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FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND MISSION BRINGS MARINE F-35BS TO KWAJALEIN

A Marine fighter squadron's capabilities mission pulls the atoll's logistics and support at the center of a new way to move air power across the Pacific.

HOURLASS REPORT

By Anthony Carnelli,
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Some of the most advanced fighter jets in the world touched down at Bucholz Army Airfield, United States Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll, landing in about 1,000 feet before taxiing off and shutting down.

For the Marine pilots in the cockpits, the stop was part of a mission their squadron had never performed before. For Kwajalein, it put the atoll at the center of a new way to move air power across the Pacific.

The aircraft were Lockheed

Martin F-35B Lightning II stealth fighters from Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 214, or “the Black Sheep” Marine Aircraft Group 13 under the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

The “Black Sheep” nickname dates to World War II, when Maj. Gregory “Pappy” Boyington led a group of replacement pilots who built one of Marine aviation’s best-known fighter squadron legacies in the Solomon Islands.

More than 80 years later, that same squadron was moving through the Pacific again — this time with fifth-generation stealth fighters and a different kind of mission.

They landed on what the squadron called a capabilities

mission, an effort to demonstrate that Marine aviation can move across the region’s vast distances without leaning entirely on larger tanker aircraft or major military hubs.

The crews stayed for a couple of nights, and they pressed on toward Wake Island, part of a small atoll in Micronesia — roughly 600 miles north of Kwajalein, and that is under administrative control of the Department of the Air Force.

So, the Black Sheep tried something their community had not done before: island-hopping.

“What we’re trying to do is utilize the unique capabil-

ities of the F-35B — the fact that we can do short-field landings — and link together islands like Pohnpei, Kwajalein, and Wake Island,” said Capt. Jude Ampolini, a pilot training officer and assistant operations officer with the squadron. “You guys (speaking of Kwajalein) have a ton of support and logistics capability,” he said.

The squadron, based in Yuma, Arizona, had just finished operating in Australia alongside the Royal Australian Air Force’s 75 Squadron. It was the unit’s third trip across the Pacific in two years and its second in Australia, where Marines have built a relationship Ampolini

believes would matter in any future regional crisis. The obstacle, as always, is distance. Moving fighters across the Pacific takes fuel, maintenance support and safe places to land along the way.

The key to the plan was a refueling method called air-delivered ground refueling, or ADGR. Instead of taking on fuel midair, a Marine KC-130 lands at an airfield (like Bucholz), rolls out its hoses and becomes a temporary fuel station for the fighters, which land, refuel on the ground and take off again.

"It's basically like a mobile hot gas station," Ampolini said.

The detail that makes the difference is the fuel itself. Some islands stock jet fuel more suitable for commercial airliners, but not the military grade the F-35Bs prefer. At Pohnpei, the C-130 brought what crews at Kwajalein call "the good stuff," then set up to receive the fighters on the ground.



"By putting a single C-130 there for about a two-hour period and rolling out those hoses, we basically created a military-grade fueling station for the F-35B to access," Ampolini said.

The aircraft flew a maximum-range profile from over New Ireland in Papua New Guinea, landed at Pohnpei and had all the jets fueled within about 40 minutes before pressing onto Kwajalein — the safe-haven where the crews could finally rest.

The C-130 carried more than fuel. Packed into the back were at least 2,000 pounds of maintenance gear, along with a large handful of Marines hand-picked months in advance.

"Now we are like a self-contained little team that is self-sustaining," Ampolini said.

A Flying Computer With A Stealth Airframe

That self-reliance is matched by the airplane itself, one of the most advanced fighter jets ever built. The F-35B is built to fly fast, avoid radar detection, strike targets in the air or on the ground, and collect information that can be shared with other aircraft and forces nearby. In that sense, it is not just a fighter jet. It is also a flying information-gathering platform.

Its signature trick is the lift fan that lets it stop in roughly 1,000 feet and even land vertically, almost like a helicop-

ter — a capability first built so the jet could operate from smaller Marine ships as a replacement for the aging Harrier, the Marine Corps' older vertical-landing jump jet. It is also built to be extremely difficult, if not impossible for enemy radar systems to initially detect.

"It is very hard to see," Ampolini said. "I think adversaries would have a very difficult time detecting it and then completing a kill chain on this airplane."

In military terms, a kill chain is the series of steps needed to find, track, target and attack an aircraft.

Ampolini's most enthusiastic, though, about what the jet sees, or rather, detects. For example, coming into Pohnpei, his flight on the F-35B tracked a Boeing 737 from many miles out, keeping tabs on exactly where it was the whole time.

Linked together by data, four jets spread across the sky behave like a single sensor net, each sharing what it detects until the formation builds one common picture.

The trade-off is payload. An F-35B can carry four missiles internally, where other fighter jets, like the F-15EX can haul 12 or more.



ABOVE: Capt. Jude Ampolini of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 214, the "Black Sheep," speaks with Kwajalein residents about the F-35B Lightning II at Bucholz Army Airfield.

"We are not necessarily as good at hauling things, but we are really good at finding things, seeing things and being able to pass that information to someone else," Ampolini said.

The Coolest Person Out There

The mission depended on fuel, distance and the ability to turn small Pacific airfields into temporary support points. But inside the cockpit, Ampolini said, the job also depends on something quieter: temperament.

Flying one of the most advanced aircraft in the world

can bring immense pressure, but Ampolini said he learned early that a good pilot cannot let that pressure show. Early in his career, he thought he needed to get "pumped up" before a flight. A former commanding officer changed his mind.

"No matter what happens, I am the coolest person out there, and nothing is going to make me get heated or make me get excited," Ampolini recalled him saying. Years later, the line has stuck. The best pilots he has flown with, he said, were not what he referred to as the "Macho

hotshots," but calm, cerebral officers who trusted their checklist and stayed in command of the situation.

A New Map for Marine Air Power

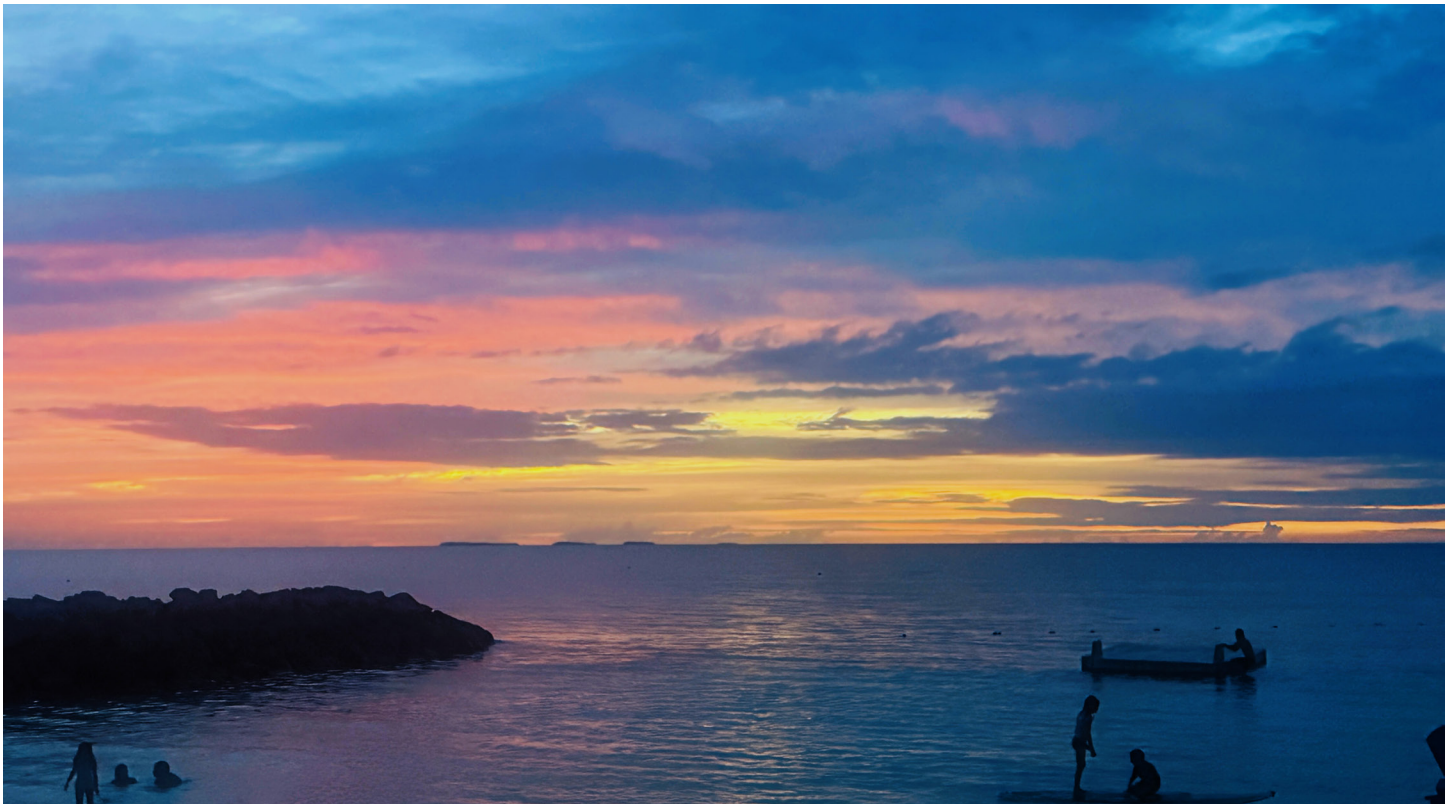
With over 400 F-35s in the fleet — and the B variant having the shortest range — Ampolini sees the jet's natural role in expeditionary basing: using smaller, temporary or remote locations to put stealth fighters in places others cannot easily reach.

