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COMMUNITY

A FEW GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL: KWAJALEIN COMMUNITY HONORS SACRIFICE

HOURLASS REPORT

By **Isaiah Matthews**,
Hourglass Story Writer

As the final notes of “Taps” drifted across Kwajalein and the flag slowly descended to half-staff, the crowd gathered in silence.

For a few moments, conversations stopped. Movement paused. The steady pace of daily life gave way to reflection.

For many attending this year’s Memorial Day ceremony, the observance served as more than tradition or routine. It was a reminder of sacrifice, service and the lives carried forward in memory long after the battlefield falls silent. Maj. Christopher Chachakis, who served as master of ceremony, said he hoped the event encouraged the community to pause and remember the foundation upon which both the island and the nation were built.

“I hope today helped peo-

ple remember,” Chachakis reflected. “This is a military island, but it’s built on sacrifice. I hope everybody remembers that sacrifice.”

Throughout the ceremony, residents, military personnel, veterans and families gathered together in shared remembrance of those who gave their lives in service to the nation.

For Chachakis, Memorial Day represents something fundamentally different from other military observances throughout the year. Unlike holidays that broadly recognize military service or honor specific victories and historical events, Memorial Day centers specifically on those who never returned home.

“This one specifically is about the fallen,” Chachakis emphasized.

That distinction, he explained, is what gives the observance its emotional weight. While patriotic celebrations often focus on pride, strength and service, Memorial Day asks communities to

confront sacrifice directly. It asks people to remember not only history itself, but the human cost behind it.

“Looking toward the future is great,” Chachakis explained. “But we can’t forget where we came from. We can’t forget what led to us getting here, and we can’t forget the sacrifices that were made so we could exist today.”

On Kwajalein, where military history remains deeply connected to everyday life, those reflections often carry additional meaning.

The island’s identity has long been shaped by service members, veterans and the generations of people who have supported military missions throughout the Pacific. Memorial Day, for many residents, becomes both personal and communal.

That sense of collective remembrance was visible throughout the ceremony as attendees stood quietly during moments of silence, listened to speakers share reflections and watched mil-

itary traditions unfold with solemn respect.

For Chachakis, ceremonies like this serve an important purpose because they force people to step away from distraction and intentionally reflect.

“By having that deliberate pause, that purposeful look back, it helps keep those who have fallen in our minds,” Chachakis explained. “We don’t get swept up in the day-to-day or only focused on the future.”

In a world increasingly driven by constant movement, quick attention spans and endless distractions, Chachakis believes that pause matters.

Without moments of remembrance, he warned, people risk losing touch with the sacrifices that shaped the freedoms and opportunities they experience today.

That responsibility, he said, also extends to younger generations.

“The younger generation has a responsibility to keep

it going,” Chachakis noted. “As soon as we forget where we came from, we’re bound to repeat the mistakes we’ve made before.”

His comments reflected one of the ceremony’s larger themes: remembrance is not passive. It requires effort. It requires communities willing to preserve stories, honor sacrifice and continue traditions even as generations change.

Throughout the morning, several moments resonated strongly with attendees, but Chachakis said two portions of the ceremony stood out most to him personally.

“The two biggest moments for me were Lt. Col. Kevin Smith talking about the fallen people in his life and how he still carries them with him,” Chachakis shared.

Those reflections, rooted in personal loss and lived experience, reinforced the reality that Memorial Day is not simply about history found in textbooks or ceremonies performed once a year. For many

service members and veterans, remembrance remains deeply personal.

The second moment came during one of the ceremony’s most recognizable military traditions.

“It always gets to me when ‘Taps’ is played and we watch the flag go to half-staff,” Chachakis reflected quietly.

The simple combination of music, silence and symbolism created one of the ceremony’s most emotional moments, reminding attendees of the solemn purpose behind the observance.

Although Memorial Day ceremonies occur throughout the United States every year, the observance on Kwajalein carries a unique atmosphere shaped by the island’s close-knit nature and longstanding military connection.

People from different backgrounds gathered together not out of obligation, but out of shared respect.

Veterans stood beside civilians. Families stood be-



side active-duty personnel. Children observed traditions many are only beginning to understand.

For a brief time, the community united not around celebration, but around remembrance.

As the ceremony concluded and attendees slowly departed, the atmosphere remained reflective.

Some lingered quietly near the memorial area. Others spoke softly among family and friends. The weight of the ceremony seemed to remain even after the final notes of music faded.

For Chachakis, that lingering reflection represents the true purpose of Memorial Day.

Not spectacle. Not ceremony for ceremony’s sake. But remembrance strong enough to endure long after the event itself ends.

“We can’t forget,” Chachakis said. “That’s the most important thing.”



