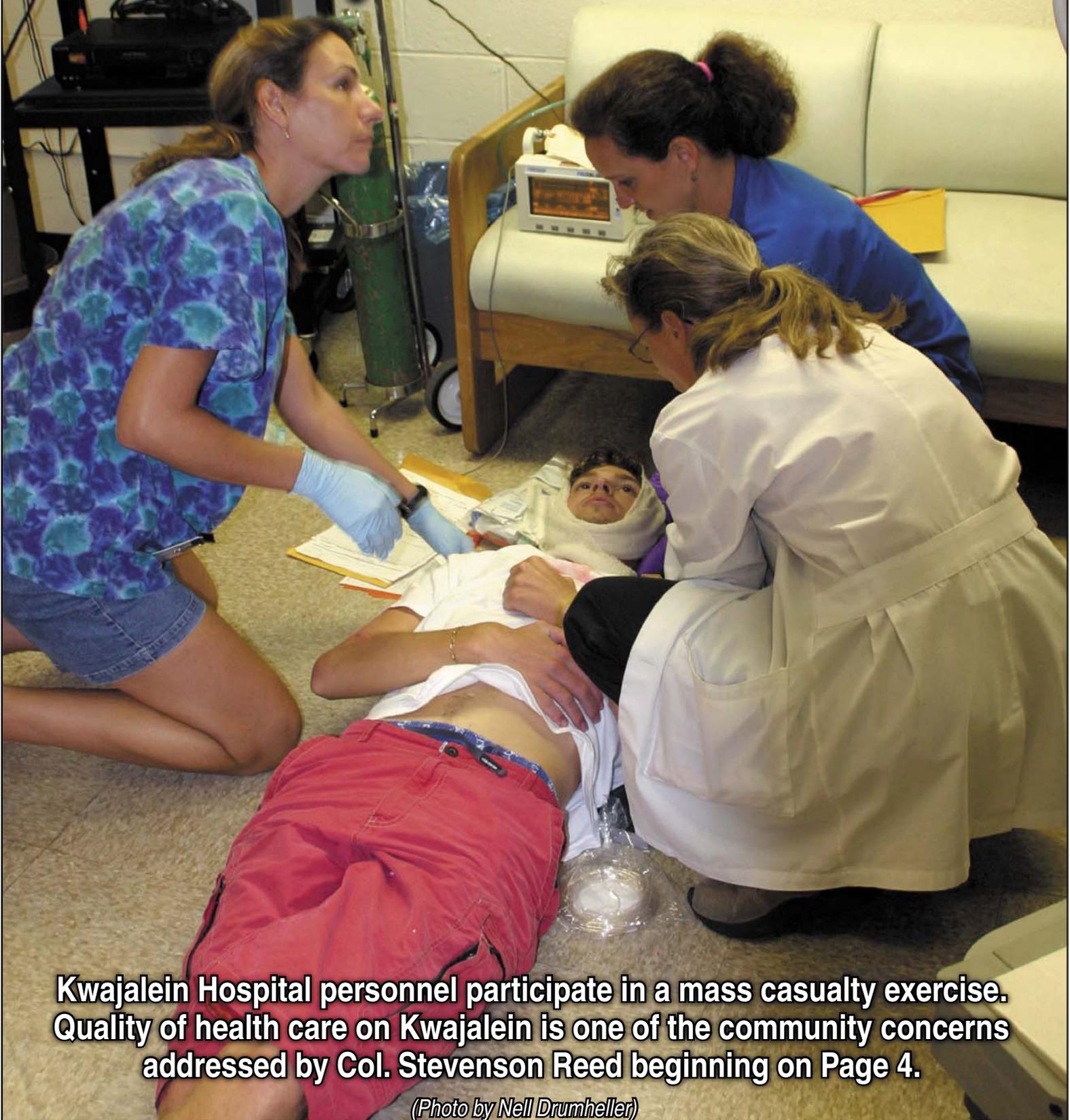


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Kwajalein Hospital personnel participate in a mass casualty exercise. Quality of health care on Kwajalein is one of the community concerns addressed by Col. Stevenson Reed beginning on Page 4.

(Photo by Nell Drumheller)

TV pundit should read his network's Web site

As many people may know, there's been a feud between a well-known TV 'news' commentator and one of the presidential candidates about homeless veterans in America.

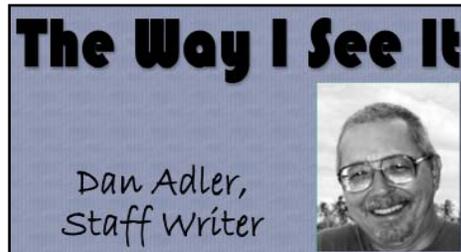
The candidate has made statements that there are some 200,000 homeless veterans and that many of them are sleeping under bridges at night.

During one of the commentator's TV programs I happened to watch, he vehemently disputed that there are 200,000 homeless vets and said none

are living under bridges. According to him, it's all a gross exaggeration.

He went on to say that if someone could show him a homeless veteran sleeping under a bridge, he would pay to shelter that veteran for a night. He called the candidate a 'pinhead' for giving false information. Pinhead seems to be the pundit's favorite name for anyone who dares to disagree with him.

During one of the political debates, the candidate said it would be nice if the commentator would shelter *all* of our



homeless veterans for one night. But he mentioned the bill for such shelter

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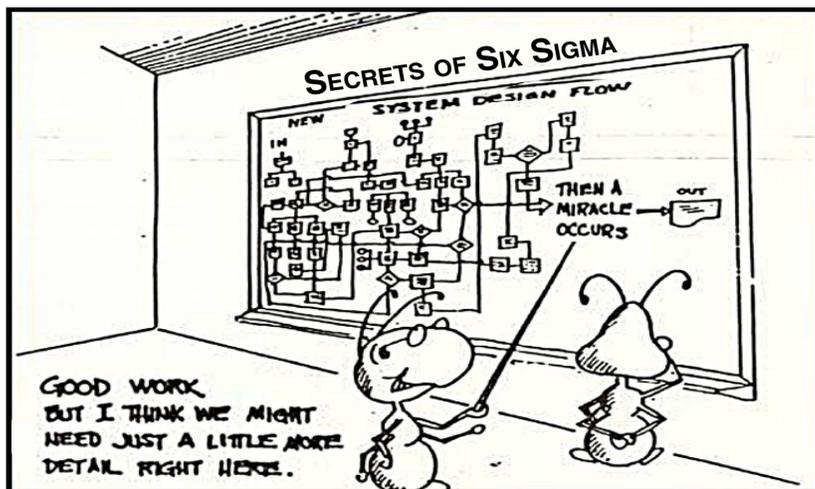
Reader differs with Adler's Jan. 11 commentary

This letter is in response to Dan Adler's commentary, "Next Election About More Than Terrorism," in the Jan. 11 Hourglass.

You wrote a page and a half of pessimism about one of the finest countries in the world — a country that people have been yearning to join (legally and illegally) for 200 plus years. I too believe the next election is about more

than terrorism. It will be about which candidate will try to direct the country back toward our founding principles of opportunity, self-reliance and assistance coming from churches, friends and neighbors, not wasteful government agencies and socialism.

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Air Force B-2 bombing mission demonstrates Kwajalein's wide range of testing capabilities

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The 393rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, deployed from Andersen AFB, Guam with their B-2 Spirit stealth bomber from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., completed the first aerial bombing mission at the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll Ronald Regan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site on Jan. 23.

USAKA is home to RTS and for the past 30 years has been used to validate the Air Force's strategic nuclear intercontinental ballistic missile strike capabilities as well as developing the U. S. missile defense capabilities.

"RTS prides itself in being a vital national asset capable of meeting a wide variety of mission requirements including testing and validating of some of United States most strategic weapons systems," said Bert Jones, USAKA public affairs representative. "The B-2 Spirit is another one of the U.S. strategic weapons systems, but this is the first time it has used RTS and its instrumentation for training and to validate its existing capabilities."