"This is really the first time, at least in the F-35B community that I am tracking, that we have tried to do an ex-

peditionary island-hopping movement," he said. "Our little niche as land-based F-35Bs should be expeditionary basing, because that is what we can provide."

If and when that future arrives, Kwajalein is already on the map — not just as a remote stop on a long Pacific route, but as a small island with out sized value: a safe haven for crews, a place to refuel and reset, and a small but valuable support point in a region where distance shapes everything. X





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Back Cover: Harbor Horizon by Annette Monk

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BENEATH THE SURFACE: ARMY DIVERS HELP KEEP KWAJALEIN CONNECTED

HOURLASS REPORT

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Most people walking along Kwajalein's fuel pier see only calm water and two large mooring buoys resting off-shore.

What they don't see are the massive chains, shackles and steel hardware hidden beneath the surface, quietly doing the work of securing ships that bring fuel, cargo and supplies to the island.

And they rarely think about the Army divers responsible for making sure that system continues to work.

Recently, Soldiers from the 7th Engineer Dive Detachment, 130th Engineer Brigade, based at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, traveled to Kwajalein to inspect the South Mooring Buoy alongside the Navy's Expeditionary Warfare Command.

For 1st Lt. Thomas Beggs, executive officer of the dive detachment, the mission was another example of work that often goes unnoticed but remains essential to daily operations.

"Today we're inspecting the South Mooring Buoy here at the fuel pier," Beggs said. "We're working with our Navy partner, Paul Steven Chirico, to conduct measurements and inspections to make sure the buoy remains in an operable condition."

Chirico, a former Navy Underwater Construction Team diver, now oversees the Fleet Mooring Inspection Program for the Navy's Expeditionary Warfare Command and joined Army divers during the operation.

Though easy to overlook, the mooring buoys play a critical role in sustaining life on the atoll.

"The mooring buoys allow

large vessels to safely park, in car terms, next to the pier and either refuel or offload cargo," Beggs said. "That means ships can come and go and continue bringing supplies to Kwajalein or taking things away as needed."

Keeping those vessels safely secured depends on infrastructure hidden far below the waves.

During the inspection, divers examined the condition of chains and what they call

"jewelry" — the collection of shackles, pins, screws and connecting hardware that hold the buoy firmly in place.

"We're looking for any degradation," Beggs said. "We measure corrosion and inspect the condition of the metal. If something reaches a certain threshold, it's documented so repairs or replacements can be made."

The work is preventative by design.

"If we identify issues now,





we can take smaller maintenance steps instead of waiting for the buoy to fail," Beggs said. "Replacing a few shackles is much easier than replacing an entire mooring buoy."

While the mission may appear straightforward, Army diving demands careful preparation long before anyone enters the water.

Every piece of scuba equipment is inspected and tested. Maintenance records are verified. Supervisors perform final checks on each diver before they descend.

"We conduct our visual inspections and operational tests before going into the water," Beggs said. "A supervisor performs a final hands-on inspection before a diver enters the water. That's how we certify our personnel to go subsurface."

Planning is equally important.

Because scuba divers cannot communicate verbally underwater, everyone involved must fully understand the mission beforehand.

"We have to know exactly what we're looking for before we descend," Beggs said. "Which chain links are being measured, which pieces of hardware we're inspecting and the risks associated with working around large marine infrastructure. Everyone has to understand the plan."

Unlike recreational divers exploring reefs or marine life, Army divers descend with a purpose.

"Army diving is different because we have a task," Beggs said. "We're not going down there to look at fish or coral. We have an output from the dive. In this case, we're collecting measurements and assessing the condition of the mooring buoy."

Mooring inspections represent just one of many missions performed by Army divers.

"When somebody like the Kwajalein garrison asks us to assist, we figure it out," Beggs said. "We're engineers, and our motto is, 'Let us try.' We go where we're needed and solve the problem once we're

there."

Though their work often remains out of sight, its impact reaches the entire community.

"A lot of people may not realize that marine infrastructure has to be maintained and repaired at regular intervals," Beggs said. "And when something fails, somebody still has to fix it."

For the Soldiers of the 7th Engineer Dive Detachment, that responsibility comes with the territory.

"We're here to help," Beggs said. "We're here to make sure the marine facilities on Kwajalein are operational and

supporting both the garrison and the community."

Most residents will never see the chains anchored beneath the water.

They'll never read the measurements recorded by divers or inspect the hardware that secures vessels alongside the fuel pier.

And that's okay.

Because when infrastructure works, people rarely think about it.

Ships arrive. Fuel gets delivered. Cargo gets unloaded. Life goes on.

Hidden beneath the surface, Army divers are helping ensure that it does. ▾





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FRENCH COMMANDER'S KWAJALEIN VISIT HIGHLIGHTS LOGISTICS, COOPERATION

HOURLASS REPORT

By Anthony Carnelli,
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For years, Rear Adm. Guillaume Pinget had heard Kwajalein's name come up in conversations with U.S. officials traveling across the Pacific. It was not described as a destination so much as one of the remote places that made long-distance movement across the region possible.

In June, Pinget, commander of the French Armed Forces in French Polynesia and French joint commander for Asia-Pacific, finally saw it for himself, arriving aboard a maritime surveillance aircraft on the way to Majuro.

"As I often meet with U.S. officials across the Pacific, they have told me several times, 'We are stopping by in Kwajalein to resupply the plane and continue the journey,'" Pinget said. "So, I was

curious about this kind of stop."

Pinget's visit — his first to U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll — gave him a closer look at a place he had long heard about in logistical terms: not only as a missile testing range, but also as a strategic crossroads in a region defined by distance.

For Pinget, the stop did not feel like a detour through someone else's region. Rather, it fit into a broader Pacific world where France has long been present.