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MORE THAN A BEACH DAY: KWAJALEIN COMES TOGETHER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagnon,
Hourglass Story Writer

As families gather under the palm trees at Emon Beach this Memorial Day, the sounds of laughter, live music, bouncing inflatables, and children racing through obstacle courses will once again fill the shoreline. Families will line up for pizza, churros, and cold drinks while kids dart between bounce houses and beach games. But behind the celebration is something deeper, a community pausing together to remember the meaning behind the holiday.

For many communities, Memorial Day can easily become just another long weekend. On Kwajalein, however, the day carries a different kind of significance.

"In a military-connected community like Kwajalein, Memorial Day carries a different kind of weight," explained Scott Hill, Community Ser-

vices Senior Director. "Many people here have direct ties to military service, whether personally or through family members and friends. Coming together reminds us that remembrance is not something we do alone, it's something communities do together."

That balance between remembrance and togetherness is at the heart of the annual Memorial Day celebration at Emon Beach. Throughout the evening, families can enjoy live entertainment, meet Ms. Kwajalein, cheer on competitors during the community pie eating contest, and let youth burn off energy in the Kids Zone filled with obstacle courses and bounce houses. While the event includes food, games, and opportunities for children to simply enjoy being kids, organizers are intentional about ensuring the purpose of the day remains present throughout the celebration.

"It's important that the day



feels welcoming and family-friendly while still respecting the meaning behind Memorial Day," Hill said. "The fun activities help bring the community together, but we try to ensure the purpose of the day stays present throughout the event. It's about creating space for both gratitude and togetherness."

And for the children at-

tending, those joyful moments are often what make the day memorable while also opening the door for meaningful conversations.

Maxson Bell is most excited to "play tag with my friends at the Memorial Day celebration at Emon Beach," and says Memorial Day is important because "we celebrate Memorial Day to honor our dead

soldiers.” Of course, in true Kwaj fashion, he also noted that what makes the celebration extra special is “the bouncy house at Emon Beach.”

Sadie Riccardi is looking forward to “all the activities at the Memorial Day party on Emon Beach” and shared that Memorial Day is celebrated “because of the fallen soldiers.” For kids like Sadie, the beach celebration creates memories while helping younger generations begin to understand the importance of gratitude and remembrance.

“I hope children grow up understanding that Memorial Day is more than just a

day off or a beach event,” Hill said. “It’s about gratitude, service, and remembering people who gave something bigger than themselves.”

Throughout the day, some of the most meaningful moments are often not the loudest ones.

“Sometimes it’s the quieter moments that matter most,” Hill reflected. “Watching generations of families gathered, seeing children ask questions about why we celebrate Memorial Day, or hearing conversations between veterans and younger community members. Those small moments remind you why events like this matter.”

As another Memorial Day



PHOTO BY ANNETTE MONK

approached, the community will once again come together at Emon Beach, not only to celebrate, but to remember. “We want people to leave feeling connected,” Hill said.

“Connected to each other, connected to the community, and connected to the reason we pause on Memorial Day in the first place.”



HONORING HERITAGE AND COMMUNITY: MISS KWAJALEIN'S HEARTFELT HOMECOMING AT EMON BEACH

By Annette Monk,
Hourglass Story Writer

HOURLASS REPORT

The spirit of unity and island pride was evident as Miss Kwajalein 2026, Marlynn Stephen, returned to both Kwajalein and Ebeye and joined this year's Memorial Day celebration at Emon Beach. Community members gathered not only to enjoy the festivities, but also to warmly welcome back a young woman who continues to embody the beauty, strength, and cultural heritage of the Marshallese people.

As the Host Nation for U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll, the Republic of the Marshall Islands plays a vital role in sustaining community cohesion, preserving ancient seafaring and ecological traditions, and anchoring a deep ancestral identity built on resilience and partnership. The Miss Kwajalein and Miss Marshall Islands pageantry programs further support this mission by empowering young women to serve as cultural ambassadors — champions of heritage, environmental respect, and community unity.

Throughout the celebration, families, friends, and residents lined up for the opportunity to meet Marlynn, take photographs, and spend time fellowshiping with her. Her presence brought smiles to many as she graciously greeted attendees and embraced the opportunity to reconnect with the community she proudly represents.

As Miss Kwajalein, Marlynn serves as more than a titleholder, she stands as a symbol of heritage, leadership, and cultural pride. Through her poise, kindness, and dedication, she continues to inspire young people across the Marshall Islands while honoring the traditions and values deeply rooted within Marshallese culture.

Her appearance at the Memorial Day

gathering underscored the importance of togetherness, remembrance, and cultural pride. Residents shared their appreciation for her willingness to engage with everyone and for representing the Marshallese people with grace and authenticity.

The celebration at Emon Beach provided a meaningful opportunity for residents and visitors alike to come together in fellowship, reflection, and joy while honoring both cherished community traditions and the spirit of Memorial Day.

