Spartan Women's left fielder Charlotte Jack recovers a long shot from a Scrubs batter at Ragan Field during the 2016 Kwajalein Women's Softball Championship last week.

-- Jordan Vinson
Reagan Test Site Director Col. Christopher Brown flew in to Bucholz Army Airfield May 17 to recognize range leadership personnel who will soon finish their tours of service at Kwajalein Atoll in the coming weeks.

For RTS Range Director Lt. Col. Humberto Jones, who will soon PCS back to the United States, Brown’s visit from Redstone Arsenal, Alabama was a surprise, planned weeks in advance by Brown and his staff.

Awarding Jones the Meritorious Service Medal, the RTS director congratulated Jones and thanked him for his performance and leadership during his two-year tour on the range. He wished him luck during his next post as a staff member with the Army Chief of Staff’s office at the Pentagon.

“I expect great things out of this great American,” Brown said. “He’s done great things for everyone in this room. ... And he continues to do great things for the Army.”

Also receiving special recognition from Brown and senior range leaders were RTS Operations Non-commissioned Officer Master Sgt. Kenneth Green and RTS Test Support Engineer Henry McElreath, who will also depart Kwajalein Atoll in the coming weeks.

“Thank you for what you’ve done for the RTS team,” Jones told Green, who also received the Meritorious Service Medal for the work he’s done for RTS during the past two years. “I really appreciate everything that you’ve done.”

McElreath, who was the recipient of a letter of recognition and SMDC Technical Center coin, completed more than nine years of work at RTS this year and departs next month.

“Henry’s not really leaving us, but he’s leaving the island,” Brown said. “He’s something of an institution out here as a government civilian. ... He’s done a great job, and he’s going to continue to support us back in Huntsville.”

Brown and Jones spent several minutes highlighting the performance of the Kwajalein Atoll team and thanking the entire array of RTS staff—active duty Army, Army civil servants and contractors alike—for their work at making the test site what it is.

“I want to thank the entire team of this island for doing everything that’s happened under [Jones’] watch and [Green’s] watch and the rest of the team over the last two years plus,” Brown said. “It’s because of the team that’s out here, whether you’re contractor, garrison or range. It takes a team effort.”

RTS staff members Jim Cossey and Melissa Engelhard also received letters of recognition and Technical Center coins for their work. Put into motion by Jones and signed by RTS Technical Center Director Ray Deffata, the citations were awarded by Brown.

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THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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LARSEN BRIEFS HEINE ON STATE OF GARRISON

U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Command staff flew to Majuro May 12 to brief Republic of the Marshall Islands President Hilda Heine and her cabinet on the state of the garrison.

Col. Michael Larsen joined Command Sgt. Maj. Angela Rawlings, Deputy Garrison Commander Jenifer Peterson and U.S. Ambassador to the RMI Thomas Armbruster. Issues the group discussed covered: drought response and assistance from the United States, the Ri’kata students education program and considerations for possible changes to the policy regarding extending transients’ access to the garrison.

While in Majuro, the command team visited with Lt. Commander George McKenzie of the Australian Defence Force, who serves as the maritime surveillance advisor to the Marshall Islands. Before the team flew back to Kwajalein, they also met with managers of the Marshall Islands Marine Culture Farm and discussed the unique niche of a commercial clam farm in the island nation’s economy.

NOTICE ON DIESEL SPILL AT ROI-NAMUR POWER PLANT

On Friday, May 13, approximately 3,000 gallons of Diesel fuel were accidentally discharged from a loose flange on a pipeline during a fueling operation from a barge to the Roi-Namur Power Plant tank. The majority was contained immediately in the tank containment area, however, a portion of the fuel reached the Lagoon south of the Power Plant from the effluent pipeline of an oil/water separator, early in the morning on May 14. An aerial survey identified a light sheen in the water moving west toward the Fuel Pier. The sheen dissipated within hours. A ground survey was conducted along the southern shoreline from the Power Plant area to the end of the runway and no evidence of oil contamination was identified. There is no public health or environmental concern as a result of this incident. Notifications were made to the UES Agencies. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact KRS Environmental at 51134.