To Pinget, France is not a European power just passing through. It is rooted there in its own right. "France considers itself a nation of the Pacific," he said. The country holds four Indo-Pacific territories — New Caledonia, Wallis and Futuna, French Polynesia, and the uninhabited Clipperton Island, west of Mexico — and roughly 70% of France's maritime domain,

the second largest in the world after that of the United States, lies there.

That presence, Pinget said, is rooted in history as well as geography. Tahiti became part of France's Pacific story years before Hawaii became part of the United States, and during World War II, French Pacific territories joined Free France and hosted a U.S. rest and logistics base at Bora Bora. Seen against that history, Kwajalein was not an isolated stop, but another point in a long-running Pacific connection. For Pinget, that history helps explain why France views Pacific security not as a distant concern, but as a direct responsibility.

"We have French citizens living in the Pacific. We have waters in the Pacific. So, we are committed to the global security challenges of the region," he said.

Pinget knows those waters well. Based in Tahiti, he took

command of France's Pacific forces in 2024 after a long and storied career at sea, including a turn from 2019 to 2021 as commander of the Charles de Gaulle, France's only nuclear-powered aircraft carrier and naval flagship.

Today, his responsibilities stretch across an enormous expanse of ocean, where security, disaster response, environmental pressures and the movement of people, ships and aircraft are all shaped by distance.

That is where Kwajalein matters. Even a fuel stop can carry strategic weight. "In the Pacific, we often talk about the tyranny of distance," Pinget said. "To overcome distance, you need logistics support."

His own itinerary illustrated why. Traveling from French Polynesia through Kiribati and Kwajalein, with Majuro still ahead, Pinget was crossing the same distances

he described. “We face the same challenge when deploying assets across the Pacific,” he said. “You need friendly places to resupply and move forward.”

For now, Pinget described Kwajalein’s role in practical terms: a stop that helped his crew refuel, rest and continue onward. But he said the visit also underscored the value of access and coordination among partners in a region where maritime surveillance depends heavily on reach, timing and support. He cited illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and narcotics trafficking as examples of activity France monitors across the region.

Strategy, however, was only part of what stood out. Pinget arrived associating Kwajalein mostly with the Ronald Reagan Space and Missile Test Range. He left with a fuller picture of a military installation that also functions as a working community.

What seemed to catch him



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off guard was how much life existed beyond the mission: families, schools, facilities and the daily rhythms of a self-sustained town.

“I did not imagine how many people were living here

on the base and the kind of facilities you have here to accommodate families, schools and everything else,” he said. “It is amazing for such a small island.”

The garrison’s hospitality also left an impression. Pinget said the aircraft was refueled quickly, his crew was given time to rest, and Col. Matthew Cannon, Commander of U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll, personally led him on a tour of the island. He called the welcome “amazing.”

Beyond Kwajalein’s strategic location, Pinget saw its resemblance to the islands he oversees. French Polynesia, he said, contains about 20% of the world’s atolls, where leaders face many of the same practical challenges: drinking water, waste, power, fuel, ports, airfields, housing and climate pressure. After speaking with Col. Cannon, Pinget said the overlap was striking.

That overlap also shaped how Pinget described France’s broader approach in the Pacific. Across the region, he said, “France is looking for partners that share the same basic principles: respect for sovereignty and respect for the rule of law.”

His comments stopped

short of outlining specific future arrangements, but framed access, coordination and shared logistical understanding as practical building blocks for increased cooperation.

There is also longer history beneath all of it. Tahiti, Pinget pointed out, was French before Hawaii was American. During World War II, French Pacific territories joined Free France and hosted a U.S. rest and logistics base at Bora Bora. Seen against that history, Kwajalein was not an isolated stop, but another point in a long-running Pacific connection.

From Kwajalein, Pinget’s Pacific itinerary continued, but the stop had already done more than move an aircraft from one point to the next. It gave him a closer look at a critically important small island where logistics, military operations and everyday infrastructure meet — and where continued cooperation in the Pacific may be enhanced with something as practical as a runway, a refueling stop and a shared understanding of distance. ▴





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BUILDING THROUGH COMPLEXITY: NAN, INC. ADVANCES ZAMPERINI DINING FACILITY RENOVATION WHILE KEEPING SERVICES RUNNING

HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Story Writer

The ongoing renovation of the Zamperini Dining Facility (DFAC) is one of the largest and most complex construction projects currently underway on Kwajalein. While diners may notice temporary walls, reduced seating, and changes to traffic flow, much of the work required to keep the project moving forward while maintaining uninterrupted meal service happens behind the scenes.

According to Tommy Zheng, Director for Nan Hawaii, the project presents unique challenges that are amplified by Kwajalein's remote location and the critical role the dining facility plays in daily island life.

"Similar to many projects performed by Nan, Inc. on Kwajalein Island, the most

significant challenges have centered around logistics, coordination, and procurement," Zheng explained. "Working in such a remote location means that personnel, materials, and equipment must be planned and sequenced with exceptional precision, as there is little room for error once shipments are in transit."

To overcome those challenges, Nan, Inc. relies on extensive planning, detailed procurement tracking, and constant communication between field personnel, subcontractors, suppliers, and home office staff. Procurement schedules are carefully aligned with construction timelines to minimize delays and maintain progress.

That level of coordination extends across every aspect of the project.

"Communication is not occasional — it is continuous and highly structured,"



Zheng said. “This includes daily calls, frequent coordination meetings, and ongoing written communication to ensure alignment on procurement, logistics, scheduling, and field execution.”

The complexity of the renovation goes far beyond what most community members see. Unlike new construction projects, renovation work requires extensive investigation into existing facilities before construction can begin.

“What I am most proud of on this project is the amount of investigation, planning, and adaptability that renovation work requires to be successful,” Zheng said. “We quickly learned that understanding the existing facility in detail was critical to developing a realistic plan of work.”

Adding to the challenge is the need to keep the dining facility operational throughout construction. Because food service is an essential function on Kwajalein and alternatives are limited, shutting down the facility was never considered a viable option.

To accomplish this, the project was divided into four carefully sequenced phases.

Phase One involved con-

struction of a new kitchen facility. Phase Two focused on renovating critical back-of-house spaces, including storage areas, walk-in freezers and coolers, restrooms, and food preparation areas. Phases Three and Four divide the dining room into two sections, allowing one half of the facility to remain open while the other undergoes renovation.

“As of May 2026, we have successfully progressed into Phase Three,” Zheng noted.

The current phase has reduced the usable dining space by approximately half, but the phased approach ensures the community continues to receive dining services while improvements are completed.

“I think what the community may not fully see is the level of coordination, sequencing, and behind-the-scenes effort required to allow construction to move forward while their dining services continue uninterrupted,” Zheng said.

Safety remains a cornerstone of the project. Despite the demanding schedule and active work environment, Nan, Inc. reports achieving zero lost-time injuries as of May 2026.

“Safety is always our first

priority,” Zheng emphasized. “We firmly believe that no schedule or task is more important than the well-being of our workers and the community around us.”

To reinforce that commitment, the company has staffed the project with two Site Safety and Health Officers for most of its duration, despite contract requirements calling for only one. Multiple project team members also maintain additional safety certifications, supporting the company’s philosophy that safety is everyone’s responsibility.

Quality control receives equal attention. Dedicated quality control representatives oversee civil, structural, architectural, mechanical, and electrical aspects of the

project, continuously reviewing plans, specifications, and completed work.

“They work tirelessly to ensure that all work achieves a standard of quality and workmanship as if this was their own personal home,” Zheng said.

For the Nan team, the motivation to push through demanding phases comes from understanding the importance of the facility to the community they serve.

“Everyone on the team understands that this isn’t just another jobsite — it’s a facility that people rely on every single day,” Zheng said. “That perspective naturally pushes us to stay focused, support each other, and keep moving forward even when the schedule gets tight or the





work gets complicated.”

He credits the team’s strong culture of communication, collaboration, and problem-solving for helping maintain momentum during high-pressure periods.

