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Kwajalein resident Ed Zehr helps Heavy Equipment crewmen secure his damaged yacht Casa Chica for transport after being hoisted from the water. For more, see pages 4-5.

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

BY USAG-KA COMMANDER COL. MICHAEL LARSEN



okwe neighbors and members of "Team Kwajalein!" We had a very eventful couple of weeks since my last column, and I continue to be impressed with how our community "weathers" things together.

On Oct. 7, we had an excellent example of that concept when approximately 845 of our Marshallese friends and co-workers were stranded here on Kwajalein for the first time that can be recalled. The generosity of people donating food, blankets, pillows and dry clothes to help feed and give comfort to these men, women and children for the night speaks volumes about the character of our people in this island. The way you all came together to help each other made me very proud to count myself as a part of this community. I invite you to read more about how Kwajalein Rrange Services and other organizations supported this emergency mission on pages 4-5 of this Hourglass issue.

Earlier this week we hosted the commander of U.S. Strategic Command (STRATCOM) here on island. Admiral Cecil Haney is an advocate of our unique missions here,

and I appreciate him taking the time to see firsthand the accomplishments and professionalism of the entire island team. Please see our official Garrison Facebook page for photos from that visit. The story will be in the next issue of The Hourglass.

I executed my first Town Hall on Roi-Namur for our U.S. and R.M.I. workforce Friday. My first session of Kwajalein Town Halls are scheduled for Oct. 20. Time and location details are on page 11. I look forward to tackling any concerns that get highlighted during the Town Hall series. I challenge you to feel free to remark on whatever you want; I promise it will be an open and honest discourse.

We recently began publishing the "Hero of the Week" in the Hourglass. In this issue, we are profiling two heroes—a husband and wife team who have positively impacted the community for years—Bob and Jane Sholar. Read about their volunteer efforts on page 6. If you want to recommend someone for Hero of the Week, contact the Hourglass Editor Jordan Vinson so that we can continue to publicize worthy contributors to our community.

My new Public Affairs Officer, Nikki Maxwell, has injected positive new energy into our official USAG-KA Facebook page. My goal is to make that online space



a venue for useful command information and community updates. If you have a question or comment, you can post it there (or private message) anytime, and we will respond. Please "Like" and share our page with your friends and families to help get the word out.

Take care, and I'll see you around the island.

Kommol Tata!
Col. Mike Larsen



Nation mourns Zedkaia's passing

The Republic of the Marshall Islands held a state funeral Thursday for the late Majuro Irojlaplap and former R.M.I. President Jurelang Zedkaia. Zedkaia, 65, passed away Wednesday on Majuro following an apparent heart attack.

Current President Christopher Loeak ordered flags to half-mast earlier this week

and has declared a month of national mourning to honor the late president and paramount chief.

"Our hearts are leaden with grief at this time of great loss," Loeak told media. "Irojlaplap Jurelang Zedkaia will be remembered with gratitude for the contributions made towards our country's development and growth."

An honor guard and mourners escorted Zedkaia's remains from Majuro Hospital to the state funeral, held in the Nitijela, the nation's capital building on Majuro. His remains were later transported to the Assembly of God Church in Delap for follow-up services before his burial next week in a cemetery in Laura reserved for traditional leaders.

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103 COMPETE IN COLUMBUS DAY RUN

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A whopping 103 runners and walkers competed in the annual Kwajalein Running Club Columbus Day Run Tuesday. Of that group, 15 braved the 13.04 mile half marathon, with the rest tackling the 6.52 quarter marathon.

The fastest time in the longer distance division was earned by Danny O'Connor, who eclipsed the competition with a final time of 1 hour 41 minutes 56 seconds.

In the quarter marathon group, Eric England finished at 47 minutes 42 seconds, beating out his competition by a wide margin.

Check the data at right for the full list of finish times.



