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U.S. Army Aviator Maj. John Osterson takes in the view while flying one of USAG-KA's Lakota UH-72A helicopters up to 10,000 feet during a recent reef sweep of Kwajalein Atoll.

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OVER \$31K RAISED AT YYWC AUCTION

LEFT: Tim Roberge and Kiersta Bailey whip up donor envy at the YYWC Silent Basket Auction in the MP Room, March 5.

NEWS/JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Creative gift baskets, donated items and laughter filled the MP Room Sunday, March 5, at the Annual Yokwe Yuk Women's Club Basket and Live Auction fundraising event. Dressed out in island formalwear, community members from Kwajalein and Ebeye raised over \$31,000 for education grants for schools throughout the Marshall Islands and greater Micronesia.

The fundraiser dinner and auction was the first YYWC event organized by Kiersta Bailey, who sought to make the event a classy and meaningful affair.

"For me it's not about doing the event," said Bailey. "It's what the event was for." She took the mic during the evening to thank all of the YYWC volunteers and others who assisted with the evening. She described her awe at the outpouring of effort from Kwajalein and its extended community to support education in Micronesia.

"I really did have the best job," said Bailey. "Everyone has different talents and abilities. I appreciated so much that people were willing to help out in their own individual ways. Not one person or small group of people could do something like this."

Bailey encouraged volunteers to be creative with their generosity. Some gift baskets were donated by former residents of Kwajalein who wanted to support the region's schools, even from a distance.

Long lines formed in front of sweet and savory appetizers prepared and served by volunteers in a room transformed by

palm fronds and candlelight. The walls and stage were lined with donated bicycles, garments and gift baskets. While guests snacked and mingled, others enjoyed a professional photo booth operated by Ebeye resident Michael Diaz, who donated proceeds to the Seventh-day Adventist School on Ebeye.

The main events of the evening were the live auction and the ongoing raffle. Presided over by master of ceremonies Tim Roberge, colorful island swag left the stage with happy winners throughout the night. Roberge cajoled ever higher bids from the crowd for sailboat cruises, a gourmet dinner (which pulled in a winning bid of \$2,300) and even a replica of the "Cast-away" movie supporting actor, the famous Wilson volleyball, for \$200.

Bailey also added her own "kwajenuity" to the table decor found throughout the room.

"I'm into upcycling," laughed Bailey. Sign holders were manufactured from recycled wine bottles.

Pineapple decorations on the tables, a sign of hospitality, were also gifted away to volunteers at the conclusion of the night's events as an appropriate sign of tropical goodwill.

Bailey is already planning next year's auction and invites the community to consider not what it cannot give, but what it can do. For those who enjoyed the auction or are seeking new ways to give, she recommends they start small.

"If you haven't been over to Ebeye, you should take a trip over," she said. "Take an interest in individuals. ... Any donation is meaningful. If everyone donates what they can, then we can do a lot of good."

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AT THE CONTROLS

FLYING THE LAKOTAS

FEATURE/JORDAN VINSON

Coocooned in a small, cozy cockpit washed in late morning sunlight, Maj. John Osterson and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Billy Kilgore flick a few switches at a control panel. The Army Lakota UH-72A the two men are piloting comes alive. Motors switch on, turbines turn and a dozen gauge needles jump to life. Several audible beeps emanate from the cockpit while the pilots run through their final pre-flight checklists. They focus on stuff like fuel quantity, rotor brakes and oil pressure. You know, the important stuff—the systems pilots want to make sure are 100 percent when they’re hovering at 10,000 feet in a chunk of metal that can careen down the gravity well back to the planet’s surface. A few minutes later, the pumpkin-orange Lakota’s rotors now whirl. The fuselage shakes, and the passengers inside—three Americans and two Australians—rattle. Fiddling with their headsets, they watch an airport operations crewman, LaDon Daniels, give the green light for takeoff.

“Departing in five, four, three, two, one,” Kilgore says into his headset on a common band shared with the passengers inside. Osterson shimmies the cockpit cyclic stick, works his foot pedals and opens up the throttle, lifting the helicopter gingerly off the tarmac and sending it strafing east 10 feet off the ground like a giant hover board. Gaining altitude, he puts the helicopter into a slight bank and flies us over ocean-side breakers exploding on the reef, putting distance between the helicopter and the island of Kwajalein opening up below. He points the nose of the Lakota north-northwest, and we head toward Enebuju to begin a loop of the small islets making up U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll.

WEARING MANY HATS

For Kilgore and Osterson, not every workday is like this. Flying, in fact, is only about 10 percent of what the Soldiers do as Army aviators.

“Our primary roles out here are not necessarily to be pilots,” Kilgore says later after the flight. As the USAG-KA director of logistics, Osterson approves contractor flights on Army aircraft or DoD-contracted aircraft, reviews flight schedules, grants visitors’ permission to the land at Bucholz Army Airfield and directs airfield operations. And as the garrison’s aviation safety officer, Kilgore share’s Osterson’s duties and has his own special suite of responsibilities

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U.S. Army photos by Jordan Vinson

U.S. Army Aviators Maj. John Osterson, left, and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Billy Kilgore pause for a photo in front of a Lakota UH-72 A, the rotor wing workhorse Installation Management Command Pacific and the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command use to keep operations on outer USAG-KA installation islands going.

RIGHT: Osterson puts the helicopter into a banking turn over Enebuuj (Carlson) during a reef sweep of USAG-KA installation islands and the mid-atoll corridor.

BELOW: Three passengers are seeing glimpses of a massive mahi mahi fish ball boiling at the ocean's surface west of Illeginni on the west reef. From left: Royal Australian Navy Chief Petty Officer Michael Grant, USAG-KA Host Nations Director Maj. Dan Lalaria and Kwajalein Hourglass Associate Editor Jessica Dambruch.

ties. Working as a technical monitor for the aviation portion of the USAG-KA operations contract, the chief assesses the performance of Berry Aviation, Chugach and PAE, all of which occupy different roles in USAG-KA aviation, from Lakota maintenance projects to local Metroliner flights and inbound and outbound ATI and United flights.

It's a lot of work behind a desk, Kilgore says matter-of-factly, looking down at the Fitbit on his wrist. "I worked 10 hours the other day and only walked about 3,000 steps. It's amazing how sedentary you can get."

It's one of the reasons the two relish the moments they get to swap their keyboards and computer monitors for cyclic sticks and helicopter windshields. As government flight representatives, the two must be rated aviators, and that means time in the cockpit.

"Flying is the number one thing I like about my job," Osterson says, and Kilgore agrees: "It allows me to have interaction with the entire community, not just the military. ... I get to see more of the atoll than most people get to see, and I get to see it on a weekly basis, sometimes daily basis. The views are spectacular; they never get old. Even though it's a very small, local flying area, the views are phenomenal."

Both pilots have a big place in their hearts for the Black Hawk, a larger airframe they've spent much of their time in during their Army careers, especially during deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. But they point to the lighter utility Lakota as the best fit for the unique missions and geography of



the test site and garrison at Kwajalein Atoll. It may not be as sporty, fast or maneuverable as the Black Hawk, but it gets the job done efficiently and at low cost, they say.

