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U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. Michael Larsen chats with Marshallese C-badge employees during a town hall meeting, Feb. 19, at the Roi-Namur Trade Winds Theater.

 Nikki Maxwell

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BY USAG-KA COMMANDER COL. MICHAEL LARSEN

Yokwe "Team Kwajalein." Thank you for attending or virtually participating in our recent round of Town Halls last week. The new, more complex issues we face together here in our highly unique overseas environment, are being tackled by myself and my staff. Some issues concern funding, while others involve exceptions to policy or rewriting local garrison regulations. Whatever the case may be, I appreciate your patience while we work through all the details.

I also want to say a special thank you to the Kwajalein teenagers who participated in my first Teen Town Hall. Their constructive questions and well-crafted suggestions demonstrated a maturity that I find encouraging. I take their input very seriously, and I learned a few things about our own policies that we can re-examine. Great job parents—you should be proud! You can read more about all of our recent Town Halls held on Roi-Namur and Kwajalein in this issue of the Hourglass. We will also continue to update the community on our progress as we work to resolve the questions raised last week.

I wanted to take a moment to highlight some recent changes to current policies and inform you of ones I am considering changing:

- Zamperini Dining Facility is open to families the entire weekend (Sundays and Mondays); this is subject to change if the DFAC management is unable to maintain this request logistically.
- I am dedicated to making it easier for private organizations to exist; I am trying to identify ways to exempt low-risk organizations from certain requirements.
- Curfew for High School graduates after graduation will be 2 a.m.
- We are looking into using cipher locks for the gymnasium and other fitness rooms for 24/7 access.

- Roi-Namur residents will have a higher priority for "Space A" on the metro flights on Mondays.
- I am considering granting the Ri'katak students more access to Kwajalein after school and on weekends.
- We will execute public bid sales for excess equipment sometime this summer; look for future dates on the Roller and Facebook.
- We are in the process of modifying the contract for the use non-appropriated Funds. When this occurs we will have future success in purchasing new B-boats and wood for sale in the Hobby Shop; as soon as we have an update, I'll make sure everyone knows.
- No changes are planned for Third Island Store operations.
- No change are planned "Space A" travel for Marshallese citizens; they are still authorized

This week we had the privilege of hosting a visit by Lt. Gen. David Mann, commander of U.S. Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC) and Army Strategic Command (ARSTRAT). Lt. Gen. Mann continues to be a tremendous advocate for every atoll resident. He truly understands how important quality of life is within the atoll and the impact it has on the mission. During his brief time here, he held his own town halls on Roi-Namur and Kwajalein, discussing several tough issues with residents. You will see more in-depth information on this topic in next week's issue of the Hourglass.

In regards to the recent mission efforts, you can read all about this week's unarmed Minuteman III ICBM launch from Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, and how it lit up the sky in Kwajalein. This specific mission is a great example of the U.S. dominance in space and missile defense. See more about that story on the next page.

In other news, I hope you've had a chance to see some of the coverage of USAG-KA featured on American Forces Network Pacific (AFN-P) this month. You can find links to all of the broadcasts on our official U.S. Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll Facebook page. Feel free to share with family and friends; from an OPSEC perspective it is safe to do so. Overall, it is a great way to tell the unique story of our island home to those who might not understand how important this place is to our nation.

Thanks for all you do to serve our country and improve our community. Enjoy your weekend, stay safe ... and I'll see you around the island.

Kommol Tata!

—Col. Mike Larsen



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Check out USAG-KA's new website for garrison and community news, links to each directorate and other helpful information. Have thoughts or suggestions? Send them to the USAG-KA Public Affairs Office at Nikki.l.maxwell.civ@mail.mil.

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MINUTEMAN III TAKES GLORY TRIP TO KWAJAJ

BY JORDAN VINSON

A *Minuteman III* intercontinental ballistic missile re-entry test vehicle, launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, screamed through the atmosphere and crashed into the ocean east of Kwajalein Atoll at about 8 p.m., Feb. 21.

While Reagan Test Site staff manned the installation's radars, telemetry systems, telescopes and high speed cameras during the re-entry, more than 100 U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll residents gathered at the northern tip of Kwajalein Island to see the show.

"I'm ready for the fireworks," one resident said, plopping down onto a lawn chair while teens grouped together on the rip rap-studded shoreline, playing ukuleles. "This is my first time out to see one of these."

Within minutes, the missile finished its 4,200-mile journey to the Marshall Islands and lit up the sky, piercing the atmosphere, and cutting diagonally toward the horizon until impacting the ocean miles away.

Cloud cover between Kwajalein and the Mid Atoll Corridor islands made it impossible for the Kwajalein viewers to see the entire portion of the re-entry vehicle's trip to the horizon. Those on Roi-Namur, however, got a better look. Honorary Roi rat Brandi Mueller, who snapped the shot at right, said it was a good show.

"It appeared like the longest, brightest shooting star," she wrote via Facebook. "Really incredible, especially when you realize from how far away it came and all the effort that has into it getting here."