OFFICIAL TIMES

13.04 MILES

1:41:56	DANNY O'CONNOR	1:14:20	ANGELA MITCHELL
1:47:56	JAY LORD	1:14:30	CHRISTI CARDILLO
1:49:21	GERRITT SCHELLIN	1:15:13	AMBER BATES
1:54:00	JORDAN VINSON	1:15:44	JACOB LARSEN
1:59:52	JEFFREY FLUHRER	1:17:43	DEVANTE FLOOR
2:02:41	ALEX MCGLINN	1:17:43	AUGUSTON LELET
2:10:00	HEATHER MILLER	1:20:53	LAURA LAWSON
2:10:00	ERIC MILLER	1:24:20	SHELBI ROWE
2:17:35	HUMBERTO JONES	1:26:09	JENIFER PETERSON
2:18:12	MIKE HINTON	1:29:07	ERIN WAITE
2:23:16	DON ENGEN	1:29:58	DORIS JONES
2:28:53	KRISTIN MILLER	1:33:46	PAUL MASCIARELLI
2:28:53	HEATHER SADOWSKI	1:35:04	TODD ROPELLA
3:31:01	ANALYN NOBIS	1:35:53	MEGAN ROPELLA
3:31:01	LISA HENNINGER	1:36:05	SARAH STEPCHEW
		1:36:05	LINN EZELL
		1:36:46	KAYA SYLVESTER
		1:37:16	HANNAH FINLEY
		1:39:53	AMY HROMIAK
		1:39:53	JANE PREMO
		1:39:53	MAKSIM HROMIAK
		1:41:00	MAGGIE BEGGS
		1:43:01	STACEY WARTHEN
		1:43:01	KATHY REITH
		1:43:53	DANIELLE RIVERA
		1:43:53	ALLISON TOMAS
		1:45:28	GRAESON COSSEY
		1:45:28	CLAIRE STEPCHEW
		1:46:37	JENSYN COLE
		1:47:38	WANDA MENDEZ
		1:47:38	PRESCILLA PRICE
		1:53:14	KATIE O'ROURKE
		1:53:47	ADDISON COSSEY
		1:53:47	COLLEEN FURGUSON
		1:54:50	BARBARA MASCIARELLI
		1:55:35	MALLORY MASCIARELLI
		1:55:35	STACEY O'ROURKE
		1:55:38	KIMBERLY O'ROURKE
		1:55:39	JENNIFER HILL
		1:56:05	JILL BEGUHN
		2:08:20	LIBBIE LIDE
		2:08:20	ABIGAIL BISHOP
		2:08:20	KAYLA HEPLER
		2:08:20	ALLISON HIBBERTS
		2:08:20	ALLISON HOMUTH
		2:08:20	SHAWNA WILTROUT
		2:29:49	CALEIGH YUROVCHAK
		2:31:15	JERI JONES
		2:31:35	MAKENA MOSELEY
		2:31:35	AMY LACOST
		2:31:45	BRITTEN ROPELLA
		2:33:20	SEAN HEPLER
		2:37:40	SASAKO BRADY
			DAYNA HEPLER
			MYLES SYLVESTER

6.52 MILES

0:47:42	ERIC ENGLAND
0:54:36	JOHN COTTON
0:55:44	BEN BARTYZEL
0:55:49	KEVIN SKINNER
0:56:00	THOMAS GREENE
0:56:00	JARED WASE
0:56:23	DAVID SHOLAR
0:56:25	RON SYLVESTER
0:56:40	WESLEY KIRK
0:57:49	LIAM BUGUHN
0:58:28	KYLE MILLER
1:00:44	JULIA SHOLAR
1:01:13	AIDEN ALEJANDRO
1:01:46	BRUCE PREMO
1:02:26	MATT NASH
1:02:51	DASH ALFRED
1:03:02	DOMINIC LEINES
1:03:18	JANE EREKSON
1:03:18	JAMYE LOY
1:03:50	STEVE BEGGS
1:04:02	ROBERT STACK
1:04:27	RYAN HESS
1:04:33	LYNN LEINES
1:05:27	SONG BANDUCCI
1:06:18	ZACHARY HILL
1:06:39	SHANA DARRAH
1:06:58	URSULA LABRIE
1:07:45	BEN TAVUTAVUWALE
1:07:47	STEVE DAVIS
1:07:49	JOANNA FOSTER
1:08:56	CHRISTINA SYLVESTER
1:13:29	STEVE BANDUCCI
1:13:48	KAREN BRADY

TOP: Kwaj resident Danny O'Connor crosses the finish line at the Youth Center Tuesday; he completed the 13.04 mile half marathon in only 1 hour 41 minutes 56 seconds. MIDDLE LEFT: Angela Mitchell and Shelbi Rowe cross the finish line in style. MIDDLE RIGHT: Gerritt Schellin finishes the half marathon in 1 hour 49 minutes 21 seconds. BOTTOM: Allison Tomas and Danielle Rivera cross the finish line together, completing the quarter marathon in 1 hour 43 minutes 53 seconds.



West winds throw waves against the Ebeye Pier early last week.

📷 Deo Eddo Keju

USAG-KA COMMUNITY RALLIES AGAINST WINDS

Kwajalein Atoll and the rest of the Marshall Islands were battered by one of the worst El Niño-related weather episodes in recent history. A ferocious pack of westerly winds swooped through the region during the morning of Oct. 7, holding the islands hostage for nearly 24 hours.

Pumping in sustained gusts of up to 43 mph, the front wrecked residents' boats, stranded nearly 850 Ebeye residents overnight on Kwajalein and tested the garrison's emergency responses capabilities.

For safety reasons, all ferry runs were halted during the late morning hours of Oct. 7. This wasn't necessarily an unprecedented move: In the months of exceedingly damag-

ing winds that this year's El Niño system has produced locally, ferry runs have been occasionally halted. Wind-driven chop in the lagoon had made it unsafe to run the ferry boats at times, and allowing time for the lagoon to calm down and make for safer passage between the islands had usually solved the problem. But on Oct. 7, that calm never came, and garrison leaders had a serious problem on their hands. 845 Ebeye residents who had come to Kwajalein earlier in the day had no way of getting home. They were stuck on Kwajalein overnight for the first time in recorded history.