During the hours Kilgore and Osterson set aside to get flight time each week, they use the Lakotas to run out Reagan Test Site staff and supplies to garrison islands like Legan, Illeginni, Gagan and Meck. This is the core purpose of maintaining and flying the Lakota aircraft on Kwajalein Atoll, Kilgore says: "It's a rapid and efficient means of transportation to the outer islands, to get people to work every day and pick them up at the end of the day. That's the Lakota's primary function."

Our flight on this day is different, though. When distinguished visitors

and Department of Defense partners stop by the garrison as Army guests, the pilots may use their flight hours to show the individuals around and give them a lay of the land. Much like the security surveillance reef sweeps the pilots perform before any major military operation on the range, a trip like this around the atoll gives guests dense visual packets of information about the range, garrison and atoll they cannot get by skimming PowerPoint slides.

For today's guests, two Royal Australian Navy sea patrol experts, a reef swap could be particularly helpful. Assigned by the Australian Navy to help the Marshall Islands ward off illegal fishing vessel incursions into the RMI's exclusive economic zone, they're invited by USAG-KA Host Nations Director Maj. Dan Lalaria to use the flight opportunity to see, with their own eyes, the layout and vastness of one of the largest atolls in the world. What they learn on the flight may help them determine where the RMI government might dispatch patrol vessels to counter illegal trawlers coming into the region from Southeast Asia.

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LEFT: A multi-hull yacht spotted on the ocean west of Illeginni is monitored by Kilgore and Osterson. RIGHT: The Pilots finish post-flight checklist procedures inside a Lakota UH-72A on Kwajalein.

HUNDREDS OF BLUES

Back on the flight, we coast over Enubuj (Carlson), and the Aussies stare outside the fuselage of the Lakota, wearing smiles. Kilgore issues a barrage of factoids he’s learned about the atoll and its islands, people and history over his roughly two years of service as a government flight representative at USAG-KA. He explains details of the different reef passes in the area—which passes are suitable for large vessels and which passes may beat up on the hulls of larger boats. Strapped tight onto either bench in the fuselage, the Aussies nod, listening to Kilgore’s tinny voice piping in through their headsets. He continues, telling of past search and rescue efforts involving lost or damaged boats in the area. When the Lakota circles the wreck of the Prinz Eugen, he explains the German heavy cruiser’s history, its role during the 1946 Operation Crossroads nuclear weapons tests and how the 700-foot ship ended up turning turtle in the lagoon only meters off Enubuj. Flying north, the pilots give a cursory description of Reagan Test Site mission assets on Legan and Il-

leginni and boast of the small islands’ importance to the optical imaging mission at the test range. Old, grass-covered pockmarks on the helipad at Illeginni show signs of intercontinental ballistic missile re-entry vehicle strikes performed on the island many years ago.

Entering waters northwest of Illeginni, Osterson takes the Lakota down to a couple of thousand feet, and the air in the helicopter becomes hotter. “We might see some big fish balls and bird piles today,” Kilgore says, switching the topic of his monologue from RTS capabilities and atoll history to the importance of sport fishing to the garrison community. Peering through dark visors shielding their upper faces from the harsh sunlight piercing the cockpit, Osterson and Kilgore peer off their respective sides of the helicopter down at the navy blue water below. On cue, Osterson spots a swathe of water boiling like mad. Hundreds of birds—black noddies likely—flap their wings, diving and rising, a sign of a feeding frenzy happening below. The pilot

slows the Lakota down and puts it into a steep bank, turning up the gravity inside the fuselage and pushing our bodies and bellies into our seats. We circle the boiling water to get a better look, and there it is: Like the tongue of Cthulhu rising from the depths, a massive column of mahi mahi shoots to the water’s agitated surface. Their long, blue-green, metallic-looking bodies glint sunlight, and there are hundreds of them, all feeding on small fish huddled together for protection under the water’s surface.

“That’s a good one,” one of the pilots says in our headsets, releasing us from our banking ellipse and pointing us onward. A gleaming white yacht, is spotted. Osterson slows the Lakota to get a closer look at the catamaran, something the pilots often do when they find boats on the ocean. “Whenever we see boats ocean-side, we tend to just go circle them real quick and make sure they’re OK,” Kilgore explains later. “You never know when you may fly over a vessel out there in the water that may be in distress and may not have radio communication for whatever reason.”

No apparent problems with the vessel crew below, Osterson points the aircraft northeast toward Roi-Namur and puts on the brakes about 15 miles away. We can’t fly over Roi today due to radar operations, Kilgore tells us, and the Aussies look out the starboard window, eyeing the island in the distance. The hulking metal body of the ALTAIR radar is easily discernible, a little white pimple perched atop a small flat green pancake bridled by the Pacific.

“How high can you take these helicopters,” I say into my headset as we turn back southeast. 14,000 feet, Kilgore replies—about three times the cruising altitude of the Metro flights most USAG-KA residents are used to.



The view from 10,000 feet up is as serene as it is blue. Temperatures inside the fuselage at this altitude can get into the 50s.



Chief Warrant Officer 4 Billy Kilgore glances back to the passenger cabin during a sweep of installation islands with visiting Australian Navy personnel.

“Want to go up?” he asks, and the pilots fly us slowly toward the long, lonely, landless stretch of reef between Gagan and Gelinam known as the Takamushikan Reef. A few silent minutes pass as we ascend. Kilgore points down at the diminishing reef to a splotch of dark residue covering a swathe of reef. “That’s the remains of the RO-60 submarine,” he says. The WWII-era Japanese sub had been attached to the Japanese Navy’s Fourth Fleet at Kwajalein Atoll. A participant of the Dec. 1941 invasion of Wake Atoll, it ran aground onto the reef about 17 miles south of Roi-Namur during its return from Wake. There it lay for decades before enough Japanese and U.S. explosive disposal operations and target practice reduced it to the coal-black skid mark it is today.

The RO-60 blemish shrinks as we continue our ascent, and the air in the fuselage becomes colder.

“We come up here for a little air conditioning,” Kilgore says as we crest 10,000 feet and hold. Looking over my shoulder, I see Osterson has popped open a little side window panel to his left to let in the cool air, which has reached nearly 10 degrees Celsius cooler than the balmy heat we experienced at lower altitudes.

The whirring of the rotors and the vibrations running through the fuselage do nothing to shake the serenity of the view. Small puffs of low-lying cumulus clouds march slowly westward, casting slight shadows on the flat, featureless ocean sprawling to the horizon. We’re too high to discern any white caps on the water’s surface. A gradient of 100 blues stretches from horizon to zenith.

