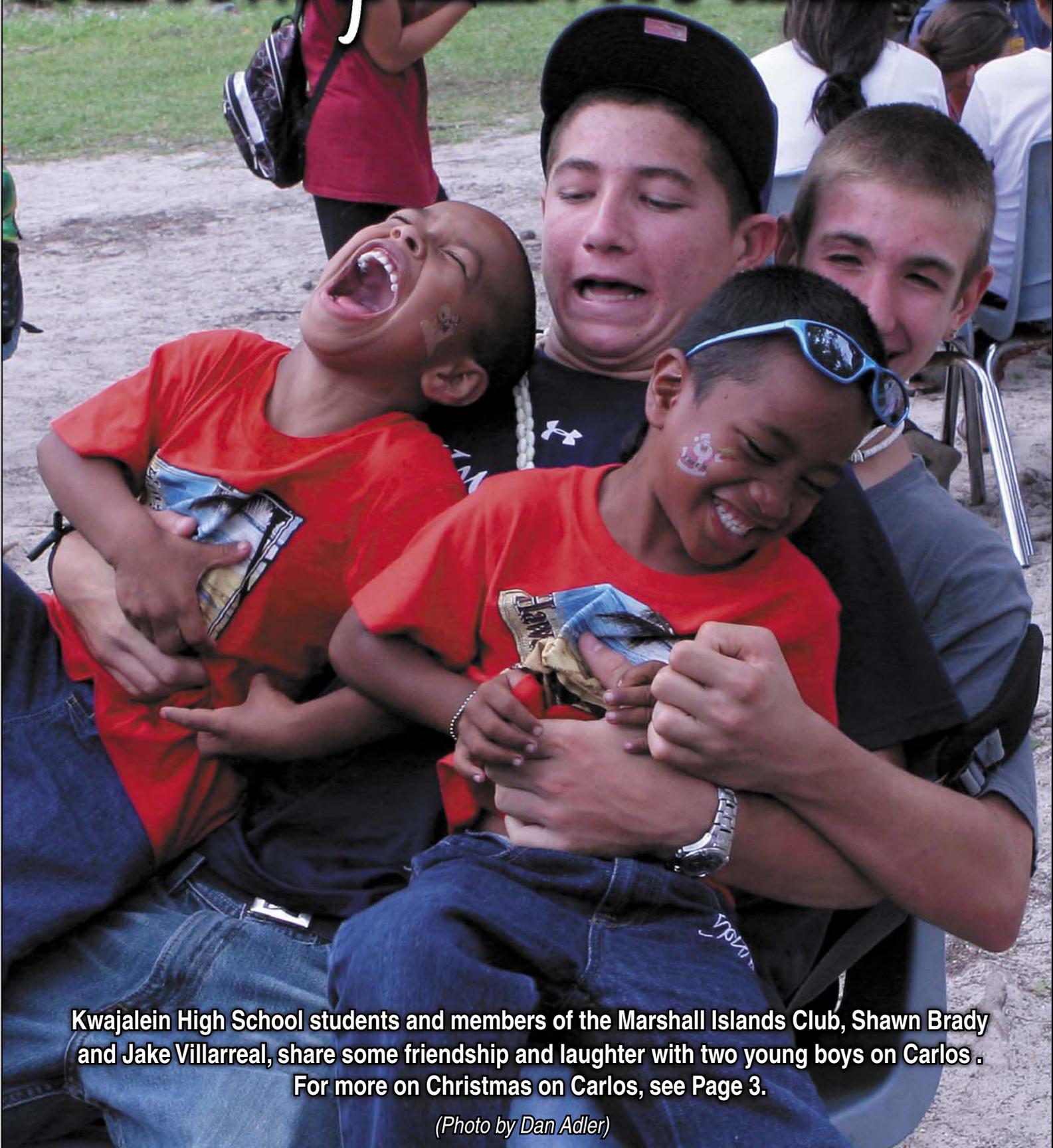


THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



Kwajalein High School students and members of the Marshall Islands Club, Shawn Brady and Jake Villarreal, share some friendship and laughter with two young boys on Carlos . For more on Christmas on Carlos, see Page 3.

(Photo by Dan Adler)

Holiday message from Commanding General

Dear USASMDC/ARSTRAT Family:
This has been a remarkable year for the Space and Missile community, and I am grateful for the contributions each of you have made toward the command's success.

Every day, across the globe, we had an impact on the Warfighter and the security of our homeland. Thanks to your creativity and commitment,

we provided exceptional support to our military and nation in countless and meaningful ways. Your committed spirit and imagination have made a real difference in the lives of our Warfighters and to the citizens of this great nation.

Thank you for taking risks, seizing opportunities, and inspiring such positive progress this year. I am confident

that we will carry the same innovative spirit into the next year that awaits us.

May this holiday season and the days that follow, bring you and your loved ones good health, prosperity, and great joy.

"SECURE THE HIGH GROUND"

Kevin T. Campbell
Lt. Gen., U.S. Army
Commanding General

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Women's club thanks community for support

On behalf of the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club, I would like to thank the Kwajalein community for their tremendous support of our recent Bargain Bazaar Tent Sale. The purpose of our tent sale was to allow our Ebeye customers the opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts for their children. The Kwajalein community was exceedingly generous in donating the toys and other children's items needed to make our sale possible. The response and support of our entire community was truly amazing. We were able to fill a large tent with an abundance of toys on the morning of our sale as excited customers lined up to shop.

Special thanks to:

All the children of Kwajalein who were willing to share with others. The Clarkes for making their quarters available as a convenient location for receiving and processing all the donations. The Kwajalein Schools for their

assistance with announcements. The Girl Scouts and Lora Kendrick for their help in soliciting and receiving donations. The Boy Scouts, Greg Hogan, and Joe Theriault for transporting all the items the day of the sale. Community Activities for their help with set up. KPD for smoothly processing so many items through the DSC.