Kwajalein Range Services President Cynthia Rivera and garrison leaders immediately set up a plan to house and provide meals for their Marshallese guests, Rivera said. The decision to immediately ramp up the meal counts at the Zamperini Dining Facility was made, and a plan to find beds for the guests began.

"We talked through all of the potential housing options and capacities and other resources, such as blankets, pillows and cots," Rivera said. "We knew that our community would step in to help, so our first option was to request volunteers to house colleagues and friends. We prioritized the facilities that we would use, if needed, beyond the Kwaj Lodge, Macy's and BQs, such as the CRC, ARC, REB, MP room, MDA homes, etc."

381 individuals were, fortunately, able to check into the Kwaj Lodge, and they did so in less than three hours, a true record, Rivera said. 140 stayed overnight in the work areas, and many others found a place to stay in the homes of residents who pulled together all the extra bedding they could find. Volunteers within the community, such as Protestant Pastor Heather Ardrey and residents Mike and Linda Lowry, also stepped up to take care of the 60 Ebeye residents stranded overnight at the DSC. An influx of food, blankets and pillows helped get the R.M.I. citizens through the night until the ferry runs opened up again early the next morning.



A ferry boat gets pounded during a morning run to Ebeye Oct. 8.

📷 Jordan Vinson

U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. Michael Larsen said that show of support at the DSC was special.

"I was blown away by the local citizens' donations of food, pillows and blankets for some of the folks who got stranded at the Dock Security Checkpoint," Larsen said. "The people here in our community amaze me every day."

Kwajalein Atoll local government leaders commended the garrison, KRS and the Kwajalein community for their response to the incident. And Rivera, while acknowledging a few areas that her team could improve in, said she was proud.

"All of the KRS staff really went the extra mile to do their best on this very long day," she said. "It was a tremendous amount of work for quite a few people, and we really appreciate everyone's hard work and support. ... While we can always improve, especially in communications, we did a lot right. We made the right decision to not put people in harm's way; we pulled together as a team to figure out how to proceed; and we executed the plan safely and effectively. Above all, we are grateful for our Kwaj community who we can always count on when help is needed."

Larsen agreed.

"My hats go off to the KRS team for making this all happen," Larsen said. "It was a great effort getting our Marshallese teammates a place to stay for the night and a good meal. I really appreciate CMSI and KRS and others for covering the dining cost for the R.M.I. workforce. That truly displays your commitment to taking care of the team."

For some garrison residents, such as Ed and Sue Zehr, the mark the Oct. 7 winds left was more lasting than for others. Each had gotten the phone call that morning that all boat owners fear: Their yacht, Casa Chica, had broken free of its mooring and had washed up onto the rocky riprap outlining the island. Making matters worse, a second yacht, this time Panacea, broke its mooring and impacted Casa Chica. Together, the two yachts heaved against the rocks with the rushing water of each wave.

Hopeful onlookers speculated that the yachts might yet make it out in one piece with the rising tides later in the day. Others were a bit more realistic—and with good reason. Casa Chica's stern, after an hour's time butting against the starboard hull of Panacea, pierced Panacea below the gunwale introducing water into the vessel. With each impact, more of Panacea's wooden hull was chipped away. With water now rushing into the cabin, the yacht hunkered down, became weaker and slowly broke apart.

The next morning, as Kwajalein's Heavy Equipment crew hoisted still-intact Casa Chica off the riprap and onto dry dock, the remains of Panacea—scraps of wood, lines and metal—bobbed in the surf. The Zehrs' boat hadn't broken apart, though it sustained some hull damage. They said they were relieved Casa Chica appeared repairable, but their hearts went out to the owners of Panacea.

The Zehrs weren't the only residents whose boat was impacted by last week's fierce winds. Brad and Beth Mitchell's small yacht, Emma, completely sank during a rescue effort. Fortunately, the volunteers were able to recover the boat the next day using lift bags, motor boats and a tractor. But when, and if, the boat will hit the water again is hard to tell. Moreover, Dragon Princess, a small boat owned by Will and Jenny Smith, broke from its mooring earlier in the week and impacted island infrastructure, and at least one yacht still hanging on in the mooring field lost its mast.



Panacea and Casa Chica impact one another and riprap near the boat yard Oct. 7.

📷 Jordan Vinson

The ravaging winds Oct. 7 amounted to only the latest of many wild weather events that Kwajalein Atoll, the rest of the Marshall Islands and other nations throughout the equatorial Pacific have experienced in 2015.

It's all due to "The Little Boy"—El Niño, said Joel Martin, the Reagan Test Site Weather Station's chief meteorologist. Consisting of a natural, one-two year warming cycle of Pacific equatorial waters, an El Niño can alter normal wind patterns and precipitation levels for one-two years at a time in the region and go on to impact weather trends elsewhere on the globe.