Circling back south, we leave the Takamushikan Reef and fly onward, passing Gagan, Meck, Gugeegue, the causeway islands

and Ebeye. Osterson, Kilgore and Lacaria talk host nations stuff with the Aussies. They touch briefly on the history of the island causeway linking Ebeye to Gugeegue, the recent passing of Lerioj Seagull Kabua, the story of Ebeye and more. We motor back to Kwajalein and hover over the lagoon while waiting for an incoming ATI flight to land. From our height, the Boeing 757 looks like a toy model scooting down on a tiny landing strip, a counterpoint to the sheer largeness of everything our eyes took in a short time ago at 10,000 feet. The pilots busy themselves pointing out to the Aussies some of the garrison’s marine assets lining the western rim of the island, and within a few minutes word comes over their radio we’re clear to land. Osterson touches the Lakota down onto the tarmac and shuts the engine down. When the rotors

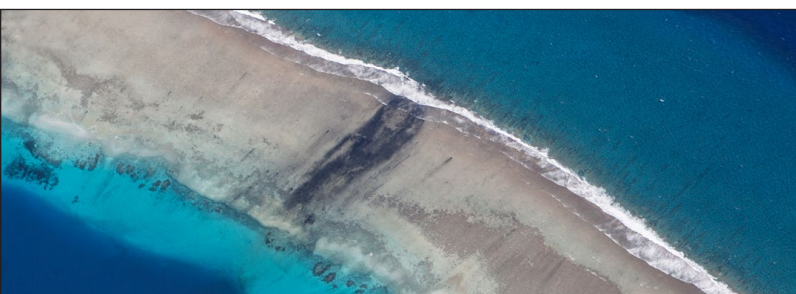
stop moving, the Australian Navy personnel leave with further questions for the Host Nations director, and the pilots turn the Lakota over to the ground crew outside the terminal building. They come inside to chat and grab a cup of coffee.

The mission of the Lakota aircraft on the garrison and the test site is monumental, the pilots explain, and they make it a point to emphasize the importance of the helicopter maintenance crew on USAG-KA, where weather conditions—salt spray, wind, humidity and so on—are 22 times more corrosive than they are on average in the States, they say. “Our helicopters spend more time outdoors than the Metroliners,” Kilgore says. “And so, they’re very labor intensive, very maintenance intensive aircraft. ... [The maintenance crew is] working on them every day, whether that’s washing them, waxing them, turning wrenches on them, whatever the case may be. They’re putting in a lot of hours on these birds to keep them flying.” It’s clear the pilots could go on for an hour talking about how grateful they are to the mechanics putting in the legwork on the helicopters. I divert them with another question.

Asked whether they’ll continue to fly well into the future, Osterson says he’s sure of it; whether he transitions to fixed wing airframes or stays with helicopters, only time will tell, he says. I assume the chief will continue flying, essentially forever; I can’t not see it. “You go where the jobs are,” he counters. “I hold my FAA rating, so I can go into the civilian community and fly if I want to. So that is one option. But I have other options as well. You can only fly as long as you keep passing your physical,” he adds, laughing.

Regardless of what lies in their futures, the pilots say they’re grateful for the positions they currently hold. “Nowhere else in the world can we have a job like this as Army aviators,” Kilgore says. “It’s very unique. And it’s very unique in what we do every day. And the type of flying that we do, and just the roles and responsibilities and what we contribute to the garrison and hopefully contribute to and give back to the community by what we do. It’s very rewarding.”

Turning away, the pilots head back into the airport base operations office and prep for their next flight set to depart in less than an hour. This time it’s a passenger transport run to the outer RTS islands we flew over only minutes ago.



The remains of the Japanese RO-60 submarine lies on the east reef about 17 miles south of Roi-Namur.



COMMAND HOSTS TOWN HALLS

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Kwajalein RMI Workforce Town Hall

Col. Mike Larsen, commander of U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll, began the first town hall of 2017 by offering condolences to the Marshallese community for the recent passing of Queen Seagull, Sen. Rellong Lemari and members of the Kwajalein RMI workforce.

"I was honored to attend the memorial and funeral for the Queen. She was very beloved," Larsen said Feb. 23 during the meeting. "Our prayers also go out to the families of Imelda Makroro and Alex Cramer. Imelda and Alex were both AAFES employees who served with us here, and passed suddenly. They were all members of our team and will be missed."

Larsen also thanked the Marshallese community for the hospitality shown during the recent crowning of Kotak Loeak. "I feel so blessed to have been able to witness this historic event."

Larsen discussed the TB screenings being offered to the Ebeye population for the next several months. This effort is being coordinated by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and supported by U.S. Public Health Command.

He focused back on Kwajalein, and asked the RMI workforce to avoid the BQ buildings unless they are there for official business or as invited guests. "We have received reports that some of you who visit the Ocean View club after work, are gathering around the picnic tables outside the Bachelor Quarters across the street. Some are even going into the BQ buildings. This cannot continue," Larsen said. "That is their home, and the grassy area outside (there) is their backyard, so please show respect for the residents there."

During the question and answer session, a man asked if more stops could be added to the Kwaj shuttle bus. "That would really help us during bad weather and heavy rain," Harden Lelet said, translating the man's question into English. Someone else asked if the shuttle could go to the Dock Security Checkpoint (DSC) in the evenings to help workers get to the ferries. "Yes, we can change that and make all that happen," Larsen replied. "Great ideas."

Then someone asked for an update on a previous town hall request to have a landline phone installed on Ebeye for employees to call in sick to work. Larsen explained that that would not be possible due to legal issues and funding. Another employee shifted gears to ask if hot meals can be provided to RMI who work overtime during meal times. He referred to a recent Chugach fuel tank repair that took nearly 20 hours to complete.

"We have new procedures to handle this, and supervisors will discuss it with you soon," said Alan Stone, of Chugach.

A woman in the audience asked for details about the process of requesting to use the morgue on Kwajalein for Ebeye residents who pass away. "Can those of us who work here get special permission to use the morgue for our family members? Also, can we please bring get an exception to allow small children to stay overnight there with their parents?"

Lelet translated and explained to Larsen that the widow of a



USAG-KA Commander Col. Michael Larsen fields questions during the Roi-Namur RMI Workforce Town Hall Meeting, Feb. 24.

man who recently passed away has a baby, and current USAG-KA regulations do not allow children to stay overnight in the morgue.

"We try to help and work with you as much as possible. Of course, out of respect for the grieving family members, if it is a very small child then it should remain with its mother there (in the morgue)," Larsen said. "That is reasonable, and we will take a look at that policy."

Someone asked if there would be internship opportunities for Marshallese teens, to see firsthand what it is like to work on Kwajalein. Larsen said that is a great idea, but explained that due to liability and overall safety of the children, it is not possible right now.

One man asked if there was a planned response in case of a TB outbreak. "Once the assessment is completed by the RMI minister of health, we will address the needs for a plan and work together on it," Larsen said.

A man thanked Larsen for the recent surplus property sale held at the DCCB. The sale was opened to residents of Ebeye, giving them the opportunity to purchase used residential and office furniture. "We are very happy to hear that you benefited from the sale," Larsen replied. "That is what we wanted to accomplish."

One employee thanked Larsen for the opportunity to openly ask him questions and share with the group, while another thanked him personally for his service here as garrison commander for the past 18 months. Larsen thanked them and reminded the group to not save their questions for the quarterly town halls. "I have an open door policy, and you can always bring your issues and questions to me. I also recommend you speak to your leadership and supervisors for assistance," Larsen said. "We can't do our important mission here or on Roi without you."