By opening Kwajalein to aircraft missions, RTS personnel are able to validate opening the range to other weapons systems.

"We are showing the proficiency of the B-2 pilots and the aircraft by providing feedback of the accuracy of the weapons dropped," said Jones. "From the range perspective, this mission is showing that RTS is flexible enough to vali-

date the nation's strategic weapon systems other than intercontinental ballistic missiles."

The 393rd EBS embraced the joint Pacific Command mission by working with the U.S. Army on the ground at Kwajalein.

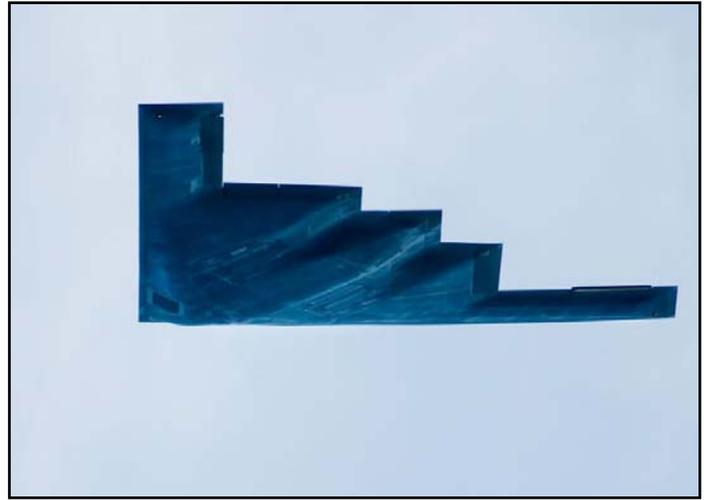
"Joint missions like this one are incredibly important because that's how we fight our wars," said Capt. Dan Hoadley, 393rd EBS, a flight commander and B-2 instructor pilot. "It is important for us to practice the coordination it takes to execute a mission like this one in training so that things go smooth in combat."

Many people were utilized to coordinate this mission, not only at Andersen, but also at Kwajalein.

"It takes a veritable army of people to plan a mission like this," Hoadley said.

"There were tons of coordination between people in the mission planning cell, people at the Kwajalein range, and people at the command level to make this mission happen."

All the planning and coordination paid off at 1:15 p.m. when six inert joint direct attack munitions



A B-2 bomber flies over Kwajalein after completing a bombing test mission Jan. 23. It was the first such mission at Kwajalein and demonstrated the range's capability for testing a wide variety of weapons and may lead to future use of Kwajalein for weapons testing. (Photo by Lee Craker)

shacked the target at RTS.

"This mission showcases the B-2's abilities to strike anywhere, anytime with precision, payload, and stealth," said Maj. Rob Makros, 393rd EBS deputy chief of weapons and tactics. "Flying 22.3 hours, refueling three times and receiving over 200,000 pounds of fuel, and dropping six, 2000 pounds weapons are serious capabilities that we bring to the table."

Not only have these capabilities opened up Kwajalein beyond ballistic missile and missile interceptor testing but also provide new opportunities for joint service exercises at RTS that demonstrate U.S. commitment to regional and global security.

Kwajalein resident Normand passes away

Raphael (Rae) Desmond Normand, 45, died Oct. 27, on the date of his birth, on Kwajalein.

He is survived by six sisters and one brother.

Normand served in the Navy and was honorably discharged. He loved music and was an accomplished guitar player and drummer. He was a skilled deep-sea diver and loved everything about island life, the ocean, and fishing.

If you would like to contact the family or send condolences, call Adrienne Labat 985-651-0038 or

letters/cards can be mailed to Adrienne Labat, 100 Catherine Court, LaPlace, Louisiana 70068.

A memorial mass will be said for him at 10:30 a.m., Thursday at St. Joan of Arc Church, 529 West 5th Street, LaPlace.

His request to have his remains cremated and the ashes scattered on and around the Virgin Islands will be honored by his family and his love on the island, Gladys Mena. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Commander responds to written questions submitted at December town hall meetings

Hourglass reports

U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll and Kwajalein Range Services leadership held town hall meetings in early December to communicate transition plans to the community.

At those meetings questions were solicited from the community.

The following are the questions and responses. Responses are provided by Col. Stevenson Reed, USAKA commander.

Cost savings

Q. Looks like we need to save millions of dollars. Where is that going to come from?

A. This is not about just doing more with less, or the same amount with less. The budget savings and decisions have already been made. This is about a whole new way of doing business that will increase desire for customers to use RTS. More customers mean more revenue. More revenue means we are attacking the budget shortfall; not by continued cuts, but by finding new sources of money.

Q. How can allowing contractors to fly on military planes help reduce the cost to employees? Military flights are always \$100-\$200 more than commercial carrier.

A. USAKA Logistics Directorate is continually looking for opportunities to reduce our transportation cost. The cost comparison between the military flights and commercial carrier are required by the government. Military flights by law cannot compete with commercial carriers and must be more expensive. If contractors fly on military flights, our cost will increase so the stated assumption is not true.

Q. Is it justifiable to have empty military flights (ATI and the C-17s,) going to and from Hickam?

A. The primary purpose of those flights is for incoming cargo. They are never empty of cargo. The ability to carry passengers is an added benefit that we use when mission scheduling allows. USAKA's cargo utilization policy balances urgency of need versus cost to optimize the most efficient use of both air and surface transportation. AMC periodically reviews our utilization history and validates our need for the type of aircraft servicing Kwajalein.

Q. Most military bases across the world have cut their TDYs to almost nothing. Why are many USAKA people TDY more often than on island? Isn't that expensive?

A. USAKA/RTS has taken action in FY07, and continues efforts into FY08 to control and reduce expenditures from the budget. We have achieved savings of 20 percent in FY07, and are on track for similar savings in

FY 08. The great majority of the travel needed to support RTS travel expenses is pre-funded and approved by the customer requiring the travel.

Employment

Q. Are there any plans of keeping good engineers here if they keep cutting back on things on the island?

A. There are going to be more opportunities for good engineers with the transition than are currently available now—on and off island. The quality of life on island will continue to be maintained at a level consistent with the standards at other installations given our obvious challenges. The incentives of a good career opportunity and solid community are the basis for many good engineers as their career track.

Q. If you loose your top-notch people; who is going to run things on the island?

A. We don't expect to lose top-notch people. People always have choices. The combination of challenging and rewarding work, combined with a solid community, provides an opportunity many top-notch people desire. We won't lose that combination; in fact we will augment it with more opportunities. So we are confident that we will keep, and continue to find, top-notch people to run things.

Q. What are the estimates for the total island population (dependents included) over the next five years?

A. We do not have a final number for the total island population yet. As the facilities footprint is reduced, the island population will also decrease on Kwajalein; however, Roi-Namur will grow in size by approximately 22 personnel.

Q. As positions move to Huntsville, there will be obvious work force reductions on Kwaj. Do we know what the final numbers will be and how will it take place?

A. We have an event-driven plan that will provide a capability at a location and time. A capability will include facilities, equipment, organization, networks, leadership, software, doctrine and most of all people. For the range this is a complex, but workable, time-phased schedule. For the logistics side, there are more variables and the plan continues to be developed in a purposeful lag behind the RDO effort.

Q. What accounts for the disparity across departments in the use of Absence without Pay code leave. There are two SPIs which seem to be in contradiction on whether one must be out of all other leave before they can use AO. Is this the decision of each department manager, or what?

A. All KRS managers and supervisors use the same

SPIs to guide their use of AO timesheet code. The use of AO must be approved in advance and tempered against departmental goals, deadlines, staffing requirements and work schedules. In addition to workload, other factors a supervisor considers when approving AO is a person's overall attendance and absenteeism rate. Leave related SPIs are currently under review to identify opportunities for consolidation and streamlining. As a part of that effort any inconsistencies will be identified and adjusted appropriately.