Tests like the Feb. 21 launch and re-entry take place a few times each year as part of the U.S. Air Force Global Strike Command's ongoing effort to verify the accuracy and reliability of the United States' fleet of roughly 400 land-based, nuclear-armed Minuteman III ICBMs. To perform the tests, the Global Strike Command's 20th Air Force selects a missile at random from one of its three missile fields at Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming; Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota; or Malstrom Air Force Base, Montana. It is at these bases where America's fleet of land-based nuclear-armed ICBMs stand at the ready 24 hours a day, year-round, with missileer staff at the controls. Disarmed, the selected missile then travels to Vandenberg Air Force Base, the principal launch head of the United States' western space launch range. There, Global Strike joins forces with the Vandenberg-based Air Force Space Command 30th Space Wing to send the ICBM on its long 4,200 arc to Kwajalein Atoll. At the receiving end at Kwajalein Atoll is the Space and Missile Defense Command's Reagan Test Site, where Soldiers and contractors monitor the vehicle's re-entry with the installation's suite of radar, telemetry, safety and optics systems. Data obtained during the test by RTS, the 30th Space Wing and the 20th Air Force is then shared with



An unarmed Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile launches during an operational test at 11:34 p.m. PST Feb. 20, 2016, at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California.

📷 U.S. Air Force photo by Michael Peterson, 30th Space Wing



The re-entry vehicle pierces the atmosphere and falls toward its target south of Roi-Namur.

📷 Photo courtesy of Brandi Mueller

the ICBM community, including the Department of Defense, the Department of Energy and the U.S. Strategic Command, for further evaluation and missile fleet modernization efforts.

Col. J. Christopher Moss, the commander of Space Command's 30th Space Wing, was the launch decision authority for the test. He drilled in on the importance of the Minuteman III tests and their impact on the credibility of the nation's capacity to maintain a ready nuclear deterrent, a key facet of America's nuclear triad and its greater national security.

"While ICBM launches from Vandenberg Air Force Base almost seem routine, each one requires a tremendous amount of effort and absolute attention to detail in order to ensure a safe and successful launch," Moss said in an interview with 30th Space Wing public affairs staff. "This specific test will provide accuracy and reliability data that is essential to on-going and future modifications to the weapon system, which are key to improving the already impressive effectiveness of the Minuteman III force."

COMMAND ADDRESSES GARRISON, COMMUNITY ISSUES IN TOWN HALLS

BY JORDAN VINSON

U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. Michael Larsen hosted his second round of town hall meetings since assuming command of the installation August 2015.

Meeting with hundreds of garrison residents and Marshallese workforce members in five separate gatherings, Larsen addressed issues impacting the community and mission sides of the installation and other issues impacting overall morale and welfare.

Topics included everything from future

garrison construction projects, B-boats and golf fees, to private organizations, ferry schedules, the Zamperini Dining Facility and teen curfews.

First he met with Kwajalein C-badge employees (the Marshallese workforce) at the Island Memorial Chapel, Feb. 17, and followed with a meeting for Kwajalein residents at the High School Multi-Purpose (MP) Room later that evening. A separate meeting with Kwajalein teenagers at the MP room the next day provided a forum for Larsen and Command Sgt. Maj. Angela Rawlings to hear comments from the young residents and discuss teen issues. Larsen

and his staff concluded the Town Hall meeting tour with sessions at the Trade Winds Theater, Feb. 19, for C-badge employees and residents on Roi-Namur.

During an opening 45-minute address to the Kwajalein community, Larsen hit on a series of big-ticket projects that are either currently in progress on the garrison or will break ground within the next five years. The ongoing renovation of the Macy's building and the continued construction of the U.S. Air Force Space Fence facility are big movers, but others are on the way.

A 100-percent overhaul of the Yuk Club building will resume in the near future, he said, after KRS, USAG-KA and the Army obtain final approvals. The former club will house the Zamperini Dining Facility. Within the next two years, a renovation project will begin on Kwajalein's Bucholz Army Airfield, followed by a similar project at Roi's Dyess Army Airfield. This summer, construction teams will swarm Echo Pier on Kwajalein to completely renovate the nearly 100-year-old concrete pier—built by the Japanese in the 1920's—used to harbor everything from ferryboats and catamarans to the K.M.R.S.S. Worthy and supply barges.

One announcement in particular got a lot of attention from Kwajalein families: the colonel stated the garrison's intentions to build 22 new housing units on the island within the next few years. Current plans also call for construction of another 30 units, beginning in 2022. These efforts, of course, are subject to government approval, the Command reminded; deviations from the plans may need to be enforced. Lastly, plans for building a brand-new hospital on the island are currently under development, and the funding is requested in the 2021 budget.

Larsen reiterated the garrison community's support for the Space Fence construction teams and reminded USAG-KA's avid boaters that those Space Fence personnel who obtain B-boat licenses have the same rights and access to renting B-boats as other permanent residents. Lamenting the

TOP: USAG-KA Commander Col. Michael Larsen fields a question from a Kwajalein resident during a town hall meeting Feb. 17 at the KHS Multi-Purpose Room. LEFT: Kwajalein's RMI C-badge workforce listen to one of their peers discuss ferryboat schedules with Larsen during the Feb. 17 meeting at the Island Memorial Chapel.



U.S. Army photo by Jordan Vinson

lack of working recreational powerboats, Larsen said that the Command is exploring all avenues to replace the communities' old, battered fleet.

Quality of Life funds cannot be funneled to the cause, he reminded town hall attendees. "It's complicated, but we have to find a solution," he said. "We're working on it." Implementation of a non-appropriated fund instrumentality could provide a source of cash for funding morale-boosting programs like the garrison's recreational boating, Command staff reminded. However, while garrison leaders have submitted the NAFI packet to the contracting officer, ongoing negotiations may delay the fund's implementation for months.