I think of one gentleman shopping that morning who asked our help to pick out 19 stuffed animals so that he could be Santa for his daughter's kindergarten class on Ebeye. We were even able to fit him with a Santa hat and toss in 19 picture books for him to give out. A big "komol tata" to our Kwajalein community for enabling us to touch children's lives on Ebeye during this holiday season.

Sincerely,

Jenny Norwood
YYWC President

Three servicemembers die in War on Terror

Pvt. Colman J. Meadows III, 19, of Senoia, Ga., died Dec. 16 at Forward Operating Base Ramrod, Afghanistan of injuries sustained from a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Staff Sgt. Jonathan W. Dean, 25, of Henagar, Ala., died Dec. 20, in Bayji, Iraq, of injuries suffered in a non-combat related incident in Tikrit, Iraq. He was assigned to the

561st Military Police Company, 716th Military Police Battalion, 101st Sustainment Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

Pfc. Coleman W. Hinkfent, 19, of Coweta, Okla., died Dec. 20, 2008 in Hamburg, Germany of a non-combat related illness. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany.

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Bringing Christmas to Carlos



Marshall Islands Club members carry Christmas gifts for Carlos children from the dock to Carlos school.

Kwajalein high school students share joy of holiday season with Marshallese neighbors

Article and photos by Dan Adler
Media Manager

The Marshall Islands Club, made up of Kwajalein Junior/Senior High School students, made its annual trip to Carlos on Dec. 19 bringing the joy of the holidays along for the ride.

“I’ve been doing it since the first year I was here,” said teacher and co-sponsor of the club Christi Davis. “It was one of my first advisor jobs. The Marshall Islands Club promotes awareness of our host nation. At school,

we take notice of Marshallese holidays and so forth so that the student body, which is mostly American, will be aware of them and we also help out the Marshallese Cultural Society on Manit Day. But this Carlos trip is our big, once-a-year cultural exchange.”

It’s no walk in the park for students to belong to the Marshall Islands Club.

“Each student has a job they have to do. They have to attend every meeting of the club and be involved in every activity. If they miss a meeting or activity, they

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Temporary duty surgeon on Kwajalein was Navy fighter pilot, Vietnam POW

Dr. William Shankel survived seven years as prisoner

By Dan Adler
Media Manager

What's 10 minutes? How could such a short period of time make any difference in someone's life?

But 10 minutes "stood between me and seven years of hell," said Dr. William Shankel, a temporary surgeon at Kwajalein Hospital.

The story of Shankel's life is remarkable.

He resides now in Hawaii, but was born and raised in northern California in a little town called Angel's Camp.

"It's in the gold country, a little south of Sutter's Mill," Shankel said.

It was a rural area and the 'town' only had one street. He attended a two-room school as a youngster. He calls himself, "Your basic cowboy who grew up on quarter horses chasing cows."

He said, "I even thought about making money in rodeos at one time, but I decided against that."

Instead, Shankel joined the U.S. Navy in February of 1961.

"I had been going to college for two years and I was tired of it. I never liked going to school and I was 21 and my parents couldn't tell me what to do anymore, so I joined the Navy," he said.

When he enlisted, the recruiter noticed he had some college and suggested he try out for aviation.

"I got my first plane ride on the way to flight training," he said laughing.

He added, "I went into the naval aviator program in Florida, Texas, and Mississippi and 18 months later in August of 1962 I was a naval aviator. Once I got into flight training, I discovered that the first thing I could really do well in life was fly an airplane."

Shankel was in a squadron aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Ranger* in the South China Sea in 1963.

At that time, things in Southeast Asia were beginning to get hot.

"We were flying A4-C Douglas Skyhawk single-seat, single-engine jets over Laos with the guns charged looking for something to shoot at," said Shankel.

Originally, his squadron had a nuclear mission, but in the spring of 1965, the focus turned to Vietnam. The plane he flew was well-suited to the war as it carried bombs, rockets and had two 20 millimeter cannons.

"We could put a lot of ordnance on a target," Shankel said.

It was on his third cruise when he was a 26-year-old lieutenant and had flown 50 missions over North Vietnam, that his luck ran out.

"It was flack, probably 57 millimeter, that got me," he said. "It was halfway between Hanoi and Haiphong. We were attacking a bridge over the Red River."

When his plane was hit, he tried to turn towards the coast which was only 10 minutes away.

"We knew if you could get over the water before you punched out, there was a good chance of being picked up by a helicopter. But the controls were burned through and I couldn't fly the airplane, so I had no choice but to punch out right there," Shankel said.

When he ejected, he was flying at supersonic speed and he broke his leg and injured his knee badly. He landed in a rice paddy next to a village.

"They were on me in less than 10 seconds," he recalled. "That started seven years of hell."

He was taken to Hanoi and as he says, "In an effort to convince me to divulge more than name, rank and se-

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— Dr. William Shankel



Dr. William Shankel

rial number, they just about twisted my leg off. My heel was on the top and my toes on the bottom. They turned it all the way around so most of my ligaments in that knee are gone."

Shankel smiled and said, "I had a seven-year exercise program to rehabilitate my own knee. It's never been operated on and it looks kind of funny and it hurts, but it doesn't hurt enough that I need to take narcotics. I'm not going to have it operated on until it hurts a lot more, so I guess I'll just put up with it looking funny."

At Christmas that year, the Vietnamese put his knee in a cast. "I guess it was good guy season or something," he said.

Shankel was in solitary confinement for the first year he was a prisoner. While he was in the cell, he took the cast off and walked in a figure eight pattern over and over.

"After five years or so, I could walk without limping," he said. "I couldn't go down steps though. I would fall over. But then they put me in a room with one step and I practiced on that for years until I could finally go down that step. I eventually got to the point where I could do deep knee bends on

that leg. I did such a good job that when I was released, the flight surgeon gave me the okay to get back in the cockpit.”

While the prisoners were still in one-man cells they communicated by tapping.

“If they caught you, they would put you in irons and come around and beat you up every hour or so. They wouldn’t give you food or water, but when they figured out we’d die without water, they gave us some. You can live for quite a while without food but not so long without water.”

For the next few years, he was in a four-man room. Eventually there were eight men to a cell.