Q. How is AETNA Global Insurance going to know that a couple of people on a policy are not just husband and wife, but two bona fide contract holders in their own right? Are we able to bank on not losing coverage because one of us having to be listed as a dependent?

A. The Open Enrollment written guidelines and On-line Open Enrollment screen for Medical Insurance coverage defined dual contract holders and provided guidance on how to complete enrollment if you met the criteria as a dual-career couple. Additionally, KRS worked with AETNA to identify dual-contract holders for purposes of insurance coverage.

Q. Is there any cost-of-living or other incentives being offered for positions being transferred to Huntsville?

A. KRS will address relocation procedures and policies once the transition execution plan matures.

Q. How is my \$5,000 per year fringe benefit going to be compensated to me since that was a closing factor on my job acceptance?

A. KRS continues to contribute to the cost of employee health insurance using an employer contribution approach rather than a fringe benefit to offset the cost of health insurance. The benchmark is 100 percent coverage of "employee only" premiums at the HRA level. This approach is consistent with other employers' practices and provides for a more equitable cost sharing arrangement for all levels of coverage from employee only to employee plus two or more coverage. By changing our approach, KRS is aligned with the market place and able to offer coverage with very competitive monthly premiums. To stay competitive, most employers pass some portion of health insurance cost increases along to employees. Those same employers, like KRS, set premium rates on an annual basis and communicate those rates for a particular year. Your Employment Agreement provides for health insurance coverage but does not guarantee a specific rate or level of coverage for all of the reasons mentioned above.

Healthcare

Q. Are you going to upgrade medical services on Roi to include Lab; X-ray; Physical Therapy and Dental?

A. Medical services on Roi are being expanded to include a full-time physician assistant in addition to current nursing services. Supporting medical equipment has been requisitioned to enhance current and projected population healthcare needs. There are currently no plans for dental, radiology and physical therapy

services on Roi.

Q. Does clinic mean loss of Lab; X-ray, Physical Therapy or not?

A. Laboratory and radiology services are intrinsic to basic healthcare and new radiology and ultrasound units have recently been installed in the Kwajalein Hospital. The final end state of the services KRS will staff is under evaluation and will be evaluated on the cost-to-benefit gain from the services. Cost effectiveness will be a major consideration as will be the overall limitations of the budget.

Housing

Q. How many more people are going to move out of trailers this fiscal year?

A. The trailers are going away. The current plan calls for a minimum of 88 trailers to be vacated and disconnected from utilities by October. These trailers are very costly to maintain and inefficient to cool. The intent is to vacate them at a higher rate if funding and situations allow. Residents who remain in trailers at this time may move to quarters that they qualify for at any time by their own choice. They will be provided the same assistance as those who were part of Phase I (unaccompanied roommates relocate to bachelor quarters) of the trailer reduction. This includes move assistance (if requested), waiver of all fees including \$200 move fee, telephone transfer fee, and involvement in the housing waiting list process. It is estimated that another 20 to 30 people will be relocated from trailers before the end of October.

Q. Now that the first phase of trailer evictions has occurred, when will the next phase be implemented?

A. Phase II (married employees with accompanied status into hard housing) mandatory moves will be based on the availability of funding and hard housing. Currently, Phase II is not planned to begin until the beginning of FY09 (Oct 08); but this could be accelerated if unexpected funding becomes available. Married employees with accompanied status who remain in trailers at this time may move to quarters that they qualify for at any time by their own choice if accompanied housing becomes available. They will be provided the same assistance as those who were part of Phase I of the trailer reduction. This includes move assistance (if requested), waiver of all fees including the move fee, telephone transfer fee, and involvement in the housing waiting list process.

Q. It is a fact that there is additional mold in the BQs. Two weeks after the increase I saw mold on my walls. My asthma has been reactive for two months. I have even had to go to the ER for breathing treatments.

A. Residents seeing an increase in mold or unable to achieve a temperature of 74 degrees in any housing area should call the KRS Public Works Trouble Desk (53550). Someone from KRS Facilities Maintenance will inspect their quarters to determine the root cause. A request may also be placed with the KRS Industrial

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Hygienist to monitor the mold in specific quarters.

Q. With the reduction of numbers of housing lists, the emptying of trailers (and possibly new housing) and now eight homes set aside for vacation and TDY use; is there any remaining chance to move into refurbished homes?

A. Residents may request a renovated house by contacting the KRS Housing Coordinator at 53450. If any are available, residents will be permitted to make an intra-island move. There is a standard move fee of \$1,500. The requestor is responsible for making the necessary arrangements to have their telephone service transferred. Once assigned, they will be provided nine days to complete their move and an additional seven days to clear their previous quarters. If desired, when quarters are not available, the requestor can choose to have their name put on a waiting list. Although some hard houses have been designated as vacation quarters, KRS Housing Office reports that some renovated "Old Housing" and "Dome Homes" are currently vacant and available for voluntary moves. Additionally, it is USAKA/RTS' intent to continue the housing renovation program until all old Navy housing in use is renovated. The KRS Public Works Annual Work Plan includes the renovation of an additional eight sets of quarters in old hard housing.

Q. With all of the power reductions and relocations of KRS personnel trailers to BQs, I find it hard to understand why there are individuals who are either single, or here without their family, living in two and three bedroom houses. Please give insight as to why?

A. All assignments are made following USAKA 210-50. Anyone residing in housing that does not meet the criteria as written are required to gain USAKA approval through an Exception to Policy. The few single status folks that are in family housing are a result of either being in a position to live in USAKA contract designated housing or have approved Exception to Policy requests.

Q. It said in the Hourglass that no one was allowed to move into

vacated trailers; how come a USAKA person moved into one shortly after that? How do you expect morale to remain good when USAKA has its own rules?

A. There will be no new assignments to trailers for any reason. The USAKA person seen moving was moved out of another trailer that was deemed by KRS inspectors to be unsafe and beyond economical repair. Moves such as this will be handled on a case by case basis and will be subject to the strictest of inspection standards. We want to do our best to ensure that no resident is left to live in any quarters that are deemed unsafe. There is no double standard and the same rules will apply to both government and contractor personnel. USAKA DPW, in conjunction with the KRS PW Housing Office, are making decisions to best utilize the available resources to meet the different needs of the community within the guidelines of the USAKA Housing policy and transition requirements.

Miscellaneous

Q. When and where is our next town hall?

A. We have tentatively set the next town hall meetings for March. Additional meetings will be scheduled as necessary to keep the community informed.

Q. Could you please publish an updated consolidated hours of operation with all of the changes that have occurred?

A. Latest consolidated hours have been listed in the Hourglass twice since the town hall meetings and will be repeated on recurring basis.

Q. The Marshallese (use of) laundry issue in the BQs seems to have been solved largely by residents self-policing. However, laundry privilege is almost always given to maids in hard housing. I'm sure the energy cost of the dryers alone, along with the increased air conditioning load (which is unmonitored); must be staggering. How do you propose to change this? Or is this another hard-housing sacred cow?

A. We hope to be successful in motivating all personnel at USAKA/RTS to do their part in practicing good energy management at home

and at work to reduce our energy consumption. Use or misuse of laundry equipment in either the BQs or accompanied housing is as difficult to determine as it is to control. The housing management regulation does not attempt to restrict usage of laundry equipment in the name of energy conservation. A very informal, cursory survey indicates that this particular issue in hard housing is probably not as 'staggering' as the questioner perceives.

Q. How can the Red Cross contact me when we don't have an operator?

A. The Red Cross emergency notification service utilizes the global DSN operators to contact military bases and facilities in the event they need to contact a serviceman/employee. The USAKA entries in the global DSN directory have been updated to provide three 24/7 facilities (KPD, TCF, and SATCOM) for emergency contacts. Each of these facilities has been provided an organizational calling list that provides points of contact for each organization/company on the island.