Also on the subject of watercraft, Larsen and his staff re-iterated their request that all USAG-KA residents who keep private boats on the installation obtain a quote for liability insurance as soon as possible. The insurance plans, he explained, are required by all boat owners and will get the garrison's private vessel ownership practices in line with those of the Army's other 75 garrisons, while protecting boat owners and the Army from damage incurred by private individuals. The garrison's current policy already requires insurance.

Larsen explained that the recent increase of annual Roi Golf Course fees was designed to allow the garrison to collect more cash and reinvest that revenue into the golf course and other island recreational programs. The fee hike isn't set in stone, the colonel said, and if the communities and the Command come to the conclusion that it's unfair, it can be revised. But by paying more, Larsen explained, fees fall more closely in line with golf course fees at other Pacific military installations, while creating more cash flow for needed purchases. Some residents called the plan into question, reminding meeting attendees that until the non-appropriate fund is activated the garrison cannot retain and reinvest those monies. Larsen agreed with their counterpoint and said that he and his staff will take another look at the policy while the NAFI remains in the negotiation phase.

The issue of private organizations engaged more than 20 minutes of meeting time during the Kwajalein residents town hall. All registered private organizations are required to pass through a series of steps, which include obtaining private liability insurance, registering with the IRS, developing plans to reimburse the Army for utility expenses and more. Larsen immediately acknowledged the challenge that this list of requirements will pose to the community of small organizations on the garrison and said that the groups do a commendable job in "filling the MWR void" on the installation. However, every single private organization in all 75 other Army garrisons face the same requirements, he said. The intent is not to shut down a single organization, he added. Rather, the intention is to make sure that non-compliant organizations do not have to disband.

Other issues discussed during the resident town halls included: the ongoing drought; prices of Surfway items; Ri'katak Program parents' access to the garrison for school functions; the question of hiring an orthodontist to visit the garrison periodically; families' all-weekend access to the Zamperini Dining Facility; residents smoking too close to BQ entrances and more.

In meetings with RMI C-badge employees, the command team also discussed a wide range of issues. A selection of subjects addressed: the sale of charcoal for Enniburr residents; the issue of storing personal items at the Roi ferry port; C-badge access to the air terminals and transportation from the Kwajalein terminal to the Dock Security Checkpoint; employment issues relating to wages, morale and benefits like workman's compensation; prioritizing C-badge workers' access to ferry boats over those travelling between islands for non-work purposes; potable water distribution and the ongoing drought; RMI shopping days at AAFES; access to the Bank of the Marshall Islands office on Kwaj; the use of discarded lumber

for construction projects outside of the garrison islands; USAG-KA's involvement with the Joint Labor Review Board and the Community Relations Council and more.

During a separate town hall meeting designed especially for Kwajalein teenagers, Larsen hit on a swathe of topics important to the island's younger crowd. Several Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School students wanted to know why they are able to obtain B-boat licenses at the age of 16, but not able to rent the boats until the age of 18.

During the teen meeting, CSM Rawlings introduced her new mentorship program and invited them to join the group learn more about it. The program begins April 11.

Other issues on the teens' minds included a perennial problem for Kwajalein teens, the lack of driver's education opportunities on the island. During the meeting they also addressed the need for more lifeguards to join the Pools and Beach staff; the need to lift curfew limitations to KHS teens following graduation; the need for increased clean-up efforts around vacant "new housing" units; Ri'katak students' access to Kwajalein outside of school functions; the desire for a school trip to Bigej with transportation included and more.

"Your constructive questions make sense to me, and I appreciate you all having such a strong interest in impacting your community and peers," Larsen told the teens.

His message to them, and all residents and employees on USAG-KA was clear: "I am always ready to listen," Larsen said. "Force me to question logic, and together we can change things for the better!"



Larsen speaks to Kwajalein youth during a town hall meeting designed for teens at the KHS Multi-Purpose Room Feb. 18.

U.S. Army photo by Nikki Maxwell

KWAJALEIN | THE ANTELOPE AND HISTORY | FIX | HER STAY IN PALAU

BY MARY BROWNING

Mary Browning was a frequent Hourglass contributor in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Her pieces covered an array of issues pertaining to Marshallese culture and history, archeology in Micronesia and marine biology. In this article, which appeared April 14, 1980, she discusses the adventure of the British ship the Antelope and her crew in Palau.

It's fun for a change to hear a shipwreck story which has no gruesome details, one which makes the wreck itself and all the events which follow sound like nothing more than a happy interruption in an otherwise pleasant but monotonous voyage.

Such is the case with the true story of the British East India Company packet Antelope, which struck a reef off "Oroolong" in the Palau group on Aug. 10, 1783.

The packet was damaged beyond repair and stuck fast, but it didn't break up. The men aboard matter-of-factly built a few rafts from ship timbers and got themselves ashore. The ship itself remained a source of provisions, nails, timbers and most

other things they needed during their stay on the island, which turned out to be far from a desert, anyway.

The Palauans didn't reach the camp of the shipwrecked Englishmen for two days. When they arrived, however, another fortunate circumstance came to light. The Palauans had a Malay with them. So did the Englishmen. The two Malays became translators in a four-way communication system which began to establish an immediate rapport between the Palauans and the British, one which lasted far longer than this particular period of three months.

Henry Wilson was captain of the Antelope. He was a man who knew how to cement

the friendly relationship tentatively established by the translators. He loaned his men (and—very important—their firearms) to the Ibedul ("Abba Thulle") who used them to his great advantage against the rival chiefs. Skirmishes between these chiefs appears to have been a major preoccupation.

