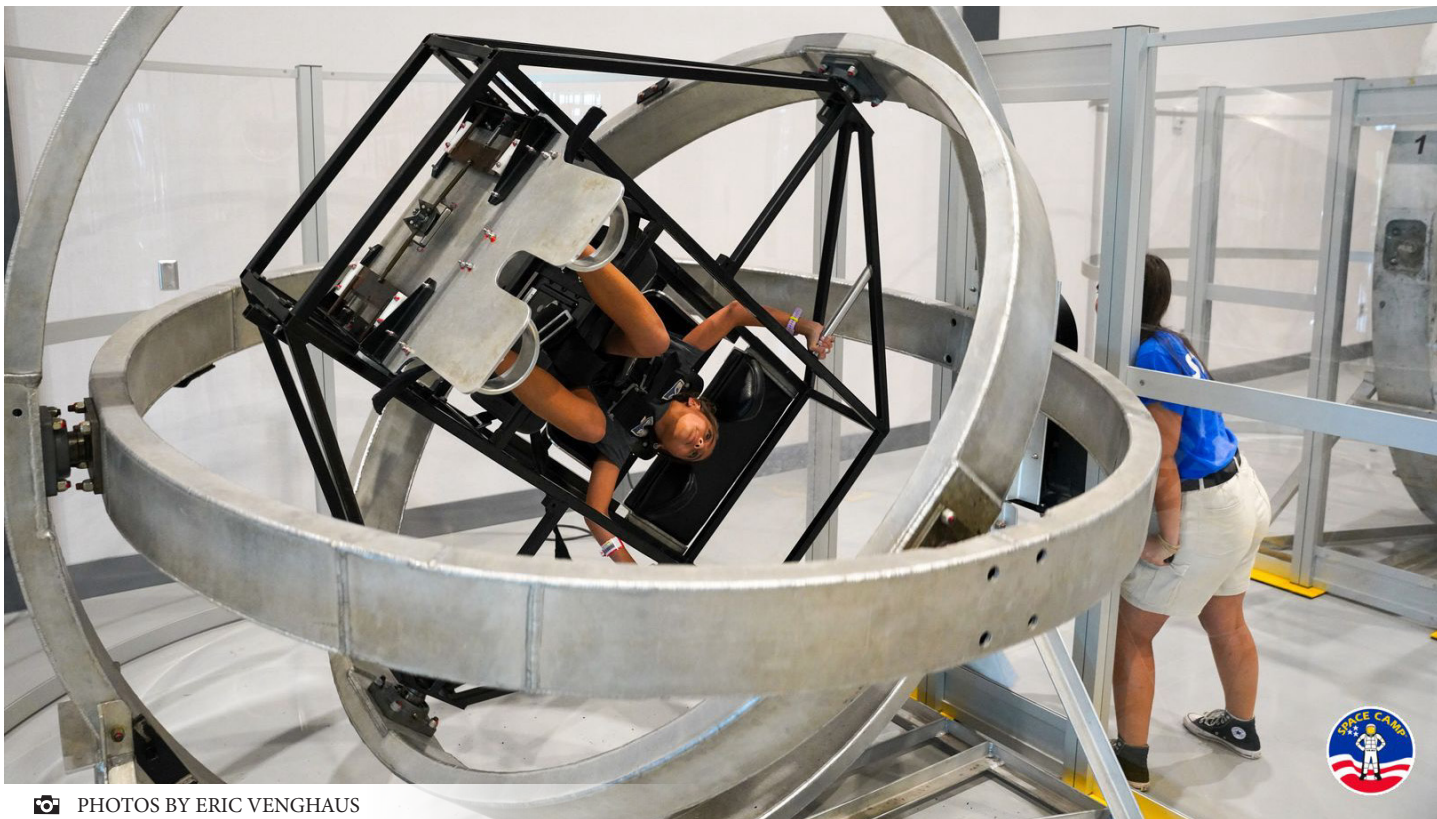


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COMMUNITY

OUT OF THIS WORLD: KWAJALEIN KIDS REACH FOR THE STARS AT SPACE CAMP

HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Story Writer

What happens when two ten-year-olds from a tiny Pacific island travel over 6,000 miles to Huntsville, Alabama? You get a week filled with spinning simulators, rocket launches, historical lessons—and a well-deserved bowl of shaved ice at the end of it all.

This past July, Kwajalein students Padma Venghaus and Lenore Rios had the experience of a lifetime attending Space Camp at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. The pair earned full scholarships through the annual U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command (USASM-DC) Space Camp Scholarship Competition, winning top honors for their competitive essays.

Earning the Jumpsuits

The road to Space Camp started right here on Kwajalein with a rigorous writing process. Applicants aged 9 to 11 were challenged to tackle complex topics in 200 to 600 words.

Padma, who wrote her winning essay in just 30 minutes while recovering from an illness, addressed whether humans or robots should explore space. “I chose humans,” Padma explained. “Humans have the ability to think and picture what’s actually happening, while robots just collect information and give it back.”

Lenore wrestled with the ethical balance of space history, answering whether animals should continue to be sent into orbit. “I said yes, but under one circumstance: as long as they are treating the animals right,” Lenore said, noting her research into how space impacts biological systems.





Their hard work paid off. Out of just 20 scholarship winners selected nationwide — spanning locations from Alaska to the continental U.S. — two spots belonged to Kwajalein.

Life as a Space Cadet

Upon arriving in Huntsville, the scale of the experience hit them immediately. “Everything was Space Camp,” Lenore recalled. “I was so excited — there were simulators, history lessons, everything.”

Their days were packed tight, running from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., leaving barely 20 minutes to get ready in the mornings. But the jam-packed schedule was filled with hands-on learning:

- **Simulators:** Padma took on the multi-axis trainer, which spins campers in unpredictable directions to simulate tumble spins in space. “I was very scared to do that,” Padma admitted. “I learned that if you try new things, you might actually like it.”

- **Rocketry:** Both girls

built and launched their own model rockets. While Padma’s rocket flew sky-high, its parachute failed to deploy on the descent — a classic space-engineering lesson in testing and iteration.

- **Mission Training:** In full-scale mockups, the girls took turns running simulated space missions. Lenore served as Station Scientist for her first mission and took the reins as Flight Director for her second, reading scripts to manage crew timing and comms.

- **Space History:** The campers dove into space history, learning about early pioneers like Laika the dog, as well as Able and Baker — the two monkeys who became the first primates to survive spaceflight in 1959.

Island Bonds and Kwaj Connections

While Space Camp was an incredible adventure, it also came with a dose of reality for two young islanders far from home. Packed into dormitories with unfamiliar sched-



ules and locked-away cell phones, both girls admitted to experiencing a few tearful phone calls home.

Having a familiar face made all the difference. Bunking together, Lenore and Padma kept each other grounded. “Every morning, I was on the bottom bunk, and I’d look up and say, ‘Good morning, Padma!’” Lenore laughed.

The “Kwaj connection” followed them throughout the week. During a special luncheon hosted for the scholarship winners, the girls met key leadership from USASM-DC, including incoming Commanding General Lt. Gen. Sean A. Rafferty.

They also bumped into a familiar face in the dorm hallways: Avery Acosta, a Kwajalein Junior Senior High School graduate working at the camp as a counselor. To top off the experience, their graduation ceremony featured a handshake and diploma presentation from former NASA astronaut Woody Springs.