A particularly strong El Niño can have particularly strong impacts on local and global climates. 2015 just happens to be host to one of the stronger El Niños in recent history, Martin said. Locally, it has produced extended, severe west winds and abnormally high amounts of rain.

"Based on research by Mark Bradford, our Chief Scientist Emeritus, the last time we experienced this frequency and severity of west winds was 1997, 18 years ago," Martin said. "That was also the last major El Niño. 2015 appears to be shaping up as a record El Niño year and, yes, we are seeing extremes in west winds

that we don't see in records."

The weather on Oct. 7, stood out from that of previous weeks and months during this El Niño. The reason: nighttime convection collapsing. As part of the Earth's energy cycle, air that had risen due to heating by the sun's rays at or near sea level during the day had fallen back down via cooling during nighttime hours. The effect can sometimes result in small-scale wind bursts, Martin said; and they are almost always unpredictable.

"These wind bursts are on smaller time and space scales," he said. "They are essentially the monsoon trough exhaling after a hard night's work developing convection, which is usually strongest between midnight and sunrise. Broad clear areas sink at night, which squeezes up much stronger convection before sunrise. When that convection collapses, the down rush can sometimes focus localized wind bursts."

Through it all, the Kwajalein community came together, learned from the experience and seems better prepared to weather similar situations in the future.

"Thanks to everyone for being so flexible, dynamic, and compassionate in regards to taking care of our fine Marshallese partners," Larsen said.

Underwater Photos of the Week



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This *Leaf scorpionfish* (*Taenianotus triacanthus*; also known as paperfish) was photographed by Kwajalein resident Tommy Ryon in the waters of Kwajalein Atoll.

Found through the Indo-Pacific, this species is known for its large, paper-thin dorsal fin running along its back like a huge mohawk. Varying widely in color, from pinkish hues and pale whites to dark browns and blacks, leaf scorpionfish are thin in girth and, as their namesake illustrates, resemble leaves from trees fallen during an autumn breeze. Interestingly, the species molts every couple of weeks and is able to switch to a different color after each molt.

Leaf scorpionfish feed on small crustaceans and fishes. They inhabit reef flats and deeper reef slopes, residing at depths of up to 135 meters.



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Leaf scorpionfish by Tommy Ryon

HEROES OF THE WEEK

USAG-KA's Heroes of the Week for this week are Bob and Jane Sholar. Long-time residents of Kwajalein, Bob and Jane are behind many of the Kwajalein Running Club's annual and monthly running and walking events held on the island. Bob began participating in the club's events in 1979 and has worked as an organizer alongside Jane since about 1995. It's a lot of work putting together the larger events, such as the Columbus Day Run (see page 3) or the RustMan Triathlon, but the effort is well worth it, says Jane.

"It's just a lot of fun," she says. "It's nice to see everybody participating, especially the newcomers. It's a nice way to bring the community together."



Nikki Maxwell

THUMBS UP



Komol Tata to Tony and Mikiko Maika for your kind donations and in helping out a young family on Ebeye. Little Alice Laan Jiban Kabua Lome's family is very thankful to both of you.



Thumbs up to the band, dancers, and community members who helped celebrate Ryland/Driben's first birthday Marshallese style. We truly appreciate the opportunity to live here, learn about the culture and have such amazing friends! The Yarnes.

Want to thank an awesome community member here? Send an email to the Hourglass editor at jordan.m.vinson3.ctr@mail.mil

KFD OPENS FIRE STATION TO PUBLIC

HOURLASS REPORTS

Kwajalein Fire Department staff opened the fire station up to the Kwaj community Oct. 10 as part of its Fire Prevention Week activities. Kids and parents got the opportunity to watch educational videos on fire prevention and fire safety, play in the department's inflatable fire kitchen, snap photos with "Sparky" and "Fire Pup," tour the station, take home grab bags of goodies and more.



FROM LEFT: Christa Babcock and "Fire Pup" get photo-bombed by "Sparky." Sisters Lauren and Audrey Wyatt get some balloons from Ken "Doc" Martin. Residents tour some of the station's fire engines and ambulances and get more photos with the NFPA mascots.



Jordan Vinson

CDC JOINS IN WORLDWIDE DAY OF PLAY

HOURLASS REPORTS

Kwajalein's Child Development Center joined schools, after school programs and children's clubs around the country a couple of weeks ago for the annual Worldwide Day of Play.

Aimed at encouraging kids to turn off the TV, get outdoors and play, the annual event—originally designed by U.S. Nickelodeon channels—is a favorite at the CDC. It's both a fun time and a good source of exercise and physical stimulation—something that American kids need at increasing doses to fight the effects of a sedentary lifestyle.

RIGHT: Kwaj kids enjoy a day outside during the CDC Worldwide Day of Play event.