Ilo raan in Bolaide eo, 13 May, earwortarin 3,000 kalan in kaan Tijel elar lutok Jen juan ian baib ko, ken wot an ebulol jikuru eo ej drebij/kanek baib ko ibben dron ilo tore eo baaj eo ej tein lok kaan Power Plant eo ilo Roi-Namur. Elap ijo rar maronin contain/bobrae ilo melan ak ijo taan ko rej bed ie, ijo ko, jirik in toorlakin ear tobar lojet, iar in Power Plant, jibonnin 14 May. Wewein etale ko ar komman ion mejatoto im rar elolo jirik erabolbol ion lojet rilik im etal lak wot nan Fuel Pier. Erabolbol in fuel in ion lojet ar jako lak jet awa jen ien eo. Wewein etale ko rar komman ion ane jen turok, iar in Power Plant lak nan jemlak in runway en, turllik in airport en im ejolok kei komool (evidence) ke ekkar lon erabolbol in oil ion lojet. Ejjelok menin inebata nan ejmoum in melan ak jukjuk in bed eo jen wewein in ekar walok. Emoj karon/kojjelaik UES Agency ko. Elane elon am kajitok ak abnomo, jouj im kebaak KRS Environmental ilo 51134.

THUMBS UP

Thumbs Up goes to the crews who recently cleaned up and painted the exterior of the Reef BQ.

— Bennie Smith

Thumbs Up to the Post Office staff for putting in a new turning knob for the mail box. Works so much better.

— Nata Lescalette

Want to thank an awesome community member here? Send an email to the Hourglass at usarmy.bucholz.311-sig-cmd.mbx.hourglass@mail.mil

The Kwajalein Hourglass
If there's one aspect of life on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll that binds nearly every resident together, it is the ubiquitous presence of the bicycle and its use as the primary mode of transportation throughout the communities of Kwajalein and Roi-Namur. No matter residents' interests, beliefs, cliques or professions, if they're not working or walking, if they want to get somewhere, they nudge back their rickety kick stands and pedal onward.

In lieu of personal motor vehicles, many residents have given their bicycles the type of care some would associate with car or truck ownership. Take a quick look around, and you'll see bicycles and trikes in all shapes, sizes, colors and designs. From recumbents, unicycles and choppers to modified Sun bikes with high-rise handlebars and slick paint jobs, the fleet of modified—and prided—rides in the communities of Kwaj and Roi are proof of one of the strongest bicycle cultures in American society. No overstatement there.

In honor of National Bike Month, which is celebrated each year in communities throughout the United States each May, we feature portraits of USAG-KA folks and their trusty rides.
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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Roi rat Jerry Baxter stops for a photo at the Japanese WWII ruins at the north end of Roi. Unicyclist Sam Engelhard pedals his one-wheeler through the back alleys of Kwaj. Rick Broomell, left, and Alex Divinsky sport their Kwaj cruisers on an ocean-side reef during low tide. Doug Hepler scoots by on his custom-built “Franken-bike,” which he calls the red car.
WOMEN’S LEAGUE CHAMPS CROWNED

**HOURGLASS REPORT**

**Scrubs defeated the Spartan Women squad** 9-5 in the 2016 Kwajalein Women’s Softball League Championship Tuesday, May 10, at Ragan Field. First-seed Scrubs dominated the high school ladies in runs in the early innings, securing a large enough insurance package to ward off a counter-attack from the Spartan Women in the match’s latter innings. Both the Scrubs and the Spartans Women teams finished the season with a record of 7-2.