Looking Ahead

While Lenore cracked that she isn’t quite ready to be strapped to a rocket herself (“I don’t think I want to be launched up into space, but I could be an engineer or do research”), Padma’s experience solidified her dream of becoming an aerospace

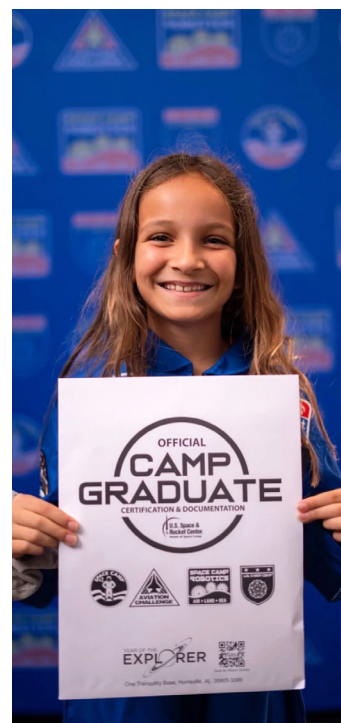
engineer — following in the footsteps of her older brother, Ethan, a former Kwajalein Space Camp winner now studying aerospace engineering at West Point Academy.

When asked what advice they would give to future Kwajalein kids applying for the scholarship, both girls emphasized making the most of every second.

“It’s going to be hard writing your essay, but just try your best,” Padma advised. “It really pays off.”

Lenore agreed, encouraging future campers to embrace every opportunity despite any nerves or long travel days: “You live on an island, and this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. When you get a chance to do a simulator, take it. Do every single one you can.”

And for anyone traveling to Huntsville soon? Lenore and Padma have one final piece of advice: hold out for the shaved ice stand inside the museum after graduation. According to them, it’s worth the wait. ❏





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MORE THAN A FIRST DAY: BUILDING CONFIDENCE BEFORE THE FIRST LESSON

HOURLASS REPORT

By **Isaiah Matthews**
Hourglass Story Writer

The first day of school is filled with moments both big and small.

New backpacks hang from tiny shoulders. Parents snap one last photo before saying goodbye. Students cautiously step into classrooms, searching for their desks, wondering who will sit beside them and what the year ahead will bring.

For many children, especially those entering a new grade, the first lesson isn't found in a textbook. It's learning that they belong.

That sense of belonging is something the staff at Kwajalein Elementary School begins building long before academics take center stage.

"You really have to build that classroom community," said third-grade teacher Brooke Dean, who is beginning her fifth year at Kwajalein and her 12th year as an

educator. "It's nerve-racking for students coming into a new classroom with a new teacher. Building those relationships first sets them up for success throughout the year."

Rather than spending the opening days focused solely on classroom procedures, teachers intentionally create opportunities for students to feel comfortable, heard and included.

For Dean, that begins by giving students a voice in the classroom from day one.

Her classroom is built around two simple expectations: Be Safe and Show Respect. Instead of defining those ideas herself, she invites students to help establish what they look like in practice.

"I let them tell me the ways that we show safety and show respect," Dean said. "When they help create those expectations, they have ownership of the classroom and the school year."

Ownership extends beyond

classroom discussions. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their workspace, organize their supplies and develop routines that promote independence from the very beginning.

"I want them to be responsible for their learning," Dean

said. "We spend a lot of time establishing routines and expectations so they feel confident in what they're doing."

That confidence begins forming even before classes officially start.

Ahead of the first day, families were invited to campus





their parents what they've been doing," Dean said. "It's a great way to build communication between families and teachers."

This year's schoolwide theme, "Dolphins Rise," reinforces the shared commitment to helping every student grow. Adopted across both the elementary and junior/senior high schools, the theme encourages students to rise academically, socially and personally while supporting one another along the way.

For Dean, some of the most meaningful moments in the classroom happen during the quietest part of the day.

As students gather together on the carpet for story time, the classroom slows down. It's a chance to laugh together, imagine together and begin building the trust that will carry the class through the months ahead.

"I love children's books,"

Dean said. "I'm actually a self-published author of a children's book, so gathering everyone together for a read-aloud is really special to me."

Those moments remind her why she became a teacher.

As another school year begins on Kwajalein, students will spend the coming months learning multiplication, grammar, science and countless other lessons. But before any of that can happen, they need something even more important.

They need a classroom where they feel safe enough to ask questions, confident enough to make mistakes and supported enough to keep trying.

On the first day of school, that's exactly what teachers set out to build. The math lessons and spelling tests can wait. First comes the foundation that makes every lesson afterward possible. ▴



for a school supply drop-off, giving students the opportunity to meet their teachers, find their classrooms and settle some of the uncertainty that naturally comes with a new school year. Students from Ebeye also participated, while Ri-Katak families were introduced to their new

lunchroom on campus.

The partnership between school and home continues with Back-to-School Night on Aug. 20, when families will return after students have settled into their routines.

"By then, the students already have work on the walls, and they're excited to show





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COMMUNITY

ONE TABLE, ONE CLASS, ONE UNFORGETTABLE YEAR AHEAD

Senior Breakfast launches the Class of 2027's final journey together

HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Story Writer

The road to graduation officially began with breakfast.

Surrounded by proud parents, school leaders, and classmates, the 16 members of Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School's Class of 2027 gathered at the home of U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. Matthew Cannon and his wife, Kate, for a special Senior Breakfast celebrating the start of their final year of high school.

More than just a meal, the annual tradition serves as one of the first milestones of senior year — a moment for students to pause, reflect on how far they've come, and look ahead to the opportunities and memories that await.

From laughter around the

breakfast table to conversations about college, military service, and future careers, the morning highlighted the importance of community while strengthening the bonds that will carry this class through their last year together.

"Senior year is filled with moments you'll only experience once," said Kate Cannon as she welcomed students and families. "We wanted you to know that this community is excited for you and cheering you on every step of the way."

The breakfast underscored why traditions like this remain meaningful. They bring the entire graduating class together outside the classroom, ease some of the stress that comes with college applications and scholarship deadlines and remind students that they are part of some-





thing larger than themselves.

For senior Parker Etcheson, the year ahead represents both excitement and opportunity.

"I'm a senior in the graduating Class of 2027," he said. "After graduation, I plan to attend a four year university under a Marine ROTC scholarship — hopefully Texas A&M. I'm excited for all the senior traditions: locker decorating, street painting, and everything that comes with being a senior."

Marshalllese student Janet Lang said she is looking forward to reconnecting with her classmates after spending the summer away. "I'm mostly excited to see new faces and be back with my friends again," Lang said. "Kwaj has shaped me into a better person and helped me see things differently from where I grew up."

Senior class president Emma Walter hopes to leave a legacy that lasts well beyond graduation. "I'm most excited about helping lead my class and watching everyone grow throughout the year," she said. "My goal is to bring our entire class closer together and make sure we have a lot of fun."

Parents shared similar emotions, pride, excitement, and the realization that graduation is now on the horizon.

"My daughter is Sydney Jones, and I'm excited because I've seen how hard she's worked to get here," said Keri Jones. "I've encouraged her to embrace every day because this year is going to go by in the blink of an eye."

For Krista Webb, seeing her son Joseph step into his senior year represents the culmination of years of preparation. "The moment I'm most proud of is that he has a plan for the future," Webb said. "He has a passion for mechanics, and that's what he wants to pursue."

Nellie Walter — whose triplets, Austin, Matthew, and Emma, are all seniors this year — said reaching this milestone is something her family has anticipated for years. "I'm so very proud that we've reached this moment," Walter said. "Right now, my advice is simple: finish the Common Application, start applying for scholarships, get your head in the game, and finish strong."

She hopes her children always remember growing up on Kwajalein as something unique. "I hope they remember this magical island where they were able to be themselves and experience a lifestyle unlike anywhere else," Walter said. "Being able to come home for lunch, enjoy the slower pace, and grow up



in such a close knit community is something very special.”

Heather Miller echoed that sentiment as she reflected on her daughter Ellie’s school journey. “This moment right now is what I’m most proud of,” Miller said. “There have been so many ups and downs, but it all led to this year.”

Her advice for seniors: worry less about the future and focus more on being present.

“Take each day as it comes,” she said. “Create memories with friends and family, and don’t let anxiety about what’s next steal the joy of today.”