Q. Can we add solar panels to the BQs to lower the cost of air conditioning?

A. At this time, solar (photovoltaic) panels would not provide a savings in energy production costs. A ground or rooftop mounted solar array, which would require constructed space for inverter(s), batteries, and energy modules, would cost over \$0.21/kWh. Our cost on Kwajalein to produce and deliver electricity is presently \$0.18/kWh. Solar may become more attractive if our fuel costs rise and solar apparatus costs decline.

Q. With work on Roi, live on Roi and planes going away does that mean: Families on Roi?

A. No-children-on-Roi is the current model throughout transition. Married employees in some mutually-beneficial situations are likely to be extended on Roi.

Q. What is the purpose to raise the space-A from \$10 to \$15? Why \$15, Raytheon time was \$10?

A. Based upon historical utilization, \$15 is the rate that we predict will generate the necessary revenue

to pay the lease costs of the aircraft. We cannot speak to why Raytheon did things a certain way.

Q. I transferred to work on Roi and I am a KC-badge holder. My family is on Ebeye. Why should I pay to go visit my family Ebeye?

A. We appreciate the sacrifices all of our workers make to staff locations away from their families. Many employees on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur are geographically separated from their families and are unable to see them as often as they would like; that is an unfortunate reality of employment. Current budget restraints require the Space-A flight fee; it is a fact of life. We are working on a plan to partially offset the burden of the Space-A fee for K and KC-badge workers on Roi-Namur. Employees working away from their families must make the decision as to whether or not they are willing to make that sacrifice.

Q. What actions are being taken to find and attract new customers/revenue to USAKA?

USAKA/RTS has a Business Development program managed and executed through the Kwajalein Support Directorate/BD office in Huntsville, Ala. The marketing team, both Department of the Army civilians and KRS personnel, educates and promotes USAKA/RTS capabilities to the test and evaluation and space launch/operations communities. The key message is RTS transformation, Huntsville operations and space launch. This message has been highlighted at national

conferences, through demos at the Huntsville operations facility and one-on-one dialogue with key decision makers within OSD, MDA, and NASA. With these marketing efforts, as well as the trade show successes and continued direct customer contacts, there is a great potential to increase the customer base and affect the POM funding. These efforts in the recent past have successfully brought the SpaceX and Pegasus programs to the range. Recent program acquisitions include: MEADS Multi-national program, MDA Flexible Target Family, Quicklaunch SHARP program (in initial planning stage), MDA Systems of Systems Microcosm Scorpius launch system (in initial planning stage).

Schools

Q. One of our concerns with consolidated schools is the exposure of small kids to high school language and behaviors; how will this be handled?

A. Supervision and segregation measures will be used to manage and mitigate the exposure of small kids to high school language and behaviors; school officials will be charged with and evaluated on their performance of maintaining an age-appropriate environment the entire time students are on school grounds for school purposes.

Q. Are they going to get rid of the special education teachers?

A. The end-state staff profile for education services has not yet been finalized. Department of Defense governs how educational services

are provided to Department of the Army civilians and active duty military assigned to USAKA/RTS. It is important to note DoD Education Activity provides reimbursement for the education of DoD children overseas. How the civilian contractors will be affected is not yet known.

Q. With the consolidation of schools and reduced student numbers, will class variety for high school students also be reduced? I.E. advanced classes or non-standard classes?

A. We will continue to staff at levels necessary to keep class sizes at the current level, which is approximately 10:1. Some classes will be larger, and a few smaller, depending on the subject and scheduling. AP classes should not be impacted as these numbers are low already, and are only assigned to an AP-certified teacher as an extra session. The high school administration doesn't anticipate a change in classes offered. There may be fewer sessions of a particular class depending on the number of students, i.e. geography may run one class of 24 students versus two classes of 12 students. The advanced classes average lower student numbers and high school teachers usually have the advanced class as an extra class session on their schedule. Teachers already teach more than one subject or class level, i.e. Algebra teacher teaches sessions of Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, and Algebra II/Trigonometry, and another teacher teaches Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus.

Space available atoll air travel to cost \$15

Hourglass reports

Beginning Tuesday, space-available travelers will be required to pay a \$15 administrative fee for each one-way flight between Kwajalein and Roi-Namur. This fee applies to space-available travel on fix-winged aircraft.

The fee will be paid by purchasing a coupon in advance at the Finance Offices or the air terminals prior to the flight on either Kwaj or Roi, and the coupon must be presented at the terminal in exchange for a seat assignment.

Coupons are on sale and are transferable and can be used at any time. Unused purchased coupons are eligible for refund.

Possession of this coupon does not guarantee seat

availability. Travelers on official business have priority on all flights.

Roi-Namur residents traveling for medical purposes are considered space-required. Passengers on official business are also considered space-required if the purpose of the trip is verified by an authorized manager. Enniburr residents traveling for medical purposes will be required to purchase a coupon. Reference SPI 1031.

Roi resident K and KC badge holders are entitled to 24 complimentary one-way reimbursements per fiscal year (Sept - Oct). Reimbursement will be granted at either the Cash Office on Kwaj or Roi.

More details can be found in SPI 1031 Rev 4,

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Twelve servicemembers die in Global War on Terror

Staff Sgt. Robert J. Miller, 24, of Iowa City, Iowa, died Jan. 25 in Barikowt, Afghanistan of wounds suffered when he encountered small arms fire while conducting combat operations. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C.

Sgt. Tracy R. Birkman, 41, of New Castle, Va., died Jan. 25 in Owesat, Iraq from non-combat related injuries. She was assigned to the 626th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

Pfc. Duncan C. Crookston, 19, of Denver, died Jan. 25 at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas of wounds suffered Sep. 4, 2007, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan.

Sgt. 1st Class Matthew R. Kahler, 29, of Granite Falls, Minn., died Saturday at Forward Operating Base Fenty, Afghanistan of wounds suffered from small arms fire in Waygul, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne), 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, Vicenza, Italy.

Staff Sgt. Robert J. Wilson, 28, of Boynton Beach, Fla., Saturday of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated while he was conducting a dismounted patrol in Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell.

Maj. Alan G. Rogers, 40, of Hampton, Fla., died Sunday of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated while he was conducting a dismounted patrol in Baghdad. He was assigned to the Military Transition Team, 1st Brigade, 1st Infan-

try Division, Fort Riley.

Sgt. Mikeal W. Miller, 22, of Albany, Ore., died Saturday at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., of wounds suffered in Baghdad on July 9, when the vehicle he was in encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Carson.

Five Soldiers died from wounds suffered when their unit encountered an improvised explosive device during convoy operations Monday in Mosul, Iraq. They were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson. Killed were: **Sgt. James E. Craig**, 26, of Hollywood, Calif.; **Staff Sgt. Gary W. Jeffries**, 37, of Roscoe, Texas; **Spc. Evan A. Marshall**, 21, of Athens, Ga.; **Pfc. Brandon A. Meyer**, 20, of Orange, Calif. and **Pvt. Joshua A. R. Young**, 21, of Riddle, Ore.

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“Passenger Travel, Cargo Shipment and Special Flight Scheduling for USAKA/RTS Aircraft” currently in the review process.

Jino jen Feb. 5 raan maanlok, ro renaj uwe (space available) ilo balun ko ikotaan Kwajalein im Roi-Namur renaaj aikuj kolla \$15 administrative fee nan kajojo one-way trip ikotaan Kwajalein im Roi-Namur. Wonaan in ej jerbak wot nan “space available” ilo balun ko (fixed wing aircraft).

Wonaan in kwoj kollaiki ilo am wiaiki juon coupon ilo office ko an Finance ak ilo terminal ko (lali awa in wia ko emoj kallikarri) mokta jen am uwe jen Kwajalein ak Roi. Konaaj aikuj lelok coupon eo ilo air terminal eo bwew ren maron kallikar waj juon am seat.