Kwajalein Resident Town Hall

Larsen also hosted the Kwajalein Residents Town Hall at the high school Multi-purpose room, Feb. 23. He opened the gath-

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ering by showing a slide listing current USAG-KA projects and items of community interest. They included:

- Purchase of new medical equipment
- Emergency care clinic to begin construction in 2021
- Roi Surfway
- Echo Pier contract awarded; new LSA across from San Juan
- New Zamperini soon; goal is to complete in 2018
- Building 602 to be completed in May 2017
- New housing units (22) construction begins fall 2017; 33 expected in spring 2021
- Demolition of old houses (Fall 2017)
- Demolition of building 901 (Summer 2017)
- Prinz Eugen update
- Background check impacts
- New plastic bags/Styrofoam law in RMI
- DoD Vehicle use/abuse policy reminder
- Trash cans: Please remove from curb after pickup
- Show proper courtesy to the flag (retreat and reveille)
- Ferries maintenance
- Mystic and barges to Australia for maintenance
- Ten new B-Boats being purchased this year for Kwaj and Roi-Namur; delivery to be done as construction is completed
 - New Seabees detachment on island
 - Memorialization of Lt. 1st Class Paul DeMeo and Lt. Akino Lippwe this year

Larsen also shared a list of questions and issues submitted to him recently through the Commander's Hotline and the official USAG-KA Facebook page.

• Question: Why was potable water removed from the front of homes? Answer: This is an on-going effort to reduce the waste of potable water. A woman in the audience asked Larsen if non-potable could be added to a few of the homes in 'new housing' for the block to share for yard maintenance and other outdoor usage. He agreed that made sense, and tasked DPW to take it for action.

• Question: Why don't we have any big name entertainers coming here? Answer: It is a challenge because we have a small active duty military population; however, we are making prog-

ress with getting more USO entertainment to come here. Also, the transition to FMWR is in the works now.

• Question: Why is bottled spring water not sold on Kwaj anymore, leaving only purified and mineral water. Answer: AAFES received a very limited supply, but you can special order it. Surfway sells it at times.

• Appearance of special treatment regarding disciplinary actions/removal from island. Answer: There is no preferential treatment. USAG-KA treats all residents equally, and will not discuss personnel decisions or private information with anyone not involved in the case. The evidence and information presented for consideration in all disciplinary matters is carefully reviewed by Col. Larsen and other leadership before a decision is made on how to proceed.

• Appearance of special treatment regarding housing assignments. Answer: Housing assignments on USAG-KA are made based on several criteria - including availability of each contract housing quote, employee level/rank, condition of home for occupation and timing of arrival. There is no special treatment.

• Concerns about new paper take-out containers at Zamperini dining facility being weak and tending to leak. Answer: This is a new product we are using as a solution to the RMI ban of plastic bags and containers. We will continue evaluating them and see what other product options we have.

• The Emon dive shack hose was removed. Answer: We understand that this is a safety concern, because dive gear must be rinsed with potable water after usage. However, the water department has seen the hose left on numerous times, and therefore it was removed. We will work on this issue together to find a solution soon.

• More choice of fresh veggies at Surfway, such as too much cabbage, but no cauliflower. Answer: Cabbage is shipped to Kwajalein on the barge and has a longer shelf life than cauliflower. Cauliflower is brought to Kwajalein on aircraft, and is more sensitive to temperature changes, resulting in some product being unfit for sale.

• Private organization progress? Answer: There are currently 21 private organizations on Kwajalein and Roi. USAG-KA Community Activities staff are working on resolving the insurance liability and other details for these groups so they can remain active and operational.



Residents of Roi-Namur listen while neighbors field questions to USAG-KA Command staff and KRS leadership during the latest town hall meeting on the islet.

Larsen asked the audience for their other questions. One man commented about the amount of underage drinking on Kwajalein, asking whether it has been increasing. "Underage drinking is something we take very seriously," Larsen said. "The safety of our kids is our number one priority, and we want the teens to know there are consequences for their actions." He explained the community service program and other tools in place to discourage underage drinking and other unhealthy behavior.

On the subject of Kwaj youth, a woman asked if additional community service options could be available for kids, not for discipline but as a way of encouraging more teen involvement in the community. Larsen said he was fully on board with that and asked the school services officer to coordinate it.

The last question touched on the possibility of installing a defibrillator in the gymnasium for public use in case of an emergency. Chugach's Tom Lester responded, explaining

that for safety reasons, all users of the device must have proper training to avoid misuse or fatal injury.

Roi-Namur RMI Workforce Town Hall

The following day, Larsen and Command Sgt. Maj. Angela Rawlings traveled to Roi-Namur for the town halls with the RMI workforce and American residents there. During his opening comments to the Marshallese audience, Larsen explained that the recent renaming of the islands' grocery store from "Third Island Store" to "Roi-Surfway" has no impact on the products sold or who can shop there. "This is just a way of bringing uniformity to our services with the department of the Army," Larsen said.

The topic of food led to a question about items that were previously sold in the store, including candy, soda and sugar. "Can these things be sold again here for us to bring home with us?" said one man. Larsen said the initial removal of those items was due to a request from the RMI government to help reduce diabetes. AAFES General Manager Holly Elliot added that there is a daily \$20 limit on sales for each RMI customer. "We will look an exception to policy for you here, since you are so remote. I will come back with an answer soon."

Another man asked if they can take scrap metal and other discarded industrial materials from Roi to Enniburr. Larsen said, "Yes. We always try to allow you to reuse and take them to Third Island. It is also more cost efficient than us taking it to Kwajalein."

Larsen was asked if Marshallese workers could stay at the dock and wait for the Roi Surfway store to re-open each day, instead of taking the ferry back to their island and return a few hours later to shop. "If it is only a couple of people at a time, and they are there for a reason, that is fine," Larsen replied after consulting with dock security. "But if you are gathered around there just to hang out, we can't have that. Just be respectful please, and try to schedule your ferry trips around the store's hours of operation."

The next question was about the issue of transporting pallets from Roi to Enniburr on the ferry. "That shouldn't be an issue," Larsen said. "Unless the captain determines there is not enough room for the pallets on the vessel at that time. Just make sure you have all the proper documentation filled out."

From pallets to ice, a man asked if there is a process in place to contact someone and access the ice machine after business hours. "We will definitely look into that for you to develop an after-hours response," Larsen said. "We are here to help you,

and we appreciate your contributions to our mission."

Roi-Namur Resident Town Hall

About 30 minutes later, the Roi-Namur Resident Town Hall began with Larsen congratulating them on their recent golf tournament victory over Kwajalein players—the first Roi victory in six years. He also explained the Roi Surfway sign change and how it does not affect the products available for customers.

Larsen discussed a range of other issues: the upcoming purchase of 10 new B-Boats for Kwajalein and Roi-Namur residents' recreation; increased Metro flights; a new Seabee detachment working on USAG-KA and RMI projects; the recent switch from plastic to paper bags; the upcoming dedication in honor of two fallen Kwaj heroes; the Prinz Eugen "off limits to touch" policy; and an energy saving project involving better insulation for buildings.

The first question was about Café Roi having an issue with their air conditioning unit in a food storage area. "Is it a non-funded repair?" asked the man.

"We operate on a fixed budget, and when we have to dispose of food that is not ideal," Larsen said. Chris Baker of KRS said he would take the issue for action.

Next, a man asked if Seabees could come to Roi to help build and repair some buildings there.

"Their primary mission is projects that help improve the quality of life for our RMI neighbors, then us. I will look into what they can do to help us with Roi projects," Larsen said.

Another man asked for an update about the B-boat fees going to the garrison to benefit the local community, instead of going straight to the treasury.

"That is in place now, but it will take a while to build the fund up," Larsen said.