Wilson also directed that construction of a rescue craft begin immediately, so those men who weren't off shooting at the Ibedul's enemies were kept busy bringing in timber from the Antelope, gathering local lumber and fashioning all into a neat schooner. In due course, the vessel was finished and christened Oroolong, in honor of the place.

A number of final arrangements had to be made. The Oroolong was supplied with provisions from the wreck and with local produce. A copper plate was nailed to a tree proclaiming that the Antelope "was lost upon the reef north of this island in the night between the 9th and

10th of August, 1783, that the crew were saved, who here built a vessel, and sailed from hence the 12th day of November, 1783."

And so, exactly three months after their mishap, the men of the Antelope sailed away in the schooner Oroolong, ending a visit neither too long nor too short, confident that they would reach China. Which, of course, they did.

The only misfortune connected with the affair was the death, just a little over a year later, of the Ibedul's son. The chief had urged Wilson to take the young man, "Lee Boo," along on the voyage to China and then to England. The Palauan youth found himself much sought after by London society, an exotic, bright and gentle curiosity. But Lee Boo met the almost inevitable end of the early islander transplanted to foreign shores. He died of smallpox only a few months later, on Dec. 27, 1784. He is buried at Rotherhithe Churchyard.

The East India Company erected a tomb with this inscription: "To the Memory of Prince Lee Boo, A native of the Pelew, or Palos islands, and son to Abba Thulle, Ruppak or King of the Island Cooroora, who departed this life on the 27th of December, 1784, aged 20 years. This stone is inscribed, by the Honourable United East India Company, as a Testimony of Esteem for the humane and kind treatment afforded by his father to the crew of their ship the Antelope, which was wrecked off that Island in the night of the 9th of August 1783. Stop, Reader, Stop—let Nature claim a tear—a prince of mine, Lee Boo, lies buried here."

HEROES OF THE WEEK

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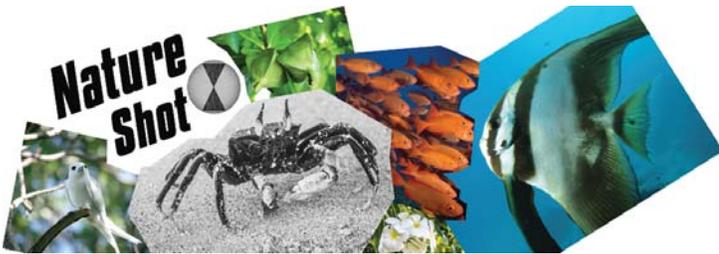
SAG-KA's Heroes of the Week this week are Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School students Thomas Greene and Aidan Alejandro. Thomas has lived on Kwajalein for nine years; for Aidan it's been four years.

These two gentlemen raise the American and Marshall Islands flags every day at the High School.

Thomas and Aidan both feel honored to raise their country's flag and their host nation's flag every morning. "This job can be challenging at times because the wind has been strong lately," Thomas said. Aidan is a member of the Pacific Teen Panel, which represents youth in the Pacific. Thomas works at the Rich Theater. Outside of school, they both work for Kwajalein Sports Association as officials and scorekeepers. In their free time they like to hang out with friends and play soccer.



Colleen Furgeson



Great frigatebird by Jordan Vinson

will often fly out to distances of 50 miles from their colonies during hunting trips to fill their bellies.

According to the Alele Museum in Majuro, the great frigatebird, or “ak,” is a traditional symbol for Marshall Islanders’ chieftains—the irooj. The saying “jede ak eo,”—meaning “point to the frigate bird”—is a phrase that reveals the level of respect islanders hold for their traditional leaders. The birds’ feathers were traditionally fastened to the top of each canoe’s mast. Should a careless sailor fail to correctly read the wind, tip his canoe and get his ak feathers wet, he suffered disgrace in the community.

A non-migratory species, great frigates live year-round in the Marshalls. Large populations also exist throughout the Hawaiian Islands and elsewhere in the tropical Pacific and Indian Oceans. According to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, the species’ population count, though decreasing, is still quite healthy.

BY JORDAN VINSON

This great frigatebird (*Fregata minor*) was photographed hovering over the Kwajalein downtown area Feb. 24 by Kwaj resident Jordan Vinson. A rarely-seen visitor to Kwajalein, the great frigatebird is one of 106 species of birds officially reported in the Marshall Islands.

Known as “ak” in Marshallese and “iwa”—or thief—by Hawaiians, the great frigate (differentiated from a separate species, the lesser frigatebird) is regarded as the lord of the birds in the region. They get the namesake from their skills in strong-arming other resident birds, such as terns, shearwaters and boobies, into giving up their prey to the dominant predator. Using their impressive wingspans and lightweight bodies to hover in the trade winds for long periods of time, great frigates wait patiently for unsuspecting seabirds to fly back to the colony with a meal of fish after a hunting session. Following a quick dogfight in the sky, a victim will usually drop or regurgitate its meal, whereupon the frigate dive bombs and snatches the fish before it hits the water. According to Cornell University’s Birds of North America Online program, great frigates also often get their meals on their own. Hovering high the sky, they often scan the ocean’s surface, waiting for flying fish to break the surface and take flight. Fish and squid just below the surface are also prime targets for hungry frigates, and the birds

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WHAT IS ZIKA VIRUS AND WHO IS AT RISK?