"I want to inspire young girls to know their worth and their abilities. I hope to empower them to discover possibilities and achieve their goals while preserving and nurturing our cultural values. Determination and perseverance are in our blood and our culture," Marlynn shared.

One community member added, "Having Miss Kwajalein present during Memorial Day meant so much to our community because she represents more than just a title—she represents our culture, pride, and the spirit of togetherness. Seeing her fellowship with families, honor the occasion, and connect with everyone at Emon Beach reminded us how important it is to celebrate both remembrance and community unity together."

Looking ahead, Marlynn shared her excitement for what's next: "I'm incredibly honored to represent Kwajalein Atoll, and I'm looking forward to preparing for the Miss Marshall Islands pageant this July. This journey is bigger than me, it's about representing our people, our culture, and the pride we have in our community. Every opportunity





that God gives me to stand for Kwajalein allows me to share the beauty, strength, and unity of our island with others, and that means everything to me.”





PHOTOS BY ANTHONY CARNELLI

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UNDER THE BIG TOP: PRE-K GRADUATES TAKE CENTER STAGE AT CYS CIRCUS CELEBRATION

HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagnon,
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The CYS Pre-K graduation ceremony transformed into a full circus spectacular this week as families gathered to celebrate the newest class of kindergarten-bound students. Complete with colorful decorations, laughter, music, and plenty of personality, the circus-themed event perfectly captured the spirit of a group described by Bako staff as “spunky, funny, and unforgettable.”

Behind the fun and celebration is something much bigger: the Army’s Strong Beginnings initiative, designed to ensure children enter kindergarten socially, emotionally, physically, and academically prepared for success. Through the CYS Pre-K program, children are given opportunities to build confidence, independence,

communication skills, problem-solving abilities, and a lifelong love of learning, all through developmentally appropriate, hands-on experiences.

For Katy Hensley, CYS Child Development Center Supervisor, the Pre-K year represents one of the most important transitions in early childhood.

“I think the Pre-K year is such an important stage because it is truly the bridge between early childhood and the beginning of their school journey,” Hensley explained. “This is the year where so many things start to ‘click’ for children. They begin learning how to problem solve, communicate their feelings, build friendships, gain independence, and become confident in themselves as learners.

She emphasized that the year is about far more than academics. “It is not just about academics, it is about helping children develop the

social and emotional skills that will support them for the rest of their lives,” she said. “In Pre-K, you really get to watch children discover who they are and realize they are capable of so much.”

And if this year’s graduation celebration proved anything, it is that these graduates are certainly capable of bringing energy. Between the circus décor, singing performance, and the occasional adorable clown show moment from excited graduates waving enthusiastically at their families, the event was filled with the kind of joyful chaos only Pre-K can deliver.

According to Hensley, the growth seen between the first day of school and graduation is often remarkable. “At the beginning of the year, many children come in shy, unsure, or needing a lot of support with routines and emotional regulation,” she said. “By graduation, they are often confident, independent, cu-

rious, and excited to learn.”

That growth is something families notice too. For Tabitha Koehler and Jonathan Koehler, the biggest change they saw in their son Henry was his growing independence and confidence.

“The biggest change we’ve seen in Henry is his improvement in drawing and writing,” they shared. “We are most proud of all of the independence Henry gained this year.”

They also reflected on some of the moments Henry talked about most at home. “Our favorite memory Henry shared is all of the fun he had making the dancing videos, and all of the fun he had with Coach Annie in functional fitness!”

For Floyd Corder, the graduation ceremony carried an especially meaningful connection to Kwajalein family history. “Luka will be the sixth child in the family that has gone through Pre-K here on Kwajalein,” Corder shared.

He noted that one of the biggest changes in Luka this year was becoming more outgoing and developing a better sleep schedule, something many parents of preschoolers can likely appreciate.

One of Luka's favorite memories from the year involved a little preschool mischief. "When he first started Pre-K and had nap time, he came home laughing and saying that he was fake napping and pranked the teachers thinking he was sleeping for real," Corder said.

The family is especially proud of Luka's growth in writing letters and learning simple math skills, while also feeling emotional about this next stage.

"He is our last child, so it is especially emotional watching him start kindergarten," Corder said. "He will be attending the same school system here on Kwaj that both his older siblings and his parents started in, which makes this milestone even more meaningful for our family."

For Hensley, watching children reach this milestone is one of the most rewarding parts of working in early

childhood education. "This group reaching graduation means so much to me personally because many of these children were becoming preschoolers when I first started working here," she said. "I have had the privilege of watching them grow through so many stages of childhood."

She described the graduating class as one of the "spunkiest, funniest, and most memorable groups" she has worked with.

"My favorite part is watching children slowly grow into themselves over time," Hensley added. "Seeing a child come into the CDC as a tiny toddler or young preschooler and then eventually walk across the stage at Pre-K graduation is such a full-circle moment."