A follow-up question asked who determines how that money is spent. Larsen explained that garrison commanders receive input from the community through several channels, including surveys and staff advisors. The final comment from the group was about the future of long-distance telephone services and internet charges with the new contract in 2018. "You will probably be able to purchase internet separate from phone services," Larsen said. "Details will be published for the community in the future."



QOL VEHICLE USE RESTRICTED

Due to the recent increase in industrial traffic and large construction vehicles being used on Kwajalein, QOL cart usage is restricted during the workday, Tuesday-Saturday 7 a.m.-5 p.m. to the residential/community areas. During the workday, QOL scooters can be used to travel as far as the golf course, softball fields, or Small boat marina, but should avoid traveling past those points. This will help clear the roads for industrial and official use and avoid potential accidents. Pedestrian traffic/bicycles can still access Camp Hamilton, Coral Sands and Glass Beach areas.

DOES YOUR TO-GO BOX LOOK LIKE THIS?



Dining facility patrons are expected to follow the portion control guidelines as written in DI 1019 that authorize the following food items.

2 portions, main entrée
2 portions, starch
1 portion, vegetable side
1 portion, salad
1 portion, soup

If patrons continue to ignore the guidelines, take-out privileges could be revoked.



LEFT: A League basketball champions, Faith, celebrate their win against Spartans I, 52-48, in the A League championship playoff games at the CRC, Feb. 28. **RIGHT:** B League Champions, Savages, defeated Vikings, 57-41, in the B League championship playoff games at the CRC, March 7.



LEFT: High School Basketball champions, Monstars, defeated And One, 34-33, taking the title. **RIGHT:** Kwajalein Scuba Club volunteers man the recent KSC Scuba Shack during the club's underwater poker run at Emon Beach.

MAMMOGRAMS AVAILABLE ON KWAJ

COMMUNITY CONNECTION BY KWAJALEIN HOSPITAL STAFF

Living in a remote location can be challenging when it comes to health care. Here at Kwajalein Hospital, we provide the basic diagnostic tools for health care. Our mammography program is one of these assets.

The Kwajalein Hospital mammography program is Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and American College of Radiology (ACR) certified. Our mammography program is audited every year by the FDA to insure that all aspects of quality assurances, credentials and continuing education are being met.

One of the requirements of certification is performing 200 mammograms every two years. With such a small population base, this can be challenging. The American Cancer Society states a mammogram can find breast changes that could develop into cancer years before physical symptoms are noticed.

The ACA recommends the following

guidelines for both women at average risk for breast cancer and all women without personal histories of breast cancer.

Women between ages 40 and 44 have the option to start screening with a mammogram every year.

Women 45 to 54 should get mammograms every year.

Women 55 and older can switch to a mammogram every other year, or they can choose to continue yearly mammograms.

Screenings should continue as long as a woman is in good health and is expected to live 10 more years or longer.

All women should be familiar with how their breasts normally look and feel, and should report any unusual changes, such as thickening, pain, skin changes or discharge to a health care provider right away.

If you haven't had a mammogram during the last year, call the Kwajalein Hospital at 5-3522 to schedule your next examination.

ANNUAL KWAJALEIN PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

March 20

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

High School MP Room



Local photographers of all ages are encouraged to enter their favorite shots of atoll life and the local community into the Annual Kwajalein Photography Exhibition. The exhibition will be on display for public viewing during the Spring Arts and Crafts Fair.

Contestants are encouraged to be creative in their choice of images. Scenes from atoll life, shots of local flora and fauna and images that visually describe life on Kwajalein are encouraged.

The top favorites will be selected for entry into the 2018 Kwajalein Calendar produced each year by the Kwajalein Art Guild. Proceeds generated from calendar sales fund a Kwajalein Art Guild scholarship awarded to a graduating senior planning a future career in the fine or performing arts.

To enter the contest, submit photographs and entry forms no later than Friday, March 17 at 7 p.m. Instruction packets and forms may be obtained from Denice Phillips, at 5-2036, and Evelyn Smith, at 5-9802. Contestants can also email questions about the event to kwajphotoexhibit@yahoo.com.



📷 Courtesy of Cliff Pryor

📷 Courtesy of Karen McManus

LEFT: Kwaj resident Cliff Pryor volunteers as a dealer during the Kwajalein Scuba Club's recent Underwater Poker Run at Emon Beach. **RIGHT:** The Real Property Department earned its first major award recently. KRS awarded this group of employees performance plus awards and other perks for their hard work. From left: Ana Homuth, Jeanette Jackson, Marie Pimenta and Karen McManus. Joining the four ladies are John Brown, at left, and Mary Stone, at right.

US DETECTS, TRACKS MULTIPLE NORTH KOREAN MISSILE LAUNCHES

EXTERNAL REPORT

WASHINGTON, March 6, 2017—Defense Department officials detected and tracked multiple missile launches out of North Korea today, four of which landed in the Sea of Japan, Pentagon spokesman Navy Capt. Jeff Davis told reporters this morning.

Davis said the four medium-range ballistic missiles were launched from the northwest corner of North Korea, traveled over the Korean Peninsula and out into the sea, totaling about 1,000 kilometers in distance, or more than 620 miles.

The missiles landed in the vicinity of

Akita Prefecture off the coast of Japan near that nation's exclusive economic zone, he said. The EEZ is defined as a sea zone prescribed by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea over which a state has special rights regarding the exploration and use of marine resources, including energy production from water and wind.

"The North American Aerospace Defense Command detected that the missiles from North Korea did not pose a threat to North America," Davis said. "This [North Korean missile launch] is very similar in terms of the path and the distance of the three missiles that flew

into Japan's EEZ in September 2016."

He added, "These launches, which coincide with the start of our annual defensive exercise, Foe Eagle, with the Republic of Korea's military, are consistent with North Korea's long history of provocative behavior, often timed to military exercises that we do with our ally."

The United States stands with its allies "in the face of this very serious threat and are taking steps to enhance our ability to defend against North Korea's ballistic missiles, such as the deployment of a [Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense] battery to South Korea, which will happen as soon as feasible," Davis said.



📷 U.S. Navy photo

U.S. and South Korean explosives ordnance disposal units work together off the coast of Jinhae, South Korea, as part of exercise Foe Eagle, March 3. The North Korean launches early March 6 are thought to have taken place in response to the annual exercise.

US DEPLOYS FIRST ELEMENTS OF THAAD TO SOUTH KOREA

EXTERNAL REPORT

By Voice of America

PENTAGON—The U.S. has deployed the first elements of its Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system to South Korea to counter North Korea's aggressive behavior, U.S. Pacific command officials said late Monday.

"Continued provocative actions by North Korea, to include yesterday's launch of multiple missiles, only confirm the prudence of our alliance decision last year to deploy THAAD to South Korea," Admiral Harry Harris, the commander of U.S. Pacific Command, said.

Harris said the THAAD elements were deployed Monday to honor alliance commitments to South Korea and to help defend U.S. troops in the region, US allies and the American homeland.

The THAAD system is designed to intercept and destroy short- and medium-range ballistic missiles during flight.

North Korea fired four medium-range ballistic missiles Monday, three of which flew about 1,000 kilometers and landed in Japanese waters.

The U.S. Defense Department had called the launches a "very serious threat."

Pentagon spokesman Navy Captain Jeff Davis said while the missiles did not pose a threat to North America, the U.S. was taking steps to increase its ability to defend against the missile launches.