“I want the community to

know is that there’s a lot of dedication happening behind the scenes,” Zheng said. “Long hours of planning, coordination, and teamwork go into making sure the project progresses while keeping the facility operational for

everyone. Our team genuinely cares about the work we’re doing and the people it serves, and that pride is what keeps us motivated every day.”

As construction continues through the remaining

phases, the renovation is expected to deliver a modernized dining experience within a facility designed to better serve the Kwajalein community for years to come. ▾



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ZAMPERINI DINING FACILITY SOUTH OPENS TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY DURING RENOVATIONS

HOURLASS REPORT

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As renovations continue at the Zamperini Dining Facility, residents on the southern end of Kwajalein now have a new dining option closer to where they live and work.

Zamperini Dining Facility South recently opened to help support the community during the ongoing construction project at the Zamperini Dining Facility, which food services manager Jourdan Williams said is expected to continue for approximately 12 months.

“Right now, it is slated for six to eight months,” Williams explained, referring to the renovation timeline for one side of the Zamperini Dining Facility dining area.

The project includes major upgrades to the existing facility.

“New floors, new walls, new ceilings,” Williams detailed. “Everything has been

totally gutted out and will be remodeled.”

Once renovations on the first side are complete, crews will transition to the second half of the dining facility.

In the meantime, Zamperini Dining Facility South is helping reduce congestion while continuing to provide meal service to residents, particularly those living and working on the southern portion of the island.

“The opening for Zamperini Dining Facility South allows customers that work and live on the south end of the island to have more meal options for breakfast, lunch and dinner,” Williams noted. “It also helps offset the traffic at the Zamperini Dining Facility during construction.”

While the facility was created primarily to support southern residents during the renovation period, Williams said the new location also creates opportunities to improve the overall dining experience.

“It allows us to actually be

able to make smaller batches,” Williams said. “So we are able to put a little more love and care and quality into the meals that we’re producing.”

Unlike the larger and often busier atmosphere at the Zamperini Dining Facility, Zamperini Dining Facility South offers a different environment for diners.

“When residents enter Zamperini Dining Facility South for the first time, I hope the atmosphere stands

out,” Williams shared. “Even though we have a similar setup, it gives a little bit different aura than the Zamperini Dining Facility. Something new, something different.”

The smaller layout, she added, creates a calmer setting.

“It’s not as big. There’s not a lot of hustle and bustle,” Williams observed. “I just think it changes the whole perception of DFAC dining.”

The facility was also de-





signed with workflow and efficiency in mind. Williams explained that the layout improves movement throughout the serving areas, including the main line, sandwich bar and salad bar, while also providing dedicated dining space for customers.

In addition, the containerized kitchen system currently in place is expected to support expanded cooking capabilities in the future.

"The containerized kitchen allows for us to eventually cook full meals there," Wil-

liams pointed out.

Although Zamperini Dining Facility South is not currently intended to serve as a permanent dining facility, Williams acknowledged that future community growth on the southern end of the island could influence long-term dining needs.

"With more people living on that end, more people really need to be fed on that end as well," she said.

For now, food service teams anticipate the majority of southern residents will pri-

marily use Zamperini Dining Facility South during breakfast and dinner hours, while lunch traffic may still remain heavier at the Zamperini Dining Facility due to many residents working on the northern side of the island.

Despite the transition period, Williams emphasized that both facilities will continue supporting the community together, especially during high-demand events and holidays.

During major holidays such as Thanksgiving, she con-

firmed both dining facilities are expected to serve meals to help distribute the workload.

As construction continues and operations adjust, Zamperini Dining Facility South represents more than just an additional dining location. For many residents, it offers a closer, quieter and more convenient option while one of the island's primary dining facilities undergoes significant improvements. ▾



ROI PUBLIC NOTICE: UXO CLEARANCE OPERATIONS

DATES: MAY - NOV 2026

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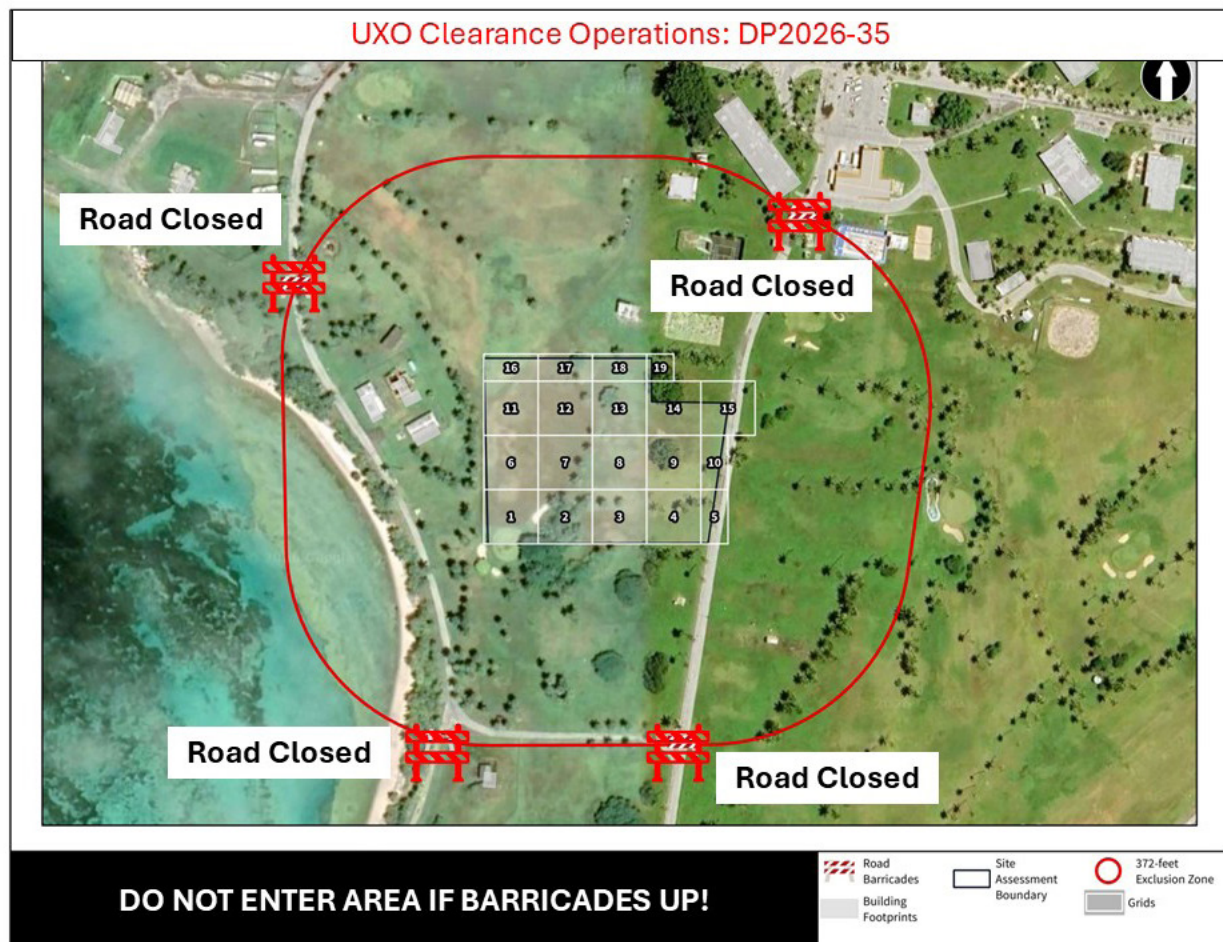
Daily operations: 6:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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.

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Water Source

The U.S. Army Garrison - Kwajalein Atoll (USAG-KA) operates drinking water systems on Kwajalein, Roi-Namur, and Meck Islands. Collected & treated rainfall accounts for the majority of the water supplied in all three systems. Additionally, Kwajalein and Roi-Namur have extensive groundwater well systems to supplement the water supply during periods of low rainfall or drought. When necessary, Kwajalein can barge treated water to the other islands, supplementing their drinking water supplies.