As these graduates prepare to head into kindergarten, the CYS team hopes families remember not only the academic growth, but also the joy, friendships, creativity, and confidence built along the way.

"I hope families remember how loved, supported, and celebrated their children were during their time in the



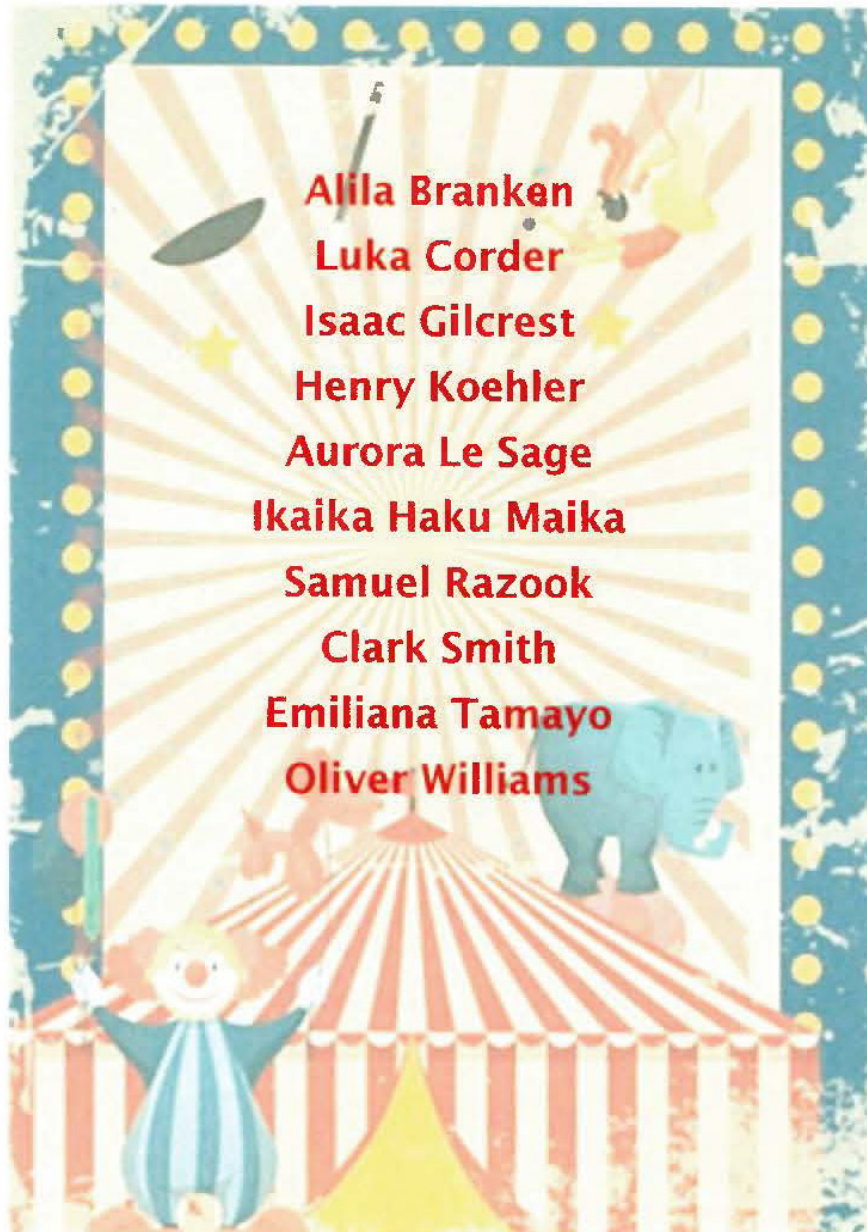
program," Hensley said.

Families interested in the Army Strong Beginnings Pre-K program can now register for the new class beginning this August. As this year's Pre-K graduation celebration demonstrated, the program is about far more than preparing children academically, it is about helping them grow into confident, curious learners who are excited for their next adventure. The program is open to children who will be entering kindergarten in Fall 2027. For more information, contact or stop by CYS Central Registration. ▴



The 2026 Graduates!

Our Little Performers Are Ready for the Next Act



Good Luck in Kindergarten

The Spotlight Is Yours!



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Care - We all know that life on Kwajalein Atoll can be beautiful and challenging at the same time. It is very important that you take the time for **SELF-CARE**: Mentally, Spiritually, and Physically. And throughout your day take a moment to check on each other: **family, friends, and co-workers** alike.

Passport Services on Roi - USAG-KA will be conducting Passport Services to Roi-Namur Residents on June 25 to include taking passport photos. To make an appointment email: usarmy.bucholz.usarpac.mbx.kwaj-passport-applications@army.mil

Power Outages - The power outages that have been occurring this week are complete. A BIG Thank You to the power team for making this controlled outage go as smoothly as possible.