An expected response

Davis said the launches coincided with the start of annual defense exercises between the United States and South Korea and "are consistent with North Korea's long history of provocative behavior often timed to military exercises that we do with our ally."

He said the United States is taking steps to increase its ability to defend against the missile launches, including plans for the deployment of the THAAD anti-ballistic missile defense in South Korea. He said that will happen "as soon as feasible."

Davis left open the possibility that more than four missiles were fired by North Korea.

"There were four that landed. There may be a higher number of launches that we're not commenting on," he said.

U.S. President Donald Trump told Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe during a telephone discussion that the United States was with Japan "100 percent," Abe told reporters on Tuesday.

U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and Japanese Defense Minister Tomomi Inada also spoke on the phone Monday, the Pentagon said, adding both leaders agreed the launches were "unacceptable and irresponsible."

At the United Nations, diplomats said the U.N. Security Council will hold an emergency meeting Wednesday to discuss North Korea's actions.

North Korea's U.N. Ambassador Ja

Song Nam urged the U.N. Security Council in a letter to discuss the U.S.-South Korean military exercises, calling them "the most undisguised nuclear war maneuvers." He said the United States is using nuclear-powered aircraft carriers, stealth fighters and submarines, and said of the military drills, "it may go over to an actual war."

Missile launches condemned

Countries around the world are condemning the missile launches.

Russian spokesman Dmitry Peskov said "Definitely, we are seriously worried — these are the sort of actions that lead to a rise in tension in the region and, of course, in this situation, traditionally, Moscow calls for restraint from all sides."

China said it opposed the launches and called for restraint from all sides, but also noted that the United States and South Korea are carrying out military drills which it said were against North Korea.

A French foreign ministry statement condemned the missile firings, while British foreign minister Boris Johnson said they were a threat to international peace and security.

'New level of threat'

Abe said that Monday's missiles, which landed only 300-350 km (185-220 miles) from Japan's Oga Peninsula in the Akita

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Courtesy of JODanna Castle



Staff at the Roi Dispensary, the Kwajalein Dental Clinic and Kwajalein Hospital reach out to members of the Roi workforce in late February. The medical professionals emphasized the importance of seeking medical help when accidents result in broken skin, which can lead to rashes and infections. They also addressed several topics including the importance of maintaining healthy dental habits and taking advantage of the hospital's first stop options. Patients can seek immediate help with everything from flu symptoms and pink eye to early signs of strep infections and diarrhea.

USAG-KA SPORTS

WATER POLO

RESULTS LAST WEEK

FEB. 28

El Polo Loco def. Spartans	35-17
Chargoggog def. Turbo Turtles	50-46
Zissou def. Tyler's Angels	44-27

MARCH 4

Chargoggog def. Zissou	57-20
Turbo Turtles def. El Polo Loco	40-28
Spartans def. Tyler's Angels	73-25

MARCH 7

Turbo Turtles def. Tyler's Angels	42-31
Zissou def. El Polo Loco	45-36

BASKETBALL

RESULTS LAST WEEK

FEB. 28

#3 Faith def. #1 Spartans	52-48
#5 Outkasts def. #4 Space Jam	40-23
#3 Monstars def. #1 And One	34-33

MARCH 2

#1 Vikings def. #5 Outkasts	48-29
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MARCH 3

#2 Savages def. #3 Spartans II	61-42
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MARCH 7

#2 Savages def. #1 Vikings	57-41
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A LEAGUE RECORDS

	Win	Loss
Spartans I	6	2
Faith	6	2
Unknown	0	8
Hoopless	2	6
Fun-Da-Mentals	6	2

B LEAGUE RECORDS

	Win	Loss
Vikings	6	2
Space Jam	3	5
Savages	5	3
Outkasts	2	6
Spartans II	4	4

HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE RECORDS

	Win	Loss
And One	6	3
Monstars	5	4
Unforgettable	1	8
Tennis	6	3

REMEMBERING BOB GREENE



We mourn the recent loss of Bob Greene, a member of Kwajalein's KRS Cybersecurity team, who passed away March 8, in Hawaii. Bob's time with us will always be treasured. Our prayers and thoughts are with his friends and family during this difficult time. Information on a community memorial service for Bob will be found in an upcoming issue of the Hourglass.

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prefecture, demonstrated an increased danger to the country. "This launch has clearly indicated that North Korea poses a new level of threat," he said.

South Korea's Acting President Hwang Kyo-ahn also denounced the missile tests after meeting with his National Security Council.

"Our government strongly condemns that North Korea fired ballistic missiles, once again ignoring continuous warnings from South Korea and the international community, as it is a challenge against the international community and a grave act of provocation," he said.

The United Nations condemned the North's missile firings, saying it should refrain from such actions. "We deplore the continued violation of Security Council resolutions by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, including the most recent launches of ballistic missiles," U.N. spokesman Farhan Haq said.

'Deeply regrettable'

The head of the United Nation's International Atomic Energy Agency, Yukiya Amano, called on North Korea to fully comply with its obligations under Security Council resolutions. "It is deeply regrettable that the DPRK [Democratic People's Republic of Korea] has shown no indication that it is willing to comply with U.N. Security Council resolutions adopted in response to its two nuclear tests last year," he said.

In the last year, North Korea has accelerated its nuclear and ballistic weapons testing with more than 25 missile launches and two nuclear tests.

The missiles on Monday were launched from the Tongchang-ri region near the North's border with China, said the South Korean military. From this same region at its Tongchang-ri satellite facility, Pyongyang in February of 2016 launched a satellite into space using

banned intercontinental ballistic missile technology.

ICBM is not launched

U.S. military leaders have said in the past they believe North Korea has the ability to miniaturize a nuclear warhead to fit on a KN-08 long-range missile, although Pyongyang has not yet demonstrated this capability.

Monday's launch did not include a long-range intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) which could potentially travel far enough to target the U.S. mainland.

In January, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un indicated his country would soon test an ICBM. Prior to taking office, U.S. President Donald Trump tweeted a response to Kim saying "it will not happen," implying that Washington would deter Pyongyang from developing the long-range ballistic missile capability.

WEEKLY WEATHER OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION: It's been dry the past two weeks, but the golfers are appreciating the extra 15 yards rollout off the tees. We typically receive the lowest amount of precipitation this time of year, so the dryness is not unusual. We are only 0.85 inches below average for March.

There are some indications the Intertropical Convergence Zone is going to get active soon. Weather prediction models are increasing the low level convergence and bringing the ITCZ northward along the seventh parallel. This will break the dry spell around the end of the weekend and leave periodic showers around for next week. We are expecting to catch up to our small precipitation deficit.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY/MONDAY FORECAST: Expect stray showers Saturday and Sunday. Shower coverage should increase to widely scattered for Kwajalein on Monday but remain isolated for Roi. Trade winds will decrease to 10-15 knots and become easterly.

MID-WEEK FORECAST: Expect widely scattered showers across the atoll for remainder of the week with winds remaining east-northeast at 12-17 knots.