For students who have spent much — or even all — of their childhood on Kwajalein, their memories extend beyond the classroom. They include bike rides across the island, afternoons at the beach, community celebra-

tions, lifelong friendships, and a support system unlike any other.

As the Class of 2027 begins its final chapter, the Senior Breakfast served as a reminder that graduation is more than earning a diploma. It is about celebrating the journey, honoring the relationships built along the way, and embracing the responsibility of becoming the next gener-

ation of leaders.

With one breakfast, one class, and one community gathered around the table, the countdown to graduation has officially begun. And if the smiles around the Cannons’ table are any indication, the Class of 2027 is ready to make every moment count. ▾





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COMMUNITY

BEHIND THE BELLS

HOURLASS REPORT

By **Isaiah Matthews**
Hourglass Story Writer

When students return to Kwajalein Junior/Senior High School this school year, the first thing they'll notice may be the sound of a familiar bell.

What they likely won't notice is everything that changed behind it.

Over the summer, crews completed a comprehensive upgrade of the school's aging public address and bell system, replacing decades-old analog equipment with a modern digital communication network designed to improve daily operations, streamline communication and better support the needs of students, teachers and staff.

For Nik Meinzer, the island's audiovisual technician, the project was more than replacing speakers and running cables. It was an opportunity to modernize one

of the school's most essential communication tools while ensuring it would continue serving the campus for years to come.

"The old PA system was an analog system that was probably installed when the school was built," Meinzer said. "It still worked, but it was starting to sound like it was about to die."

Although the system had faithfully served generations of students, its age made replacement increasingly important. Rather than waiting for equipment to fail during the school year, the installation was scheduled over the summer, allowing the work to be completed without disrupting classes.

The upgrade delivers far more than clearer announcements.

The new platform combines the school's public address and bell systems into a single digital network that can be managed from a computer. Administrators can quickly adjust bell schedules

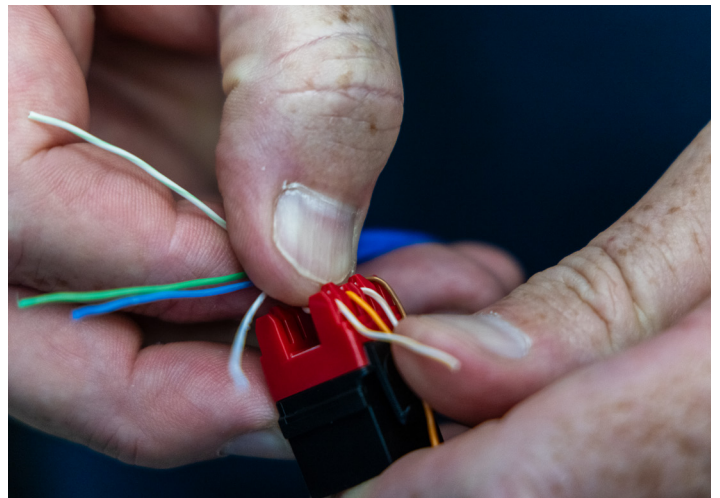
for assemblies, testing days, early dismissals or other calendar changes without manually reprogramming equipment.

Communication between classrooms and the front office has also been significantly improved. Teachers can now contact office staff directly from their classrooms, while administrators can instantly broadcast announcements throughout the campus.

"The classrooms are now able to call the front office and

talk directly to someone in the front office, and vice versa," Meinzer said. "The front office can also make an all-call announcement throughout the whole school."

While the system is currently focused on improving daily communication, it was designed with future capabilities in mind. The platform can support additional emergency notification features should those systems be implemented in the future, providing flexibility as





the school's communication needs evolve.

Completing a campus-wide installation required weeks of planning and coordination long before the first speaker was mounted.

The project involved installing new equipment throughout multiple buildings, running communication lines across campus, connecting classrooms and programming the system before extensive testing could begin.

To minimize disruption, the work was carefully timed to coincide with summer break.

"We didn't start installation until after they broke for the summer," Meinzer said. "There were no disruptions. There were no teachers or students around, so we didn't really have to work around anybody."

Even with careful planning, the team anticipated unexpected obstacles. Running new communication lines through an older building can often present unforeseen challenges, particularly when

existing conduit is already crowded with decades of infrastructure.

Instead, the project quickly gained momentum.

"We were anticipating a lot of hurdles trying to run cables through packed conduit," Meinzer said. "But we were actually able to run the main trunk lines between the buildings within the first few days, which put us way ahead of schedule."

Although a handful of classrooms required additional work and several speaker locations presented installation challenges because of uneven mounting surfaces, the issues were minor and never threatened the schedule. Completing the major infrastructure early allowed additional time to program, fine-tune and thoroughly test every component before school resumed.

The project was ultimately completed five days ahead of schedule.

For Meinzer, however, finishing early wasn't the greatest measure of success.

His goal is something much

simpler.

"My line of work is actually more satisfying when people don't notice it," he said. "Then you know you did a good job. Everything just goes smoothly."

The installation also marked Meinzer's first experience designing and programming a schoolwide public address system of this scale. Learning new software, configuring the system and commissioning every component became part of the project itself.

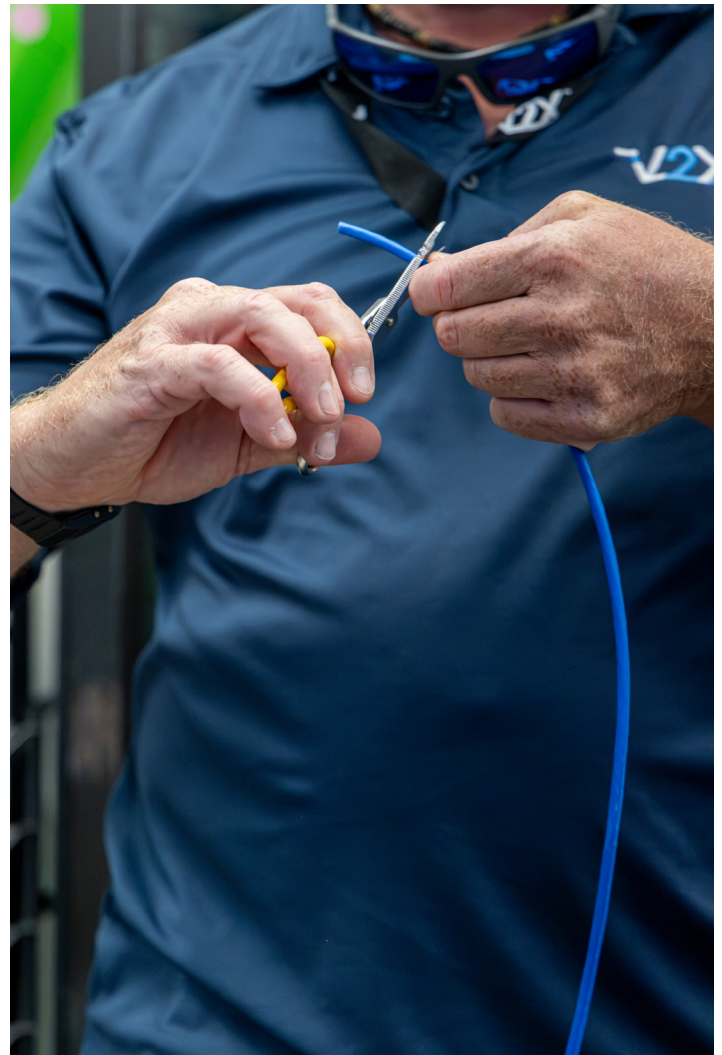
"It has been a very interesting and challenging project because I'd never worked with a system like this before," he said. "At the end of the day, I had a lot of fun doing it, and I'm excited to teach the administrators how to use it and expand on what they can do with the bell system and the PA system."