Michelle Huwe



From Colleen Ferguson

TOP AND RIGHT: Kwaj residents Giordan Harris, Ann-Marie Hepler and Colleen Ferguson join Majuro resident Mattie Sasser and coach Amy LaCost for a photo during the 2015 Pacific Games in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. BOTTOM LEFT: Ann-Marie Hepler competes in the Long Course World Championships in Kazan, Russia.

KWAJ ATHLETES REP RMI ABROAD

BY COLLEEN FERGUSON

Representatives for the Republic of the Marshall Islands came together on the world stage this past summer. Competing on behalf of their host country, Giordan Harris, Ann-Marie Hepler and Colleen Ferguson participated in the 2015 Pacific Games in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea and the 2015 Long Course World Championships in Kazan, Russia.

Coached by Amy LaCost, team Marshall Islands made it to the finals every night during the six days of competitive swimming held during this year's Pacific Games in July. Harris, Hepler and Ferguson each competed in more than five events, a demanding schedule that was a challenge for the athletes.

"Six days of swimming was definitely longer than I'm used to doing," Hepler said. "Although it was difficult, it was lots of fun."

Competing for the Marshall Islands in weight lifting was Majuro resident Mattie Sasser. She took four bronze, one gold and a trophy for junior weightlifting. Sasser proudly waved the R.M.I. flag during closing ceremonies.

This year's Long Course World Championships in Kazan brought out Team Marshall Islands to compete on the international stage against some of the best athletes in the world. Held

July 28-Aug. 11, it was the team's second major international competition for the year.

Harris competed in the 100 meter freestyle and the 50 meter freestyle, achieving a time of 57.75 seconds in the former and a time of 26.18 seconds in the latter. Hepler finished the 50 meter freestyle with a time of 28.52 seconds and completed the 50 meter butterfly with the time of 30.02 seconds. Ferguson completed the 100 meter freestyle with the time of 1.05 seconds and did the 50 meter backstroke with the time of 33.04 seconds.

For Harris, the trip to Kazan to represent the Marshall Islands on the global stage was both an honor and an enriching personal experience.

"Every game they just seem

to step it up in some way. It just keeps getting better and better," Harris said. "I love the Athletes' Village; I love the environment, and it's great to be with all the athletes in the same place. I'm riding the bus and eating with the world's top swimmers when normally I'd just see them on YouTube. Absolutely happy, that's all I could ask for out here halfway across the world."

Long Course World Championships are held every two years. Over 180 countries participated in the 2015 World Championships. The only sports that are played are water sports, which are swimming, open water swimming, diving, high diving, water polo and synchronized swimming. The next World Championships will be held in Budapest, Hungary in 2017.

KWAJALEIN RECLAIMED WATER STANDARD VIOLATION

The Reclaimed Water Document of Environmental Protection (DEP) requires public notification when reclaimed water standards are violated. The reclaimed water system exceeded the Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) limitation of 10 milligrams per liter (mg/L). Per sampling requirements, the weekly sample was collected at the reclaimed water system's point of entry on 11 September, 2015 and had a measured concentration of 10.3 mg/L. The following weekly sample, collected on 18 September, had a measured concentration of 5.1 mg/L, indicating compliance. BOD levels are used as an indicator of bacteria levels. However, regular bacteriological sampling within the reclaimed water system showed no increase during this time. No health-based restrictions on the normal use (irrigation, vehicle washing, etc) of reclaimed (non-potable) water are necessary. Additionally, there was no threat to public health or the environment as a result of this BOD exceedance. If you have any questions, please call the environmental department 51134.

Violation ikijen kakien eo kon Reclaimed Water eo ion Kwajalein

DEP ak Reclaimed Water Document of Environmental Protection ej kamelet bwe en wor kakol ko nan jukjuk in bed eo elanne jonok ko ilo reclaimed water ak dren eo ejjab eman nan idraak, ewor jorren ko ie. Ekkar le jonok in reclaimed water system eo ilo Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) kakien (10 mg/L) eo im ej kwalok jonan kij ko ilo dren. Ekkar nan kakien ko im rej kwalok jokjok im jimwe in ebok sample, jerbak in sample ekar koman ilo reclaimed water system ilo ijo dren eo ej dreton ie ilo kotan in 11 Septembeer 2015 kon jonan concentration level eo 10.3 mg/L. Wiik eo tok juon, September 18, jerbak in sample eo ear koman im jonan concentration level eo ej 5.1 mg/L, kalikar an loor kakien. Jonok ko ilo BOD rej jerbak nan kwalok jonan kij ko ilo dren. Ijo ke, jonan bacteriological sampling ak kein kakolkol kij ko iloan reclaimed water system eo ej kwalok ke ejjelok lablok ie ilo tore in. Ej jab jelot ejmour an armij elanne ronaj kojerkal reclaimed water (non-potable) in (nan kareo ak utdrikdrik, kwakwol wa, im ko eier lok wot) elanne ej menin aikuj. Kakobaba, ejjelok uwata nan ejmour im melan im jukjuk in bed enaj walok itok wot jen an le jonok eo ilo BOD. Elanne enaj wor kajitok ko, joi im kur tok environmental department eo ilo 51134

KWAJALEIN TRAVELS

FRANCE AND SPAIN: By Barbara Bicanich

A group of French students from Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School and two chaperones spent 10 days traveling France and Spain.