Shankel spent a lot of time in the infamous Hanoi Hilton. He knew William Stockdale (who received the Medal of Honor for his resistance and defiance of his captors). Stockdale was in an area they called ‘Heart-break Hotel.’

“We all got the same good deal though,” said Shankel. “I always like to say they were so mean to [John] McCain because guys like me pissed them off. I was there two years longer than he was.”

One of the camps Shankel was in was called ‘Little Vegas’ by the prisoners.

“There were four or five buildings and we named them Desert Inn, Riviera, Gold Nugget and so on,” said Shankel.

He continued, “They said we were war criminals, not POWs, and they just ignored the Geneva Convention. They moved us around quite a bit and I was also in a little camp by the Laos border. Near the end of the war, we were in a camp way up near China.”

Shankel was in or near the Son Tay prison for a time.

“But we were moved out shortly before the Son Tay raid,” he said.

American forces raided the camp to free American prisoners only to find out there were none there.

Shankel said the raid was so close, “We could hear the gunfire. We didn’t know what was happening, which was a good thing. It would have been pretty bad to know rescue was that close and they were in the wrong place.”

When asked how he and his fellow prisoners kept hope and faith alive in prison, he paused, looked away, and said, “I don’t know. Death was never an option,” he said, grimly laughing.

“Everybody had a gimmick. Some guys had religion. I suppose everybody is religious to a certain degree in those circumstances. Some guys used hate. They hated the Vietnamese so much, they were determined to survive to spite them. Their thinking was they were going to get out of there and go back to the land of the Big PX and the Vietnamese were still going to be in that hell-hole of a country.”

Shankel said that the really bad treatment of prisoners stopped after Ho Chi Minh died in the summer of 1969.

“I think they also realized we were the most valuable bargaining chips they had,” he said. “So they decided to keep us alive and sort of healthy.”

In answer to a question about losing seven years of his life, Shankel said, “I’m bitter about a few things, but probably not what you would think. For one thing, in the spring of 1968, [President Lyndon] Johnson called off the bombing and started peace talks and just left us [the prisoners] twisting in the wind. He didn’t even get any kind of guarantee of decent treatment for us. The summers of 1968 and 1969 were two of the worst times we spent there as far as brutality went.”

He added, “I don’t know why they got meaner in the summer. Maybe because it was so hot.”

Shankel credits President Richard Nixon for starting up the bombing of Hanoi again, mining Haiphong Harbor and getting the North Vietnamese to negotiate seriously.

“Otherwise, I’d probably still be there,” he said.

Shankel said that when he was brutalized for information, one of the questions was, “Where do they keep the cattle on the ships?”

“That’s the kind of crap they asked,” he said. “They were so damn stupid, they didn’t know about refrigeration. It was unbelievable.”

He felt betrayed by congress when they wouldn’t back the South Viet-

“Those people really hurt us. I think a lot of the bad treatment we received was precipitated by the anti-war movement. You know, Jane Fonda going over there and sitting on a gun mount didn’t help at all. What makes Jane Fonda different than Tokyo Rose?”

— Dr. William Shankel

namese Army anymore and the country fell into the hands of the communists.

“I thought I had made a little investment in winning that war. I had put my ass on the line and my government just blew it off,” he said.

He added, “At least two million folks died when the communists took over and all the anti-war folks had no conception of that. The atrocities committed by the Viet Cong were horrible, but they never heard about them or didn’t care.”

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Shankel believes the war in Vietnam was winnable if we had used our full force. “Limited war was never going to do it,” he said. “We’d fly over Haiphong and see the Russian ships unloading in the harbor and wonder why we weren’t sinking them.”

Shankel was finally released in 1973. “The only advantage to being shot down early was that I got to go home in one of the early releases in February of ’73,” he said.

He weighed about 150 pounds when he was released. “I had gotten down to around 100 pounds while I was in there, but near the end, I started to improve somewhat,” Shankel said.

When he was first freed and came back to the United States, he spent time recovering in a hospital in San Diego. He said he saw young Marines who wouldn’t leave their installation in uniform for fear they would be spit upon and accosted by anti-war people.

“I wore my uniform everywhere I went,” Shankel said. “I wanted somebody to try something. I probably would have wound up in another prison.”

The Navy wanted him to get an education since he already had two years of college. “So instead of being a happy fighter pilot again, I said ‘OK’ and went to the University of Connecticut,” Shankel recounted.

He added, “I was eligible for a command, but since I hadn’t been in a plane in years, I didn’t really think I would get one. I always wanted to be a doctor, so I decided to apply to

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Carlos boys watch the unloading of the catamaran.



Andy Hogan receives a gift of a shell necklace from a Carlos girl. All the visitors were given shell necklaces by Carlos residents.

are out of the club,” Davis said. “All the things they do are on their own time. For the Carlos trip, they pack boxes and wrap all of the gifts. Band members who belong to the club have to have special practices for the Carlos trip and CJ Kemem is in charge of that this year. All of it is in addition to their regular school activities.”

The money for the gifts, food and other materials that go to Carlos comes directly from the students in grades 7-12.

“We have a big fund-raising contest at the school,” Davis said. “Each class competes to see who can raise the most money for Carlos and the kids really get into it.”

She added, “This year, the seventh grade class raised more than \$900 and the total for all the classes was a little over \$2,700.”

The students don’t get extra credit for belonging to the Marshall Islands Club and they have to make up any schoolwork they might miss by being involved in club activities.

“I think what motivates them is the enjoyment of going over to Carlos and playing with the kids and watching them get the gifts, meeting Santa, and getting the little goodie bags. They play games with the children and everybody has a good time. I think it’s also the joy of giving to those less fortunate. It’s just a lot of fun.”

The Marshall Islands Club is almost 20 years old. It was started by former Kwajalein High School teacher Peter Barbella. Back then, no Marshallese attended Kwajalein high school and Barbella wanted some interaction between American teens and their Marshallese peers.