For students, the upgrade

may simply mean hearing a clearer morning announcement or a bell that rings precisely on time. For teachers and administrators, it means faster communication and a system that is easier to manage throughout the school day.

Like many infrastructure improvements, the success of the project will be measured not by how much attention it receives, but by how seamlessly it becomes part of everyday life.

When the first bell rings this school year, students will move from one class to the next without giving it a second thought. Behind that ordinary sound is weeks of planning, installation and testing, ensuring that one of the school's most important communication systems is ready to support learning for years to come. ▾





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YOUTH CENTER READY FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagon
Hourglass Staff Writer

The school year is here, and that means it's time for another exciting year at the USAG Kwajalein Atoll Children and Youth Services Youth Center. Whether you're looking for a place to hang out after school, compete in tournaments, learn something new, make friends, or take on a leadership role, the Youth Center has something for everyone.

The Youth Center is open to students in 6th–12th grade. During the school year, hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 1:30–9:00 p.m.

Students in 7th–12th grade are welcome to come over after school and stay through the evening until 9:00 p.m. Students in 6th grade can join the fun Wednesday through Saturday, with programming available until 5:30 p.m. Sun-

days are reserved for youth in 7th–12th grade.

The Youth Center is much more than a place to spend time after school. As part of the Army Child and Youth Services program, it provides a safe, supervised environment where youth build leadership skills, develop healthy relationships, explore new interests, and gain confidence through hands-on experiences. Programming is intentionally designed to support positive youth development while giving teens the freedom to have fun and spend time with friends.

"There's always something going on," said Youth Education Specialist Ariel Smock. "We have sports tournaments, game nights, cooking activities, arts and crafts, STEM projects, leadership opportunities, community service, special events, and plenty of chances to just spend time with friends. One of the best parts is that teens

have a voice in what we do. We regularly ask for ideas and feedback, and many of our activities are planned based on what our members want. If there's something they'd like to see, we encourage them to help make it happen."

For anyone who hasn't vis-

ited the Youth Center before, Smock says taking that first step is worth it. "Everyone is new at some point," she said. "It might feel a little intimidating to walk through the door for the first time, but it doesn't take long to feel like part of the group. Our staff





and members go out of their way to welcome new faces, and before you know it, you're playing a game, joining an activity, or just hanging out with new friends."

One of the highlights of the school year is the opportunity to become involved in Keystone Club, Boys & Girls Clubs of America's premier teen leadership program. Keystone Club members plan community service projects, develop leadership skills, organize activities, and make a positive impact both within the Youth Center and throughout the Kwajalein community.

New this year, the Youth Center is also launching Torch Club, a leadership and service club designed specifically for younger teens. Torch Club encourages youth to develop

leadership skills, strengthen character, build meaningful friendships, and give back to their community while preparing them for future leadership opportunities.

Beyond the activities and

clubs, the Youth Center offers something many teens are looking for, a place where they feel like they belong.

"The Youth Center gives teens a place that's truly theirs," Smock said. "Instead of sitting at home, they're part of a community where they can try new things, learn skills, compete in activities, and make memories with friends. It's a safe, welcoming environment where they can be themselves, have fun, and build confidence while still having the freedom to relax and enjoy their time."

That sense of community is especially important on Kwajalein. "Kwaj is a small community, and the Youth Center helps bring teens together who may not otherwise cross paths," Smock said. "Whether someone has lived here for years or just moved to the island, it's a great place to meet people with similar interests. Through games, team activities, volunteer opportunities, and special events, friendships form naturally. We want every teen who walks through

our doors to feel welcomed, included, and like they belong."

This year also features some exciting opportunities that are unique to Kwajalein. Teens can participate in an Underwater Photography Course, learning photography skills while exploring Kwaj's incredible underwater world. The school year also kicks off with the Back-to-School Bash on August 9 at Emon Beach, featuring food, games, music, and a beach barbecue. This is a perfect chance to reconnect with friends and welcome new members.

"If you're not coming to the Youth Center, you're missing

out on experiences that you can't get anywhere else on the island," Smock said.

Be sure to check the Youth Center monthly calendars for club meeting dates, special events, tournaments, and the start dates for Keystone Club, Torch Club, and other exciting programs throughout the year.

Whether you're interested in leadership, community service, learning a new skill, or simply having a place to spend time with friends after school, the Youth Center is ready to welcome you. Stop by, get involved, and discover everything waiting for you this school year. X





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COMMUNITY

LOBO ARELONG: BUILDING BRIDGES

Through youth work, education and a commitment to his home community, Arelong has found his own way to care for others.

HOURLASS REPORT

By **Anthony Carnelli**,
Hourglass Story Writer

Lobo Arelong trained to take care of people. The needles were the problem.

He earned a nursing degree at the College of the Marshall Islands (CMI) in Majuro, then spent his last semesters realizing the work wasn't for him.

"I couldn't poke people with needles. I couldn't look at blood. I just didn't have the guts for it," he said.

He finished the degree anyway, figuring he could do something else with it. Child and Youth Services (CYS) at U.S. Army Garrison — Kwajalein Atoll called, and he answered.

Years later, Arelong still takes care of people — just not in the way he once imagined. As a program assistant at the Namu Weto Youth

Center, his job, as he puts it, is "just making sure the kids, or the youth, have a safe place to come, be themselves and have fun." But his work extends beyond the youth center. He also helps introduce Kwajalein students to Marshallese language, history and culture.

Between Ebeye and Kwajalein, between a high school classroom and the youth center floor, Arelong has become something the organization chart does not list: a bridge.

Arelong is from Ebeye, a crowded island a short boat ride across the lagoon, where he grew up before attending intermediate and high school in Hawaii. Under the Compact of Free Association, Marshallese citizens can live, work and study in the United States. He joined CYS in 2016 and has remained with the organization, apart from a two-year break.

His work now carries him

between the youth center and the classroom. Before the Namu Weto Youth Center opens, Arelong assists with Christi Cardillo's Marshallese language and history class at KJSHS.

"It's nice being in class and teaching the kids my language and culture," he said.

The classroom is where Arelong's role as a cultural bridge becomes most visible. Drawing on his experiences on Ebeye, in Hawaii and on Kwajalein, he helps students better understand Marshallese language, history and culture — as well as the community just across the lagoon.

From 1:30 p.m. until closing, he's at the youth center.

That classroom is where the bridge is most literal. Arelong wants young people on Kwajalein to understand the culture just across the water, and he's candid about why it can be hard to see from the

outside.

"I think most Marshallese people are shy and keep to themselves," he said. "But if you actually talk to them and push them to have a conversation, they're more than willing to open up and tell you about our culture." His advice is plain: "I know language can be a barrier, but just ask."

He has watched that gap narrow in small ways. One of his favorite things about Kwajalein, he said, is seeing American residents pick up a Marshallese habit. "Here on Kwaj, you can say hi to everybody, and everybody says hi," he said. "I like that they've grown accustomed to the Marshallese culture, because that's how it is. You don't have to know somebody to say hi."

It is a small thing — and also, in his telling, how community gets built: not through programs or buildings, but through people deciding to be kind. "Just be kind," he

tells newcomers, “because if you’re not kind, I can tell you they won’t be kind either. But if you’re nice, they’ll be nice back to you.”

Arelong feels that his current role has changed him, too.

When he started, “I was hesitant to get to know them. In my culture, you kind of keep to yourself,” he said. The kids drew him out: “Working with the kids, I’ve learned how to open up.”

They also taught him patience — “I’ve learned how to calm myself in situations where it gets super hectic.”

His nursing background never really left him; it just pointed him somewhere new. At CMI, he researched diabetes in the Marshall Islands for a regional leadership conference, and the problem still nags at him.

Arelong said Ebeye’s limited space makes growing traditional food difficult, leaving many families dependent on imported products. “An apple would cost more than canned food or a package of ramen,” he said.

