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ONE ISLAND, ONE CELEBRATION: FOURTH OF JULY BRINGS THE KWAJALEIN COMMUNITY TOGETHER

HOURLASS REPORT

By **Isaiah Matthews**
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On most days, Kwajalein moves to the rhythm of work schedules, school days and mission requirements. But every Fourth of July, that rhythm changes. By late afternoon, bicycles become rolling works of art covered in red, white and blue streamers. Families claim their favorite spots beneath tents. Friends who haven't seen one another in weeks stop to catch up. Music drifts across the grounds while children race from one activity to the next, determined not to miss a single moment.

For a few hours, the island pauses.

What began as a celebration of American independence has become something more for those who call Kwajalein home. It is a day that reminds people why community matters, especially in one of the most remote places in

the world.

"The Fourth of July is a really great time to celebrate with friends and family and just be together," said Melissa Bew.

Originally from Weston, Missouri, Bew spent last year's holiday back home. This year marked her first Independence Day on Kwajalein, and although the setting was different, the feeling wasn't.

"I grew up in a small town of about 1,200 people," she said. "This feels familiar, just with the ocean."

That small-town feeling is something many residents describe. It's a place where neighbors know each other by name, children grow up together and community events become shared traditions.

For James Lawson, this year's celebration added another first.

"I'd never been to a beach before," he said with a laugh.

Having recently arrived from Arizona, Lawson experienced not only his first

Fourth of July on Kwajalein but also his first opportunity to celebrate Independence Day beside the Pacific Ocean.

"Watching the fireworks is my absolute favorite," he said. "When everybody gets together and sits on the grass to watch them, that's what the Fourth of July is all about."

For others, the holiday has become part of growing up.

Isaac Arness has spent nearly every Fourth of July of his life on Kwajalein. His memories aren't measured by fireworks or cookouts but by afternoons spent with friends

in the lagoon.

"When I was a kid, all of us would play in the waves," Arness recalled. "The waves would knock us over, and we'd just laugh and do it all over again."

Those memories helped shape what Independence Day means to him today.

"It means patriotism, freedom and unity," he said. "It's great seeing everybody come together."

Father Jim Ludwikowski sees that same unity from a different perspective.

"The Fourth of July means





celebrating freedom, family, good food and simply being together,” he said.

He also uses the day to remember those who continue protecting the freedoms being celebrated.

“I especially appreciate the Soldiers who are serving far from home,” he said. “They’re standing watch while the rest of us are able to celebrate.”

One memory remains especially meaningful to him.

“I once had an associate pastor from Mexico who had never experienced the Fourth of July or fireworks,” Father Jim said. “Watching him experience that celebration for the first time was unforgettable.”

For Thompson Tarwoj, who has celebrated roughly 20 Fourth of Julys on Kwajalein, the holiday is less about tradition than about people.

“I like seeing all my friends and family,” he said. “I enjoy

talking with everyone.”

This year’s celebration, he said, reminded him why he continues looking forward to it every summer.

“There were new people and people I’ve known for years. Everybody was together.”

For Jamilah Johnson, however, this year’s celebration carried a little more emotion.

Having recently graduated, she knows it may be her last Fourth of July on Kwajalein for some time.

“The Fourth of July means independence and having fun with your friends and family,” she said.

Her favorite memory this year wasn’t the fireworks.

“Playing volleyball,” she said. “That’s my favorite sport.”

Soon she’ll begin a new chapter overseas, but this year’s celebration will travel with her.

As afternoon turned to evening, the energy of the day slowly shifted. Games came to an end. Music faded. Lawn chairs filled the shoreline as families settled in for the night’s final tradition.

When the first shell climbed into the sky, conversations stopped almost instantly.

For the next several minutes, age, hometown, job ti-

tle and background no longer mattered. Everyone watched the same sky.

The fireworks eventually faded, but the reason people gathered remained.

In a place separated from the mainland by thousands of miles of ocean, the Fourth of July is more than a holiday on the calendar. It is a reminder that community isn’t defined by geography. It’s built through traditions, shared experiences and the people who return year after year to celebrate them together. X

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RED, WHITE, BLUE, AND BBQ: THE ROI-NAMUR WAY

Residents fire up community spirit with fireworks, a softball showdown, and island heart.

HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Story Writer

“Holy cow that smells good.”

“Aw man, it sure does — this is going to be great!”

The exchange came from two grinning Roi residents as they walked toward the Roi-Namur galley, carried along by the irresistible aroma drifting across the island. Downwind of the large black grill — billowing smoke, sizzling loudly with premium cuts of beef — anyone with a working sense of smell found themselves drawn toward the source. It was 10:50 a.m. on July 4th, and the village was already alive with anticipation.

Local residents (who proudly consider themselves villagers), hardworking contractors, weekend guests, and visitors gathered on Roi-Namur Island to celebrate In-

dependence Day with a special community meal at the galley. The holiday spirit took firm hold under picture perfect tropical weather, complemented by great food and the kind of fellowship that defines life on Roi-Namur.

Over the course of two hours, an estimated 80 people made their way toward the tantalizing smell of burning charcoal and searing steaks. The dining facility (DFAC), fully decorated in red, white, and blue, became the vibrant hub of the celebration. The galley team — led by Claude Mayfield and supported by the ever reliable David Tucker and staff — had been preparing for weeks to deliver a classic American feast. At the center of it all stood the massive open-air grill, kept loaded throughout the afternoon with thick, premium steaks cooked to perfection, a remarkable accomplishment given the sheer number of hungry attendees.



Alongside the main course were spareribs carved fresh at the cutting board, sweet corn charred directly over coals, seasoned roasted potatoes, and a well-stocked assortment of salads. To finish the meal, a stunning patriotic cake — flown in from Kwajalein that very morning — served as a celebratory centerpiece and a crowd favorite.

For first-time resident Jesse Patton, the experience left a strong impression. “I really enjoyed the big 4th of July cake the DFAC had for us,” he said. “The serving size was more than enough!” He noted that food and dining play a huge role in morale at any remote location, and the Roi DFAC has already become a highlight of his time on the island. He also described how meaningful it felt to celebrate Independence Day so far from the mainland, seeing “the spirit of proud patriotic people all over the island,” especially during the fireworks.

Longtime resident Charmaine Lowery shared that what always strikes her most is the joy on the faces of children and third island families who join the festivities. “Their happy faces and enjoyment of the day get me every time,” she said. “It always feels like us giving back to the community — it completes the family, fun, and celebration elements.” She added that while regular meals at the DFAC are consistently good, the holiday meals always stand out. “You get that extra *pièce de résistance* that just makes the day special.”

Beyond the food, the day was also about the rhythm of community life. As resident Kaleo Parker described, “We all met at the DFAC for lunch as a community/family. After that we all went to take old lady/men naps and then woke up and met at the softball field for a 4th of July softball game!” New islanders marveled at the inclusive

spirit. When V2X Environmental Safety newcomer Sandy Hoen asked who people were cheering for, the answer was pure Roi-Namur: “We’re cheering for everyone!”