SUN-MOON-TIDES

	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:58 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	6:43 p.m. 6:27 a.m.	4:20 a.m. 4.1' 4:31 p.m. 4.7'	10:19 a.m. -0.6' 10:45 p.m. -0.8'
MONDAY	6:57 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	7:32 p.m. 7:11 a.m.	4:49 a.m. 4.3' 5:00 p.m. 4.7'	10:50 a.m. -0.7' 11:12 p.m. -0.8'
TUESDAY	6:57 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	8:20 p.m. 7:55 a.m.	5:17 a.m. 4.4' 5:28 p.m. 4.6'	11:20 a.m. -0.7' 11:37 p.m. -0.7'
WEDNESDAY	6:56 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	9:07 p.m. 8:37 a.m.	5:44 a.m. 4.4' 5:54 p.m. 4.3'	11:48 a.m. -0.6' -----
THURSDAY	6:56 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	9:54 p.m. 9:19 a.m.	6:10 a.m. 4.2' 6:20 p.m. 4.0'	12:02 a.m. -0.6' 12:17 p.m. -0.4'
FRIDAY	6:55 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	10:40 p.m. 10:01 a.m.	6:36 a.m. 4.0' 6:45 p.m. 3.6'	12:25 a.m. -0.3' 12:45 p.m. -0.1'
MARCH 18	6:55 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	11:27 p.m. 10:44 a.m.	7:03 a.m. 3.7' 7:11 p.m. 3.2'	12:49 a.m. 0.0' 1:15 p.m. 0.3'

Commander's Hotline

Have something the USAG-KA commander should know about?

Call the Commander's Hotline at 51098 today!



Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) Contact Information

Capt. David Rice
SHARP Victim Advocate

Work: 805 355 2139 • Home: 805 355 3565
USAG-KA SHARP Pager: 805 355 3243/3242/3241/0100
USAG-KA SHARP VA Local Help Line: 805 355 2758
DOD SAFE Helpline: 877 995 5247



SEE SOMETHING – SAY SOMETHING

REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

- Date and time activity occurred
- Where and what type of activity occurred
- Physical description of the people involved
- Description of modes of transportation
- Describe what you saw or heard
- Provide pictures if you took any

WHO TO REPORT TO

Local law Enforcement and Security
*911
*5-4445/4443
*usarmy.bucholz.311-sg-
cmd.mbx.usag-pmo@mail

Captain Louis S. Zamperini Dining Facility

*MENU CURRENT AS OF MARCH 10

LUNCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	March 18
Salsa Chicken	BBQ Pork Ribs	Meat Lasagna	Baked Meatloaf	Hot Sicilian Hoagie	Comed Beef	Chicken Adobo
Spinach Quiche	Blackened Chicken	Spinach Quiche	Garlic Roast Chicken	Jerk Chicken	Beef Pot Pie	Lumpia
Nachos	Ham and Cheese Strata	Lasagna	Mashed Potatoes	Beef with Red Beans	Soda Bread	Coconut Ginger Rice

DINNER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	March 18
Chicken Saltimbocca	Sliced Roast Beef	Cantonese Pork	Steak Night	Fajitas	Sloppy Joes	Roast Turkey
Beef Stew	Chef's Choice Entrée	Chicken Stir Fry	BBQ Chicken	Refried Beans	Fish Du Jour	Stuffing
Chef's Choice	Mashed Potatoes	Sesame Noodles	Scalloped Potatoes	Chef's Choice	Roasted Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes

COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

Visit USAJOBS.GOV to search and apply for USAG-KA vacancies and other federal positions.

KRS and Chugach listings for on-island jobs are posted at: Kwajalein, Roi-Namur and Ebeye Dock Security Checkpoint locations; outside the United Travel Office; in the Roi Terminal/Post Office; at Human Resources in Bldg 700 and on the "Kwaj-web" site under Contractor Information >KRS> Human Resources > Job Opportunities. Listings for off-island contract positions are available at www.krsjv.com.

FOR SALE

Attention Fun Seekers. For Sale: 1/2 Ownership in a Gemini Catamaran 105MC. Boat is in the process of being refit and worth much more than is invested. \$19K All offers considered. Call Ross at 5-3290 (home) or 5-3405 (work).

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Vets Hall Dance class is cancelled for March 12. The Vets Hall will also be closed for a private party. Call Jan Abrams with questions.

Kwajalein Running Club's 8th Monthly Fun Run for 2016/17 season is Monday, March 13 at 5:30 p.m. Public, visitors, kids and walkers welcome. Distance options are 1/2 mile, two miles and five miles. Meet near the Bowling Alley entrance. Questions? Call Ben 5-1990 or Shana, 5-2581.

CYS Youth Sports Soccer Registration: March 14-April 5. Season Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 11-27. \$25 per player. Open to all registered CYS Youth, Kindergarten-Grade 6. To register visit Central Registration, Building 358 or 5-2158. For program questions, contact Mammo Wase, 5-3796.

School Advisory Council (SAC) Public Meeting. Wednesday, March 15, 7 p.m.

Elementary School, Coconut Room 29. Questions, please call 5-3601.

EOD Operations Friday, March 17. EOD will conduct disposal operations at UXO Disposal Site "Shark Pit" Friday, March 17, from approximately 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. The area will be off-limits until the operation is complete.

Join us for Quizzo at the Vets Hall. Friday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. Special Guest Host Megan Ropella might have a wee bit o' the Irish luck in puzzling us with her trivia. Questions? Contact Mike Woundy or Neil Dye.

Vets Hall St. Patty's Party. Saturday, March 18 at 8:30 p.m. It's time for the wearin' of the green! Put on your shamrocks, get ready to show your Irish pride and come dance the night away to the sounds of BALLISTIC LOVE.

American Red Cross Lifeguard Review Class. Sunday, March 19. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. \$50 course fee. Current American Red Cross Lifeguard certification required for registration. Contact Cliff Pryor at 5-2848 for questions and registration.

Spring Craft/Vendor Fair, sponsored by Kwajalein Art Guild & Community Activities. Monday, March 20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Vendors are welcome to reserve tables to sell or advertise. Individuals and organizations should submit applications by March 18. Email kwajartguild@gmail.com for an application.

Elementary Art Shows. K-3rd grade, March 21. 4th-6th grade, March 23. Both shows run 5-6:30 p.m. in the Elementary Art Room (Room 14, across the street from Family Pool). Superhero and supervillain costumes are welcome.

Boating Orientation Course. March 21, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. and March 23 from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., in CRC Room 1. All participants must register and pay \$40 course fee at the Small

Boat Marina before class date.

2017 Spring Bowling League Registration March 21-31. League games on Tuesday nights from April 4-June 6. Team slots are limited. \$70 with shoe rental, \$60 without shoe rental. Adults only. Email Derek Finch or call 5-1275 to register.

The Kwajalein Hospital Business Office will see patients by appointment March 21 to May 16 only for billing questions. Payments can be made at the front desk or billing office Tuesday through Friday from 8-10 a.m. Office is closed on Saturdays unless scheduled. Patients with appointments should check in at the front desk.

Kwajalein Atoll International Sportfishing Club (KAISC) monthly meeting is Wednesday, March 22 at the Pacific Club. Food and beverages will be served at 6:30 p.m. Meeting starts at 7 p.m. All anglers are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact Bill, 5-2693.

Musicians wanted for Spring Break Music Fest at Emon Beach, April 2. Contact Julie Savage before March 26

between 1 and 8 p.m. at 5-4536.

The Optometrist, Dr. Chris Yamamoto, will see patients March 31 through April 11. Please call the Hospital for eye exam appointments at 5-2223/5-2224 or ES&H for prescription safety glasses at 5-8301.