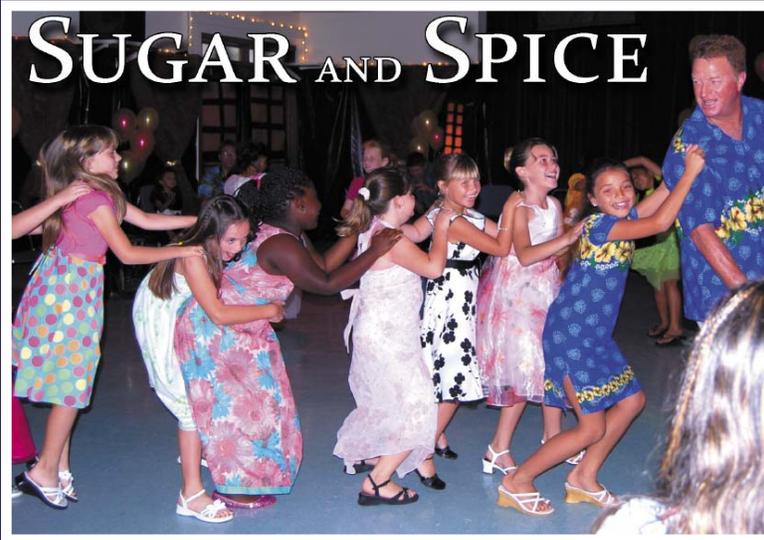
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ak rejanin jerbak remaron refund.

Ro rej jokwe ilo Roi-Namur im rej ekkake ikkijeem takto naaj kile er bwe rej “space required”. Pajinja ro rej ekkake kin official business naaj bar kile er “space required” elanne menija ro aer emoj aer kamolle unin trip ko aer. Armij ro jen Ennubirr im renaaj ekkake ikkijeem takto renaaj aikuj wia air coupon. Lale SPI 1031.

Ro rej jokwe ilo Roi-Namur im rej K ak KC badge renaj entitle nan 24 complimentary one-way reimbursement ilo juon fisle year (Sept – Oct). Reimbursement kein renaaj kommani ilo Cash Office eo ion Kwajalein ak Roi-Namur.

Kom maron bok melele ko relaplok ilo SPI 1031 Rev 4, “Passenger Travel, Cargo Shipment and Special Flight Scheduling for USAKA/RTS Aircraft” im ej bed kio ilo review process.



Left: Trace Fleming and daughter Olivia chat with Grace Everts at the George Seitz PTO Father/Daughter Dance Monday evening. Center: Left to right, Lizzie Dorries, Claire Grant, Ayanna Jackson-Charles, Chelsea Junker, Reagan Buhl, Jillian DeCoster and Colleen Ferguson form a conga line behind Kelly Ferguson. Right: Eric Junker shares a dance with daughter Kate.

(Photos by JJ Klein and Shaunna Fleming)

HELP WANTED

KRS has the following job openings. For contract hire positions, call Sheri Hendrix, 256-890-8710. For all others, call Donna English, 51300. Full job descriptions and requirements for contract openings are located online at www.krsjv.com. Job descriptions for other openings are located at Human Resources, Building 700.

NEED EXTRA money? KRS employment applications are continually accepted for all Community Services departments and the Human Resources temporary pool for casual positions. Some examples of these positions are: sport officials, scorekeepers, delivery drivers, lifeguards, catering/dining room workers, medical office receptionists, temporary office support, etc. For more information, call the KRS HR Office at 54916.

ON ISLAND HIRES

AC&R TECHNICIANS I, full-time, Kwaj Ops., HR Reqs. K050009.

ACCOUNTING CLERK I, Space A sales, Roi-Namur. Casual, on-call position. HR Req. K050340

CARPENTER II, full-time, Kwaj Ops, HR Req. K050158

CARPENTER III, full-time, Kwaj Ops, HR Req. K050047

GENERAL MAINTENANCE I, full-time, Marine Department, HR Req. K050160

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II, full-time, Meck Operations, HR Req. K050150

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II, full-time, Kwaj Ops., HR Req. K050038

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR IV, full-time, Solid Waste, HR Req. K050155

INCINERATOR OPERATOR III, full-time position, Solid Waste Mgmt., HR Req. K050112

INCINERATOR OPERATOR III, full-time position, Meck Operations, HR Req. K050144

MECHANIC II, full-time, Roi Power Plant, HR Req. K050183

MEDICAL OFFICE RECEPTIONIST, full-time, HR Req. K050388.

PLUMBER/PIPEFITTER II, full-time, Utilities, HR Req. K050040

PETROLEUM, OIL and LUBE TECHNICIAN, full-time, Supply/Fuel Farm, HR Req. K050385.

RAMP WORKER I, full-time position, Airfield Ops, HR Req. K050251

RETAIL ASSOCIATE III, Gimble's, full-time, HR Req. K050291

SHEETMETAL WORKER II, full-time, Kwaj Ops., HR Req. K050011

STYLIST, casual position, HR Req. K050275

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, casual positions, on-call

TOOL ROOM ATTENDANT I, full-time position, Roi Operations, HR Req. K050137

TRAFFIC AGENT I, part-time, Airfield Ops, HR Req. K050181

TRAFFIC AGENT, full-time, Airfield Ops, HR Req. K050250

WAREHOUSEMAN I, full-time, Roi Supply, HR Req. K050322 (Ennubirr residents apply to William Lewis)

CONTRACT HIRES

(A) accompanied (U) unaccompanied

Even numbered requisitions=CMSI

Odd numbered requisitions=KRS

AC&R TECHNICIAN II and III, four positions, HR Reqs. 031378, 031454, 031604, 031508 and 031530 U

AC&R TECHNICIAN IV, HR Req. 031522 U

ACCOUNTANT II, HR Req. 032083 U

ACCOUNTING CLERK III, HR Req. 032097 and 032099.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LEAD, HR Req. 032095.

ALCOR TRANSMITTER FIELD ENGINEER II, HR Req. 032063 U

ALCOR/MMW LEAD RECEIVER ENGINEER, HR Req. 032069 A

APPLIANCE REPAIR TECHNICIAN IV, HR Req. 031528.

AUTO BODY SHOP LEAD, HR 031502 U

AUTO BODY TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 031508 U

CALIBRATION REPAIR TECHNICIAN II, HR Req. 032055

CARPENTER IV, HR Reqs. 031524 and 031442 U

CDC INSTRUCTOR, HR Req. 032019 U

CHIEF ENGINEER, HR Req. 032049 U

COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN II, III, HR Reqs. 031941, 031967 and 031883 U

COMPUTER OPERATOR II, HR Req. 031955 U

COMSEC TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 031957 U

CYS TECHNOLOGY LAB LEAD, HR Req. 031831 U

DESIGNER/PLANNER IV, HR Req. 031308 U

DISPATCHER, HR Req. 031540 U

DRAFTER II, HR Req. 031486 U

DRIVER II, HR Req. 031117

ELECTRICIAN II, III and IV LEAD, HR Reqs. 031224,

Religious Services

Catholic

Saturday Mass, 5:30 p.m., in the small chapel.
Sunday Mass, 9:15 a.m., in the main chapel.
Mass on Roi is at 12:30 p.m., in Roi chapel.

Protestant

Sunday
8 and 10:45 a.m., on Kwaj and Roi-Namur service at 4 p.m.
Sunday school for all ages is at 9:15 a.m.

Baptist

9:40 a.m., Sunday, in elementary school music room.

Latter-Day Saints

10 a.m., Sunday, in
Corlett Recreation Center, Room 3.

Church of Christ

10 a.m., Sunday,
in Quarters 442-A.

Jewish services

Last Friday of the month in the Religious Education Building. Times will vary. Contact the Chaplain's office for more information.