Later that evening, residents gathered again with some folks enjoying the pool, some under the pavilion, some stretched across lounge chairs — to watch fireworks explode seemingly right overhead. Parker noted that while Roi-Namur sometimes feels like “the forgotten children” due to its small size and simpler celebrations, the community always finds a way to elevate the experience together. “In Hawaiian, we call that OHANA — family.”

The importance of the DFAC team’s work was not lost on anyone. One community member observed, “Roi can be somewhat of a Sleepy Hollow; however, events like this bring even the quiet and reclusive folks in the village together. We are so

fortunate to have Mr. Claude Mayfield, Mr. David Tucker and the galley staff planning and creating these events. I can imagine a meal like this is logistically challenging, but they make it look easy — which means they are working very, very hard behind the scenes.”

The 250th anniversary of Independence Day on Roi-Namur became more than a holiday — it became a testament to unity, pride, and the deep sense of belonging shared on this small island. Thanks to the dedication and heart of the galley team, residents once again experienced the kind of celebration that reminds them why Roi-Namur feels like home. ❧





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MORE THAN A FINALE: MONTHS OF PREPARATION BEHIND KWAJALEIN'S FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS

HOURLASS REPORT

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Hours before the first burst of color illuminated the night sky over Kwajalein, the celebration was already underway. Offshore, aboard two Landing Craft Mechanized vessels, a small crew worked methodically beneath portable lights, checking wiring, inspecting firing systems and making final adjustments to hundreds of fireworks carefully arranged in launch racks. While families gathered picnic blankets and children anticipated the evening's finale, the team behind the display

was focused on something far less glamorous: making sure every firework performed exactly as planned.

For the thousands of spectators lining the shoreline, the fireworks would last less than half an hour. For the crew from Australia's Elite Fireworks, those few minutes represented months of planning, international coordination and years of experience, all coming together in one carefully choreographed display.

"We're contracted through an American company called Premier Pyrotechnics," said Khaled Maarbani, owner of Elite Fireworks. "They work with the client to select the products, and then together we determine how those fire-

works will be used throughout the show."

Designing a fireworks display is far more involved than selecting colorful shells. Every effect is chosen with purpose. While the Fourth of July naturally calls for patriotic colors, Maarbani said an entire show of only red, white and blue would quickly become repetitive. Instead, the team carefully balances color, timing and visual effects to create a display that builds from beginning to end.

This year's show even introduced several new effects to Kwajalein audiences, including shells that combined bright strobing stars with colorful smoke, creating a visual rarely seen during a nighttime fireworks display.

Long before those shells ever reached the launch racks, they had already traveled thousands of miles. Every firework had been selected, counted, labeled, palletized, loaded into shipping containers and transported across the Pacific. That process alone required extensive coordination between Premier Pyrotechnics, Elite Fireworks, shipping agencies, V2X and numerous support personnel.

"There are probably around 20 people involved in making one event like this happen," Maarbani said. "People are selecting products, preparing shipments, handling paperwork, coordinating transportation and making sure everything arrives exactly

where it needs to be.”

Bringing a fireworks show to a remote island presents challenges few spectators ever consider. Unlike larger cities, forgotten equipment cannot simply be replaced with a quick trip to a supplier.

“We double-check and triple-check everything before we leave Australia,” Maarbani said. “Once we’re here, we have to be completely prepared because it’s not like we can just run down to a local store.”

Travel itself adds another layer of complexity. Flight de-

lays can shorten already tight preparation schedules, while adapting to Kwajalein’s tropical climate takes time for a crew accustomed to different weather conditions.

Despite those challenges, safety remains the highest priority throughout every phase of the operation.

Each firework is selected not only for its visual impact but also for the available safety distances between the launch site and spectators. Shell sizes, launch angles and firing positions are carefully planned to ensure every effect remains well within es-

tablished safety standards.

“Everything is based on the space we’re given,” Maarbani said. “We choose products that fit those clearances so that everyone stays safe.”

Modern technology has simplified some aspects of the profession. Electronic firing systems have largely replaced the days when pyrotechnicians hand-lit each firework. Even so, technology hasn’t eliminated the anticipation that comes just before the show begins.

“Please work,” Maarbani said with a smile when asked what crosses his mind in those final moments before

launch. “I’ve been doing this since 1997, and the butterflies never go away. Whether it’s a small show or a large show, there’s always excitement mixed with a little nervousness.”

This year, that preparation paid off.

“We had a 100 percent success rate with the electronic firing system on both barges,” he said.

For fellow pyrotechnician Matthew Coakes, success isn’t measured by the loudest explosion or brightest shell.

“For me, it’s after the finale,” Coakes said. “Everything has gone off correctly, nobody’s been hurt, and you can finally relax knowing the job’s done.”

Maarbani shares that sense of accomplishment, but another moment stands out just as much.





"When you hear the crowd cheering, that's when you know all the hard work has been appreciated."

Although both men travel from Australia each year, they say Kwajalein's Fourth of July celebration has a unique atmosphere.

"I think the community here comes together better than a lot of places," Coakes said. "Everybody's together enjoying the same event."

Maarbani agreed.

"No matter what differences people might have during the year, on the Fourth of July everyone comes together as one community. That's something really special to see."

For Coakes, that spirit reflects the very reason fireworks have remained part of celebrations for centuries.

"Ever since fireworks were invented, they've been used to celebrate milestones and

important moments in history," he said. "They're usually the last event because they give people something memorable to finish the day."

Creating those memories requires more than simply launching fireworks into the sky. The crew carefully designs each performance with a beginning that immediately captures attention, a steady rhythm that keeps audiences engaged and a finale power-

ful enough to leave a lasting impression.

"We want people to remember how the show starts," Maarbani said. "But we especially want them to remember the ending."

Judging by the cheers that followed this year's finale, the team accomplished exactly that.

Even so, neither pyrotechnician considers the show perfect.

"There's always room for improvement," Maarbani said. "Every year we try to make it better."

Working within nearly the same budget each year doesn't change that mindset. Instead, it challenges the team to find new products, new combinations and new ways to create an even greater impact for the community.

"People ask how we manage to outdo ourselves every year,



Maarbani said. "It's about strategy. It's about selecting the right products that create the biggest impact while staying within the budget."

Before wrapping up another successful Independence Day, Maarbani was quick to recognize the many people who help make the event possible.

"I'd like to thank V2X, the

crews here on Kwajalein and the workers from Ebeye," he said. "Without their support and hard work, none of this would be possible."

As the last wisps of smoke drifted across the lagoon and families began folding chairs and packing coolers, another Fourth of July celebration came to a close. Most spectators would remember the

brilliant colors, the thunderous finale and the shared experience of watching the night sky come alive.