New Military Haircut Hours. Effective April 1, Thursdays and Fridays from 4-6 p.m., salon time will be reserved for military haircuts only.

Calling All Singers. IMC Interdenominational Congregation is gathering a choir to sing at the Sunrise Church Service Easter morning, Sunday, April 16, at Emon Beach. Practices begin soon. Email heather.ardrey@gmail.com for more information.

Small Boat Marina now operates on Summer hours schedule. Boats available from 1:15 p.m.-6 p.m. Fridays for all rentals. Boat rental reservations for Saturday-Monday can be made 8 a.m.-12:45 p.m. or 1:15 p.m.-6 p.m. Walk-up rentals available 1:15 p.m.-6 p.m. Fridays and 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday-Monday, if available.



Face melting surf rock.

THE ATOMIC PLAYBOYS

Tonight, 9:27 p.m., Ocean View Club

Café Roi

*MENU CURRENT AS OF MARCH 10

LUNCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	March 18
Roasted Herb Chicken	Mussels Marinara	Jamaican Patties	Chicken Sand.	Roast Beef Sand.	Salmon Cakes	Irish Beef Stew
Hamburger Steak	BBQ Pork Sandwich	Southwestern Roast Beef	Glazed Pork Chop	Roasted Turkey	Cuban Sandwich	Hot Pastrami Sandwich
Vegetable Frittata	Egg & Cheese Sand.	Mashed Potatoes	Stir Fry Vegetables	Mashed Potatoes	Tater Tots	Potatoes O'Brien

DINNER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	March 18
Enchilada Casserole	BBQ Chicken	Herb Pork Loin	Steak Night	Fried Chicken	Mongolian BBQ	Corned Beef
Santa Fe Chicken	Spareribs	Caribbean Seafood Curry	Huli-huli Chicken	Roast Pork	Beef or Chicken Lumpia	Shepherd's Pie
Cilantro-Lime Rice	Baked Beans	Islander's Rice	Corn on the Cob	Mashed Potatoes	Corn Dogs	Roasted Redskins



HEROES OF THE WEEK

HOURLASS REPORT

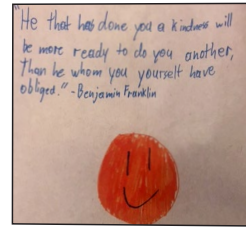
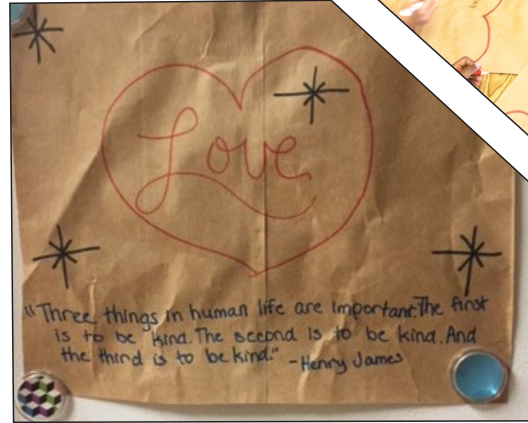
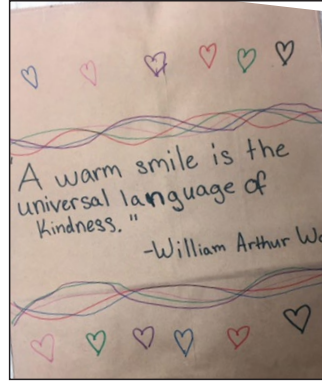
USAG-KA's Heroes of the Week are the George Seitz Elementary School students in Masina McCollum's Power Hour class. They exercised a bit of "kwajenuity" to commit a secret kindness campaign to inspire the community. For several weeks, the Power Hour—consisting of students from kindergarten through sixth grade—anonously decorated paper shopping bags with drawings and quotations encouraging shoppers to consider kindness. The bags were delivered to Surfway and mixed into the regular bag supply for customers to take home and enjoy.

"This was our way of spreading a little kindness with our Kwaj community" said McCollum of the project. The Kwajalein School counselor chose February to launch the kindness campaign in celebration of the memory of former Kwaj kid Lindsay Davis, who passed away in 2013. The bags are McCollum's way to share her love for the Davis family and to continue the celebration of Davis' life. "Lindsay loved random acts of kindness at all times of the year," McCollum said.

Surfway shoppers have reported surprise and delight at finding the bags. Several samples were sent to the Hourglass for publication.

"Let me tell you, they liked it," said Retail Services Manager Roy Tomas. "A lot of customers were mentioning wow, beautiful drawings. I feel this was a good thing for the school kids to do. It was an innovative thing."

Courtesy of Masina McCollum and Kelly Redmond



George Seitz Elementary School students in every grade level designed paper shopping bags with hopeful messages about kindness. They sneaked them into the Surfway supply with help from Kwaj Retail Services Manager Roy Tomas.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

USAG-KA Draft Document of Environmental Protection For Dredging and Filling

The U.S Army Kwajalein Atoll Environmental Standards (UES) require the operating of USAG-KA activities with the potential to affect the public health and environmental must be defined in Document of Environmental Protection (DEP). The standards further provide the regulatory agencies and the public be allowed to review and comment on a Draft DEP.

The Draft DEP for Dredging and Filling Activity provides the requirements and limitations for the procedures of dredging and filling in water or near the shore structures at or near USAG-KA.

The public is invited to review and comment on the Draft DEP. The Draft DEP and the USAKA Environmental standards are available for review at the Grace Sherwood Library (Kwajalein), the Roi-Namur Library and the RMI Environmental Protection Agency on Majuro and Ebeye. Questions regarding the Draft DEP can be directed to: Derek Miller, U.S Army Garrison-Kwajalein environmental engineer. Written comments can be directed to:

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At least 30 days will be provided for the public comment. Comments should be postmarked no later than March 27.

Naan in karon kin USAG-KA Draft Document in Environmental Protection Nan Makitkit in Dredging im Filling

Ekkar nan kakien ko an U.S Army Kwajalein Atoll Environmental Standards (UES), aolep jermal ak makitkit ko ion USAKA im renaj jelot ejmour an armej ak melan ko; eaij wor komelele ko kaki ilo Document of Environmental Protection (DEP). Kakein kein rekomman bwe agencies ko im public ren maron lale im kwalok aer lemnak ilo DEP Draft eo. DEP Draft nan makitkit in Dredging im Fillig ej kwalok ellajrak in im jonan makitkit ko ikijeen dredging im filling ilo lojet ak turin structure ko rebake lojet ak USAG-KA.

Eruwainene aolep nan aer lale im kwalok aer lemnak kin DEP Draft eo. DEP Draft im Environmental Standards ko rebed ilo Grace Sherwood Library (Kwajalein), Library eo ilo Roi-Namur im opij eo an Environmental Protection Agency ilo Majuro im Ebeye. Kajitok ikijeen DEP Draft in renaj etal nan Derek Miller, U.S Army Garrison-Kwajalein Engineer. Ne kwonaj je melele ko ak wawein am lemnak, kwonaj jilkinlak nan:

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Enaj bellak ejab driklak jen 30 raan nan am likit melele k oak wawein am lemnak kin DEP Draft in. Melele kein rej aikuj postmark mokta jen March 27.