Zika is contracted through a bite from the Aedes mosquito. Those at risk are people traveling to South Americas; Barbados, Brazil, Colombia, Panama, Puerto Rica and Venezuela to name a few. The CDC reports that an outbreak in Brazil led to reports of a Guillain-Barre-like syndrome and pregnant women giving birth to babies with microcephaly, birth defects, and poor pregnancy outcomes. This virus is only a concern if you are pregnant, otherwise the virus will run its course of fever, headache, rash and possibly pink eye.

The following precautions should be implemented if traveling to affected areas:

- Use bug repellents containing DEET. Spray clothing, not skin under clothing.
- Wear long sleeved shirts and long pants, if weather permits. Use mosquito bed net, with open windows use screens.
- Reduce mosquitoes inside and outside your home, by removing standing water from containers around your household.
- Check travel advisory from the CDC web page prior to traveling.

Currently Kwajalein Hospital reports that there are no reports in the Marshall Islands of this virus. For complete travel detail restrictions please to go to the CDC website at: www.cdc.gov/zika

SMDC HOSTS CHANGE OF CHARTER

EXTERNAL REPORT

By Jason B. Cutshaw, Space and Missile Defense Command Public Affairs

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Alabama, Feb. 19, 2016 — The U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command celebrated a historic event as the command bestowed the authority of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, or TRADOC, Capability Managers on two colonels.

Col. Matthew Tedesco assumed responsibility as TRADOC Capability Manager, or TCM, for Global Ballistic Missile Defense, or GBMD, and Col. Christopher D. Baker assumed responsibility as TCM for Space and High Altitude, or SHA, during a ceremony Feb. 18.

TCM positions were chartered by TRADOC to coordinate with warfighting organizations to ensure equipment needs are met as well as ensure materiel needs and requirements are met.

James Johnson, USASMD/ARSTRAT Future Warfare Center director thanked the team for what they do on a daily basis and passed on what a general he worked for once told him, "Who you are is much more important than what you do."

"These two officers are two of the finest with whom I've had the privilege to serve," he said. "What you do is vitally important to the mission of this command and, frankly, to the Army as a whole."

Johnson talked about FWC's 2015 reorganization and how the TCM Space and Global Missile Defense split into TCM SHA and TCM GBMD.

"Above all, this change allows for greater attention and coverage and is especially important given the improvements in increased operational tempo of both mission areas," Johnson explained.

He said that their roles support TRADOC and perform the force modernization mission within approved TRADOC processes.

"Most of you know SMDC/ARSTRAT is the Army's force modernization proponent for space, high altitude and global missile defense," Johnson said. "We define and integrate solutions to improve the effectiveness of the Army's space and missile defense systems and processes, while also working to meet a long list of operational requirements.

"In their roles as TCMs, Col. Tedesco and Col. Baker maintain a number of unique and important responsibilities,"



The U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command separates its Training and Doctrine Command Capability Manager roles into two lines of effort in a Change of Charter at the command's Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, headquarters Feb. 18. Col. Matthew Tedesco, left, is the TCM for Global Ballistic Missile Defense, and Col. Christopher Baker, right, is the TCM for Space and High Altitude. James Johnson, director, Future Warfare Center, officiated the ceremony.

U.S. Army photo by Jason B. Cutshaw, SMDC Public Affairs

he added. "They are the primary user representatives and requirement document representatives to the Army research and development and acquisition communities for space, high altitude and missile defense requirements."

In 2015, SMDC identified a need to split the TCM position to identify and integrate solutions to support the TRADOC workforce in its modernization mission, Tedesco said.

"The threat is getting more robust and we have to decide what to do in the future," he said. "We do a lot of important efforts to support the Warfighter every day."

The TCM GBMD advocates for global missile defense-enabled capabilities to provide surveillance and warning systems that are developed and fielded to protect the U.S. and its coalition partners.

"TCMs will come and go. The most important thing today is to recognize the folks in the room," Tedesco added. "The most important thing about today is to recognize the team. There are a lot of people who work for the TCMs. There is a lot of great work being done by the Soldiers, by the staff, by the Department of the

Army civilians and by the contractors."

Baker made the point that even though TCMs are chartered by TRADOC, part of the command's goal was to be accepted by TRADOC and improve the Army's capabilities.

"We wanted to know if their team would accept us as we move forward, and nothing says acceptance like a tasker from [the TRADOC] three-star general," Baker said. "That tells me, and it should tell you, we are breaking down barriers and we are moving things forward in this community -- not only in TRADOC, but also in Army channels."

The TCM SHA is the single user representative and advocate for space- and high altitude-enabled capabilities. These capabilities and systems are operated in support of combined and joint military operations.

"This is a great opportunity to serve Soldiers; it really means a lot to me," Baker said. "As we move forward, we will continue to serve this command and our Soldiers very well. As we started this path there were some unknowns and I think that we have worked to solve those unknowns and deliver a quality product."

REBALANCE TO PACIFIC NEEDS TO CONTINUE, PACOM COMMANDER TELLS SENATE

EXTERNAL REPORT

By Jim Garamone, DoD News, Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23, 2016 — It is important for the U.S. military to continue its rebalance to the Asia-Pacific region, the commander of U.S. Pacific Command told the Senate Armed Services Committee today.

Navy Adm. Harry Harris Jr. noted that four of the five strategic problem sets that Defense Secretary Ash Carter has stressed -- China, North Korea, Russia and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant -- are in Pacom's area of operation.

"I'd say that we can't rebalance fast enough," Harris told the committee. "But there is more work to do, and we must not lose the momentum.

Asia-Pacific Regional Issues

The South China Sea is an international waterway that's vital to world trade, Harris said. Disputes between China and some other Asia-Pacific nations over ownership of some islands in the area, he said, threaten to disrupt that trade as well as regional peace.

