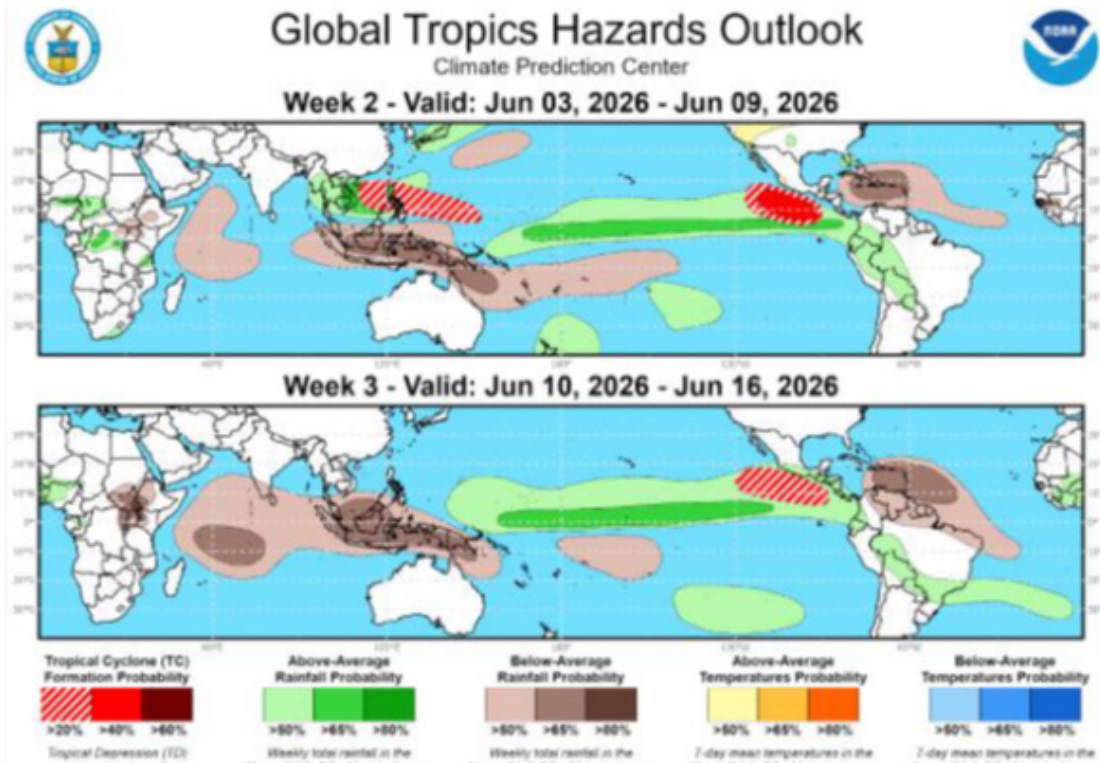
**Swell / Tide Inudation For Kwajalein Atoll and Wake Island and Winds:**

The waning half-moon will occur on the 8th with nap high tides all below four feet. Winds: the doldrum winds that we have had for the last two days will give way to some trade wind recovery as the afternoon progresses today. For the rest of the week and through Sunday, winds will be in the 6-11 knot range, coming down to only about 4-8 knots on Monday into Tuesday with calm conditions at time. 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 Adviso-

ry (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!*