“In those days, we would bring Marshallese classes over to our school and have cultural exchanges that way,” said Ric Fullerton, Kwajalein High School teacher and co-sponsor of the MIC. “They would go to classes with our kids for one or two periods in the afternoon. Then we would go bowling and have a picnic. It was all to create interaction between them.”

Christmas on Carlos wasn’t started by the Marshall Islands Club, however.

“Bonita Whitmore, a former Kwajalein resident, came up with the idea for the trip,” Fullerton said. “She got the community to donate food and she put it all together and would take it to Carlos because nobody ever went there and the things she took over were the only gifts those



Two Carlos boys shyly come out to see what's up.



Andy Hogan and Christi Davis show Carlos residents what is inside of each of the twenty four boxes marked Medde Kirjimoj (Merry Christmas).



A little girl is in awe of Santa Claus.



Members of the band play Christmas music while waiting for the arrival of Santa Claus.

people would get.”

Fullerton said that one year, Whitmore asked him if he would go along with her to ‘help’ Santa Claus for the trip.

“So all I did that time was ‘help’

Santa Claus,” he said. “But Bonita had to let the program go, so Peter and I absorbed it into the Marshall Islands Club. Ever since then, this has been a big part of what the Marshall Islands Club does.”

Over time, Marshallese students started attending Kwajalein High School and interaction on a daily basis took place.

“We don’t do exchanges anymore because there are Marshallese students in the schools now. So the focus is more on ‘Christmas on Carlos’ as our main function,” said Fullerton. “However, we do other things as well. Two years ago, we had a peer-to-peer tutoring program. We just take on projects as they come along.”

Fullerton likes the club program

because it teaches students responsibility and character.

“Every kid here has attended every meeting and they’ve all had to come and do a job,” he said. “The kids are super and they do a lot of things to get ready for this trip.”

Twenty-four boxes of gifts were taken to Carlos this year. Each box contained rice, spam, Vienna sausage, noodles and toilet paper. In addition, there were goodie bags that contained toothbrushes and toothpaste, candy, necklaces for the girls and a variety of toys. New flip-flops for the children were also included.

The day of the Carlos trip started at 6:30 a.m. for the students as they

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Above, Santa Claus makes his entrance at the school leading the children in a song and then begins handing out gifts with help from his elf, Katie Kabua, who puts new flip-flops on the children.

loaded a step van with the boxes and took them to Dock Security Checkpoint, took the items from the van, and loaded the catamaran for the 20-minute trip to Carlos.

"We really appreciate the support of the command, the Host Nation office and the Marine Department," said Fullerton. "We know it isn't cheap to send this catamaran over there and keep a crew waiting while we're there. Without that support, we couldn't do this."

When the catamaran reached Carlos, the students formed a line to unload the packages and then carried them the 200 yards to the Carlos school where the activities of the day would take place.

Slowly, by ones and twos, shy children came out to see the visitors. Then families started to slowly drift into the schoolyard area until finally, there were more than 60 children and their parents who came for the fun.

When the Carlos residents were all gathered, Davis and student Andy Hogan opened one of the boxes to show what each box contained. The six members of the high school band who made the trip played Christmas music for the gathering.

Then, the sound of jingling bells was heard, and all eyes turned to see Santa Claus approaching. Carlos children mobbed him. They held his hands and walked with him as he went to the school and led a Christmas song.

Then Santa sat down and began giving out gifts to the children. And although some cried when put on

Santa's lap, most enjoyed the experience of getting a little something from the jolly man in red.

Visitors were treated to a lunch of rice balls and fish by the Carlos residents and lively and very entertaining dances were performed by Carlos boys.

After the gifts were handed out and lunch was over, games broke out and limbo, jump rope, volleyball, wiffleball, face stickers and some football were being enjoyed by Carlos children and visitors alike.

Piñatas were brought out and hung from a tree. Children were blindfolded with a Santa hat over their heads as they took turns whacking the piñatas in the hopes of breaking them for the candy inside. As the piñatas spilled out their sugary treasures, children scrambled for it.

But all good things come to an end and so did the day on Carlos.

After singing one last song, *Rudolph*, *the Red-Nose Parrot Fish*, the Marshall Islands Club members and other visitors headed to the catamaran for the ride home to Kwajalein.

If anyone wants to join the trip to Carlos, it's not necessary to be a member of the club.

"Anyone can come if they want to," said Fullerton. "It's well worth making the trip. It's a wonderful experience."



FOR MORE PHOTOS OF THE CARLOS TRIP, SEE PAGE 12

Dances are performed by Carlos boys for the entertainment of the visitors.



Jumping rope is popular with everyone.

Yokwe Yuk Women's Club makes outer island Christmas drops to Ebadon/Majetto



Photo by Vanessa K. Peede

Maj. Christopher Mills hands backpacks to Kat Bass and Col. Frederick Clarke to give to the children of Ebadon.

By Jenny Norwood
YYWC President

The YYWC Christmas Drop was in transit Friday morning to bring joy to the children of Ebadon and Majetto. Send up a cheer.

COL Clarke is escorting it up there. Two helicopters filled to capacity. Imagine the joy and excitement that our children feel on Christmas morning and multiply that a few times over!

That is how the children on those islands feel this morning as they wait to hear the sound of the approaching helicopters. It is the biggest event of the year for those two communities.

The children are thrilled to receive their little backpacks of items and the wonderful treat of a fresh apple and orange.

The adults will be so appreciative of the rice and the new fishing nets and sewing supplies and medicine. Meg shared with me that she felt her eyes tear up

with happiness this morning as she watched those helicopters take off.

It took a lot of hard work to make the Drop happen. Every member of the YYWC should feel proud even if you didn't work directly on the Drop.

The fundraising of the Basket Auction that many of you supported so generously makes the Drop possible. A huge thank you to Meg Dolan for all her year 'round hard work on the Drop and also on the Basket Auction. Meg started shopping for the Drop at the beginning of last year as the Drop is a year round labor of love. Thank you to Denise Dorn for her continued support and the Hobby Shop ladies who help her with the Giving Tree. And thanks to all the Drop volunteers who have sorted and packed to make the Drop go.