Also, North Korea has been disturbing the peace with its nuclear program and effort to build ballistic missiles, Harris said. Earlier this month, Director of National Intelligence James Clapper said North Korea is the world's most unpredictable nuclear threat. Pacom is focused on the threat North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un poses, and Harris said he is working with regional allies to contain North Korea.

But other areas also concern the Pacom commander. Russia is "revitalizing its ability to execute long-range strategic patrols in the Pacific to include the basing of its newest strategic ballistic missile submarine," he said. The Russians have also increased bomber flights around Japan.

Terrorism also presents a threat in the region, as demonstrated by recent terrorist attacks in Bangladesh and Indonesia, Harris said. The attacks "underscore the fact that violent Islamic

extremism is a global concern that must be crushed," he added.

There have been changes in the region that will change the strategic landscape, Harris said. "We've continued to strengthen our alliances and partnerships," he told the senators. "Japan's peace and security legislation authorizing limited collective self-defense will take affect this year. This legislation and the revised guidelines for U.S.-Japan defense cooperation will significantly increase Japan's ability to work with us."

Important Relationships

The same is true with the U.S.-Philippines alliance, Harris said. The Philippines is a treaty ally of the United States, and in January the Philippine Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement between the two countries. This should provide significant partnership and access benefits, the admiral said.

Harris told the panel he is particularly pleased about the burgeoning U.S. relationship with India.

"As the world's two largest democracies, we are uniquely poised to help bring greater security and prosperity to the entire region," he said. "Two visionary policies are now coinciding as the United States rebalances west to the Indo-Asia-Pacific and India implements its Act East policy."

Harris also praised the close and continuing cooperation with Australia.

"I rely heavily on Australia, not only for its advanced military capabilities across all domains, but importantly for Australia's warfighting experience and leadership in operations around the world," he said.

Harris said that he needs continued investment in future capabilities.

"I need weapons systems of increased lethality that go faster, go further, and are more survivable," he said. "If funding uncertainties continues, the U.S. will experience reduced warfighting capabilities, so I urge Congress to repeal sequestration."

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Roman Rudnytsky returns

Piano masterclass session with Roman. 2 p.m., Monday, Feb. 29, at the High School Multi-Purpose Room. Hear a true virtuoso discuss his craft and the intricacies of piano performance. All musicians welcome. Open to all ages.

Performance. 6:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 29, at the High School Multi-Purpose Room. Sponsored by Quality of Life.

YYWC Silent Auction

7-10 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 28, at the High School Multi-Purpose Room.

Enjoy refreshments, cheese, both a silent and live auction and a basket raffle. It's a Venetian Masquerade theme this year, so bring your masks!

Tickets are \$20 each and include two adult beverages. Tickets available at the Mic Shop during regular hours or via Jenn Anderson. Call 51955. 100 percent of the event's proceeds go toward regional schools in Micronesia.

Kwaj basketball championships

Jr. High League: 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 1.

High School League: 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 2.

Adult League: 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 8.

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.

AAFES is looking for help to fill a regular/full-time office assistant and vending position. Work hours would run Tuesday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Please call AAFES Manager Holly Elliot at 53542 to set up an interview.

PATIO SALE

PCS sale. 4:30-7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 27, at Qrtrs. 137-A, Lagoon and Sunset Lane. Dishes, glasses, kitchen stuff, table-top electric grill, bakeware, clothes, shoes, bookcases, linens, dining set with four chairs, recliner, TV, computer monitor, tools, assorted household items. No early birds please.

Patio sale. 7 a.m.-1 p.m., March 5, at Qtrs. 136-E, in the back. Clothing, kitchen items, DVDs and more available.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Kwajalein Yacht Club will

hold its monthly meeting Saturday, Feb. 27, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Show up early to hang out with fellow KYC members before the meeting! All guests welcome. Questions? Email Ursula LaBrie at yeoman@kwajyachtclub.com.

Leap Year Birthday Bash. 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Ocean View Club. Calling all Leap Year babies and February birthdays! It's time to celebrate YOU with the musical sounds of RADAR LOVE! No admission, Leap Year drink specials. Must be 21 years or older to attend.

National Honor Society Star Wars-themed Coffee Shop pod tickets on sale Feb. 27-March 5 by the AAFES Shopette. Pods seat 10 people and cost \$100 each. Event takes place March 13 at 7 p.m. at the High School Multi-Purpose Room.

YYWC silent auction. Sunday, Feb. 28. Ticket sales: Mondays, 10 a.m.-noon at the Exchange, in the Mic Shop during business hours or through Jenn Anderson, at 51955. Enjoy refreshments, cheese, hors d'oeuvres and a night of bidding on unique items. 100 percent proceeds go to regional schools.

Walk the Rock registration is open March 1-19. Walk the Rock is a physical activity challenge with a goal of reaching 10,000 steps each day. Register as an individual, team or whole department! Challenge dates

run March 22-May2. Prizes will be awarded for the most steps achieved during the six weeks for groups and individuals. Receive a pedometer and log book when you register to help you track your steps. To register and ask questions, call Mandie Morris at 51275.

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday at the library. 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 4, at the Grace Sherwood Library. Enjoy readings of Dr. Seuss books, crafts and more!

The Optometrist, Dr. Chris Yamamoto, will be on Kwajalein to see patients on 4-15 Mar 2016. Please call the Hospital for an appointment at 52223/52224 for eye exams or ES&H at 58855 for prescription safety glasses.