Students Diamond Calep, Jansyn Cole, DeVante Floor, Ian Galbraith, Dayna Hepler, Claire Stepchew David Sholar and adult chaperone Dr. Paulette Galbraith joined teacher Barbara Bicanich on this trip. Their 10-day trip began July 12, and they arrived in Paris on the eve of Bastille Day.

We group spent two days in Paris exploring the city. We visited Notre Dame Cathedral, the artists' area of Montmartre with the hilltop church Sacre Coeur, they paid homage to the "Mona Lisa" in the Louvre museum. We got an opportunity to walk through the Invalides complex, including the Museum of the Army and the Tomb of Napoleon. Although fireworks for July 14 were on the agenda, the highlights of the time in Paris were the ascent of the Eiffel Tower and a boat ride on the Seine River at night to see the Eiffel Tower sparkle!

A quick flight to Nice on the Riviera brought us south to enjoy sunshine and beaches. We walked through the daily market of the old town of Nice and walked along the Promenade des Anglais. We were able to splash around in the Mediterranean Sea! We enjoyed a drive to the country of Monaco to see the Changing of the Guard and the Cathedral of Monaco, and we visited the village of

Eze with its castle ruins and a perfume factory to buy gifts for friends and family back home.

Our next stop was the town of Arles where we visited the huge arena, which dates from the Roman Empire and is now used for bullfights and local theater productions. We continued on to the Roman bridge aqueduct of Pont du Gard—a marvel of Roman engineering.

The next day took us to the walled city of Carcassonne, a fortified medieval town founded centuries ago by the Visigoths. We then drove across the scenic Pyrenees Mountains into colorful Barcelona, the second largest city in Spain.

Our one-day whirlwind tour of Barcelona began with a visit to the houses designed by Antoni Gaudi in the Parc Guell and

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a visit inside La Sagrada Familia, an enormous cathedral which is still incomplete and is the most visited monument in Spain. The students enjoyed an afternoon bike ride through the streets of Barcelona and ended the day with a catamaran cruise in the bay. We were able to sample the local cuisine—escargots in Paris and tapas in Barcelona. The group then headed home from their great adventures with many photos and memories.



Kwaj teens at the Eiffel Tower. FROM LEFT: David Sholar, Ian Galbraith, Dayna Hepler, Claire Stepchew, DeVante Floor, Diamond Cole and Jensyn Cole.

Barbara Bicanich

COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

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 Building 700 and on the USAG-KA webpage under Contractor Information>KRS>Human Resources>Job Opportunities. Job listings for off-island contract positions are available at www.krsjv.com.

KRS is searching for available, on-island licensed registered nurses, individuals with medical billing and coding experience and dental hygienists. For more information, please contact HR/Julie Gooch at the Temp Pool at 50777.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Flu vaccines available on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30 PM. No appointments necessary.

2015 Shaving Cream Social. Oct. 17 near the Rich Theater. Starts at 4:30 p.m. Four different groups enter ravine at separate times beginning at 4:30 p.m. Question? Call Cliff Pryor at 52848.

Join us for karaoke at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 18, at the Vets Hall.

KRC Third monthly fun run. New date/time: 5:30 p.m., Oct. 19, beginning outside the Bowling Center. Visitors always welcome. Questions? Call Bob and Jane at 51190 or Linn and Ben at 51990.

November Learn to Swim class registration is open Oct. 20-31. Participants must be at least four years old. To register call Cliff Pryor at 52848.

The optometrist, Dr. Chris Yamamoto, will be on Kwajalein and will see patients on Oct. 23-Nov. 3. Please call the Hospital for an appointment at 52223/52224 for eye exams or ES&H at 58855 for prescription safety glasses.

Join us for Quizzo at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 23, at the Vets Hall. Special guest host Cliff Pryor will check what's in our heads—as far as trivia goes!

2015 Indoor Volleyball Season registration is open until Oct. 24. To register call Mandie Morris at 51275.

Calling all vendors! Want to have a table set up for the 2015 Fall Craft Fair? Submit your vendor table request form by Oct. 26. Forms can be found on our Facebook page, in the Art Annex, at the community bulletin board downtown or by contacting Ashley Anderson at 54991 or Alison Sok at 53990.

The Family Pool will close at 2:30 p.m., Oct. 26 for a Kwajalein Swim Team event.

Volleyball open play clinic. 6-7 p.m., Oct. 27, in the CRC Gym. Come out and learn the basic rules of the game and get ready for the 2015 Indoor Volleyball season. Questions? Call Mandie at 51275.