He is working toward a bachelor’s degree in public health online through Arizona State University and hopes one day to return to Ebeye and work at the hospital in an administrative role — back in health care, finally, without the needles.

One challenge, Arelong said, is keeping older teens engaged as they move through high school. He wants to better understand why some begin drifting away from the youth center and what activities might bring them back.

For those who remain involved, overnight lock-ins featuring games such as *Mafia* and *Minute to Win It* are among the most popular events. Many of the participants, he said, “are close-knit and grew up around each other.”

Ask what he hopes those kids remember, and Arelong doesn’t reach for anything

grand. “That I made somewhat of a difference in their lives,” he said. “That I taught them something, especially about Marshallese culture.”

He will be the first to tell you he is shy. That shyness, however, seems to disappear when the music starts.

“I’m not that shy when it comes to dancing,” Arelong said. “But when it comes to speaking to people, yes, definitely.”

The dance floor may bring out his more visible side, but the impression Arelong hopes to leave is quieter and more lasting. For him, success is not measured by a title or a crowded room, but by what young people carry with them after they leave the youth center or classroom. He hopes they remember “that I made somewhat of a difference” and that he taught them something about Marshallese culture.

It is a modest goal, but one that reflects the work he has chosen: helping the next generation better understand themselves, their neighbors and the community they share. X





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COMMUNITY

BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE: MIT SUMMER INTERNS BUILD 15-COMPUTER LAB FOR EBEYE STUDENTS

HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Story Writer

For students at Calvary School on Ebeye, hands-on access to modern technology just got a major boost — thanks to the hard work and dedication of three Marshallese summer interns and the team at MIT Lincoln Laboratory.

This summer, interns Benjamin Bernie, Talilanki “Telly” Lamki, and Jacqueline Alex spent weeks on Kwajalein learning the ins and outs of computer hardware, networking, and software systems. They put that knowledge directly into action by traveling to Ebeye to install a brand-new, 15-computer lab complete with monitors, network cabling, a high-speed wireless router, and a year of Microsoft Office software.

Hands-On Tech Experience

The annual 10-week summer internship program, instructed by MIT Lincoln Laboratory’s Ranny Ranis, is designed to equip Marshallese youth with real-world IT skills that they can take back to their communities or build into life-long careers.

“The goal of this program is to make sure we have more IT people in the Marshall Islands,” Ranis explained. “We want to spread technical skills all over the Marshall Islands — from Majuro to Ebeye and the outer islands.”

Over the first two weeks of the program, the interns tore down computer hardware piece by piece, learning motherboards, power supplies, RAM, and ports. They advanced to network configuration, building custom Ethernet cables, connecting



wireless routers, and navigating Linux operating systems — a first for all three interns.

To ensure the concepts stuck, Ranis put their skills to the test every Saturday. “When they go to lunch, I break their network setups,” Ranis chuckled. “When they come back, they have to

troubleshoot and fix it themselves. They have to learn the technical terminology so they can communicate like IT professionals.”

Meet the 2026 Intern Class

The three interns brought unique backgrounds and high energy to this year’s co-



hort:

- Benjamin Bernie: A recent business graduate from the College of the Marshall Islands (CMI) in Majuro, Bernie joined the program to gain practical, hands-on IT knowledge. "Learning by doing things in the lab helps me understand technology so much better than just reading about it academically," Bernie said. "For the lab at Ebeye, we all worked together—setting up the monitors, building small form-factor PCs, and organizing and numbering all the cables." Bernie plans to pursue a specialized IT certificate following his summer experience.

- Talilanki "Telly" Lamki: Also a CMI business management graduate who works at the Alele Museum in Majuro, Lamki was encouraged to apply by a colleague. Beyond learning PC assembly and network command prompts, Lamki achieved another personal milestone during her stay on Kwajalein: "I didn't know how to ride a bicycle when I first got here," she admitted with a smile. "After three weeks, I passed my test, and now I ride everywhere!"

- Jacqueline Alex: A CMI liberal arts graduate specializing in mathematics, Alex was inspired to apply by her mother and a program alum-

na. She hopes her journey inspires other young Marshallese women to break into tech fields. "Some females think IT is just a 'boys' job,' but it's for everyone — female or male," Alex shared. "I was nervous to apply at first, but taking apart computers and learning how to build them back up built my confidence." Alex plans to pursue a bachelor's degree at the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

A Continuing Tradition of Service

Setting up school computer labs has become an annual tradition for MIT Lincoln Laboratory's local outreach efforts. Last year, the team replaced outdated infrastructure at the Ebeye Catholic school in Gugeegue with 15 new workstations, and this year's setup at Calvary School on Ebeye continues that legacy.

The project was a team effort supported by MIT personnel, including Mark Smith, John Denny, Ranny Ranis, Brian Capercio, and B.J. Herbert, who coordinates communication between CMI and the laboratory. Local youth, including Tyler and Dixon, also pitched in to help transport and haul equipment across the lagoon to Ebeye.

In addition to gaining

hands-on field experience, the interns receive a weekly stipend during the 10-week session, a completion certificate, and a \$1,000 continuing education scholarship to support their future academic pursuits in technology.

As the internship wraps up, the cohort will present a formal PowerPoint demon-

stration to the Garrison Commander, Colonel Matthew Cannon, highlighting everything they've mastered — from hardware architecture to Cisco network troubleshooting.

For the students on Ebeye, those 10 weeks of hard work translate into a doorway to the digital world. ❧







PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

COMMUNITY

HOURLASS REPORT

By **Anthony Carnelli**,
Hourglass Story Writer

This week's updates for Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR) also show how resident feedback is shaping fitness programs, while several classes, sports leagues and community events approach in August.

Recently at the Kwajalein Community Recreation Center, a handful of residents knelt over training mannequins, counting compressions aloud and taking turns with an automated external defibrillator.

They are those who attended Morale Welfare & Recreation's (MWR) hands-on CPR and AED class, led by instructor Cliff Pryor, who walked the group through an emergency response and then had them practice it. Several participants had previous CPR experience, while others were learning the techniques for the first time.

The hands-on format al-

lowed participants to practice each step of an emergency response rather than simply hear it explained.

"This was helpful because we were able to physically perform the steps and simulate what we would do if an emergency happened," said MWR events coordinator Dina Medeiros, who attended the class. "Cliff did a great job preparing us for an actual emergency."

Listening And Adjusting

Much of what makes MWR work happens before anyone shows up for classes or events. Part of Medeiros' responsibility is connecting residents with programs and making sure the word gets out.

That work goes both directions. After the most recent fitness schedule was advertised, residents said their work hours kept them from daytime sessions. Medeiros passed the feedback to fitness instructor Alonzo Martin, who goes by Zo, and he eagerly added an evening option.

"He was very receptive," Medeiros said. "He immedi-

ately said, 'Sounds good. Let's add a 6:30 class.'"

"That is what MWR is for," she said. "It serves our workers, and we want to make sure they are able to participate."

Fitness With Zo

The result is six opportunities each week to train with Zo, and residents have responded. "The classes are gaining a lot of momentum," Medeiros said. "Many people are coming into the library to purchase fitness passes." Power hour also has returned, with instructor Hannah Wheeldon, who holds classes at 5 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays.

Weekly class schedule

- **Full Body and Functional Training:** Tuesdays and Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

- **AB Class:** Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

- **Power Hour:** Wednesdays and Fridays at 5 p.m.

Fitness pass options

- **Annual pass:** Unlimited classes for one year from the date of purchase — \$125

- **Six-month pass:** Unlim-

ited classes for six months from the date of purchase — \$75.

- **Punch pass:** Eight classes to be used within 60 days of purchase — \$25

- **Day pass:** Admission to one class with no expiration date — \$5

Passes are sold at the library. Residents unable to get there before class may pay \$5 in cash at the session.