Abandoned Property - The USAG-KA Policy 25 controlling abandoned property is active and on the website **HERE**. The first area that will be looked at is the Private Boat Lot.

Hunt Bros Pizza - Hunt Brothers Pizza is still down, new oven has been ordered but arrival date is not set as of yet.

Mission Freeze - The next RTR Mission Freeze goes into effect today, May 30th 4:30pm and spans until mission complete.



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A New Star - USAG-Kwajalein Atoll's previous Commander, Col. Drew Morgan was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General May 28th, 2026. Congratulations Sir on reaching the stars again.

Zamperini Dining Area - The closure of half of the Zamperini DFAC dinning area is a small portion of the complete remodel of the entire facility. The backside kitchen area has been gutted and completely remodeled. The construction focus has now been shifted to the dinning area. Thank You for your patience as crews work hard to provide the best dinning opportunities for Kwajalein Atoll residents.

Zamperini South - Zamperini South is open for business starting 15 May 2026. The DFAC will serve a limited menu consisting of a hot breakfast, sandwich and snack lunch, and a hot dinner while we ramp up operations. Hours of operations are as follows:

Breakfast:

Tues-Sat- 0530-0800
Sun-Mon- 0730-0900

Lunch:

Tues-Mon- 1100-1300

Dinner:

Tues-Mon- 1630-1900

AAFES Jobs - AAFES has multiple job opportunities available here on Kwaj. See more at www.applymyexchange.com



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My Army Post App is ACTIVE - For all things Kwajalein Atoll, go to your app store on your mobile device and download the **My Army Post** app. EVENTS-LOCATIONS-HOURS-PHONE and ALERTS for Kwaj and Roi-Namur. Currently there are 304 people taking advantage of this GREAT information source. Help spread the word so everyone has the knowledge.

Outrigger Remodel - Work on the outrigger kitchen continues and has expanded to the inside portion, which means the kitchen area is closed until completion. Timeframe for remodel is estimated to be 45 days.

Facility Managers - Want to help in your area? Facility Managers aid the work orders and maintenance efforts. Email Naomi Halsey at: Naomi.Halsey@gov2x.com

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

ARMA - Need something fixed in your housing, BQ or Office? Go to ARMA : <https://maintenance.army.mil/arma> or call 480-3550.



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

Fire Safety - Don't become complacent while cooking. It only takes seconds for things to get out of control and safety to be jeopardized.

Rain - May has received 12.29 inches of rain so far, which is 6.5 inches above normal for the month. We are just over 39.2" for this year that's 16.36 above normal. RTS Weather: <https://www.rts-wx.com/forecasts/kwajalein-atoll-forecast/>

The Roller on Youtube - From the home page click on the Crest with the "LIVE" indicator on it. [U.S. Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll Live Stream](#)

Kwaj Radio- Kwajalein Radio: 99.9^{FM}/102.1^{FM}/104.1^{FM}, Roi-Namur 97.9^{FM} – Roi Rat Radio



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Access to USAG-KA - Do you have someone coming to Kwajalein? Check out the regulation that controls entry to USAG-KA: [190-10 Regulation HERE](#)

- **Day Pass Form:** [DAY PASS HERE](#)
– Fill out and send to the DSC Mailbox at: usarmy.bucholz.id-pacific.mbx.usag-ka-dsc@army.mil
- **Overnight Guests Form 480:** [480 OVERNIGHT GUEST FORM HERE](#)
– Fill out and then email to E/E: usarmy.bucholz.id-pacific.mbx.usag-ka-e-e@army.mil.

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Events - Events can be found on Kwajalein Community Events FB and on the My Army Post app under events.

- **CYS Beach Clean Up** - June 6th 5pm Emon and other beach areas
- **Army's 251st Birthday** - June 15th Cake at the DFACs during lunch
- **Hobby Shop Orientation** - June 18 6pm at the Hobby Shop
- **Juneteenth** - June 19th
- **Karaoke** - June 20th Oceanview 8pm
- **Wheel Throwing 101** - June 25th 5:30pm
- **Glow Party** - June 27 8pm Oceanview
- **250th!! Fourth of July** - July 4th 4pm Emon

Have an upcoming event? Email [HERE](#) to get the word out.

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.

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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 lale melele kein jen public im kakien ko jen agencies ikijen draft in DEP.

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Aolep rej ruwainene nan lale im ilik aer melele ikijen Draft DEP in. Draft DEP in kab UES ej bellok nan adwoj lale 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 melelel ak Kakobaba nan Draft DEP in remaron etal non:

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Enaj bellok iumwin 30 raan non jabdrewot eo ekonaaan likit melele ko ak wawein im lemnak ko kin DEP Draft in. melele kein 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 jerpel 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.

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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 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/JFCSecondSupplemental/EO>
or by mail to:

Environmental Program Manager/SP2521
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Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5127



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

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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.