Few would ever see the months of planning, the international logistics, the countless safety checks or the quiet hours spent aboard two LCMs before darkness fell. But for the small crew behind the display, those un-

seen efforts were always the point. The fireworks lasted only minutes. The work that made them possible began long before the first shell was launched, all to give an island community one unforgettable moment of celebration together. X



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BEHIND THE CELEBRATION: WHAT IT TAKES TO BRING KWAJALEIN'S FOURTH OF JULY TO LIFE

HOURLASS REPORT

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For most of the Kwajalein community, the Fourth of July begins with decorated bicycles, live music, food vendors and families gathering under tents before ending with fireworks lighting up the lagoon. What most people never see is that by the time the first child arrives at the bike parade, hundreds of hours of planning and preparation have already taken place.

Putting together one of the island's largest annual celebrations isn't the work of a single office. It requires weeks of coordination between departments, contractors, volunteers and community partners, each responsible for a different piece of an event that only succeeds when every piece comes together.

"There were many people that came together to make this possible," said Dina Me-

deiros, MWR event coordinator. "Everybody had a role, and everybody brought their strengths to make sure the community had the best event we could provide."

The planning begins well before Independence Day. Concessions must be coordinated with the bakery while Ocean View prepares beverages for the event. Entertainment involves working with a production company to bring performers to the island, including this year's live band from Majuro. Facilities and grounds crews transform open spaces by erecting tents, installing decorations and setting up water slides, while separate teams coordinate children's activities, marketing, event logistics and the evening fireworks display.

Behind every attraction visitors enjoy is a team responsible for making sure it is ready before the first guests arrive.

"It's easier to think about it one piece at a time," Medeiros said. "Food, drinks, decorations, fireworks, bike deco-

rating, marketing. Every part requires different people, and everyone comes together with one common goal."

That goal is simple: create a celebration where the community can step away from work, spend time together and enjoy one of the island's most anticipated traditions.

The work, however, is anything but simple.

Several days before the celebration begins, crews are already on the grounds setting up tents, inflatables and decorations. Schedules are finalized, vendors coordi-

nated, supplies delivered and countless details confirmed to ensure every department understands its responsibilities before opening day.

"There's so much more behind the scenes than people realize," Medeiros said. "The long hours really surprised me. It takes days to put everything together, and there's a lot of planning just to make sure everyone is on the same page."

Communication becomes one of the event's most valuable tools. With so many organizations involved, success





depends on every team understanding not only its own responsibilities but also how its work connects to everyone else's.

"Everyone depends on each other," Medeiros said. "You trust every group to do its part, and when everyone does, everything comes together."

The collaboration extends far beyond MWR. Marshallese employees from Ebeye contribute throughout the setup process. Pyrotechnics specialists coordinate the evening fireworks. Facilities crews prepare the event grounds, while numerous volunteers support activities throughout the day.

Few attendees realize how many hands have helped create the experience before they even arrive.

For Medeiros, the importance of that effort is rooted in the community itself.

"People work hard out here," she said. "It's important that they have opportunities to relax, spend time with family and enjoy themselves

together."

Those opportunities are especially meaningful in a remote community where recreation plays an important role in maintaining morale and strengthening connections among neighbors, co-workers and friends.

As the celebration unfolded, weeks of preparation quietly faded into the background.

Children carefully decorated bicycles before eagerly lining up for the parade. Families filled the event grounds. Friends gathered beneath tents while music from the visiting band echoed across the park. As daylight gave way to evening, spectators turned their attention toward the lagoon, where another team prepared the fireworks that would bring the celebration to a close.

"Watching the kids waiting for the bike parade was one of my favorite moments," Medeiros said. "They were so excited. Then later, seeing everyone dancing and enjoying themselves made all the work

worthwhile."

While the celebration belongs to the community, Medeiros said its success belongs to the many departments and individuals who work behind the scenes.

"It's hard to recognize just one person because so many people contributed," she said, noting the leadership provided by MWR Supervisor Orlando and the dedication of Thompson Tarwoj and his crew, along with the many departments and volunteers

who made the event possible.

By the time the final firework faded into the night sky, another Fourth of July celebration had become a memory for the families who attended. Behind those memories were weeks of planning, hundreds of hours of preparation and an island-wide effort that most people would never see. That unseen collaboration is what turns a holiday into a community tradition, year after year. ▼





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HISTORIC FIRST: HMCS CHARLOTTETOWN'S VISIT STRENGTHENS PARTNERSHIPS IN THE INDO-PACIFIC

HOURLASS REPORT

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When HMCS Charlottetown entered Kwajalein Atoll, it wasn't simply another warship making a routine port call. For the Royal Canadian Navy, it marked a historic milestone. The visit was the first by a Canadian warship to Kwajalein, opening the door for future operations while reinforcing the growing partnership between Canada, the United States and allied nations committed to security in the Indo-Pacific.

Although the frigate remained at Kwajalein for less than a day, the visit represented months of planning, international coordination and a shared commitment to ensuring allied forces can operate together wherever they are needed.

"It's an absolute privilege for Charlottetown to be visiting Kwajalein," said Cmdr. Jonathan Morris, command-

ing officer of HMCS Charlottetown. "We've been deployed in the Indo-Pacific for about five months, and this is one of our final stops. Being here allows us to better understand what capabilities and interoperability we can bring to Kwajalein and the broader Indo-Pacific."

Homeported in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Charlottetown has spent the last several months operating across Europe and the Pacific as part of Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy. The deployment reflects Canada's commitment to working alongside allies to promote stability, security and freedom of navigation throughout one of the world's most strategically important regions.

While the ship's original mission included testing a remote missile rearming capability, the objectives evolved before the vessel reached Kwajalein.

The plan called for a missile to be transported aboard an offshore support vessel

before being transferred to Charlottetown while in port, demonstrating that complex logistical operations could be conducted from a remote location. When the supporting vessel was retired before the mission, the rearming exercise was canceled.

Despite that change, Morris said the visit still accomplished one of its most important goals.

"Just bringing the ship into Kwajalein safely proved an important capability," Morris said. "We can now report back that a ship of this size can successfully operate here. That knowledge makes future missions much easier to plan."

For military planners, proving capability is often just as valuable as conducting the mission itself. Successfully navigating the harbor, evaluating available infrastructure and understanding local support capabilities all become part of future operational planning.

"Every time we visit a new

location, we're developing future capability," Morris said. "We learn what works, what resources are available and how we can improve the next time."

That preparation begins weeks before a ship ever reaches port.

Approximately 30 days before arriving, Canadian planners began coordinating with Kwajalein's harbor personnel, shipping agents, pilots and installation leadership. Fuel, fresh water, supplies, berthing arrangements and navigation requirements all had to be synchronized to ensure a safe arrival.

"There's a tremendous amount of communication that happens before we get here," Morris said. "Everyone works together to make sure the ship can arrive safely while minimizing disruptions to local operations."

That cooperation is exactly what allied partnerships are designed to accomplish.