Boat Captain Class

The next boat captain license class, required for residents who want to operate boats through the Small Boat Marina, runs Aug. 10 and 11. Registration is through the marina, and the classroom fee is \$40.

- **Day One:** 5 p.m. in the Automotive Building classroom — written-test material, plus an introduction to the marina, the boats and the reservation process.

- **Day Two:** 5 p.m. — written test.

- **Practical:** Scheduled on the water after passing the written test, with supervised operating time and an

evaluation.

Library Refresh

Residents visiting the library may notice a few changes. The interior is being reorganized and refreshed, with a small number of MWR workspaces going in near the conference room, all without giving up much public library space.

“Stephanie Brown and her team are doing a fantastic job cleaning, moving things around, going through the books and giving the library a facelift,” Medeiros said.

The library is also where residents can sign up to run a vendor booth during the Labor Day celebration at Emon Beach. Staff are collecting names, email addresses and descriptions of what vendors plan to sell so MWR can de-

termine table and tent-space needs.

Coming Up

Soccer season is the biggest item on the calendar. Registration closed Aug. 5, with a managers’ meeting scheduled for Aug. 12. The season is set to begin on Aug. 18. There will be a Men’s League and a Women’s League.

Additional events are also on the horizon:

- **Karaoke:** First and third Saturday of each month — popular enough lately that the rotation runs long.

- **Quizzo:** Second Sunday of each month. The August Quizzo will be hosted by Medeiros, with categories including rock ‘n’ roll, “Everything ‘80s” and 1980s television shows.

- **Latin Night:** Latin and

salsa dance party at Oceanview on Aug. 8 at 8 p.m.

- **Stoplight Party:** Saturday, Aug. 22 — red, yellow and green cups signal whether participants are unavailable, potentially interested or single and looking to meet someone.

- **Labor Day regatta:** Residents can start building now. Boats are made from cardboard and tape, with recognition planned for speed, creativity and the most dramatic sinking.

MWR is giving residents early notice of several costume events planned from Labor Day through December, including the Labor Day costume contest, Halloween events, the Swashbucklers Ball and Christmas festivities.

The early notice gives resi-

dents time to plan costumes and allow for shipping delays that helps add to one of the many “quirky” characteristics of Kwajalein.

From hands-on safety training to evening fitness classes and community events, the latest updates show that MWR doing more than filling a calendar, it shows an organization responding to how Kwajalein residents work, exercise and connect.

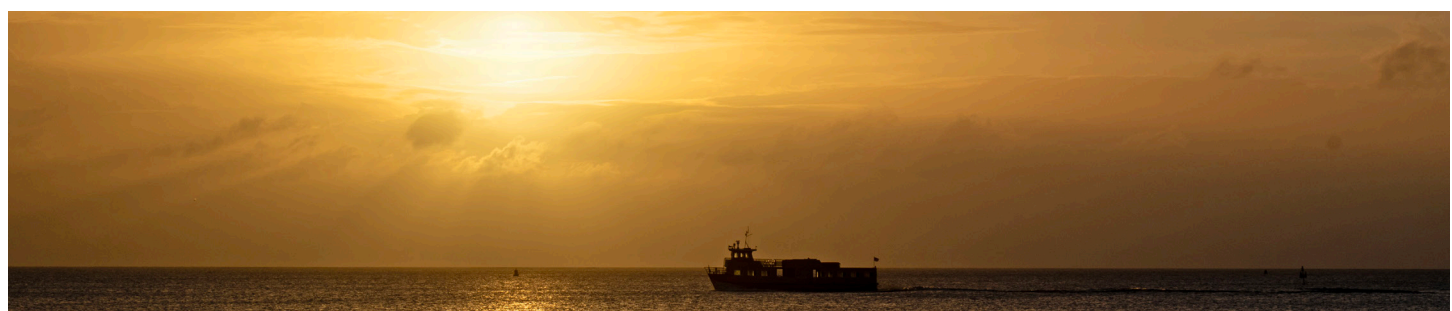
Roi-Namur MWR maintains a separate calendar of events and activities for the Roi community. Residents can find the latest schedule and announcements through the Roimwr Facebook group.▲

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 R&B Night-2000 
2 Beer Pong 2000- 	3 GAME NIGHT- Various board games, cards, and dominos.	4 Trivia Night 1800- 2000 	5 Rock and Roll 1800-2000 	6 Thirsty Thursdays 1800-2000 	7 1900 	8 1900 
9 Soul Night-2000 	10 Movie Night- 1930 Pool Unless Bad Weather then outside Outrigger	11 Country Night 1800-2000 	12 Latin Night 1800- 2000 	13 Video Game- 1900 	14 Pool League 1800 	15 Karoke 1800-2100 
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MWR Roi-Namur





ROI PUBLIC NOTICE: UXO CLEARANCE OPERATIONS

DATES: MAY - NOV 2026

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

Daily operations: 6:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Schedule: Sunday – Thursday until project completion

Safety Notice:

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

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



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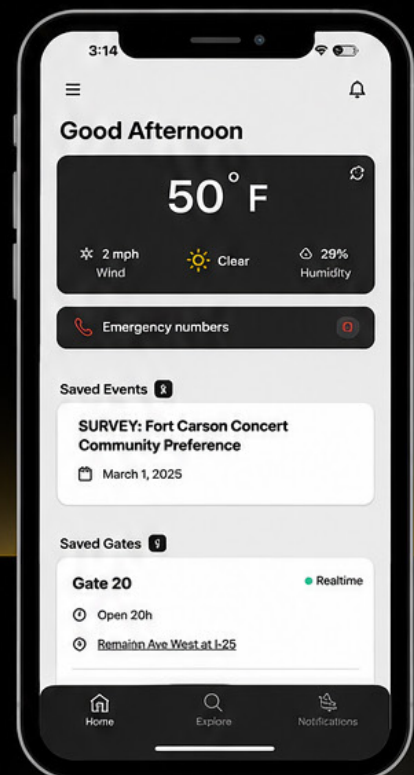
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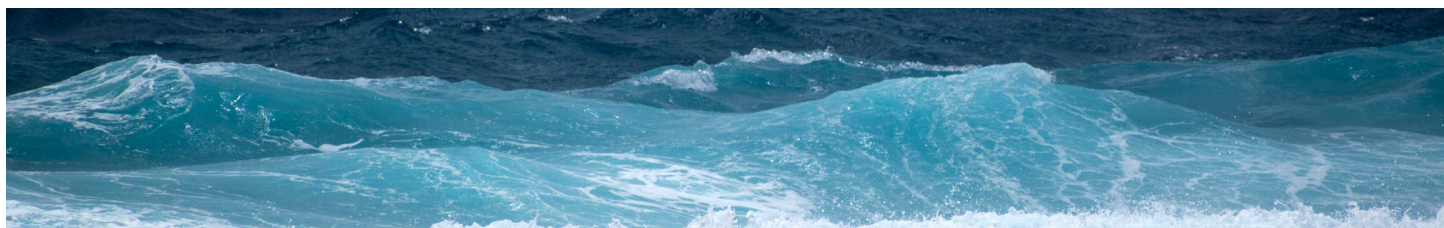


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DAY OF WEEK FLIGHT NUMBER	SUNDAY NO FLIGHT	MONDAY UA155	TUESDAY UA154	WEDNESDAY UA133	THURSDAY UA132 UA155		FRIDAY UA154	SATURDAY NO FLIGHT
ARRIVING FROM		Guam, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae	Honolulu, Majuro	Guam, Chuuk, Pohnpei	Honolulu, Majuro	Guam, Chuuk, 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
www.asiapacificairlines.com



PET OF THE WEEK!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR PARTICIPANTS!



Does your pet have a story to tell? We'd love to feature them in our new **Pet of the Week** (every two weeks) series! To nominate your pet, send us:

Your name

Your pet's name

A few details about your pet (breed, age, personality, favorite activities, etc.)