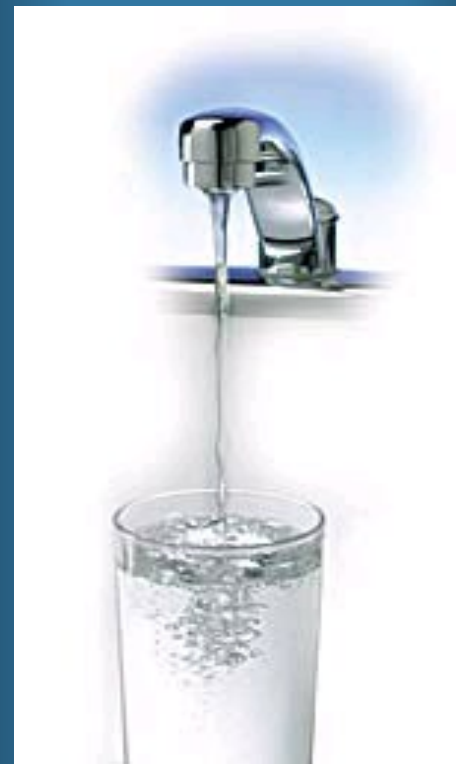
Rainwater is the preferred source of water due to its purity and ease of collection. Kwajalein Atoll averages more than 100 inches of rain a year. The runway and aircraft taxiways on Kwajalein, Roi-Namur and Meck are sloped to drain toward collection sumps that pump raw rainwater to storage tanks for treatment. Rain that falls on the island, but is not collected or diverted to storm drains, percolates through the coral sands of the islands and forms a thin layer (or lens) of fresh water floating atop the saltwater which flows through the islands. The lens is less than 10 feet below the surface. This water is tapped by unique horizontal wells called lens wells that are installed in the centers of both Kwajalein and Roi-Namur Islands where the lens is thickest. The lens well water is pumped and filtered by a Reverse Osmosis (RO) system. Following a 2008 storm event and the resulting saltwater infiltration to the freshwater lens, USAG-KA installed the RO filter on Roi-Namur. This unit makes it possible to treat water with high salinity. Four additional lens wells were installed on Roi-Namur in 2012 and 2013. Baseline monitoring for these wells began in 2014 and finished in 2017.

Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) filtration units are used on Roi-Namur and Meck to filter treated water before it enters the distribution system. A similar unit was installed on Kwajalein in February 2021. All three of the USAG-KA drinking water systems use direct filtration processes to remove harmful particles, dirt, and algae from the water. Kwajalein, Roi-Namur, and Meck installed advanced filtration plants in 1990, 1996, and 2001, respectively. These automated filtration plants employ enhanced mixing, flocculation, and turbidity removal in absorption clarifiers followed by mixed media filters. The turbidity, or cloudiness, of the water entering the plants is monitored continuously and treatment chemicals are adjusted automatically to provide maximum filtering. Following filtration, the water is disinfected with chlorine and placed in covered tanks called 'clearwells' where it is pumped to the distribution system based on consumer demand. Fluoride is added to the treated water on Kwajalein to promote dental health.

The rainwater catchments and the shallow freshwater lens are very sensitive to contamination from spills. Because of this, tight restrictions are placed on airfield activities and a spill prevention program is in place to avoid contamination. Potential sources of contamination are fuel spills from aircraft and vehicles, leaks from sewage lines or septic tanks, and improper management of hazardous materials, wastes, and petroleum products.

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The 2025 Water Quality Report is published in accordance with the USAKA Environmental Standards, which establishes drinking water criteria and requires suppliers to provide drinking water quality information to their customers. It is important that our customers know all the facts about USAG-KA's drinking water. This report, issued each year, includes test results, source water descriptions, an overview of the treatment process and other valuable information relating to the quality of our installation's drinking water supply. If you have any questions regarding this report or your drinking water, contact the Liquid Systems Manager, Stan Jazwinski at 480-4400, or Environmental at 480-0722.

EWOR UKOK IN REPORT IN ILO KAJIN MAJOL (Notice to all Marshallese):

Naan in jiron kein rej kwalok melele ko raurok kin dren in idrak eo ilo USAG-KA in. Ewor ukok in report in ilo kajin majol. Kir lok Environmental Department eo ilo 480-0722 kin melele ko relap lok.

We are pleased to report the drinking water provided by USAG-KA consistently meets or exceeds the established water quality standards (with exceptions noted on the following page) and is, therefore, safe for consumption.

The Utilities Department collects over 10,000 samples annually to ensure water quality. Drinking water regulations require all public water supply systems to test for a variety of contaminants in drinking water. For many of the contaminants, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has set enforceable standards for the maximum amount of contaminants allowed in drinking water. These standards are based on possible health effects of consuming the water. The standards are known as maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) and are published as national primary drinking water regulations.

MCLs are set at levels where no significant health effects would occur if water was consumed for an entire lifetime. In other words, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million increase in the chance of having the described health effect. MCLs are set by the EPA, and then adopted by USAG-KA through the USAKA Environmental Standards (UES). The UES adopts MCL standards at least as stringent as EPA, and in some cases it has adopted more stringent standards. The UES requires USAG-KA to sample as if the size of the served community was 10,000 people. This increased sampling helps to further ensure safe drinking water.

The EPA and the UES also set Action Levels (AL). An AL is the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements for water systems. Examples of contaminants subject to an AL include Lead and Copper.

Water served by USAG-KA is tested by the Utilities Department, the Kwajalein Hospital, and by the Defense Centers for Public Health in Aberdeen, Maryland. Also, routine examinations of treatment plant performance are conducted, the distribution systems are routinely tested, and groundwater is tested for saltwater intrusion (which helps manage the thin groundwater lens by protecting it from being mixed with the saltwater on which it floats).

The Utilities Department works hard to provide top quality water to every tap. Please help us protect our water sources by using good water conservation practices and by using effective spill prevention.



Reverse Osmosis



Granulated
Activated Carbon
Filters

Ia Eo Ej Itok Dren Jen E

Dren in idrak eo ion USAG-KA in ej itok jen dren in wot eo emoj ae ion Kwajalein, Roi-Namur, im Meck. Drenin wot ko emoj ae, wunoiki, im kebooje nan aer jerbal ilo ene kein jilu. Ilo ien mora ak anonean, ewor aiboj lal ko relap ilo Kwajalein im Roi Namur im rej kojerbali non ien rot kein. Ilo ien aikuj, Kwajalein emaron bar kanne barge kin drenin drak im jilkinlok nan aeto ko jet rej aikuji.