"It starts with communication," Morris said. "The Pacific-



ic is a vast ocean, and being able to communicate and operate together is no small feat.”

Those relationships extend beyond military operations. They also create opportunities for sailors to engage with the communities that host them.

During the brief eight-to-10-hour visit, more than 250 Canadian sailors had the opportunity to explore Kwa-

jalein, visit local businesses, enjoy island restaurants and meet members of the community. Senior leaders also met with installation officials to exchange gifts and discuss future opportunities for co-operation.

“Most Canadians will never have the opportunity to visit a place like Kwajalein,” Morris said. “We’re encouraging our sailors to get ashore, meet people and experience the

community.”

The visit also allowed members of Charlottetown’s dive team to conduct a proficiency dive on one of the atoll’s historic shipwrecks, combining training with the unique environment Kwajalein offers.

For Morris, however, the most meaningful part of the visit is the history it represents.

“This is the first time a Canadian ship has visited Kwajalein,” he said. “Years from now, our sailors will be able to look back and say they were part of that first visit.”

In many ways, military partnerships are built one visit at a time. Exercises, port calls and leader engagements create familiarity long before forces are ever called upon to work together during a crisis. Every successful visit strengthens trust, improves interoperability and expands the network of allies committed to maintaining peace and

stability across the Indo-Pacific.

Before stepping ashore, Morris expressed his appreciation to the community that welcomed his crew.

“The welcome we’ve received has been outstanding,” he said. “We’re looking forward to meeting people, enjoying the local food and learning more about Kwajalein. Canadians are friendly people, and we’re excited to spend time with the community.”

As HMCS Charlottetown departed the atoll, it left behind more than a record of being the first Canadian warship to visit Kwajalein. It departed having strengthened relationships between allies, expanded operational knowledge and demonstrated that even a brief port visit can contribute to the long-term security and cooperation that define the Indo-Pacific partnership. ❖





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WHERE COMMUNITY MEETS THE WATER: THE STORY OF THE KWAJALEIN YACHT CLUB

HOURLASS REPORT

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Located in the heart of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, nearly 2,500 miles southwest of Honolulu, the Kwajalein Yacht Club stands as more than just a gathering place for boating enthusiasts — it is a cornerstone of community life on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur. With roots dating back to the early 1950s, the club has grown into a vibrant, welcoming space where ocean, friendship, and shared experience come together.

Today, with approximately 120 active members, the Yacht Club continues to carry forward a legacy built on both tradition and adaptability. Monthly meetings, held on the fourth Saturday, offer structure — but it's the rhythm of weekly gatherings, events, and spontaneous con-

nection that truly define the club.

At its core, the mission of the Kwajalein Yacht Club is simple: to support sailing and boating while creating a space where people can come together. As Vice Commodore Tim Roberge explains, “The main mission of the yacht club is to support sailing and boating... but it's also a big social event. We're all about having fun.”

That balance between activity and atmosphere is what makes the club unique. While it maintains a fleet of small sailboats — including Sunfish, a Bahia, and a Hobie Cat — and offers opportunities for sailing lessons and hands-on learning, boating is only part of the story.

“A lot of people think you have to be involved in boating to be part of the yacht club,” Roberge said. “But that's not the case at all. We might have around 150 members in a year, and maybe only about

10 to 15 boats. It's really more of a social club — a place for camaraderie.”

That spirit is perhaps most evident on Thursday evenings, when members and guests gather to watch the sunset over the lagoon. “You can sit on the deck, look out at the water, and forget where you are for a while,” Roberge shared. “It's like a little oasis in the middle of what I always

say is one of the nicest industrial parks in the world.”

Throughout the year, the Yacht Club hosts a wide range of events that bring the community together. From casual “Beer Can” races and regattas to cruising trips to outer islands, there's no shortage of ways to get involved. Signature events like the Commodore's Ball and the Swashbuckler's Ball — a



lively, pirate-themed celebration — have become island traditions.

One of the club's most impactful events, however, is the annual Spring Break Music Fest. Now in its 26th year, the festival has evolved into a major fundraiser and community celebration. Featuring local musicians, food vendors, and activities for families, it reflects the club's broader commitment to giving back.

"We've used the fundraiser to support all kinds of causes," Roberge explained. "From helping people on island going through difficult times to supporting those who used to

live here — it's about taking care of the Kwaj family."

That sense of "Kwaj family" is something Roberge speaks about with particular emphasis. In a place as remote and close-knit as Kwajalein, relationships take on a deeper meaning.

"It's not just the people you're here with now," he said. "It's the people you met 10 or 15 years ago and still stay in touch with. Those connections last. This is a special place with special people."

Accessibility is another defining feature of the club. Membership remains intentionally affordable — \$80 annually for individuals and

\$120 for families — and open to anyone interested in being part of the community. Newcomers are especially encouraged to simply show up.

"The best way to get involved is just to come down on a Thursday and introduce yourself," Roberge said. "If you're interested in sailing, we'll connect you with the right people. If not, that's fine too. Just come enjoy it."

The club also serves as one of the most utilized venues on the island, hosting private events, family gatherings, and community functions throughout the year. Its scenic waterfront setting — paired with a building constructed

entirely by volunteers — adds to its distinct character.

"That building is something we're really proud of," Roberge noted. "It was 100% volunteer-built. People came together, contributed their skills, and made it happen. It took a couple of years, but it's one of the nicest spaces on the island."

Like many organizations in remote locations, the Yacht Club does face challenges. Shipping materials, maintaining equipment in a harsh ocean environment, and keeping facilities in good condition all require ongoing effort. Yet, through volunteerism and community sup-



port, the club continues to adapt and thrive.

Looking ahead, leadership hopes to see more younger members step into active roles. With longtime contributors gradually transitioning away, there is a desire to ensure the club's future remains strong.

"We've had people who have been involved here for

decades," Roberge said. "Now we're looking for new energy — people who want to help carry this forward."

Despite any challenges, the heart of the Kwajalein Yacht Club remains unchanged. It is a place where simplicity is valued, where experiences outweigh expectations, and where connection comes naturally.

When asked to describe the club in just a few words, Roberge's answer reflects that spirit clearly: "You don't have to have a boat. Just come check us out."

And perhaps that's what makes the Kwajalein Yacht Club truly special. In a place defined by distance, it brings people closer — to the water, to each other, and to the mo-

ments that make island life unforgettable.

As Commodore Dustin Carmichael shared in his message to the community, "We are lucky to be able to sail in the world's largest lagoon... and to enjoy it together."