CYSS has opened registration for the following sports seasons: Start Smart Golf, the CYSS Golf Season and the CYSS Flag Football Season. Registration for all three is open until Oct. 28. To register call Central Registration at 52158.

Monthly island orientation. 12:30-4:30 p.m., Oct. 28, in CRC Room 6. All new island residents, including dependents, required to attend; children under age 10 not required. Arrive early to sign in. Questions? Call 51134.

Kwajalein Atoll International Sportfishing Club monthly meeting. 7 p.m., Oct. 28, at the Pacific Club. All anglers welcome. Questions? Call Andy at 52878.

The Vet Clinic is closed until November 16. For pet emergencies in the meantime, contact Kwajalein Hospital at 52223.

Come learn to Swing Dance. 6-7:30 p.m., Wednesdays, in CRC Room 6.

Get ready for the Kwaj Ballroom dance in May. No Fee.

The Vets Hall will hold its annual Hal-loween Bash Nov. 1. We will have a costume contest with cash prizes. DJ Dyvurse will be cranking out the tunes.

Open enrollment for applicable Kwajalein and Roi residents is scheduled for Nov. 3-16. Enrollment info is available on the KRS HR Benefits Intranet Share-Point site or by contacting the FCE Benefits Office at 50939 or 51071.

Dog Owners, please pick up after your dog in the dog park. Having the dog park is not a right but a privilege that can be taken away if we do not take care of it.

E-Talk: The Utilomar tree or shrub has food and medicinal uses but is also linked to the history of Kwajalein. The legendary flower tree itself has sometimes been called Kwajalein. The mythical Utilomar tree was a never-ending source for gathered blossoms used in making flower wreaths, and perfume. Learn more about this legendary flowering tree from this week's E-Talk.

Safely Speaking: Whether welding is a daily or occasional task only one welding cart per shop is allowed to be assembled and ready for use after hours.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Catholic

- 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Small Chapel • 9:15 a.m., Sunday, Island Memorial Chapel
- Roi-Namur service, 4:45 p.m., second and fourth Friday of each month. Appointments available after dinner.

Protestant

- 11 a.m., Sunday, Island Memorial Chapel
- 6:30 p.m., Friday, Roi Chapel

Latter-day Saints

10 a.m., Sunday, CRC Room 3, Contact the chaplain's office at 53505 for more information.

We are seeing a rise in insect stings. Please be wary and report locations of wasp stings and nest sightings for treatment to the Service Desk at 53550. Jej lo an lonlak kokij in bee ak men ko iarlak wot. Joui im ekkol im report e ijo kwoj jorren jene im ijoko kwoj elolo elen bee ak wasp ie nan jerbale, calle Service Desk 53550.

An easy way to save energy is to cut down on unnecessary lighting. Turn off all lights when not in use. Use bulbs of lower wattage. Use natural sunlight when possible. Keep bulbs and fixtures clean. Focus light on your task. Use fluorescent lights wherever possible.

2016 BENEFITS OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open enrollment for applicable Kwajalein and Roi residents is scheduled for Nov. 3-16. Need help signing up? Attend a question-and-answer session with FCE and Aetna reps at one of the following dates and locations.

10:30-11:30 a.m., Nov. 4, at the TRADEX Conference Room on Roi
 5:30-6:30 p.m., Nov. 4, in CRC Room 1 on Kwaj
 5:30-6:30 p.m., Nov. 4, in the CRC Gym during the CA Health Fair

Questions? Call the FCE Benefits Office at 50939 or 51071.

Captain Louis S. Zamperini Dining Facility

*MENU CURRENT AS OF OCT. 16

Lunch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Oct. 24
Oven fried chicken	Malibu chick. sandwich	Chicken enchilada cass.	Beef pasticio	Short ribs jardiniere	Fish du jour	Spaghetti
Cheeseburger casserole	Sweet spicy meatballs	Fish tacos	Chicken veggie stir-fry	Grilled chicken breast	Pot roast	Chicken alfredo
Eggs benedict	Baked tuna casserole	Black beans	Roasted potatoes	Mac and cheese	Boiled potatoes	Garlic bread

Dinner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Oct. 24
Fish and chips	Cajun beef saute	Fried chicken	Grilled top sirloin	Roasted chicken	Hamburger Bonanza	Beef pad thai
Steak and ale pie	Buffalo style chicken	Meatloaf	Chicken cordon bleu	Country fried steak	Sauteed chicken breast	General Tso's chicken
Steamed red potatoes	Rice pilaf	Mashed potatoes	Baked potatoes	Mashed potatoes	Beans in broth	Chinese fried rice

WEATHER

Courtesy of RTS Weather

Day	Sky	Rain	Winds
Sunday	Mostly Sunny	50%	S-SSW at 9-14 knots
Monday	Mostly Cloudy	30%	S-SSW at 6-11 knots
Tuesday	Mostly Cloudy	10%	Light and variable
Wednesday	Partly Sunny	20%	NNE-ENE at 5-10 knots
Thursday	Mostly Sunny	20%	NNE-ENE at 5-10 knots
Friday	Mostly Sunny	20%	NE-E at 7-12 knots