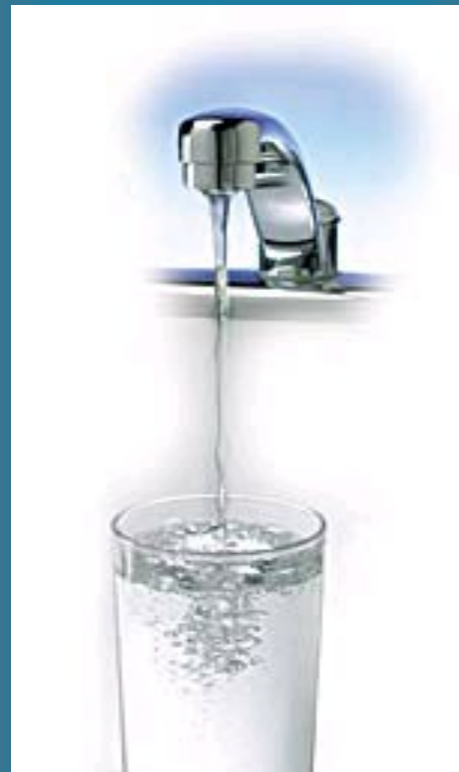
Dren in wot ej dren eo eman tata nan kojerbal ilo USAG-KA itok wot jen an bidodo ae im erre. Ilo juon yio, Kwajalein ej loe tarin 100 inij in wot. Jikin jook an baluun ilo Kwaj, Roi-Namur im Meik rej rejbal nan ae dren in wot. Jen ijon, dren in ej pump lok non tank kan im kottar non ien liklik im komat. Jabdrewot dren in wot ko rejjab collect ilo jikin jook ko an baluun, im rejjab bar drebdreb ilo storm drain ko, rej drebil lok im pepe ion dren in salt, eo ej peddejake aolepen enne kein. Dren in ej drebdreb ilo jikin ko naeter lens well, ko emoj likiti ilo iolap in Kwajalein im Roi-Namur. Lens well kein rej pump jeni im kojerbal kein liklik ak reverse osmosis. Emoj kelaak reverse osmosis ilo Roi-Namur ilo 2008 elkin kar koto im ekar koman an dren in salt drelon ilo lens well ko. Unit in ekoman an bidodo aer treat i dren ko im elap aer salt. Rekar bar kob 4 aiboj lal ilo Roi Namur ilo 2012 im 2013. Jerbal in etale im bukot jonak ko rej aikuj loori (baseline monitoring) renaj jino koman ilo aiboj lal kein ilo 2014 im kotmene bwe en bojrak ilo 2017.

Filter unit ko ak kein drebdreb etoon ko naetan Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) rej jerbal ion Roi-Namur im Meck nan bour etton ko ilo dren eo mokta jen an etal nan jikin komman dren eo. Ewor juon unit kaal emoj kolaake ilo Kwajalein February 2021. Aolep jikin koman dren kein jilu ilo USAG-KA rej kojerbal jokjok in likilik dren eo rej nae etan direct filtration process nan karreoki dren jen etoon im kij ko. Rekar kelaak kein liklik dren ilo enne kein ilo: Kwajalein 1990; Roi-Namur 1996; im Meck 2001. Kein liklik dren in idrak eo ej karreo im kojerbal jerajko non mane kij im jabdrewot etoon ko ie mokta jen likiti ilo tank ko naetaer "clearwells", ijo rej bed ie non tore eo jej aikuji. Rej bar kobaik fluoride nan dren nan kakajoor ni.

Ijoko rej ae dren in wot im aiboj lal rejjab mulal (rejjab mulal lak jen 10 ne) rebidodo an kare dren eo ne elon lutok. Emenin aurok bwe en wor buntan ko kab jokjok ko rej walok elane enaj wor lutok ko rejidrimkij an men ko rekauwotata, einwot fuel, oil, gas im bareinwot kwobej ko rekauwatata im petroleum products.

MARSHALLESE U.S. Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll

2025 Water Quality Report



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Ilo 2025 Water Quality Ripoot eo ej koman ekkar non kakien ko emoj karroki ilo USAKA Environmental Standards (UES) eo, eo ej kamelet bwe ro rej leto-letak dren in idrak (aiboj) ren loori jonak ko emoj karroki im bareinwot tilmake melele ko raurok non ro rej idrak jen aiboj eo. Ilo melele kein, ebareinwot koba result in teej ko, jikin ko aiboj in ej itok jeni, im wawein process e aiboj in, im bar melele ko jet. Elap an aurok bwe ro rej idrak jen aiboj in ren jela im melele kin aiboj eo rej idrake jen USAG-KA. Elane ewor am kajitok ak abnono kake melele kein ilo ripoot in ikkijeen aiboj eo kwoj ilimi, jouj im kebak e lok Stan Jazwinski ilo 480-4400, ak komaron in bar bojrak lok ilo Utilities Department eo elane jab, ekwe call e Environmental ilo 480-0722.

EWOR UKOK IN RIPOOT IN ILO KAJIN BELLE:

Naan in karon kein rej kwalok melele ko raurok kin dren in idrak eo ilo USAG-KA. Ewor ukok in ripoot in ilo kajin belle. Kir lok Environmental Department eo ilo **480-0722** kin melele ko relap lok.

Emenin utiej buru non kwalok ke dren in idrak eo letok in USAKA ej tobare jonok ko emoj karroki non dren in idrak kin men in, ejjelok uwota ilo ilimi dren eo jen aolep bojet in dren in idrak ko.

Aolep yio, Utilities Department eo ej boke tarin 10,000 sample in dren in idrak eo ilo USAG-KA in non lolorjake bwe tiljek in komane aiboj in jej idrak jene en erre. Kakien ko rej kipel bwe ro rej leto-letak dren in idrak ren teej e dren eo non lale ewor ke jabdrewot men ko retoo ie, ko me remaron in bed ilo dren in idrak eo. Result in teej ko an dren ko rej bedbed wot ion jonak ko emoj an U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (PA) eo karroki. Jonak kein rej naetaer Maximum Contaminant Levels ak MCLs.

MCLs ko rej bedbed wot ion jonak ko me rejjab maron in kwalok naninmij non armij. Juon armij emaron idraak e ruo liter in dren ilo aolepen mour eo an im jab naninmej jen e, ak emaron lon an juon mottan juon million ien bwe en ione naninmij. Jonak kein rej itok jen EPA innem USAG-KA ej loori ikijen USAKA Environmental Standards (UES) ko. UES kein rej bedbed ion karrok ko an MCL, im jet ien emaron laplok aer pen jen karrok ko an EPA. UES kein rej bareinwot konan bwe USAG-KA en komman jonan jambol ekkar nan an maron lelok nan 10,000 armej. Jonan lap im jambol in enaj jiban elon armej im kokmanmanlok drenin drak eo.

Emoj an EPA im UES karrok jet bunten ko naetan Action Level (AL). AL in ej jermal non lale jonan etoon ko ilo dren eo, bwe ne relaplok jen jonak eo emoj karroke innem renaj aikuj in treat i im karreoik

dren eo ekkar nan kakien ko. Waan jonak in etoon ko remaron loi ej enwot lead im koba (copper).

Utilities Department, USAG-KA Hospital, im Defense Center eo nan Public Health ilo Aberdeen, Maryland ej droulul ko jilu rej teej e aiboj in idrak eo ion USAG-KA. Ibben jikin jermal kein jilu, USAG-KA ej bareinwot make etale tiljek in an jikin kein koman dren eo jermal, koman teej ko remakijkij non lolorjake erre eo an dren in idrak eo ej driwojlok, im bareinwot lale bwe jool en jab tobare aiboj lal eo.

Jikin koman dren eo ej jermal non letok dren in idrak eo etiljek im erre. Jiban kejbarok dren in idrak eo nimed. Jukjuk in bed in ad, mour kein ad, kab an ro nejid rej bedbed ion kejbarok in am. Bok konam; kejbarok dren in idrak eo ilo wawein ko rekhar.



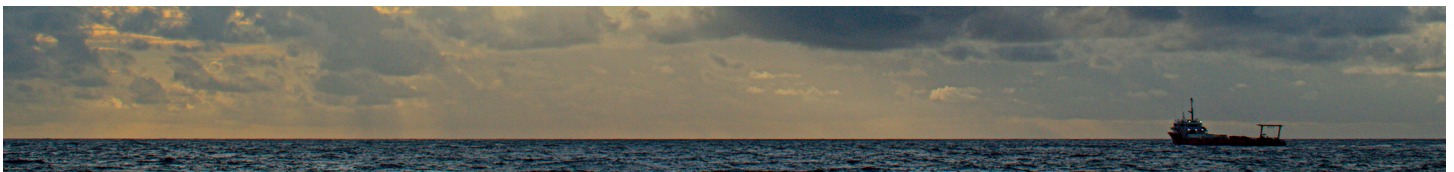
Reverse Osmosis Units



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Kwajalein Reclaimed Water Standard Violation

The Reclaimed Water System Document of Environmental Protection (DEP) requires public notification when the standards for reclaimed water are not met. On 15 May 2026, the minimum chlorine residual concentration at the entry point to the reclaimed water distribution system dropped below the 1 mg/L standard (0.9 mg/L). Chlorine is added as a disinfectant at the Point of Entry (POE) into the Reclaimed Water System. On 7 May 2026, the turbidity level at the POE exceeded the standard of 5.0 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU) at 6.63 NTU. During 6-18 May 2026, the 7-day rolling turbidity average in the reclaimed water distribution system measured above the 2.0 NTUs standard. Turbidity is the cloudiness or haziness of a liquid caused by particles that are generally invisible to the naked eye. **No health-based restrictions on the normal use (irrigation, vehicle washing, etc) of reclaimed water are necessary.** There were no threat to public health or the environment resulting from the exceedances. Questions? Contact V2X Environmental at 480-0722.