And to be truthful we owe the entire Kwaj community a 'thank you' for everyone's support. We have received some generous corporate donations this year. We've received individual donations. And the community was fantastically generous at our basket auction.

Yokwe Yuk Women's Club members pack supplies for the outer island drop. Left to right, Lisa Ansley, Bonnie Smith, Meg Dolan, Karen Kutac, Tammie Wommack and Veronique Clarke.



Children wait patiently in line to receive fruit from Capt. Kevin Coyne, standing and Sgt. 1st Class Calvin Stafford, kneeling.

Boys line up at Ebadon to receive their backpacks





Kelly Grant and her new friend.



Monica Peters has a conversation with a Carlos girl.



CC Brady and a cuddly cutie check out some coconut milk.



Julie Alves hugs an infant.



Jake Villarreal spins two Carlos boys.



Kaitlynn Phillips gives a little girl a lift.



A lot of happy faces show what Christmas on Carlos is all about.

Let's build a snow . . . uh, better make that a sandman

Hourglass reports

When living on a tropical island, snowmen and snow to make them with are hard to come by.

So, despite some inclement weather, a sandman-building contest was held Tuesday at Emon Beach.

The teens involved had a great time and enjoyed the event.

CC Brady and Namo Wase headed up the contest and were assisted by the Youth Center Staff.

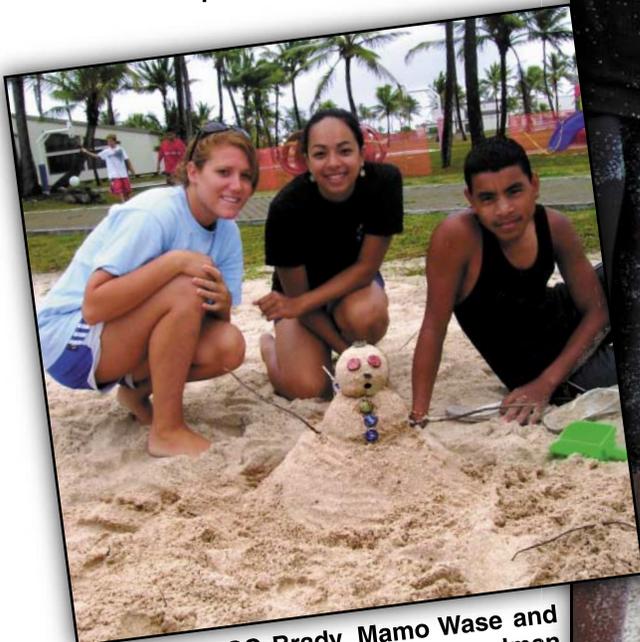


A finished 'product.'



Left to right, Jun Jun Davis, JJ Wase, Kaulu Kaluhiokalani, Annie Hepler, Keith Brady and Damien Lemari are proud of what they made out of sand.

Photos by Nick Langley



Left to right, CC Brady, Mamo Wase and LeRoy Denham show off their sandman creation.



Left to right, Ryan Decoster, Tyler Decoster, Graham Kirchner, and Troy Walter put some touches on their sandman.

HOLIDAY

Parade of Lights



Bruce Premo decorates 'Shaggy,' the pontoon boat.



Trace Fleming and Mark Yurovchak put on snowflakes and Santa lights.



Monte Junker climbs the mast to string Christmas lights.

Photos by Dan Adler



The boats are almost ready to start the parade Sunday night.

Photo by Bruce Premo



The boats leave the dock.

HAPPENINGS

Scuba Santa



Scuba Santa and his helpers arrive at Emon Beach Sunday night.

What's Christmas without a tree? Santa's helpers bring one with them out of the water.



Doug Hepler stands ready to assist Scuba Santa.



Scuba Santa greets all his fans on Emon Beach.

HOLIDAY

Christmas in the Marshall Islands



Kwajalein Jebta ladies perform.



Kwajalein Jebta boys take the floor.

Article and photos by Dan Adler
Media Manager

Music, singing, dancing, and dodging thrown candy kept the audience at the annual Christmas in the Marshall Islands celebration entertained Monday evening.

The event is sponsored by the Marshallese Cultural Society.

This year's performance was highlighted by the first appearance of the North Camp Jebta from Ebeye under the direction of Clarence Amon. The Jebta brought 127 members and five musicians to the celebration. KRS ombudsman Harden Lelet translated for the event.

The Kwajalein Jebta, comprised of Ri-katak students who live on Ebeye and attend Kwajalein schools and Marshallese children who live on Kwajalein, plus a few adults, also performed. Lora Kendrick headed up the Kwajalein Jebta.

"Lora Kendrick did a wonderful job coordinating the Kwajalein Jebta and incorporating Ri-katak students with local students and community members," said Rick Funk, President of the Marshallese Cultural Society. "She helped organize rehearsals, food for the children from Ebeye, uniforms and acted as liaison with the Marshallese community."

In addition, Judy Kirchner and Sue Ellis coordinated with the RMI liaison office, the Host Nations office and USAKA Public Affairs. Ellis also arranged the dinner for the performers after the event and Kirchner provided decorations and gifts. Volunteers also included the Boy Scouts, Jane Premo and other members of the community.

It takes a lot of work and preparation to put on the Christmas in the Marshall Islands event each year.

"We actually started preparing last summer when *Leroij* Seagull Kabua-

HAPPENINGS



Ebeye musicians get ready for the performance.



Ladies of the Ebeye Jebta dance.



Two Jebta girls smile for the camera.

James chose the performing Jebta and they began practicing for several months in anticipation of their performance," said Kirchner. "We started working on our end soon as Mani Day was over."

Kirchner would like to give special thanks to Andy Hogan, Gilson Hogan, Jake Jahnke, Tyler DeCoster, Graham Kirchner, Quinn Klinger, John Sholar and Alex Shotts. "They worked most of the day on this effort starting at 11:30 a.m.," Kirchner said.

Cheryl and Langston Stewart also helped out most of the day with decorating. Keith, Allison, Emma and Melissa Peacock treated the Jebta members to dinner music.