Yearly rainfall total: 112.26 inches

Yearly rainfall deviation: +44.23 inches

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

USAG-KA TOWN HALLS



USAG-KA Commander Col. Michael Larsen invites you to his first round of town hall meetings on Kwaj

KWAJ R.M.I. WORKFORCE

1-3 p.m., Oct. 20, at the Island Memorial Chapel

KWAJ RESIDENTS

6:30-8 p.m., Oct. 20, at the MP Room



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

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Sharnta' Adams
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

**DON'T FORGET TO BUCKLE UP
WHEN TRAVELING IN
VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH
SAFETY BELTS**

	Sunrise Sunset	Moonrise Moonset	Low Tide	High Tide
Sunday	6:37 a.m. 6:32 p.m.	10:31 a.m. 10:32 p.m.	12:33 a.m. -0.1' 12:24 p.m. 0.1'	6:29 a.m. 3.2' 6:46 p.m. 3.8'
Monday	6:37 a.m. 6:31 p.m.	11:23 a.m. 11:24 p.m.	1:12 a.m. 0.3' 1 p.m. 0.5'	7:07 a.m. 2.9' 7:29 p.m. 3.5'
Tuesday	6:37 a.m. 6:31 p.m.	12:15 p.m. -----	2:06 a.m. 0.6' 1:52 p.m. 0.9'	8:03 a.m. 2.5' 8:35 p.m. 3.2'
Wednesday	6:37 a.m. 6:31 p.m.	1:06 p.m. 12:17 a.m.	3:35 a.m. 0.9' 3:33 p.m. 1.2'	9:47 a.m. 2.3' 10:26 p.m. 3.0'
Thursday	6:37 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	1:58 p.m. 1:12 a.m.	5:35 a.m. 0.8' -----	12:01 p.m. 2.5' 5:49 p.m. 1.1'
Friday	6:37 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	2:49 p.m. 2:08 a.m.	6:56 a.m. 0.4' 7:11 p.m. 0.6'	12:14 a.m. 3.2' 1:14 p.m. 3.1'
Oct. 24	6:37 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	3:41 p.m. 3:04 a.m.	7:48 a.m. -0.1' 8:07 p.m. 0.0'	1:24 a.m. 3.7' 2:04 p.m. 3.7'



Check out daily news and community updates on the official U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/usarmykwajaleinatoll

For command information questions, please contact Public Affairs at 54848.

Café Roi

*MENU CURRENT AS OF OCT. 16

Lunch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Oct. 24
Roasted cornish hen	Beef fajitas	French dip sandwich	Beef stew	Char siu pork sand.	Tuna casserole	Lasagna
Fish florentine	Chick. w/ orange sauce	Grilled chicken breast	Fried chicken strips	Beef stir-fry	Yankee pot roast	Spaghetti
Eggs benedict	Breakfast burrito	Black-eyed peas	Hot spiced apples	Veggie fried rice	Mashed potatoes	Garlic bread

Dinner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Oct. 24
Jambalaya	BBQ pork ribs	Chicken fried steak	Char-grilled pork chop	Fried chicken	English Pub Night	Breaded pork chop
Cajun roast pork	Smoked sausage	Chicken curry	Herb baked fish	Beef pot pie	Fish and chips	Chicken hekka
Mashed potatoes	Baked beans	Mashed potatoes	Baked potatoes	Mashed potatoes	Toad in a hole	Sweet potato wedges

12th Annual Marshallese Trade Fair

3-7 p.m., Oct. 25, at the CRC
9 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 26, at the CRC

Featuring Marshallese handicrafts, fish and lobsters, fresh fruit and vegetables, jewelry, T-shirts and more!



KWAJ SOCCER STATS



LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

October 6

Go Green Go def. Spartans II 4-3
Spartans I def. KAT 2-0

October 7

KFC def. Kwaj Rejects 4-0
Spartans I def. Spartans II 7-0

October 8

Games cancelled

October 9

FC Swell def. Spartans II 6-2
Spartans I def. Garrison Beast 6-0

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

October 20

6 p.m. Women's Championship: Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2

October 21

6 p.m. Garrison Beast vs. Kwaj Rejects
7:30 p.m. KFC vs. Spartans II

October 22

6 p.m. Spartans I vs. FC Swell
7:30 p.m. Spartans II vs. Garrison Beast

October 23

6 p.m. Spartans I vs. KFC
7:30 p.m. Kwaj Rejects vs. FC Swell

WEBSITE NEWS

We are in the process of building up our official garrison website and we want to hear from you.

Visit www.army.mil/kwajalein for garrison and community news, links to each directorate, service and other helpful information.

Send your thoughts and suggestions to the USAG-Kwajalein Public Affairs Office at: nikki.l.maxwell.civ@mail.mil

Our website will continue to develop each week, so please keep coming back to see the changes.