Jorraan Eo Ilo Reclaimed Water System Eo Ion Kwajalein

Ekkar non Reclaimed Water Document eo an Environmental Protection/ak naetan (DEP) aikuj bwe en karon jukjuk in ped elane ewor jorraan ko rejolet dren eo ion Kwajalein. Kar 15 May 2026, dreton chlorine residual concentratoion ilo an drelon tok ilo jikin dren eo ekar walol lok kin 1 mg/L dretton in (0.9 mg/L). . Rar bar ilik chlorine non karreoiki lok non jonon in ej delon ilo Reclaimed Water System eo. Ilo kar 7 ran in May 2026, level in tubidity ilo POE ekar tobare dretton in 5.0 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU) ilo 6.63 NTU. Ilowan 6-18 May 2026. , 7-ran rolling turbidity average in the reclaimed water distribution system eo ej kalok ke ej ilon lok 2.0 NTU Standard. Menin ekomman bwe en laplok an tap ak ettoon dren in ilo an koman kiiij ko jeban loi. **Ejjab jelet ejmour non karon im rejan ikkijeen kojerbal dren in (non wutdrikdrik, kwali waa ko, im jerbal ko eirlokwt) non aikuij ko jet. Ejelok wewein ko earmon jelet t ejmour ak jukjuk bed ilolan alik kar ilo ekotak kein.** Kajitok kir V2X Environmental ilo 480-0722.

Drinking Water Standard

The turbidity inline continuous monitoring systems at the Kwajalein and Roi-Namur Water Treatment Plants are inoperative and operators are collecting manual grab samples for analysis every 4 hours. Repair or replacement projects for the monitoring systems are being evaluated. Turbidity is the cloudiness or haziness of a liquid caused by particles that are generally invisible to the naked eye and by itself does not cause microbiological contamination. Drinking water from several distribution sites are analyzed weekly by the Kwajalein Hospital Laboratory for microbiological contaminants. There is no threat to public health or the environment resulting from the inoperative inline monitoring equipment.

No health-based restrictions are necessary for the normal use of drinking water.

Questions? Contact V2X Environmental at 480-0722.



Jorraan Eo Ilo Drinking Water Standard

Rijerbal in dren ro rekar wonmanlok wot im ebok dren nan kamelmel im lale elane elap ejake eo an lum ilo dren ko. Kilen kakomanman lak im tiljek lok jirik kon dren ko ekar bok jikin nan lale im kajeon kajako lum ko ilo dren iumwn kajojo 4 awa. Ejjelok joraan elap im kauwotata enaj jelet ejmour eo ilo juon kabijuknen eo elane ej koman katak kein jen kein jerbal ko an lale dren eo.

Ejjab jelet ejmour non karon im rejan ikkijeen kojerbal dren in non aikuij ko jet.

Elane ewor am Kajitok kir V2X Environmental ilo 480-0722.



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



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Coral Reefs Around USAG-KA

- Coral around the atoll is protected by U.S. and RMI laws.
- No coral is allowed to be taken from USAG-KA.
- Some coral contains toxins that can cause injury.
- Protect the environment by not stepping on live coral growth areas.
- Treat all underwater habitats with care.
- Wod ko kajojo ibelaakin Kwajalein Atoll rej bed iuumin kien nan kejbarok eo an U.S. im RMI.
- Ejjelok wod ej aikuj in emakit im buki jen lojet eo an USAG-KA.
- Ewor wod ko rebaaijin im remaron in komman joreen.
- Kejbarok ijoko im wod kein rej bed ie im jab bed iraan wod ko kajojo.
- Kejbarok aolep men kein iuumin lojet ilo am kea.

ATTENTION

VETERINARIAN KWAJALEIN VISIT

**Brooke Hall will
be on island from
7/8/26 to 7/23/26.**

**Call 480-2017
to make an
appointment.**





Community Notice

Potable Water Outage
July 10, 2026
800am-1400pm

Please see list of affected areas:

V2X appreciates the community patience and support during this outage . For inquiries please call 480-3550

- FN557 Radio Shack
- FN671 Religious Education Building
- FN675 Marshallese Cultural Center
- FN683 Chapel
- FN687 Airfield Security Checkpoint
- FN900 Aviation Maintenance Shops
- FN901 Air Terminal Site/MVL Demolition Site
- FN902 Flight Operations
- FN908 Kwaj Lodge



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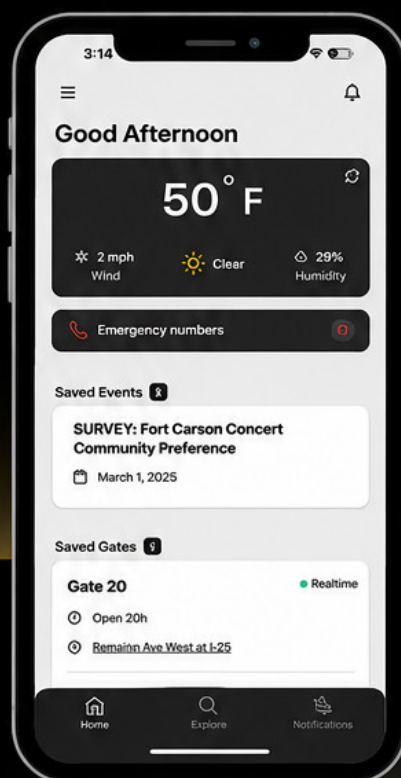
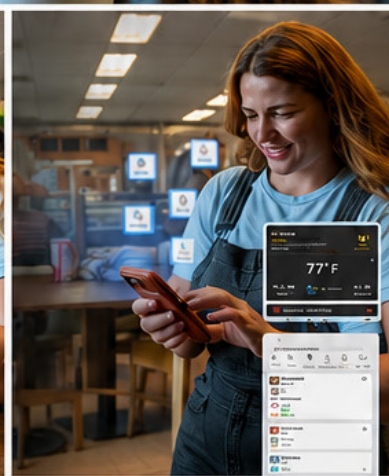
COMMUNITY EVENTS
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around the island



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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								

MWR PROGRAMMING CALENDAR JULY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
250th ANNIVERSARY UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 1776-2026			1	2	3	4th OF JULY Celebration & Fireworks KARAOKE at OCEANVIEW MOVIE NIGHT: DC LEAGUE OF SUPER-HEROES (2022) (RATED PG - 98 MIN)
5 MOVIE NIGHT DOCTOR STRANGE IN THE MULTIVERSE OF MADNESS (2022) (RATED PG-13 • 126 MIN) at the YUK THEATER	6	7	8	9	10	11 COWBOY NIGHT at OCEANVIEW MOVIE NIGHT: MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU (2022) (RATED PG • 87 MIN)
12 QUIZZO at OCEANVIEW MOVIE NIGHT: FIRESTARTER (2022) (RATED R • 94 MIN)	13	14	15	16	17	18 KARAOKE at OCEANVIEW MOVIE NIGHT: PAWS OF FURY: THE LEGEND OF HANK (2022) (RATED PG • 88 MIN)
19 MOVIE NIGHT JURASSIC WORLD: DOMINION (2022) (RATED PG-13 • 147 MIN) at the YUK THEATER	20	21 REGISTRATION OPEN FOR SOCCER LEAGUES	22	23	24	25 TOP 100 DJ HITS at OCEANVIEW MOVIE NIGHT: LYLE, LYLE, CROCODILE (2022) (RATED PG • 106 MIN)
26 MOVIE NIGHT PLATOON (1986) (RATED R • 120 MIN) at the YUK THEATER	27	28	29	30	31	U.S. ARMY MWR SOLDIERS • FAMILIES • RETIREES • CIVILIANS