031210, 031332, 031408, 031412, 031570, 031504, 031304, 031380, 031414, 031578 and 031580 U

ELECTRICIAN LEAD, HR Req. 031448 U

ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN I, II, III, HR Reqs. 031719, 031825, 032147, 031959, 031743 and 031931 U

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER/SCIENTIST II, HR Req. 032159 U

EQUIPMENT REPAIR TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 032101 A

FIELD ENGINEER I and II, HR Reqs. 031867 and 031753 A

FIRE SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 031428 U

FIREFIGHTER, HR Reqs. 031268, 031312, 031316, 031544, 031554, 031430, 031318, 031556 and 031558 U

HARBOR CONTROLLER, HR Req. 031568 U

HARDWARE ENGINEER I and II, HR Reqs. 032005, 031897, 031979, 031149 and 032065 A

HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANIC III, HR Req. 031572 U

HELP DESK TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 032109 U

HOUSING INSPECT/EST/MAINT SPECIALIST, HR Req. 031390 U

Café Pacific

Lunch

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Feb. 8
Italian meatloaf	Carved top round	Porcupine balls	Roast pork butt	Breaded pork cutlet	Kwaj fried chicken	Bombay chicken
Meat pan pizza	Tandour chicken	Broiled ham steak	Jambalaya	Kung pao chicken	Beef tips in Burgundy	Vegetable ragu
Veggie pan pizza	Baked cod	Heuvos rancheros	Red beans/corn bread	Veggie pasta	Veggie stir-fry	Pesto mahi mahi
Grill: Cheese dog	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Buffalo burger	Grill: Tuna melt	Grill: Cheese sandwich	Grill: Veggie sandwich

Dinner

Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Breaded pork chops	Broiled herb chicken	Roast pork butt	Teriyaki beef steak	Herb baked chicken	Carved flank steak	Baked meatloaf
Chicken curry	Beef stew	Chicken stew	Sweet-and-sour chicken	Beef curry	Pasta a la pesto	Chicken and dumplings
Red beans in broth	Veggie quesadilla	Chef's choice	Spicy tofu/vegetables	Tofu and eggplant	Chicke Monterey	Macaroni and cheese



SIX SIGMA
PERFORMANCE-BASED LEADERSHIP

SIX SIGMA FACT: Six Sigma can be titled or termed in three different ways: 1. Metric: 3.4 Defects per million opportunities equals a 6σ process. This is a way to utilize a metric to calculate your process's capability. 2. Methodology: Lean/DMAIC/DFSS – these are the structured problem solving approaches which utilize different tools and resources. 3. Philosophy: reduce variation in your business and make customer-focused, data driven decisions.

HUMAN RESOURCES GENERALIST IV, HR Req. 032103 U

KEAMS FUNCTIONAL ANALYST, HR Req. 032121 A

KWAJALEIN POWER PLANT, OPERATOR ELECTRIC, HR Req. 031494 U

KWAJALEIN SUPPORT RADAR LEAD, HR Req. 032139 A

LEAD ELECTRICIAN, HR Req. 031586 U

LEAD FIRE INSPECTOR, HR Req. 031424 U

LEAD MECHANIC, Small Boat Marina, HR Req. 032135 U

LEAD WELDER, HR 031198 U

LICENSED MARINER I, HR Req. 031456 U

LINE COOK, HR Req. 032155 U

MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST, HR Req. 031484 U

MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST, MECK, HR Req. 031386 U

MANAGER, INVENTORY CONTROL, HR Req. 031542

MANAGER, KWAJ OPERATIONS, HR Req. 031468 A

MANAGER, NETWORK OPERATIONS, HR Req. 032115 A

MATE, 500T, HR Req. 031526 U

MDN NETWORK ENGINEER, HR Req. 032029 U

MECHANIC III, IV, HR Reqs. 031432, 031488, 031246 and 031474 U

MECHANICAL ENGINEER III, HR Reqs. 031512 and 031566 U

MECK POWER PLANT MECHANIC III, HR Req. 031462 U

MECK POWER PLANT SUPERVISOR, HR Req. 031598 U

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST, HR Req. 032015 U

MISSION TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, HR Req. 031991 A

NETWORK ENGINEER III, HR Req. 031167 A

NETWORK ENGINEER III–MO, HR Req. 031855 A

OPERATOR, SPACE SURVEILLANCE, HR Req. 031137 U

OPTICS HARDWARE ENGINEER I, HR Req. 032153 U

PAINTER III, HR Req. 031366 and 031472 U

PHYSICIAN, SURGEON, HR Req. 031901 A

PLANT TECHNICIAN II, III, HR Reqs. 031947 and 031643 U

PLUMBER/ PIPEFITTER III and IV, HR Req. 031354 and 031548 U

PRODUCTION CONTROL CLERK III, HR Req. 031420 U

PROGRAMMER/ ANALYST-SUPPLY and MAINT, HR Req. 031841 A

PROJECT CONTROLS ENGINEER II, HR Req. 032133 U

PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL LEAD, HR Req. 032163 U

PUBLIC INTERNET SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR, HR Req. 031763 U

PROPERTY SPECIALIST I, HR Req. 031875 U

RADAR ENGINEER III, HR Req. 031961 A

RADAR TECHNICIAN II and III, HR Reqs. 031943 and 031717 U

ROI POWER PLANT ELECTRICIAN, HR Req. 031220 U

SAFETY SPECIALIST IV, HR Req. 032047 A

SERVER ADMINISTRATOR III, HR Req. 032085 A

SHEETMETAL WORKER III, HR Reqs. 031446 and 031422 U

SHIFT SUPERVISOR, CAFE ROI, HR Req. 032125 U

SOFTWARE COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST, HR Req. 032089

SOFTWARE ENGINEER, HR Req. 031975 A

SOFTWARE ENGINEER III, HR Req. 032073 A

SOFTWARE ENGINEER IV, HR Req. 031951 A

STEVEDORE CHIEF, HR Req. 031574 A

SUBCONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR, HR Req. 031851 U

SUPERVISOR BODY VP&P, HR Req. 031510 A

SUPERVISOR, HAZARDOUS WASTE, HR Req. 031582 U

SUPERVISOR, IMAGING, HR Req. 032151 A

SUPERVISOR, PLUMBING SHOP, HR Req. 031594 U

SUPERVISOR, POL SERVICES, HR Req. 031592 U

SUPERVISOR, RANGE TELECOM, HR Req. 032067 A

SUPERVISOR, WAREHOUSING, HR Req. 031532 U

SUPERVISOR, CONFIGURATION AND DATA, HR Req. 031821 A

SUPERVISOR, LIGHT VEHICLE/SCOOTER, HR Req. 031196 A

SYSTEMS ENGINEER I, III and IV, HR. Reqs. 031749, 031965, 031963, 032143 and 031011 A

SYSTEMS ENGINEER IV, HR Req. 032165 U

TELEMETRY ENGINEER III, HR Req. 031723 A

TRADEX OPERATIONS DIRECTOR, HR Req. 032157 U

TRADEX RADAR FIELD ENGINEER-RECEIVERS, HR Req. 032061 U

TRADEX TRANSMITTER ENGINEER, HR Req. 032081 A

TRAFFIC AGENT I AND II, HR Reqs. 031560 and 031552 U

TRANSMITTER HARDWARE ENGINEER, HR Req. 032145 U

THE X-RAY MACHINE at the Dock Security Checkpoint is not operating on a consistent basis. Due to this, please anticipate and accommodate delays of C-badge workers to and from Ebeye as their bags must be hand-searched during the times when the X-ray machine is inoperable. It is recommended that all commuters minimize delays by reducing the number of packages or bags you carry for this time being and reduce the chance of missing your boat by proceeding through the check point earlier than usual. Following these simple recommendations hopefully will reduce the stress to all until the X-ray machine is back in service. If you have any questions, please call the DSC supervisor at 54443.