Father/daughter Tea Party in Wonderland Dance. 4:30-7:30 p.m., Monday, March 7 at the High School Multi-Purpose Room. Dinner and refreshments provided. Questions? Call Alison Bowers at 59987.

Softball Open Play Clinic. 6 p.m., Friday, March 11, at Brandon Field. Come out and learn the basics of Kwaj softball. You may even find a team to play on! Questions? Call Derek Finch at 51275.

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Parish St. Patrick's Day fellowship meal. 11 a.m., Sunday, March 13, at the Religious Education Building. Chef Humber-

to Jones will be making magic with Irish stew, Irish Soda bread, salad, rice and desserts.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Religious Education Library.

All residents must obtain a building permit before constructing any fences or decks, erecting any gazebos/tarps or attaching any items to your quarters, including antennas. Please contact Raymond Sosnowski at 52049 to request a building permit or if you have any questions.

Energy conservation: It doesn't cost; it saves. Turn off printers when not in use. Turn off monitors when not in use. Ensure Energy Star power down features are activated. Ensure personal appliances, such as coffee pots and radios are turned off when not in use. In areas with sufficient daylight, turn off general lighting. Maintain sufficient lighting levels for safety. E-Talk: 1,500 people shopping weekly for 1 year could generate either 1,500 reusable bags or 78,000 one-time-use bags! Reduce waste and reuse!

Safely Speaking: To choose the proper lifting technique you should consider your flexibility, strength and the number of lifts being done. Some of the lifts that you may consider when lifting from the ground are: squat lift, stoop lift straight leg lift or golfers reach.

Captain Louis S. Zamperini Dining Facility

*MENU CURRENT AS OF FEB. 24

LUNCH						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	March 5
Roasted Chicken	Sauteed Boneless Chicken	Asian Chicken Sandwich	Grilled Tuna Sandwich	Beef Stroganoff	Coconut Bread	Spaghetti
Lemon Garlic Fish	Spinach Quiche	Oriental Pork Steak	Crispy Garlic Chicken	Chicken Caesar Wrap	Chicken Breast	Chicken Picatta
Southern Benedict	Spaghetti Casserole	Beef Broccoli Stir Fry	Chefs Choice Entree	Parslied Noodles	Fish Du Jour	Garlic Bread
DINNER						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	March 5
Ham Steak Hawaiian	Taco Bar	BBQ Chicken	Carved Steamship	Huli Huli Chicken	Salisbury Steak	Roasted Cornish Hens
Kwaj Fried Chicken	Beef or Chicken Tacos	Three Bean Chili	Baked Chicken	Sub Sandwich	Fish Du Jour	Shepards Pie
Mashed Potatoes	Refried Beans	Onion Rings	Roud of Beef	Augratin Potatoes	Parslied Potatoes	Three Cheese Macaron

Reservations must be made for Commercial Activities, classes, and parties at the Adult Pool. Reservations can be made by calling 5-2848 or emailing Cliff Pryor.



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

WEATHER

Courtesy of RTS Weather

Day	Sky	Rain	Winds
Sunday	Partly Sunny	10%	NE-ENE at 17-22 knots
Monday	Partly Sunny	<10%	NE-ENE at 18-23 knots
Tuesday	Partly Sunny	<10%	ENE at 16-21 knots
Wednesday	Partly Sunny	10%	NE-ENE at 16-21 knots
Thursday	Partly Sunny	10%	ENE at 15-20 knots
Friday	Partly Sunny	20%	NE-ENE at 16-21 knots

Yearly rainfall total: 2.44 inches

Yearly rainfall deviation: -4.30 inches

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

COMMANDER'S HOTLINE

HAVE SOMETHING THE USAG-KA COMMANDER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?

CALL THE COMMANDER'S HOTLINE AT 51098 TODAY!

THUMBS UP



Thumbs Up to the folks at Automotive for their great work, especially in keeping the Quality of Life vehicles clean, organized and available.

— Dan Eggars

Thumbs Up to the group exercise instructors who participated in teaching the Wellness Wednesday classes: Ona, Karen, Megan,

Alex and Shelbi. The Kwaj community loved experiencing the different classes and enjoyed the opportunity to learn about different ways to exercise. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

— Mandie Morris

Thumbs Up to Lou Velazquez for doing a great job at the print shop, dude!

— Jordan Vinson

SUN—MOON—TIDES

	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	LOW TIDE	HIGH TIDE
SUNDAY	7:04 a.m. 7 p.m.	11:08 p.m. 10:31 a.m.	12:48 a.m. -0.2' 1:03 p.m. 0.2'	6:58 a.m. 3.7' 7:05 p.m. 3.5'
MONDAY	7:03 a.m. 7 p.m.	11:55 p.m. 11:14 a.m.	1:13 a.m. 0.1' 1:36 p.m. 0.5'	7:28 a.m. 3.5' 7:33 p.m. 3.1'
TUESDAY	7:03 a.m. 7 p.m.	----- 11:58 a.m.	1:41 a.m. 0.4' 2:18 p.m. 0.9'	8:04 a.m. 3.2' 8:10 p.m. 2.6'
WEDNESDAY	7:02 a.m. 7 p.m.	12:43 a.m. 12:44 p.m.	2:19 a.m. 0.8' 3:32 p.m. 1.2'	8:59 a.m. 2.8' 9:19 p.m. 2.2'
THURSDAY	7:02 a.m. 7 p.m.	1:33 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	3:31 a.m. 1.2' 6:12 p.m. 1.3'	10:51 a.m. 2.7' -----
FRIDAY	7:01 a.m. 7p.m.	2:24 a.m. 2:25 p.m.	6:04 a.m. 1.2' 7:49 p.m. 0.8'	12:13 a.m. 2.1' 12:58 p.m. 2.9'
MARCH 5	7:01 a.m. 7 p.m.	3:16 a.m. 3:19 p.m.	7:37 a.m. 0.8' 8:37 p.m. 0.3'	1:50 a.m. 2.5' 2:04 p.m. 3.5'