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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	ETD	ETA	TYPE	ETD	ETA	ETD	ETA	TYPE
	EBEYE	EBEYE	KWAJ	VESSEL	KWAJ	EBEYE	EBEYE	KWAJ	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



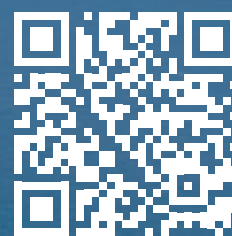
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COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

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.

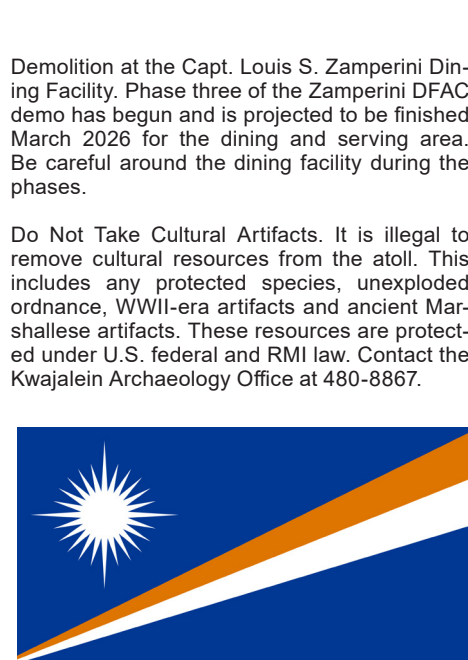
Deadlines for Submissions
Send advertisements for the Kwajalein Hourglass and the AFN Roller Channel to kwajaleinhourglass@gov2x.com on Wednesdays by close of business/Thursday morning.

Deadlines for Submissions

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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JULY MOVIES

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 SATURDAY JULY 4	 DC - LEAGUE OF SUPER PETS (2022) PG • 105 MIN	 SUNDAY JULY 5	 DOCTOR STRANGE IN THE MULTIVERSE OF MADNESS (2022) PG-13 • 126 MIN
 SATURDAY JULY 11	 MINIONS - RISE OF GRU (2022) PG • 87 MIN	 SUNDAY JULY 12	 BULLET TRAIN (2022) R • 127 MIN
 SATURDAY JULY 18	 PAWS OF FURY: THE LEGEND OF HANK (2022) PG • 98 MIN	 SUNDAY JULY 19	 NOPE (2022) R • 130 MIN
 SATURDAY JULY 25	 LYLE, LYLE CROCODILE (2022) PG • 106 MIN	 SUNDAY JULY 26	 THE SHINING (1980) R • 146 MIN

★ **ALL SHOWTIMES BEGIN AT 7:30 PM** ★



WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

Discussion:

In June, we have received 12.18" of rain putting us at 7.86" above normal with 19.8" above normal for the year at 51.41". After the heavy showers of now Tropical Storm 9W of the morning, shower activity will wane moving through the afternoon. After today, shower coverage will be modest for the next seven days at isolated showers coverage with a few bounces to widely scattered showers for brief periods through the weekend and into next week. Tomorrow will see an increase with only isolated shower coverage on the 4th. Monday will also see increased shower coverage. We experienced no lightning days last week. A thunderstorm day is defined by an "in situ" lightning strike, meaning lightning is observed or thunder is heard within five miles of the Kwajalein airfield. The lighting risk will be elevated slightly on Monday. The Madden-Julian Oscillation's (MJO) is diminished as a result of the Super El Nino event building over the tropical Pacific as westerly wind bursts (kelvin waves) dominate south of the RMI. The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) is diminished as well over our

part of the Pacific. The Monsoon Trough (MS) has been diverted toward TS 9W, thus diminishing for the RMI. El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is now in an El Nino phase and intensifying into Super El Nino 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:

Moderate for the RMI at Enewetok Atoll to the west from Tropical Storm 9W (former Invest 95W). It continues to distance itself from the RMI off to the northwest as it rapidly develops. We are at increased risk for rest of the year due to the Super El Nino. Guam will come very close to experiencing this future Super Typhoon but be spared the worst of it (may see an effect on United flights for us and other logistics). Unfortunately, at this time, Saipan looks to take a direct hit, and it will be quite devastating with sustained winds of almost 150 mph and higher gusts. It is expected to become one of the most powerful Tropical Cyclones ever

recorded as it moves toward the Mainland China and the Republic of China.

Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:

None. We were able to just barely avoid the damaging effect of the strong west wind burst that affected the southern RMI. Considerable damage was done in Majuro along with flooding on the runway. The west wind threat will be higher this wet season due to the Super El Nino.

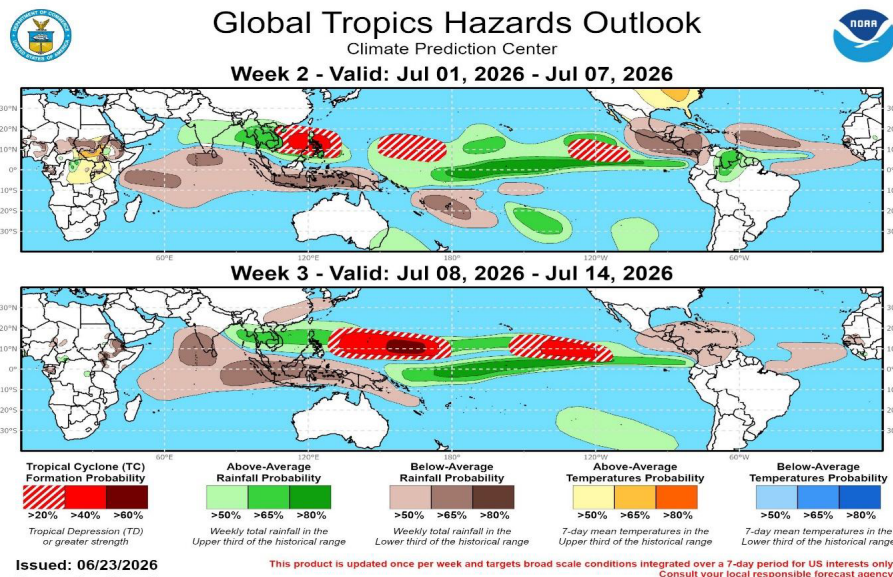
Swell / Tide Inundation For Kwajalein Atoll and Wake Island and Winds:

The waning half-moon will occur on the 7th with only neap high tides all below four feet. Winds: sustaining in the low 20s with a few gusts to just over 30 knots, will wane to the middle teens as the afternoon progress with the exit of the Tropical Storm from the RMI. Friday, into the long 4th of July weekend will see winds at 5-10 knots from the ENE to ESE. There will be times when the winds are nearly calm and times with briefly gusty winds associated with any showers that occur. For the rest of the weekend and into the beginning of the workweek, winds will stay

mostly in the upper single digits outside of showers. A Small Craft Advisory (SCA) is not anticipated for the next seven days except for the possibility of a short issuance during periods of gusty outflow near any heavy showers. A High Surf Advisory (HSA) is not expected

Purpose:

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



Until Next Week!