WAREHOUSEMEN LEAD, HR Reqs. 031600 and 031564 U

WATER PLANT ELECTRICAL AND INSTRUMENT TECHNICIAN, HR Req. 031562 U

WATER PLANT OPERATOR III, HR Req. 030826 U

WATER PLANT OPERATOR IV, HR Req. 031590 U

WATER TREATMENT TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 031516 U

WELDER IV, HR Reqs. 031444 and 030834 U

U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll

OFFICE AUTOMATION ASSISTANTS, GS-0326-6. Temporary position not to exceed two years. The employee provides clerical support to ensure efficient office operations. The employee accomplishes various duties to provide essential office automation support and production. The employee performs a variety of assignments using the advanced functions of various database software packages. The employee prepares varied documents with complex formats using the advanced functions of word processing, desktop publishing, and other software types. The employee performs systems maintenance functions for electronic mail systems. The employee performs a variety of assignments using the advanced functions of one or more spreadsheet software packages. Performs a variety of secretarial and other clerical and administrative functions, using judgment to answer recurring questions and resolve problems. Apply at <<https://cpolwapp.belvoir.army.mil>>

AirScan Pacific

MANAGER, EMPLOYEE SERVICES. Coordinates the aviation administrative functions, human resources, financial support and payroll activities. Requirements are Bachelor's in Business Management or Human Resources. Experience in human resources, payroll and finance. Preferred: master's degree. KEAMS experience and experience working as subcontractor. Send resumes to richard.zurawski@smdck.smdc.army.mil or deliver to Building 901.

WANTED

SMALL AEROBIC-size trampoline. Call 55176.

HOUSE-SITTING for single parent and teenage son, March 11-21. Call 53354, work, or 59985, home.

LOST

SPARKLY MERMAID EARRING, not expensive, but

Kwaj Bingo is at the Pacific Club Saturday. Card sales at 5:30 p.m. Bingo play starts at 6:30 p.m. Blackout at 59 numbers with a \$1,150 jackpot prize. Windfall completion at 27 numbers with an \$1,100 prize. Limited food will be available. Bring your K-badge to play. Must be 21 to enter and play. No cell phones allowed.



The new espresso machine is being installed at the bakery on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Donuts, coffee, soup and sandwiches will be provided to the community from the Mobile Kitchen, 6 a.m.-1 p.m. Questions? Call 53445.

extremely sentimental. Call 51597.

OAKLEY SUNGLASSES, black, polarized, at adult pool. Call 54519.

MAN'S WHITE HAT with Kwajalein name and chin strap on Emon Beach. Call 54632.

FOUND

CAMERA in Ivey Gyrm. Call 52379.

PATIO SALES

SATURDAY, 3-5:30 p.m., Quarters 124-B (in back). Pillows, silk flowers, plants, T-shirts, video movies, rugs, men's shirts, coffee table, video storage cabinet, bookshelf, decorations, clothes, shoes, hardware, kitchen items, computer monitor, cassette tapes, bowling ball and 40-gallon aquarium. Rain cancels

SATURDAY, 7-11 a.m., Quarters 121-C (in back). Bedding, kitchen utensils, clothing, games, household items. No early birds.

MONDAY, 7 a.m.-2 p.m., Trailer 567. Multi-family sale. Appliances, dishware, books, baby clothes, adult clothes and craft supplies.

MONDAY, 8 am.-noon, Trailer 645. Patio furniture, clothes, decorating and kitchen items, small refrigerator, loveseat recliner. No early birds.

MONDAY, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Trailer 573. Plant sale. Bougainvilleas, fancy hibiscus, exotic palms, pikaki, cycads and house plants.

FOR SALE

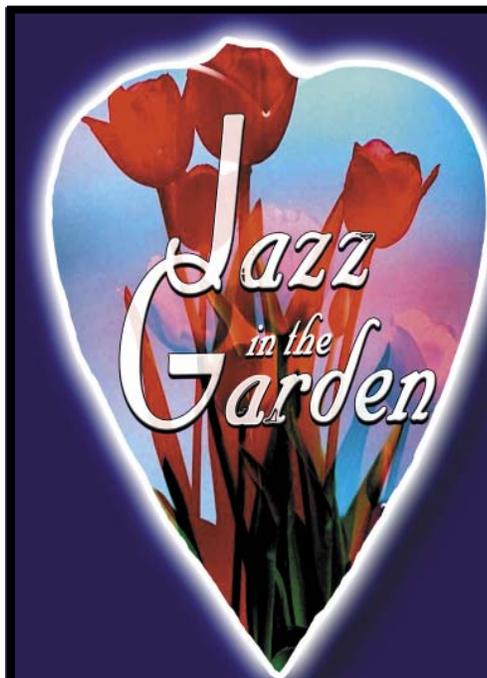
HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS, new hardcover, \$15; Eragon/Eldest hardcover boxed set, \$10; boys' blue blazer, size 18, \$10; tap shoes size 7W, \$10; dansneakers, size 7 1/2, \$10; size 34 Tyr swimteam colored female suit, \$10. Call 52312.

PCS SALE. Ladie's Rolex presidential watch with diamonds, diamond wedding rings, solid gold Hawaiian bracelet, 50-gallon aquarium with fish, light, filters, and wooden base stand, clothes, handbags, shoes, kitchen appliances, dishes, rugs, beach float, straw hats, evening gowns, many sizes, beach chair, books, alarm clock, cell phone, bike, trailer, CDs, and DVDs. Call 52147.

PCS SALE: Scuba Pro Rec Tec BC, \$75; foam water noodles, barely used, \$2 each; beautiful, new, big porcelain doll in box, must see to appreciate, \$50; 19-inch Magnavox color TV with remote \$75; king-size feather bed, six months old, washable cover, \$50 and beach chair, \$6. Call Jo or Pete, 54737.

GLASS MIXING BOWL SET, stainless steel mixing bowl set with strainer, DVD's, waffle maker, potato slicer, Biore facial products and beauty products, curling iron, all items \$5 or less. Call Susannah, 52257.

PCS SALE. Kitchen table and chairs, cherry wood, \$150; 13-inch TV, \$75; 19-inch TV, \$150; computer (CPU, monitor and keyboard), \$200; printer, \$50; entertainment shelf, \$40; plastic patio set, \$15; child's Huffy bike, \$50; washer and dryer, \$500; microwave, \$30 and 22-inch TV, \$200. Call 58954.



An Evening of Jazz

will be 6:30-10 p.m., Feb. 14, in the Public Garden.

AfE jazz sensation Stanley Baird and his eight-piece band will perform, 7-9:30 p.m.

Seating is first-come, first-served. Bus service is available 6:15-10 p.m. The event is open to all adults. No tickets are necessary, however, dinner tickets (fish or London broil) for \$15 must be purchased in advance at Three Palms Snack Bar. For those not wishing dinner service, there will be pupus for \$7 and desserts for \$4 at the event.

SONY VAIO PCG-71L laptop computer, eight months old, light use, 1.733GHz, 2MB Ram, 80GB HD, Vista Ultimate, like new, paid \$1,250 new, will sell for \$600 firm. Call Rick, 52273, work, or 51132, home.

HUFFY BIKE, decent shape, \$50 or best offer. Call Rick, 51502, work, or 55657, home.

GAME CUBE console, two controllers, one memory card, seven games and one microphone, \$125. Call 54517, after 5:30 p.m.

WETSUITS by XCEL, Hawaii, shortie-style, size small, Farmer John-style, size large, \$50 each. Call 55945.

CRAFTSMAN AIR COMPRESSOR, 80-gallon, five-horsepower, 240 volt single phase, \$500. Call 52725.

TWO 1993 100-HORSEPOWER Mercury Mariner engines, run great, lots of accessories and spare parts, \$4,000. Call 55987 and leave message.

HIDEAWAY COMPUTER DESK, \$100; entertainment center for 32-inch TV, \$75; boys' 20-inch chopper bike, \$20 and two fitness balls with video and accessories, \$10 each. Call 55875.