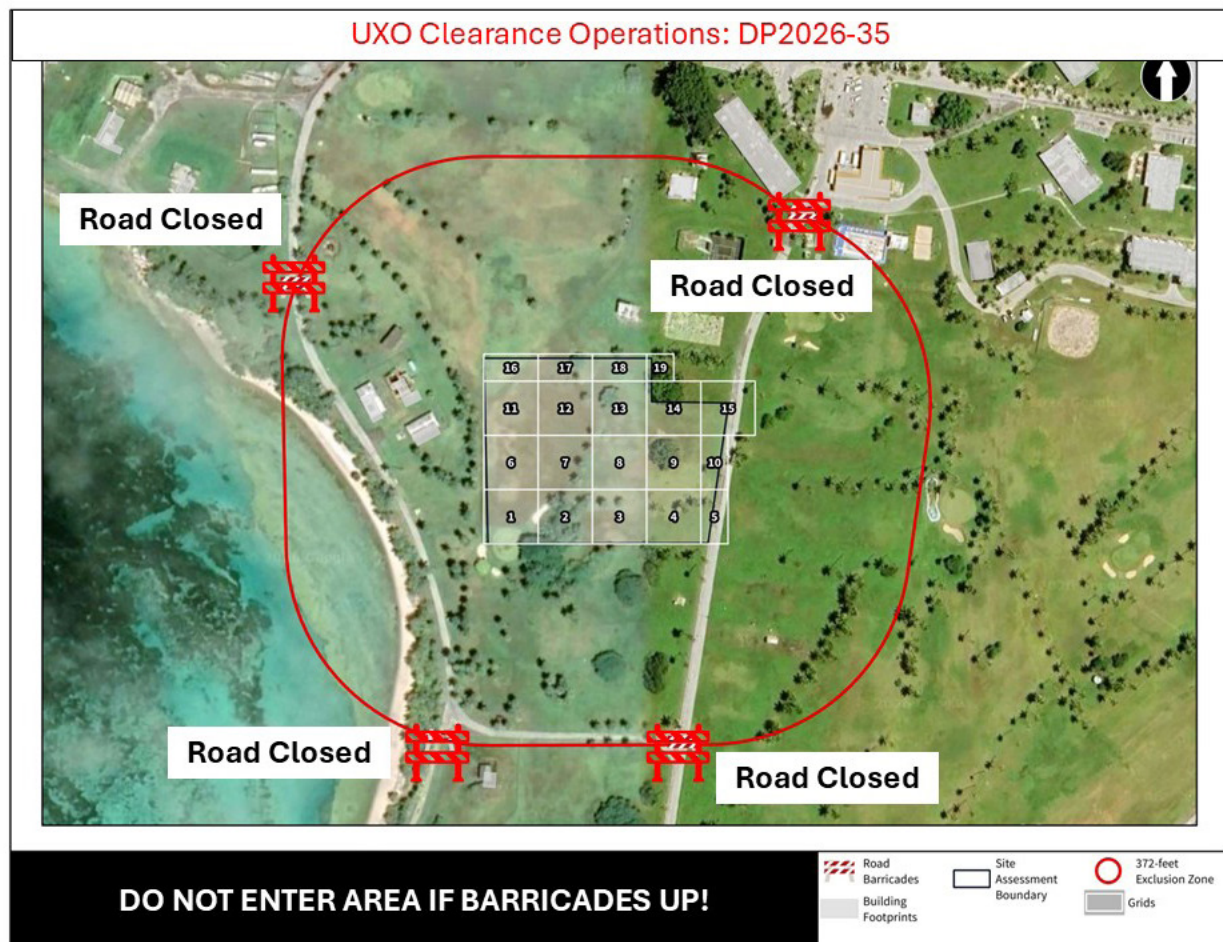
Daily operations: 6:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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.

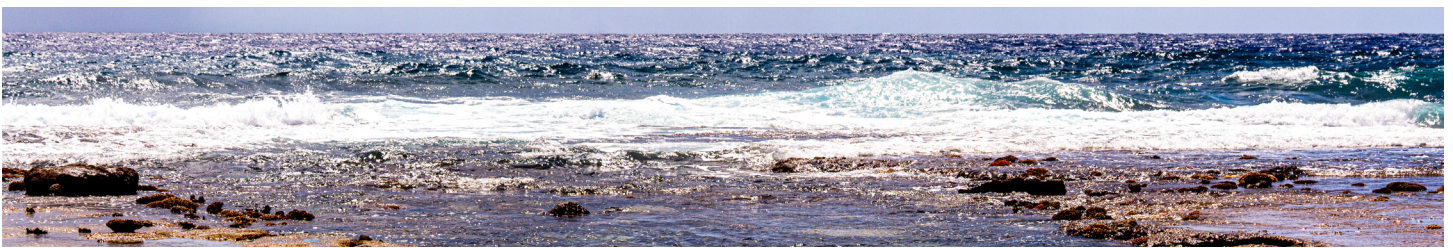




Community Notice

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



Kwajalein /Roi Driver Orientation

Sponsors need to bring newcomers to Bldg 856

Wednesdays:

At 0900 - Marshallese

At 1300 - EXPATS

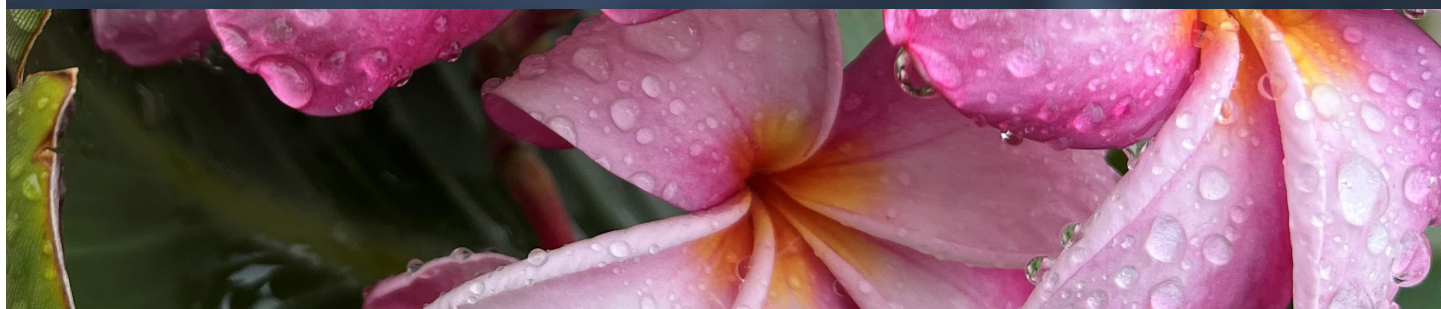
To find out the requirements to obtain a base license

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



UNITED



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		9:30AM-2:30PM 6:00PM-6:30PM	9:00AM-10:45AM 1:30PM-4:30PM	9:30AM-11:00AM 1:00PM-2:15PM 5:45PM-6:00PM	9:00AM-11:00AM 1:30PM-4:30PM	9:00AM-11:00AM 1:30PM-2:30PM 6:00PM-6:30PM	9:00AM-1045AM 1:30PM-4:30PM	9:30AM-11:00AM 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



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E-Wareness

Weekly Inspections of Hazardous Materials Waste Petroleum Product (HMWPP)

- All HMWPP storage areas, including the exteriors of above ground storage tanks, shall be inspected weekly to detect leaking or deteriorating containers.
- An HMWPP storage facility is an area or stationary fixture that contains 55 gallons of an HMWPP for more than 72 hours.

Questions? Call V2X Environmental at 480-0722.

- Aolep jikin kakkwon HMWPP, bar einwot tank ko rej bed ilon, rej aikuj in inspect aolep week non lale im jela ke emor im joraan tank ko ak ewor ettal ilo tank ko.
- Ijoko jikin kakwon HMWPP tank ej ijoko me 55 gallon tank ko etto lok aer bed jen 72 awa.

Kajjitok? Kurlok V2X Environmental ilo 480-0722.



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

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



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480-3601
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link



Kwajalein Atoll

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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



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

EBEYE – Tuesday to Saturday

EBEYE – Sunday & Holiday

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



Roi-Namur / Enniburr Ferry Schedule



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.

Now Available by Appointment...

PASSPORT PHOTO SERVICES

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

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

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

KwajaleinHourglass@gov2x.com



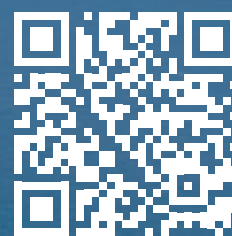
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COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

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

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

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

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

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

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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.



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.



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 jabdwot oil ijelak in drennin air condition eo jen wa eo. Ne elon jabdwot leak/lutok in oil jen wa eo, Kiir 911 non report- e lutok eo. Ak kiir Environmental ilo 480-0722 non kajitok.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The NEC Testing Center Is Open to the Community - Giving you the head start you need to thrive! - Open Tuesday through Saturday by appointment

Authorized Pearson VUE Test Center. Schedule A test Today!
NEC testing Center, 480-4344, FN 1008-131
ACUITY International

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

HELP WANTED

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





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YOU SHARE
INFORMATION.
ONLINE AND OFFLINE.**

NOW SHOWING at the YUK THEATER

SATURDAY, MAY 2

"Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope"
(1977)
(PG) 121 min.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

"A Madea Family Funeral" (2019)
(PG-13) 109 min.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

"Corpse Bride" (2005)
(PG) 77 min.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

"The Departed" (2006)
(R) 151 min.

SATURDAY, MAY 16

"Sarah's Oil" (2025)
(PG) 103 min.