On Kwajalein, the Yacht Club isn't just about sailing. It's about belonging. ▾



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

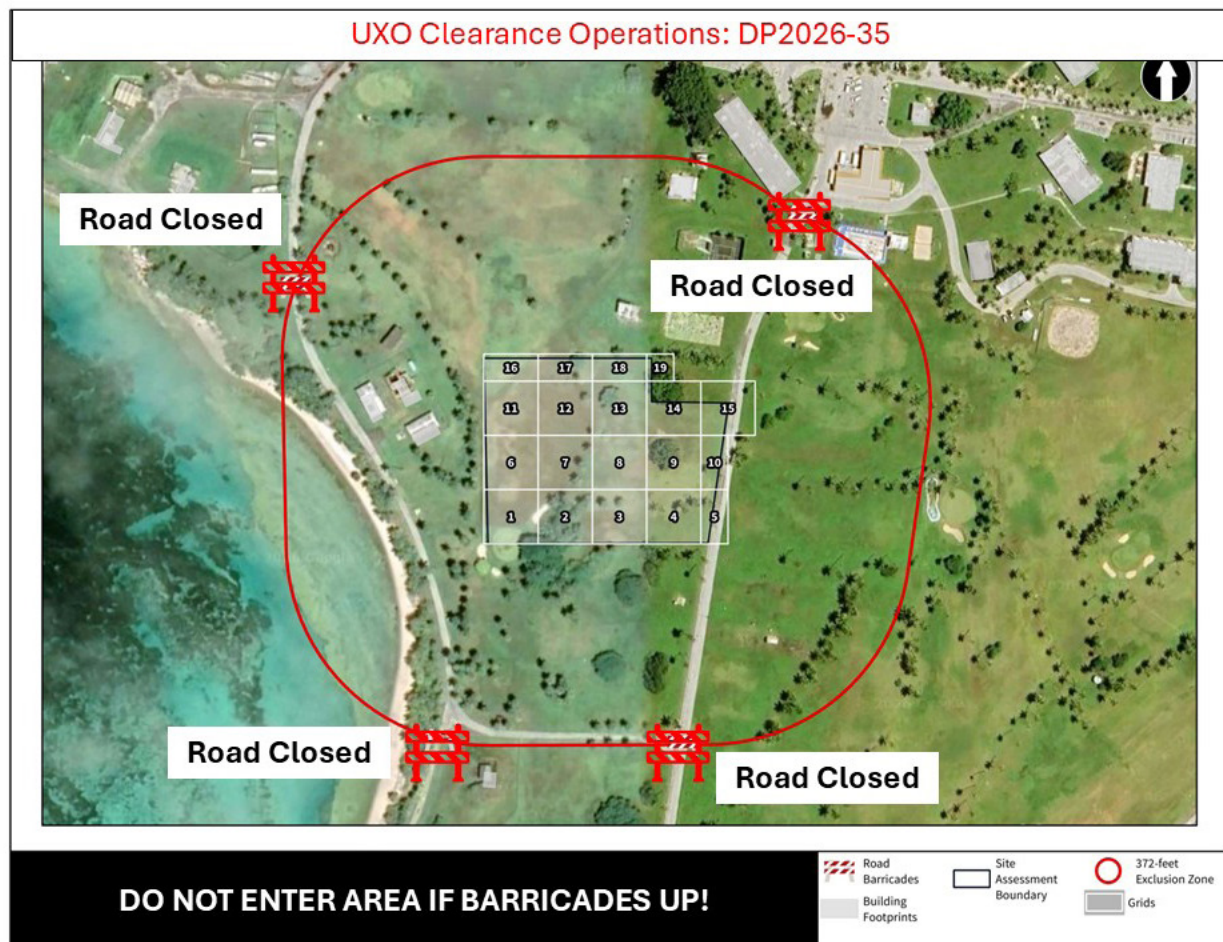
Daily operations: 6:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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.





**Department of the Navy im Department of the 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 kebooj juon Draft Supplement Environmental Assessment/Overseas Environmental Assessment (EA/OEA) nan etale jonon kajoor in an kommelmel in kokkelok mijel ko naj jelet belaa ko ilo aer komman ilo Malo ko jomor ilo Atlantic im Pacific. Draft Supplemental EA/OEA in ej etale jonon kajoor in kommelmel in kokkelok kein jen jikin ko rekaal lok nan ijoko rar jino komman ie ilo Wake Island, eo ej mottan Majel, im San Nicolas Island ilo California, im bareinwot raft ko rej ebbebe ilo malo ko ilo Pacific im Atlantic.

Ien Emman Nan An Armej Bok Konaer

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

Ennaa 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 ennaa 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 ; Hawai
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>
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All comments must be submitted online or postmarked by June 10, 2026.

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



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

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

Ien Emman Nan An Aolep Armej Bok Konaer

US Army Space im Missile Defense Command eo ej karuwainenek nan am etale im kwalok ennaa ko am ikkujee Draft Programmatic DEP in. Ennaa ak konono ko maron ilok ilo email nan:

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

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

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

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

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



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

Public Involvement Opportunity

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

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

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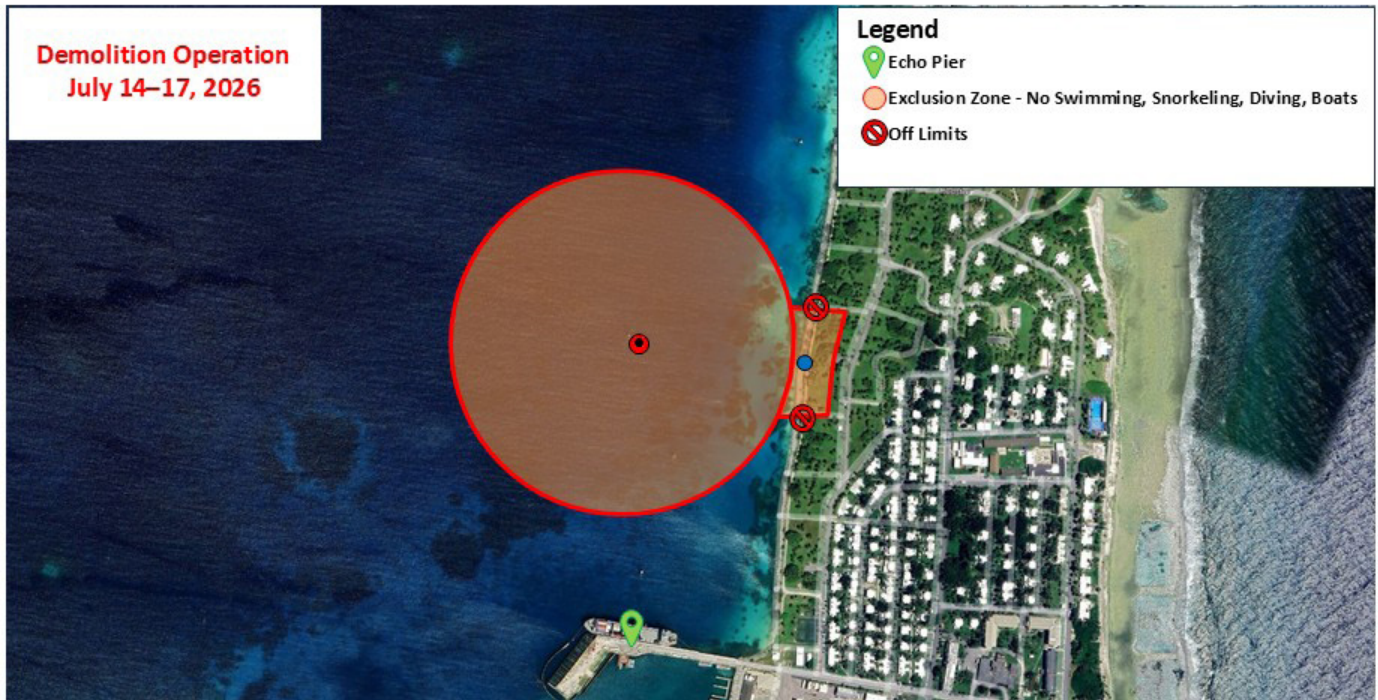
The Draft DEP is available online at
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or at the following public libraries:
Kwajalein Island's Grace Sherwood Library, and Roi-Namur Library.