Kitchen volunteers included Mike and Michele Beynon and Mike's visiting parents, Bonnie Hogan, Gregg Hogan, Jayne Cavender, Jane and Bob DeJoie, Jenny Norwood, Aaron Mathieson, Judy Davis and Tammie Wommack.

Jane Premo organized the kitchen activities and thanks the community for its support, especially the Kwajalein Range Services food service.



A little boy keeps up with the girls.

HELP WANTED

KRS and CMSI Job Listings for On-Island Positions will be available at the Kwajalein, Roi-Namur and Ebeye Dock Security Check Point bulletin boards, the bulletin board by the Continental Travel Office, the Roi-Namur Terminal/Post Office bulletin board and at Human Resources in Building 700. Job Listings for Contract Positions will be available at www.krsjv.com, on the bulletin board by the Continental Travel Office and on the Roi-Namur/Post Office bulletin board. Full job descriptions and requirements for Contract openings are located online at www.krsjv.com.

NEED EXTRA MONEY? KRS employment applications are continually accepted for Casual Positions in the Community Services Departments, Medical Department and the HR Temp Pool. Some of the Casual positions are: Recreation Aides, Medical Office, Media Services Specialist, Substitute Teacher, and HR Temp Pool Office Support. Questions? Call 54916.

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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 only on the first Sunday of the month at 12:15 p.m., in Roi Chapel.

Protestant

Sunday
 8 and 10:45 a.m., on Kwaj and Roi-Namur service at 4 p.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.

Jewish services

Last Friday of the month in the Religious Education Building. Times will vary. Contact the Chaplain's office, 53505, for more information.

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. The employee 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>.

SPACE X

LAUNCH SITE TECHNICIAN. Must have general mechanical experience and at least three years of air-conditioning experience. Call Sharon, 54775.

COMMUNITY BANK

TELLER. Part time 20 hours. Submit resumé to <http://careers.dodcommunitybank.com> <<http://careers.dodcommunitybank.com/>>

WANTED

THREE-WHEEL push/pull golf cart and multi-speed bike. Call 58558.

HOUSE-SITTING for parents in February. CALL Mark or Amy, 51472.

LOST

EDDIE BAUER sunglasses black, in or near Café Pacific. Reward offered. Call Dan, 58747.

MASK AND SNORKEL, blue, at Emon Beach dip tank Dec. 11. Call 54253, home, or 53522, work.

GOLD ANKLE bracelet with palm trees and flip-flop charms. Call 53461 or 54173.

FOUND

WATCH, at Ivey Gym. Call 53372.

RINGS, on the golf course. Call 58558.

PATIO SALES

THURSDAY, 7 a.m.-noon, Quarters 473-A. TV, VCR, kitchen items, toys, plates, glasses, children's and women's clothes.

FOR SALE

BIKE CART, sturdy, good for dive gear or heavy objects, \$85. Call 53497, before 4:30 p.m.

GAS GRILL with two tanks and cover, \$50 or best offer. Call 55609.

LEAP FROG musical learning table, new, never opened, \$45. Call 53119.

DEHUMIDIFIER \$40; indoor/outdoor ceiling fan, white new in box, \$20; womans roller skates, size 10, new in box, \$40. Call 54125, after 5 p.m.

WOMEN'S SIZE 9 K2 roller blades with knee, elbow and wrist guards. In excellent condition, perfect for Christmas or that New Year's resolution, \$100 for everything. Call 51597.

30-HORSEPOWER TOHATSU short-shaft outboard has less than 10 hours use, both pull and/or electric start, hydraulic or manual tilt, comes with service manual and all documentation, oil filters, spark plugs, fuel filters, spare impeller, one fuel can and a sealed battery as well as original equipment mini-tool kit, set up with anti-cavitation fins, \$3,500. Call Alex, 51561, home, or 54746, work.

FUTON FRAME and mattress, \$100 and low, hard wood TV stand on wheels, \$25. Call Amy, 51192.

EXTRA-SMALL women's BC, ScubaPro Ladyhawk, two years old, includes fins and two masks, paid \$475 for BC, will sell all for \$150. Call 52305.

TWO DVD PLAYERS with remotes, \$50 each; two VCR recorders, \$30 each; 17-inch LCD monitor, \$100; several two-drawer sterlite containers, \$15 each; several single plastic containers, \$10; tan five-shelf bookcase, \$50; DVD movies; VHS tapes; books; large white cabinet, \$25; women's clothes and dishes. Call 51235 or 51614.

GRADY-WHITE 240 off shore boat with Yamaha 150-horsepower outboard motors, 150-gallon fuel tank, stereo, VHF, and dual-axle trailer, cabin with lots of storage space, lots of spare parts including two Yamaha engines, located on Boat Lot 4. \$30,000 and fishing nets. Call 59335 or 59081.

BRAND NEW 12-foot throw net. Call 59081 or 59335.

225-HORSEPOWER OUTBOARD MOTOR: Mercury EFI two-stroke, year 2000, works well, lots of power, wiring harness, gauges, binnacle, stainless prop, ignition, full service manual. \$3,000 or best offer. Located on pallet at boat lot #20. Call Tyler at 52371.

COMPLETE MATTING and framing business with a lot of materials and high end tools, \$5,000. Call John, 59444, or Jay, 50172.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KWAJALEIN YACHT Club's holiday meeting is 6:30 p.m., tonight with happy hour at 5:30 p.m.. Smoked brisket and ribs provided. Bring a side dish or pupu. Everyone is welcome.