A fun fact about your pet

Whether they're playful, goofy, adventurous, or just love naps in the sun, we want to meet the amazing pets in our community!

SUBMIT YOUR INFORMATION AND PHOTOS TO:
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LABOR DAY

SEPTEMBER 7

4:30PM – 9:30PM

EMMON BEACH

MOVIE NIGHT ON THE BEACH!

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MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 7

KWAJALEIN

CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA

EMMON BEACH

⚓ **DISPLAY BOATS:** ⚓
5PM – 6PM

RACES BEGIN:
★ **6PM** ★

SAFETY FIRST!
ALL CREW MEMBERS MUST WEAR A LIFE JACKET WHILE ON THE WATER.
Need one? WE'LL HAVE PLENTY AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO USE.

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FITNESS CLASSES



FITNESS CLASSES

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TUESDAYS
10AM & 6:30PM
FULL BODY
FUNCTIONAL TRAINING CLASS



THURSDAYS
10AM & 6:30PM
AB CLASS



SATURDAYS
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FITNESS MEMBERSHIP PASSES

A PASS IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN A FITNESS CLASS.



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8 CLASSES
MUST BE USED WITHIN
60 DAYS OF PURCHASE

\$25



DAY PASS
\$5, VALID FOR SINGLE USE,
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AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE
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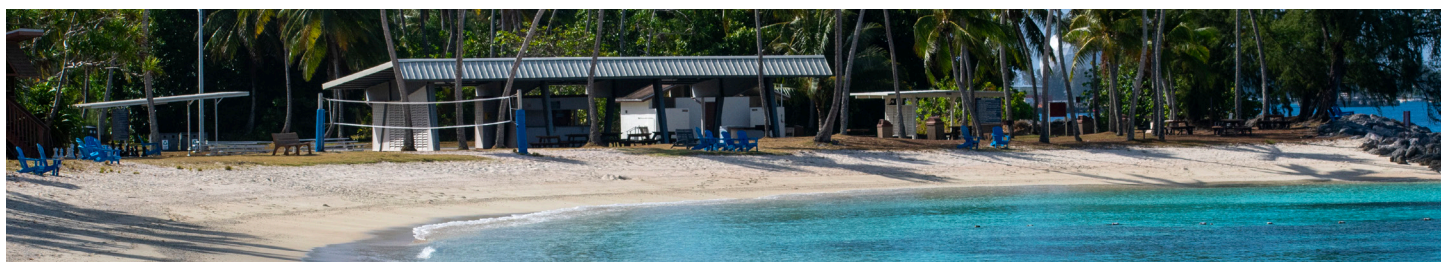
PASSES CAN BE OBTAINED AND PAID FOR
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PURCHASED PRIOR TO ATTENDING A CLASS.

FITNESS CLASSES

WITH **HANNAH!**

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS
POWER HOUR
AT 5PM

LOCATION:
CRC ROOM 7



LET'S SING!

KARAOKE

AT THE Oceanview

EVERY 1ST AND 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

8PM

GRAB THE MIC
BE THE STAR!
WE CAN'T WAIT
TO HEAR YOU!

A vibrant poster for 'Latin Night at Oceanview'. The background features a sunset over the ocean with palm trees and a couple dancing in the foreground. The title 'Latin NIGHT' is in large, stylized letters, with 'Latin' in yellow script and 'NIGHT' in white block letters. Below it, 'AT OCEANVIEW' is in blue block letters. The date and time 'SATURDAY AUGUST 8 8PM' are prominently displayed in the center. The tagline 'Good Music. Good Vibes. Great Views.' is at the bottom. A circular logo for 'U.S. ARMY MWR' is in the top right corner, and two conga drums are in the bottom right corner.

Latin NIGHT

AT
OCEANVIEW

SATURDAY AUGUST 8 8PM

Good Music. Good Vibes. Great Views.

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A patriotic poster for 'Calling All Vendors!!!'. The background is dark blue with white stars and red, white, and blue stripes. The title 'CALLING ALL VENDORS!!!' is in large, bold, white and red letters. Below it, the text 'NOW IS THE TIME TO SIGN UP FOR A BOOTH IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A SPOT AT OUR LABOR DAY FESTIVITIES.' is in white. A yellow banner contains the text 'PLEASE COME BY THE SHERWOOD LIBRARY OR CALL 480-3332 TO SIGN UP FOR A BOOTH.' A red banner at the bottom says 'THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD ON LABOR DAY @ EMON BEACH'. A circular logo for 'U.S. ARMY MWR' is in the bottom right corner.

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QUIZZO?

**SUNDAY
AUGUST 9
8PM**

HOST:
Dina Medeiros,
MWR EVENTS COORDINATOR

ROUND 1:
Rock n Roll

ROUND 2:
80s EVERYTHING

ROUND 3:
TV SHOWS

Oceanview

MWR PROGRAMMING CALENDAR AUGUST 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 MOVIES EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY NIGHT AT THE YUK THEATER 7:30PM		VISIT: KWAJALEIN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MOVIE LISTINGS & TO STAY UP TO DATE ALL OF UPCOMING EVENTS! MOVIE LISTINGS ALSO FOUND ON THE ROLLER & IN THE HOURGLASS!				1 KARAOKE 8PM @ OCEANVIEW FITNESS CLASSES WITH ZO!
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		FITNESS CLASSES WITH ZO!	 REGISTRATION FOR SOCCER ENDS	FITNESS CLASSES WITH ZO!	FITNESS CLASS with HANNAH!	8 LATIN NIGHT 8PM @OCEANVIEW FITNESS CLASSES WITH ZO!
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
QUIZZO 8PM @OCEANVIEW 	 BOAT CAPTAIN CLASS 5PM	FITNESS CLASSES WITH ZO! BOAT CAPTAIN CLASS 5PM	 MANAGER MEETING FITNESS CLASS with HANNAH	FITNESS CLASSES WITH ZO!	FITNESS CLASS with HANNAH	15 KARAOKE 8PM @ OCEANVIEW FITNESS CLASSES WITH ZO!
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		 FITNESS CLASSES WITH ZO! FIRST DAY OF SOCCER SEASON	FITNESS CLASS with HANNAH	FITNESS CLASSES WITH ZO!	FITNESS CLASS with HANNAH	22 STOPLIGHT PARTY 8PM @ OCEANVIEW FITNESS CLASSES WITH ZO!
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	10AM @EMON BEACH KSC WOMEN'S DIVE DAY	FITNESS CLASSES WITH ZO!	FITNESS CLASS with HANNAH	FITNESS CLASSES WITH ZO!	FITNESS CLASS with HANNAH	FITNESS CLASSES WITH ZO!
30	31	 TUESDAYS/ SATURDAYS: FULL BODY FUNCTIONAL TRAINING CLASS		THURSDAYS: AB CLASS	FITNESS CLASSES with HANNAH WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS 5PM	
 90s OLD SKOOL HIP HOP/R&B REWIND 8PM @ OCEANVIEW KAG/YYWC PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW 7-10PM CRC ROOM 6						

Winter 2026 Season

Swim Team

Tryouts **August 14th**

Sophomore/Juniors
5:30 - 6:30 PM *Fundamentals*

Required Equipment:

- * Goggles
- * Water Bottle
- * Proper Swimsuit

Senior Team
6:30 - 7:30 PM *12 y/o and up*

Recommended Equipment:

- * Fins
- * Snorkel
- * Paddles



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UNTIL AUGUST 5TH

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MEN'S LEAGUE & WOMEN'S LEAGUE