Navy EOD UXO Disposal Operations July 14–17, 2026

Navy EOD demolition team will conduct unexploded ordnance (UXO) disposal operations at the Fuel Barge Mooring west of Ski Steps on Kwajalein from **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** daily.

The area shown on the map will be **closed to all activity** until operations are complete.

This includes **scuba divers, snorkelers, swimmers, and boats**, which are prohibited from entering the exclusion zone during this period.



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.

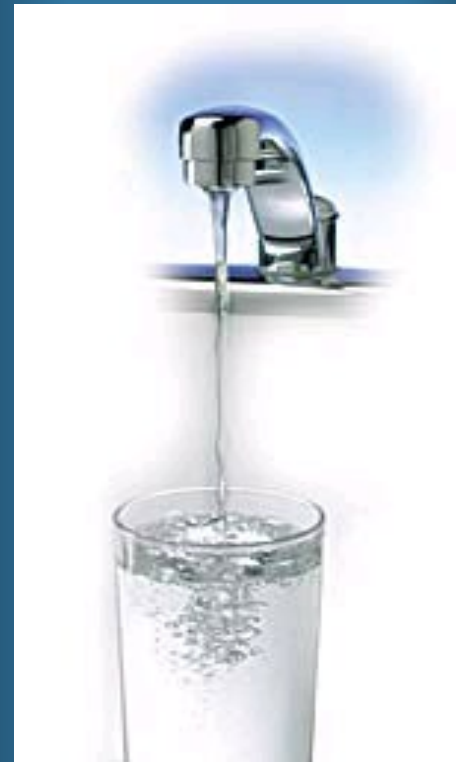
Rainwater is the preferred source of water due to its purity and ease of collection. Kwajalein Atoll averages more than 100 inches of rain a year. The runway and aircraft taxiways on Kwajalein, Roi-Namur and Meck are sloped to drain toward collection sumps that pump raw rainwater to storage tanks for 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.

ENGLISH U.S. Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll

2025 Water Quality Report



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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.

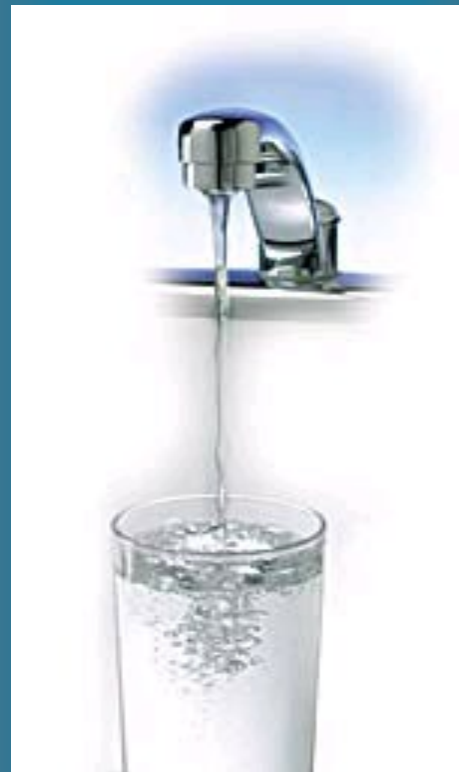
Dren in wot ej dren eo eman tata nan kojerbal ilo USAG-KA itok wot jen an bidodo ae im erre. Ilo juon yio, Kwajalein ej loe tarin 100 inij in wot. Jikin jook an baluun ilo Kwaj, Roi-Namur im Meik rej rejbal nan ae dren in wot. Jen ijon, dren in ej pump lok non tank kan im kottar non ien liklik im komat. 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 retoon 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 jerbal 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 jerbal kein jilu, USAG-KA ej bareinwot make etale tiljek in an jikin kein koman dren eo jerbal, 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 jerbal 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 rekkar.



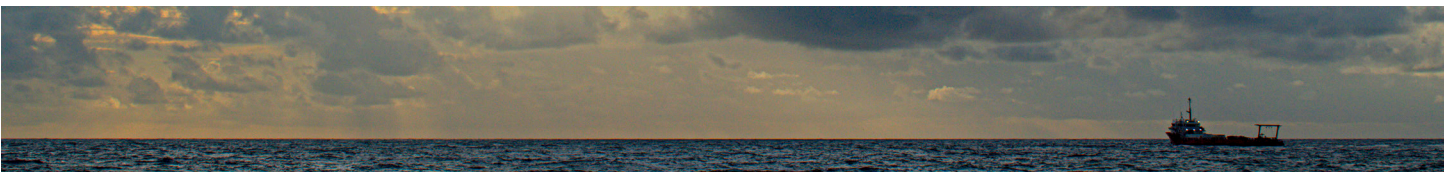
Reverse Osmosis Units



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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 eirlokwtot) 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 jermal 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



MWR PROGRAMMING CALENDAR JULY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 4TH OF JULY Celebration & Fireworks KARAOKE at OCEANVIEW MOVIE night DC: LEAGUE OF SUPER-PEGS (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 • 98 MIN)
19 MOVIE night JURASSIC WORLD: DOMINION (2022) (RATED PG-13 • 147 MIN) at the YUK THEATER	20	21	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	



Fogging Schedule

- 5:30-7:30 P.M.
- Roi Namur: July 31, 2026
- Kwajalein: July 22-23, 2026 and July 29-30, 2026
- Weather dependent
- Avoid fogged area for ~30 minutes

Fogging with Eco-friendly EcoVia EC Insecticide

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



Do your part to eliminate mosquitoes:

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

Do your part to eliminate flies:

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

Dump standing water



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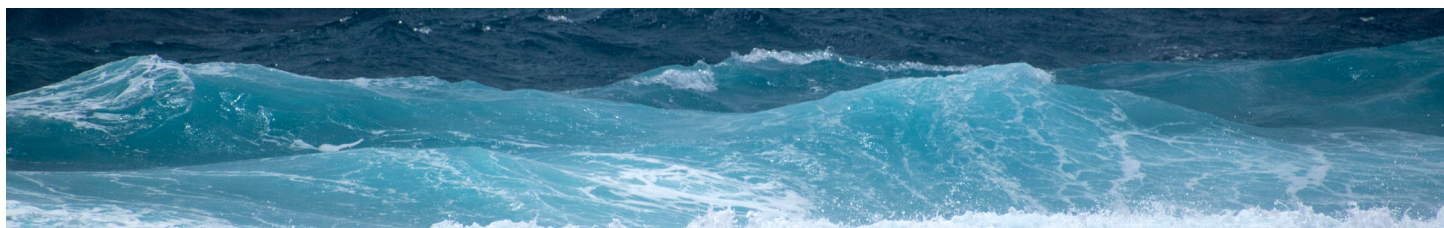
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DAY OF WEEK FLIGHT NUMBER	SUNDAY NO FLIGHT	MONDAY UA155	TUESDAY UA154	WEDNESDAY UA133	THURSDAY UA132 UA155		FRIDAY UA154	SATURDAY NO FLIGHT
ARRIVING FROM		Guam, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae	Honolulu, Majuro	Guam, Chuuk, Pohnpei	Honolulu, Majuro	Guam, Chuuk, 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-10:45AM 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
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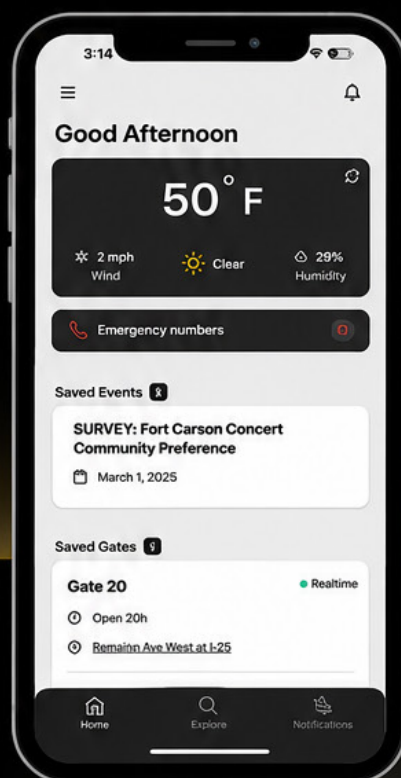
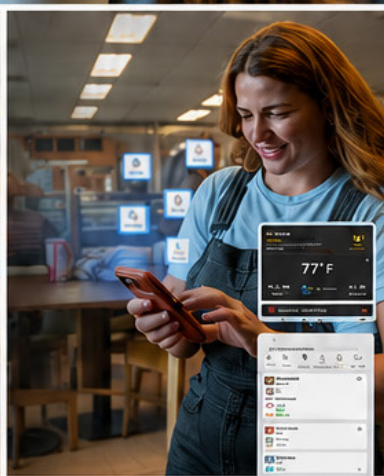
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- Black-lip pearl oysters
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- Humphead wrasse and bumphead parrotfish
- Giant grouper and coral trout

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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.

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- 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



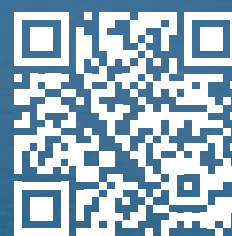
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COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

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 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

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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.
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JULY MOVIES



★ AT THE YUK THEATER ★

 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

WEATHER DISCUSSION

A weak cyclonic circulation that has affected the region through the latter half of the week will have shifted farther west by Saturday, but an unsettled weather pattern is expected to persist across Kwajalein Atoll through Monday as a hybrid monsoon trough and the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) remain nearby. Periods of partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers are expected each day, with occasional breaks in precipitation as the atmosphere temporarily stabilizes between rounds of convection. Despite these drier intervals, abundant tropical moisture will support the development of additional showers, and a slight chance of isolated thunderstorms will continue through the period. Surface winds will generally light and variable, to close out the week, before gradually becoming northeast to east around 10-15 knots over the weekend.

SATURDAY

Partly sunny to mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a possible thunderstorm. Winds light and variable with higher gusts possible near showers.

SUNDAY

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

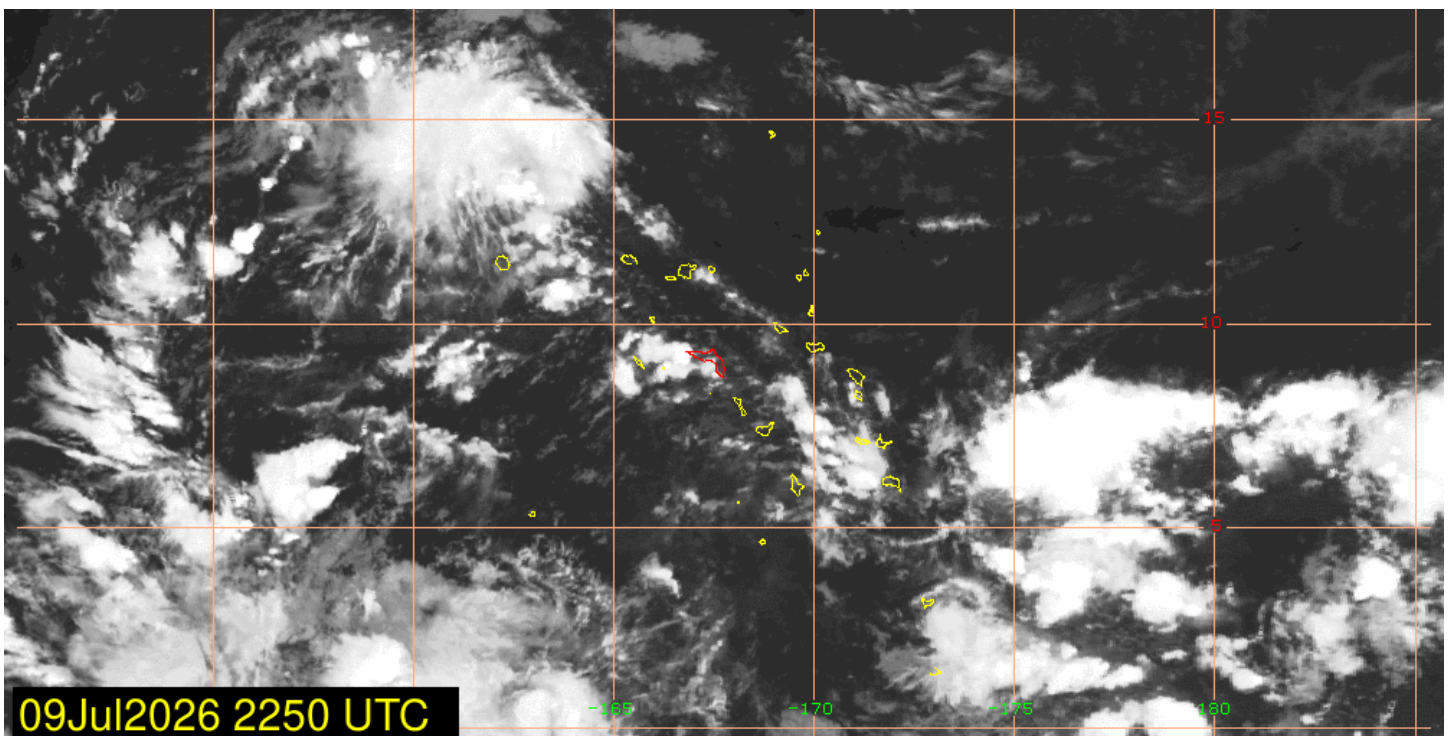
MONDAY

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

NEXT WEEK

Overall, warm, humid, and unsettled conditions will continue across the atoll to start off next workweek, with no significant changes anticipated.

SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:37 a.m. 7:13 p.m.	3:46 a.m. 4:56 p.m.	2:15 a.m. 4.1' 2:53 p.m. 2.9'	8:58 a.m. 0.1' 8:37 p.m. 0.3'
MONDAY	6:37 a.m. 7:13 p.m.	4:52 a.m. 6:03 p.m.	3:10 a.m. 4.5' 3:46 p.m. 3.2'	9:49 a.m. -0.3' 9:31 p.m. -0.0'
TUESDAY	6:37 a.m. 7:13 p.m.	6:00 a.m. 7:06 p.m.	3:59 a.m. 4.8' 4:31 p.m. 3.5'	10:34 a.m. -0.6' 10:18 p.m. -0.3'
WEDNESDAY	6:37 a.m. 7:13 p.m.	7:06 a.m. 8:04 p.m.	4:44 a.m. 5.0' 5:14 p.m. 3.7'	11:16 a.m. -0.7' 11:02 p.m. -0.4'
THURSDAY	6:38 a.m. 7:13 p.m.	8:08 a.m. 8:56 p.m.	5:26 a.m. 5.0' 5:53 p.m. 3.7'	11:55 a.m. -0.7' 11:44 p.m. -0.4'
FRIDAY	6:38 a.m. 7:13 p.m.	9:05 a.m. 9:42 p.m.	6:06 a.m. 4.9' 6:32 p.m. 3.7'	12:32 p.m. -0.5' -----
JULY 18	6:38 a.m. 7:13 p.m.	9:57 a.m. 10:25 p.m.	6:44 a.m. 4.6' 7:10 p.m. 3.7'	12:24 a.m. -0.2' 1:07 p.m. -0.3'



WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

Discussion:

So far in July, we have received 3.08" of rain putting us at 2.2" above normal with more than 20" above normal for the year at 54.5". Looking at an isolated shower situation tomorrow morning and widely scattered showers briefly for the atoll on Saturday. For the weekend, anticipating isolated showers on Sunday with considerable cloudiness increasing to widely scattered showers on Monday morning with a wet start to the workweek. We experienced one lightning day 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 on Monday and late morning Tuesday. 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 terminating near the Date Line. Monsoon Trough (MT) is now extending back into the eastern FSM. MTs have the tendency to be more conducive to tropical cyclone formation. El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is now in a Super El Nino phase. This will have the impact of bringing above normal shower coverage until October when it will actually bring lower than normal precipitation. There will be an elevated west wind concern and augmented tropical cyclone risk over the RMI for the rest of the year.

Tropical Cyclones:

Moderate for the RMI: watching Invest97 currently to the southwest of Kwajalein.

Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:

None. Watching Saturday for some possible westly winds but look to stay well below the warning speed

threshold. There are strong west winds south of 5N, but at 8.5N, we are anticipated to be to far north to feel adverse effects of these winds which are the southern axis of the monsoon trough building over the southern RMI. The west wind threat will be higher this wet season due to the Super El Nino.

Swell / Tide Inudation 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: Tomorrow, the winds will come down to the single digits through most of Sunday and become nearly calm and meandering at times. Starting late Sunday afternoon, winds will increase with a bit of a trade wind surge and some help from a possible circulation to the 10 to 15 knot range out the ENE to ESE. 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.

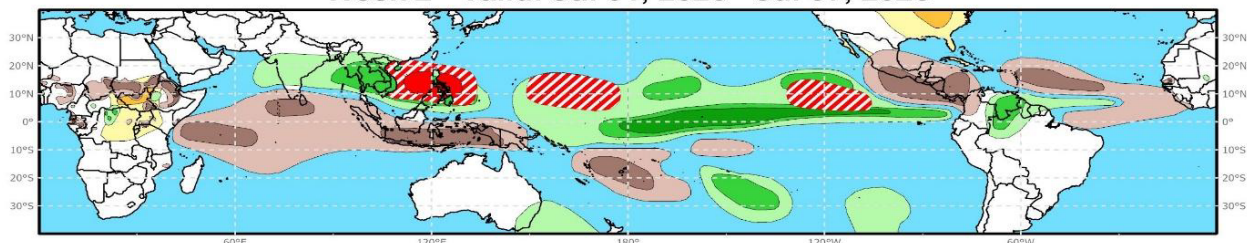


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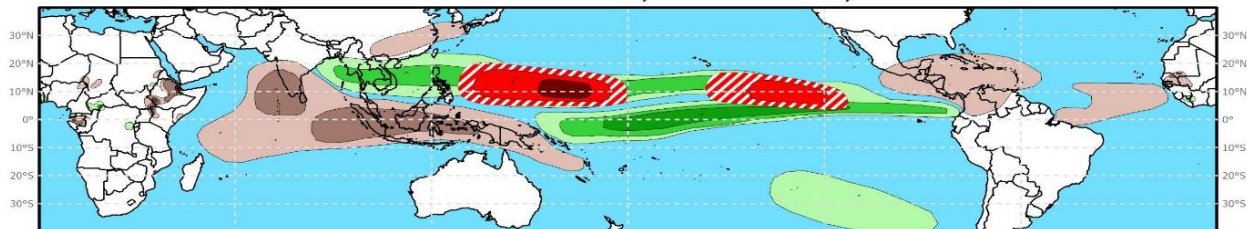
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Week 2 - Valid: Jul 01, 2026 - Jul 07, 2026



Week 3 - Valid: Jul 08, 2026 - Jul 14, 2026



Tropical Cyclone (TC)
Formation Probability
>20% >40% >60%
Tropical Depression (TD)
or greater strength

Above-Average
Rainfall Probability
>50% >65% >80%
Weekly total rainfall in the
Upper third of the historical range

Below-Average
Rainfall Probability
>50% >65% >80%
Weekly total rainfall in the
Lower third of the historical range

Above-Average
Temperatures Probability
>50% >65% >80%
7-day mean temperatures in the
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