SUNDAY, MAY 17

"Christy" (2025)
(R) 135 min.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

"The Lego Batman Movie" (2017)
(PG) 104 min.

SUNDAY, MAY 24

"Bugonia" (2025)
(R) 118 min.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant
Mayhem" (1999)
(PG) 99 min.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

"Any Given Sunday" (1999)
(R) 162 min.



WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

Discussion:

Moving toward the end of May, we have received 12.29" of precipitation, which is 6.53" above normal

for the month. We have received 39.2" of precipitation for the year at a whopping 16.36" above normal.

After a mostly very wet May, we are getting a significant lull in rainfall to finish off the month and enter

June. We are looking at just stray to isolated showers at best for the next seven days with a more

elevated chance Friday night into early Saturday morning and another small bounce on the second half

of Monday both due to troughing (ENE-E-ESE) in the winds. 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 lightning risk will be elevated

Friday night into early Sat-

urday morning. The Madden-Julian Oscillation's (MJO) is trending positive

though at a rather slow roll but will most likely start having a positive impact on rain about the 8th of

June. The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) is disorganized right now for the RMI, and this is the

primary reason that we have been seeing this break from the heavier rain experienced earlier in the

week. 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.

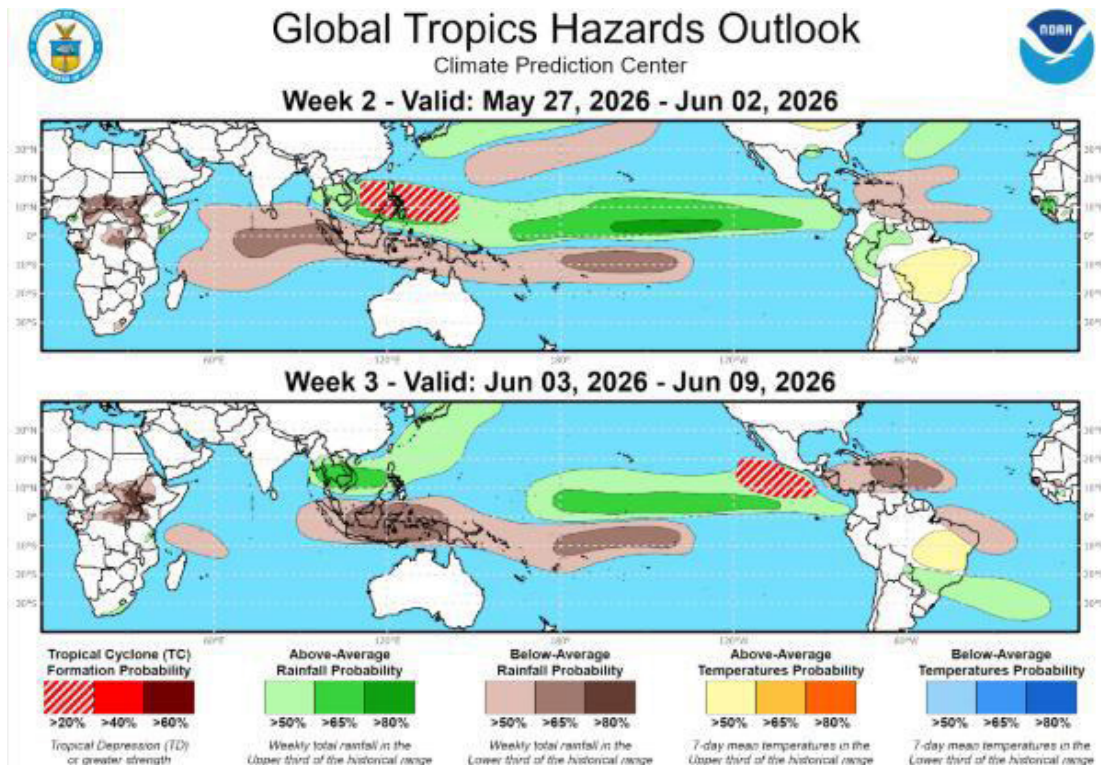
Swell / Tide Inundation For Kwajalein Atoll and Wake Island and Winds:

Waxing to a full moon on the 31st of May with a peak high tide of just under 4.5' around that time. Winds: will hover around 11 to 15 knots until Monday night, coming down to around 10 knots out of the east-southeast during the overnight on Friday into Saturday with some brief gusty outflow winds possible Friday night near any heavy showers. Starting Monday night, winds will fall down to the middle single digits and calm at times for 2nd and 3rd. There will also be periods when the winds meander out of the west but will remain well below the warning threshold of 10 knots. A Small Craft Advisory (SCA) is not anticipated for the next seven days except for a possibility of a short issuance during periods of gusty outflow near any heavy showers, especially just off to the east Friday

night into Saturday morning. 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!