THE DENTAL Clinic will be closed Wednesday and

Café Pacific

Lunch

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Jan 2</i>
Sweet/sour pork	Top round of beef	Pork chops	Beef Stroganoff	Szechuan pork	Swiss steak	Kalua pork
Chicken cordon bleu	Vegetable ragu	Herb-roast chicken	Chicken picatta	Chicken katsu	Chicken stir-fry	Tofu/broccoli
Pizza	Breaded chicken breast	Three-cheese quiche	Rice casserole	Thai veggie pasta	Tuna casserole	Turkey tetrazzini
Grill: Ranchero burger	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Hot dogs	Grill: Teriyaki burger	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Tostada bar

Dinner

<i>Tonight</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
Pancake supper	Barbecue meatballs	Cantonese pork	Hamburger steak	Kwaj fried chicken	Carved London broil	Hawaiian ham steak
Fried chicken	Chef's choice	Tandouri chicken	Baked penne	Honey lime mahi mahi	Barbecued chicken	Oven fried chicken
Chinese beef	Breaded fish	Chef's choice	Turkey peapod stir-fry	Hawaiian chopped steak	Broccoli Normandy	Brunswick stew

Thursday.

CYS YOUTH SOCCER registration is open through Tuesday. The season runs Jan.13 - March 7. The league is open to boys and girls in grades K - 6. To be a volunteer coach, call 52158 for registration information, Building 356 Contact Jason @ 5-3796 for Sports Program Questions

JOIN THE VETS' HALL for New Year's Eve. There will be food, games and prizes, drink specials all starting at 9 p.m., Dec. 31.

ROCK N BOWL is set for 6-8:30 p.m., Jan. 3.

THE BARGAIN BAZAAR will be closed through Jan. 7. If you have a donation that needs to be dropped off during this time, please call Connie, 52398, or Meg, 52843, to make arrangements.

PASSPORT PHOTOS will be taken 3-4 p.m., Jan. 7, in Building 901, Room 219. Cost is \$10. For more information, call Anne Greene, 55033.

CYS HOLIDAY BOWL GAMES will be Jan. 10 on Brandon Field. Girl's game at 5 p.m. Boys' game at 6 p.m. Bring a chair and cheer on the participants in flag football games. Call Jason, 53796, for signup / event questions.

EMON BEACH and the family pool have extended guard hours on weekdays during the holiday break. Hours will be 1-6 p.m., at the family pool and 12:30-3:30 p.m., at Emon Beach. Weekend hours remain the same. The family pool will be closed Dec. 25-26 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1. Questions? Call Amy, 53331.

KWAJALEIN SWIM TEAM members will be using the adult pool for training now through Jan. 11. Practice hours are posted at the adult pool. Questions? Call Amy, 53331.

THE COMMUNITY is invited to participate in the Cub Scout Celebrity Open Pinewood Derby. Car kits are \$25 per kit and you can race more than one car if desired. To purchase a kit and get derby rules, call 52885 or e-mail cgwiley1@yahoo.com. Trophy (and bragging rights) goes to winner of Celebrity Division for one year (until next year's race). Pinewood Derby Trial Run and Registration is 4-6 p.m., Jan. 25, in the multi-purpose room. The Pinewood Derby is 1 p.m., Jan. 26, in the multi-purpose room. Car kits are limited so get yours soon!

THE DVD DEPOT outside drop box is now available to return rented AAFES DVDs. Rentals will be collected nightly at 6 p.m.

GRACE SHERWOOD Library is offering CD/DVD disc cleaning service for a nominal fee. Drop your discs off at the library and the library will call you when they are cleaned and ready for pick up. Questions? Call Community Activities, 53331.

INFORMATION SERVICES Customer Service is pleased to announce that computer application classes are resuming for all island employees. For more information go to wss@it/training or contact Cindy Brooks at 50787.

THE HOSPITAL CASHIER has moved. The new location is in the Lobby area of the Hospital adjacent to the Front Desk. The Cashier's primary function will be receiving payment for services rendered at Kwajalein Hospital. The phone number for the Cashier is 52220. If you have confidential or sensitive issues you would like to discuss regarding your Hospital Account please contact the Business Office at 58107.

IS YOUR NEW YEAR'S resolution to spend more time on the beautiful waters of the largest atoll in the world? If it is and you aren't licensed, then you're in luck. The Small Boat Marina is offering their boater's orientation class, 6-8:30 p.m., Jan. 7-8, in CRC, Room 1. Cost for the class is \$30 payable in advance at the Small Boat Marina. Questions? Call 53643.

THE OPTOMETRIST will be on island to see patients Jan. 25-Feb.5. Patients are responsible for filing their own insurance claims. Please be ready to pay at time of service. Call 52223 or 52224 for appointments.

KRS/Chugach/AirScan Health Benefits: The 2009 Aetna Medical Insurance cards for KRS/Chugach/AirScan employees have been mailed. Only members who made changes to their benefits during the 2009 Open Enrollment Period will receive a new Aetna ID card. Changes include; name changes, new members, dependent changes, and members moving into a new plan/account. If no changes were made to your benefits information from 2008 to 2009, please continue to use your existing medical insurance card. All Aetna members will be receiving a new ID card for the dental plan. The dental cards will be issued in January, 2009. Therefore, members will have a medical card and a separate card for the dental plan. Effective Jan. 1, 2009, your dental coverage is now a PPO dental plan. It is important to note this will NOT change your dental coverage on Kwajalein. Dental benefits remain the same as they were in 2008. In the US your dental plan has 2 levels of providers: Aetna Preferred (Participating) (In-Network) Providers and Non-Preferred

(Non-Participating) (Out-of Network) Providers. If you visit a dentist in the US who is an Aetna PPO dental provider, your out of pocket costs MAY be lower than the usual charges billed by that US provider due to contract obligations of the provider. In the US your out of pocket costs at non-participating providers may be greater than in 2008.

If you find an error, lost, misplaced, or did not receive your card(s), please contact Health Benefits to have a new card re-issued to you at 51888 (Grace), or 50939 (Marilyn). Members may also go to www.aetnaglobalbenefits.com, Navigator to print out a temporary ID card, until you receive your new card in the mail.