ONE-HALF SHARE of 38-foot cruising sailboat, *Down East Trader*, major refit in December 2005, including professionally rebuilt engine, view full listing at <http://www2.whidbey.com/seelye/lecome/lecome.htm>, best reasonable offer will be accepted. Call David, 54698.

LESTER 'BETSY ROSS' spinet upright piano with bench seat, \$225. Call 53731.

PCS SALE: Scuba Pro Rec Tec BC, \$75.00, Foam water noodles, barely used \$2.00 each, Beautiful, new, big

porcelain doll in box, must see to appreciate, \$50.00. Call Jo or Pete at 5-4737

BC-SEAQUEST PRO QD w/DACOR Viper regulator and octopus with Sportster computer console, \$900; twin bed, \$150 and breadmaker, \$20. Call 59786.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE KWAJALEIN TENNIS CLUB is having an organizational meeting at 6 p.m., Sunday, at the tennis courts. New club officers will be nominated. The club will barbecue. If you are interested in joining the tennis club, stop by. Questions? Call Rich Russell at 54632.

MACY'S VALENTINE sale is Tuesday through Feb. 16. Jewelry and wallets (excluding logo items), 30-50 percent off; selected shoes, 40 percent off; framed art, 30 percent off; fountain pens and refills, 75 percent off; toys and games. 40-50 percent off; selected clothing (excluding logo items), 30-75 percent off; Roi Rat shirts, buy one, get one free; Waterford (excluding logo items), 40 percent off and selected home furnishings, 40-75 percent off. Valentine flowers will be available Feb. 14.

THE OPTOMETRIST will see patients Tuesday through Feb. 17. Call 52223 or 52224 to schedule limited appointments. The optometrist has increased exam fees by \$5.

BEGINNING FEB. 14, Millican Family Pool will close on Thursdays for cleaning. Questions? Call Mandie, 52847.

TALENT IS NEEDED for Kaleidoscope of Music on March 16. Questions? Call 50227.

PUNDIT, from PAGE 2

would be more than \$6 billion.

Still, the TV pundit continued to say that homeless veterans aren't a big problem in America. Well, he might want to read his own network's Web site more often.

On that site, there is an article written by retired Army Col. David Hunt, who has appeared on many of that network's news programs as an expert military analyst.

It's a strange thing. The colonel said in his article that homeless veterans are indeed a major problem in our country.

According to Hunt, there are so many homeless vets that no government agency has been able to count them all.

Hunt stated that the Veterans Administration's 'official' count of homeless veterans is around 193,000, but he

personally believes the actual number is closer to 500,000.

According to the colonel, homeless vets live and sleep in the worst parts of towns, in abandoned buildings, in their cars, over heating grates, and yes, Mr. know-it-all TV person, under bridges.

Hunt is rightfully angry that many of those who risked their lives, fought our wars, spent months or years in hell holes, saw their friends die or terribly wounded, or perhaps were terribly wounded themselves in body and mind are homeless. He feels it is criminal.

Unbelievably enough, the TV pundit, during subsequent programs, actually seemed to suggest that because some of the vets are alcoholics, drug addicts or suffer from mental illness, their homeless status is their own fault.

Well sure, I can see how someone who spouts garbage from the safety of a TV studio and has never worn his country's uniform, much less ever seen combat, thinks vets who use alcohol or drugs and have mental problems must be a bunch of malingering whiners.

Perhaps the number given by the candidate isn't 100 percent accurate, but I take exception to a blustering TV pundit calling someone trying to bring attention to our veterans a 'pinhead.'

Hunt's writing reminds us that any nation neglecting its veterans doesn't deserve them or their sacrifice.

Thank you colonel. Please show your article to that insufferable TV blowhard, and — although it's probably mission impossible — try to help him find his behind with both hands if you can.

READER, from PAGE 2

You said, "We should try to be well be prepared for an act of terrorism just as we try to be well prepared for natural disasters and deal with situations as they arise." This is what we did until Sept. 11, 2001. I don't think much of that policy. The fact that "terrorism doesn't keep [you] awake at night" is probably due to the policy of president George W. Bush to attack terrorism rather than waiting for them to attack us continually.

You list a couple dozen other issues about which you are concerned. Some are legitimate concerns, such as China possibly having access to our defense secrets through a company they buy and the influence of foreign lobbyists. Many of your other concerns you list imply solutions that would move the country farther from free supply-demand markets and individual freedom and responsibility and further toward socialism.

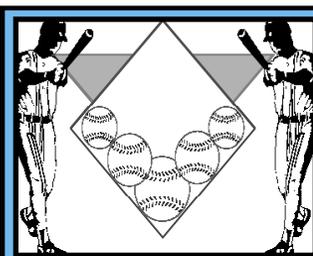
For example, "40 million without health insurance"

implies that these 40 million want, need and should have assistance getting insurance. Another example is your worry about house values and foreclosures, which implies that I should help bail out the guy who bought a bigger house than he should have.

I remember toward the end of Jimmy Carter's term as president when inflation was over ten percent and the nation's economy was terrible. I saw the first debate between Carter and Ronald Reagan. Carter spoke with pessimism in a malaise and sour-looking face. Reagan, in sharp contrast, spoke optimistically about what a great country this is and tried to lead the country toward less government and individual freedom and responsibility.

The guy that says this is the one I'll vote for.

— Paul Camp
1973-74 resident
2005-2008 three-time visitor



The Protestant Chapel's junior high Sunday school class is collecting sporting equipment and sport shoes for the children of Third Island. If you have any sports gear such as bats, gloves, shin guards, socks, or any kind of ball that you wish to donate, call 51444, 53808, or 53884, for a pickup.

WELCOME TO
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meetings are held at 6 p.m., Wednesdays and Sundays, in the Religious Education Building upstairs across from the library.

Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Saturday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 16-20 knots.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 16-20 knots.
Monday: Partly sunny, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 16-20 knots.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 16-20 knots.
Wednesday: Partly sunny, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE 16-20 knots.
Thursday: Partly sunny, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 14-18 knots.
Feb. 8: Partly cloudy, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 13-18 knots.

Annual total: 5.35 inches
Annual deviation: +0.23 inches

Call 54700 for updated forecasts or visit www.rts-wx.com.

Sun • Moon • Tides

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Saturday	7:10 a.m./6:56 p.m.	3:38 a.m./3:24 p.m.	1:01 a.m., 1.8' 1:38 p.m., 2.8'	6:18 a.m., 1.3' 8:46 p.m., 0.9'
Sunday	7:10 a.m./6:56 p.m.	4:30 a.m./4:18 p.m.	2:34 a.m., 2.1' 2:35 p.m., 3.3'	7:58 a.m., 1.0' 9:19 p.m., 0.5'
Monday	7:10 a.m./6:56 p.m.	5:22 a.m./5:13 p.m.	3:12 a.m., 2.5' 3:13 p.m., 3.8'	8:48 a.m., 0.6' 9:46 p.m., 0.0'
Tuesday	7:10 a.m./6:56 p.m.	6:12 a.m./6:07 p.m.	3:42 a.m., 2.9' 3:46 p.m., 4.2'	9:25 a.m., 0.2' 10:14 p.m., 0.3'
Wednesday	7:10 a.m./6:56 p.m.	6:59 a.m./7:01 p.m.	4:10 a.m., 3.4' 4:17 p.m., 4.6'	9:58 a.m., 0.2' 10:41 p.m., 0.6'
Thursday	7:10 a.m./6:56 p.m.	7:44 a.m./7:52 p.m.	4:39 a.m., 3.7' 4:47 p.m., 4.9'	11:08 a.m., 0.5' 10:30 p.m., 1.5'
Feb. 1	7:02 a.m./6:56 p.m.	8:27 a.m./8:43 p.m.	5:08 a.m., 4.0' 5:17 p.m., 5.0'	11:01 a.m., 0.7' 11:36 p.m., 0.9'