Café Roi

*MENU CURRENT AS OF FEB. 24

LUNCH	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	March 5
	Roasted Cornish Hens	Roasted Pork Loin	Jamaican Patties	Monte Cristo Sandwich	Roast Beef	Salmon Casserole	Chicken Quesadillas
	Hamburger Steak	Grilled Chicken Strips	Roast Beef	Pork Chop	Roast Turkey	Cuban Sandwich	Beef Tacos
	Veggie Frittata	Southern Benedict	Corn on the Cob	Stir Fry Veggies	Mashed Potatoes	Potato O'Brien	Pinto Beef
DINNER	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	March 5
	Beef Enchilada	Chicken Sandwich	Kalua Pork	Steak Night	Fried Chicken	Fish & Chips	Ribs
	Chicken	Beef Straganoff	Baked Fish	Huli Huli Chicken	London Broil	Steak & Mushroom	Chicken
	Borrocho Beans	Tofu Stir Fry	Veggie Fried Fish	Corn on the Cob	Mashed Potatoes	Parsley Potatoes	Potato Wedges

USAG-KA SPORTS

BASKETBALL

RESULTS LAST WEEK

FEB. 16

NO GAMES DUE TO HOLIDAY

FEB. 17

Hoops! IDIA def. Island Splash	46-34
Hoopla def. Nothing But Net	47-45
Hoopless def. Spartans II	57-33
Mighty Durables def. Spartans	41-40

FEB. 18

Hoops! IDIA def Balls of Fury	55-28
Nothing But Net def Coral Dust	40-36
BrickDaddies def Faith	45-31
Magical Adventures def Outkasts	94-45

FEB. 19

Island Splast def. Balls of Fury	50-46
Coral Dust def. Hoopla	53-36
Magical Adventures def Spartans II	70-50
BrickDaddies def Faith	51-37

ADULT LEAGUE RECORDS

	<u>Win</u>	<u>Loss</u>
Hoopless	6	1
Magical Adventures	6	1
Spartans	4	3
Faith	4	3
Brick Daddies	4	3
Mighty Durables	2	4
Outkasts	1	6
Spartans II	0	7

HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE RECORDS

	<u>Win</u>	<u>Loss</u>
Hoops! I Did It Again	7	2
Balls of Fury	4	6
Island Splash	3	6

JR. HIGH LEAGUE RECORDS

	<u>Win</u>	<u>Loss</u>
Hoopla	8	2
Nothing But Net	5	5
Coral Dust	2	8

BOWLING

RESULTS LAST WEEK

FEB. 9

The Replacements def. Oily Balls	7-0
SSUFKYM def. El Dorado	7-0
YJGMdef. Split Happens	7-0

LEAGUE RECORDS

Split Happens	15-13
SSUFKYM	21-7
The Replacements	18-10
You Just Got Munsoned	16-12
Oily Balls	7-21
El Dorado	7-21

INNER TUBE WATER POLO

RESULTS LAST WEEK

FEB. 16

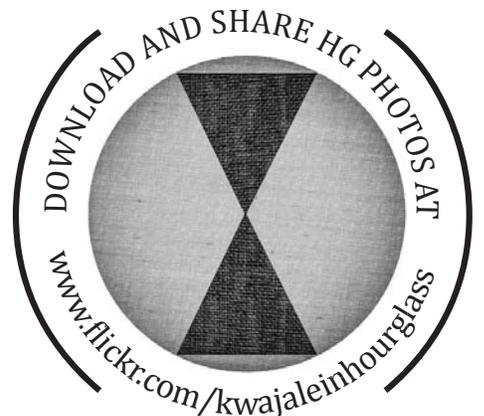
NO GAMES DUE TO HOLIDAY

FEB. 20

Spartans def. El Polo Loco	47-43
Chargoggog def. Zissou	62-33

LEAGUE RECORDS

	<u>Win</u>	<u>Loss</u>
Turbo Turtles	6	0
Spartans	5	2
Chargoggog	4	3
El Polo Loco	1	5
Zissou	0	6



VEHICLE MISUSE ON USAG-KA

THE NUMBER OF CASES OF INAPPROPRIATE VEHICLE USE HAS STEADILY INCREASED ACROSS THE GARRISON, and USAG-KA wants all personnel to be aware of the proper and legitimate use of vehicles to prevent waste of resources and abuse of privileges. Other than the QOL rental vehicles, all vehicles on USAG-KA are restricted to official use only. Use of work vehicles to travel between your home and place of employment, to transport non-personnel, to run personal errands, to pick up personal mail at the post office, to travel to retail establishments, dining facilities, the gym, the bank, or the food court is prohibited. Transportation of personnel or dependents to or from the airport is also prohibited, unless the traveler is on official business or is PCS'ing. Transporting alcohol in a work vehicle is also prohibited. Personnel who misuse vehicles may be subject to adverse personnel action by their employer or adverse administrative action by the Command.