SEASON BEGINS
AUGUST 18



KWAJALEIN COMMUNITY SPORTS





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Power Outage

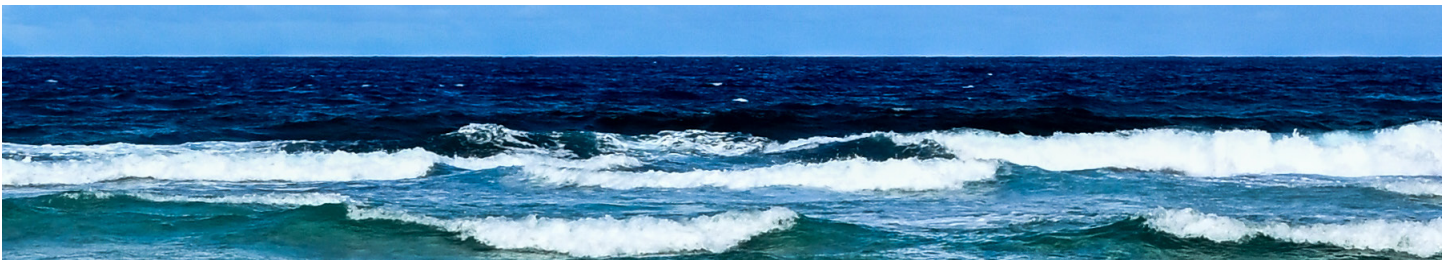
5-11 August 2026, 2000-0400

Shutdown of Feeders 1 and 3

The following facilities will be placed on Generator:

- 636 Cold Storage
- 677 AFRTS
- 703 DFAC (for the Kitchen only)
- 704 Macy's
- 806 IT
- 807 Police Station
- 835 PMO

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E-wareness: Fluorescent Light Bulbs



Florescent light bulbs contain mercury and should be handled carefully to prevent breakage. Households should return spent bulbs to Self-Help where they collect the glass light bulbs for recycling.

MARSHALLESE TRANSLATION

Florescent light bulb ko ewor juon men iloaer etan mercury im jej aikuj in lukkun in kejbarok ad jibwi bwe ren jab rub. Aolep florescent light renaj aikuj in ilok nan Self-Help elkin kojerbal ii nan aer maron buki im recycle'i.

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Phone: 480.3505/480.2116

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.

USAG-KA

Passport Services on Kwajalein

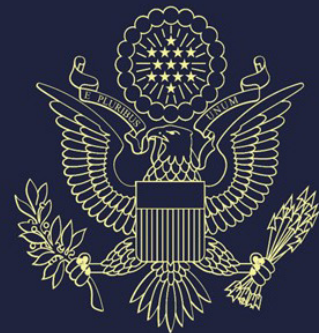
USAG-KA Passport Appointments will be open for Thursday, July 30th on Kwajalein from 0900 -1200 and 1300-1630 at garrison HQs.

To schedule an appointment email:

usarmy.bucholz.usarpac.mbx.kwaj-passport-applications@army.mil

Passport Photos can be obtained via the studio at:

Kwajalein, Bldg. 730, Room 127



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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.

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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



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

Captain Tameka Edmonson
SHARP Victim Advocate
Work: 480-1419 or

Major Matthew DeMartino
Work: 480-1402

USAG-KA SHARP

Pager: 808-580-3241
DOD SAFE Helpline: 877-995-5247

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

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

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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For employment with contractors
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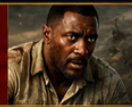
**THINK BEFORE
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AUGUST MOVIES

★ AT THE YUK THEATER ★



 SATURDAY AUGUST 1	 MRS. HARRIS GOES TO PARIS (2022) PG • 115 MIN	 SUNDAY AUGUST 2	 BEAST (2022) R • 93 MIN
 SATURDAY AUGUST 8	 PUSS IN BOOTS (2011) PG • 90 MIN	 SUNDAY AUGUST 9	 BIG DADDY (1999) PG-13 • 93 MIN
 SATURDAY AUGUST 15	 RALPH BREAKS THE INTERNET (2018) PG • 112 MINS	 SUNDAY AUGUST 16	 BLACK HAWK DOWN (2001) R • 144 MIN
 SATURDAY AUGUST 22	 STRANGE WORLD (2022) PG • 102 MIN	 SUNDAY AUGUST 23	 FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF (1986) PG-13 • 103 MIN
 SATURDAY AUGUST 29	 TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: MUTANT MAYHEM (2023) PG • 99 MIN	 SUNDAY AUGUST 30	 MEAN GIRLS (2004) PG-13 • 97 MIN

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



WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

Discussion:

So far in August, we have received 5.16" of rain putting us at 1.34" above normal for the month. For the year we have received a total of 69.64" which is 26.90" above normal. AOOer an active weather week, expect a break in shower activity to close out the week. However, showers are expected to return over the weekend as increasing winds lead to low-level speed convergence. Winds will strengthen from light, doldrum-like conditions to the upper single digits, with gusts reaching the low teens, particularly in and around showers. We experienced 2 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 lightning risk will be slightly elevated over the next few days. The Madden-Julian Oscillation's (MJO) is diminished as sort of a background state because 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 east of the Date Line. Monsoon Trough (MT) is becoming more tropical circulation induced across the RMI for the coming seven days. 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:

Low for the RMI. Invest 96W north of the atoll will continue to move north helping relax the winds speeds and dry out the atmosphere for the next several days. No real development is expected in the next 24 hours.

Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:

The current west wind threat is expected to end at 1000L on 6 August 2026. West winds are forecast to return Sunday evening but should remain below 10 knots out-

side of showers. Despite this temporary lull, the overall west wind threat is expected to be elevated throughout the wet season due to the influence of the "Super" El Niño.

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

A waning half-moon occurring on the 6th and its associated neap high tides below four feet. Winds: West winds will gradually veer to a more southerly direction through the end of the week, with wind speeds decreasing to near-doldrum conditions. Winds are forecast to shift back to the west on Sunday, 9

August 2026, but should remain below 10 knots outside of rain showers. By Monday, winds are expected to increase into the upper single digits. The light wind pattern is being driven by a series of low-level circulations developing over the central Pacific between the Marshall Islands and Hawaii. One of these

circulations may influence Wake Island, further disrupting the already weakened trade-wind flow associated with the ongoing El Niño pattern. A Small Craft Advisory (SCA) is not anticipated

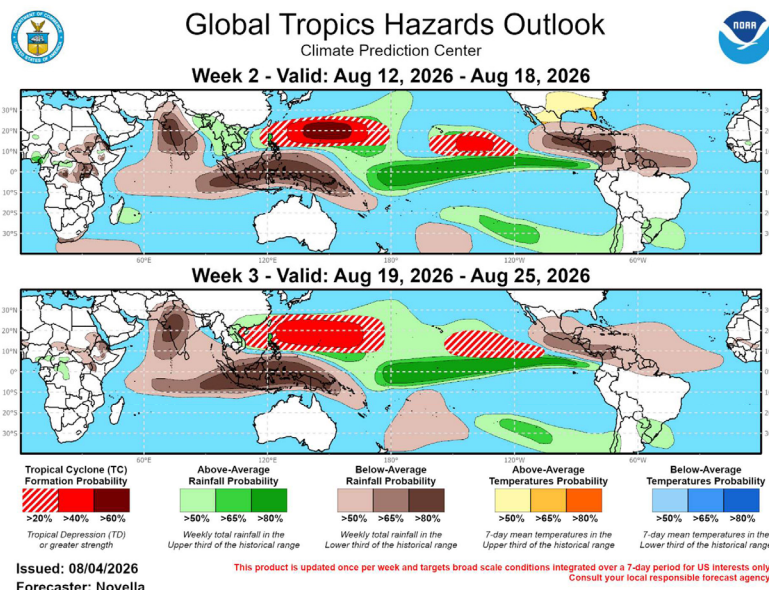
during the next seven days. A High Surf Advisory (HSA) is also not expected in the traditional sense. However, the

return of westerly winds over the weekend may produce elevated water levels and choppy conditions along the lagoon shoreline, caution should be exercised at the SBM, the boat ramp, and Emon Beach through the weekend.

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!