**The commander of
Ronald Reagan Ballistic
Missile Defense Test
Site at Kwajalein Atoll
request the honor of your
presence at the RTS
Winter Formal,
Jan. 25. Location to
be announced.
Receiving line at
6:30 p.m.
Dinner at 7 p.m.**

**R.S.V.P by Jan. 20 to
Protocol, 54932, or Public
Affairs Officer, 51404.**

**Military: Dress or Mess
Blues with medals
Civilian: Formal
\$40 per person/cash bar**

**New Year's
Day hours
of operation**



Kwajalein

- Beaches
- Emon Beach.....12:30-3:30 p.m.
- All other beaches.....Buddy system at all times
- Library.....Closed
- Hobby Shop.....12:30-6 p.m.
- CRC/Raquetball Courts.....Closed
- Bowling Center.....1-9 p.m.
- Ivey Gym.....Cipher lock
- Family pool.....Closed
- Small Boat Marina.....12:45-6 p.m.
- Skate Park.....Buddy System
- ARC.....2-10 p.m.
- Roi Hobby Shop.....Closed
- Roi Small Boat Marina.....12:45-6 p.m.
- Roi Library.....Closed
- Surfway.....Closed
- Beauty/Barber.....Closed
- Laundry.....Closed
- Sunrise Bakery.....7 a.m.-noon
- Ocean View Club.....4-11 p.m.
- Roi Outrigger.....5-11 p.m.
- Country Club.....Closed
- Post Office Kwaj.....Closed
- Post Office Roi.....Closed
- Community Bank.....Closed
- ATM, telephone and online banking will be available
- AAFES**
- PX/PXTRA.....Closed
- Shoppette.....Normal
- Food Court.....Normal

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medical school and got in.”

After graduating as a surgeon, Shankel stayed in the Navy and went to Bethesda Naval Hospital where he worked until he retired with the rank of commander after 24 years of service.

Shankel is married to Mary Ann, who he had been dating before he was shot down. “She was still waiting for me to come back after seven years,” he said.

That part of Shankel’s story sounds like it’s from a movie script. “Nobody had seen me hit the ground when I ejected, so I was listed as missing,” he said. The Red Cross wasn’t allowed to visit the camps we were in, so nobody back home knew if I was dead or alive.”

Then one day, the prisoners were shackled together and marched through the streets of Hanoi going

for their ‘trials.’

“The good citizens threw things at us, spit on us and called us nice things,” Shankel said. “There were TV reporters from communist block countries who filmed it and eventually western news sources picked it up.”

Mary Ann had just gotten home from work one night, turned on NBC News and saw Shankel being marched through Hanoi. She called his parents and said, ‘Bill is alive, I just saw him on TV.’

Laughing, Shankel recalls that a friend of his who was shot down later and was put in the camp with him said, “Hey, I saw you on TV.”

When asked how he and his fellow prisoners could go through what they endured and then just go on with their lives Shankel said, “It was easy. Most of us hit the ground run-

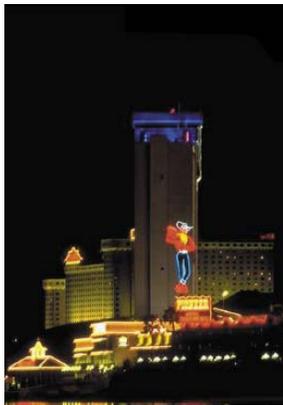
ning. A lot of guys got divorces and whatnot. Some guys like me went on to medical school. A lot of guys just went back to flying like nothing had ever happened.”

He added laughingly, “Some of them became generals and I think one of them became a senator.”

For his service, Shankel received the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, two Bronze Stars, two Purple Hearts, the Legion of Merit, the POW medal and “All the stuff they give you for just showing up,” he said.

When asked how he felt about the Vietnamese these days, he said, ‘Well now, they like Americans. I guess maybe they always did. Maybe it was just all the crappy circumstances back then. Some guys have revisited the place. But I have no desire to ever go back there.’

IT'S Vegas Baby!



At the Adult Recreation Center on New Year’s Eve! There will be a bar, food and champagne. In keeping with the ‘It’s Vegas baby’ theme, there will be black jack, poker, craps and roulette. Tickets are \$15 and include play, champagne toast and two additional drinks, pupus, snacks and music. Tickets are limited. The ARC is non-smoking but designated smoking areas will be available. Questions? Call 53331. **TICKET DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL 11:30 A.M., TUESDAY, AT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, BUILDING 805.**

Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Saturday: Mostly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 10-18 knots.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 10-15 knots.
Monday: Sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE at 10-15 knots.
Tuesday: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-E at 12-18 knots.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE at 8-15 knots.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 10-14 knots.
Jan. 2: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-E at 10-15 knots.

Annual total: 81.54 inches
 Annual deviation: -17.32 inches

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

Sun • Moon • Tides

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Saturday	6:57 a.m./6:34 p.m.	6:33 a.m./6:21 p.m.	4:13 a.m., 3.0' 4:21 p.m., 4.3'	9:57 a.m., 0.0' 10:50 p.m., 0.3'
Sunday	6:57 a.m./6:34 p.m.	7:22 a.m./7:12 p.m.	4:44 a.m., 3.2' 4:52 p.m., 4.4'	10:30 a.m., 0.1' 11:20 p.m., 0.4'
Monday	6:57 a.m./6:34 p.m.	8:09 a.m./8:02 p.m.	5:15 a.m., 3.3' 5:23 p.m., 4.5'	11:02 a.m., 0.2' 11:49 p.m., 0.4'
Tuesday	6:57 a.m./6:34 p.m.	8:53 a.m./8:51 p.m.	5:45 a.m., 3.3' 5:53 p.m., 4.4'	11:32 a.m., 0.1'
Wednesday	6:57 a.m./6:34 p.m.	9:35 a.m./9:38 p.m.	6:15 a.m., 3.3' 6:23 p.m., 4.3'	12:19 a.m., 0.3' 12:03 p.m., 0.0'
Thursday	6:57 a.m./6:34 p.m.	10:53 a.m./11:09 p.m.	6:44 a.m., 3.3' 6:51 p.m., 4.1'	12:46 a.m., 0.2' 12:34 p.m., 0.1'
Jan. 2	6:57 a.m./6:34 p.m.	11:32 a.m./11:56 p.m.	7:19 a.m., 3.3' 7:25 p.m., 3.9'	1:17 a.m., 0.1' 1:09 p.m., 0.4'