1) Scrubs team members celebrate their May 10 victory against the Spartan Women, clinching their first-place spot in the 2016 Kwajalein Women’s Softball Championship.
2) Spartan Women’s Dayna Hepler zeros in on a pitch from the Scrubs opposition.
3) Scrubs’ Brittany Nichols comes in from left field.
4) Irene Lokeijak rocks a line drive into the outfield.
5) A Scrubs slugger bats against Spartan Women’s pitcher Dayna Hepler.
6) Janalynn Reimers takes her turn at bat.
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2016 SPRING CRAFT FAIR

CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT 1) Kwajalein resident Todd Lewis mans his table of crafts during the 2016 Spring Arts and Crafts Fair at the KHS Multi-Purpose Room May 16. 2) Kwajalein Arts Guild President Jenny Schwartz sells art supplies to fair visitors. 3) Nikki Maxwell shows off some of her hand-made jewelry to shoppers. 4) Kathy Cleland peruses the photo exhibit during the fair. Hundreds of photos were entered into the exhibit by Kwajalein and Roi residents. The top winners in each of the exhibit’s categories, ranging from nature photography to Marshallese culture, will go on to grace the 2017 photo calendar later this year.
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cial Company’s Economic Survey
of Micronesia, Report No. 9,
Honolulu, 1946), the great
chief Kaibuki succeeded his
uncles Lailju and Langini as
high chief in the Ralik chain
of the Marshalls in about 1845.
During his reign he brought
all of the atolls in the chain
under his control, uniting
them for the first time. With
unlimited power, it was easy
for him to gain the reputa-
tion of a tyrant, especially
in his later years. And, absence
did not make the heart grow
fonder, for he was remem-
bered with fear even long af-
ter his death in 1870.

He reportedly returned as
a dread anij, or specter, seen
by Loeak who was ill for some
time afterward.

Loeak was one of two neph-
ews of Kaibuki’s who succeed-
ed him as high chiefs in Ralik.
The other nephew was Kabua.

In Western relationship terms,
Kabua was the son of Kaibuki’s
half-sister Libokeang, while Loeak was the son of the
half-sister Loj. Both Loj and
Libokeang were daughters by
another husband of Kaibuki’s
mother.

Control of Ralik lands thus
remained with two branches
of a single extended family
of one clan, but Kabua and Loeak
engaged in a power struggle
which lasted for many years.

Their natural rivalry was
complicated by the inϐluences
of foreigners, first of all by the
mission. As old spiritual be-
liefs were questioned, a subtle
undermining of traditional
authority occurred. Implicit
in the mission criticism of old
 customs was criticism of the
entire social structure – head-
ed, of course, by chiefs. Obey-
ing the rules of church mem-
bership sometimes conϐlicted
with honoring customary du-
ties toward the chiefs.

In June 1876, Kabua arrived
at Ebon with a fleet of 17 ca-
noes and a large retinue. Many
of his subjects were nervous,
believing that he had come to
punish them for neglecting old
customs, and some of them
switched their allegiance to
other chiefs, perhaps to Loeak,
hoping for protection.

Kabua made a speech in
which he gave assurances that
he did not seek vengeance on
his subjects. However, the mis-
sionaries never felt that they
had his wholehearted sup-
port, either.

In August 1877, the atmo-
sphere was still charged, and
politics was a far more imme-
diate and consuming interest
among the islanders than was
religion, as Mr. Whitney re-
ported from Ebon.

“The war which threatened
us is still in the future, and
as time goes by we are more
and more settled in the con-
viction that there will be no
fighting. But we do not feel
secure, as yet, for these chiefs
are ever ready to do anything,
and are in no degree favorably
disposed towards us and our
work. Still, they do not oppose
us, and their influence is not so
powerful as to make it a matter
of policy with them to attempt
the reestablishment of hea-
then worship. The inϐluence of
the hostilities has been to draw
away from the church many of
those we relied upon most.”

A couple of months later
he reported from Ebon that,
although “much bluster, and
preparation for fighting, both
at Ebon and Jaluit” was in
evidence, the winds from the
west had been so strong that
a war fleet from Jaluit would
have had little chance of mak-
ning the passage.

By now, German traders
had arrived in some force in
the southern Marshalls, and
their influence was to be more
direct. They attempted to rec-
oncile warring chiefs on Arno
and Majuro – where similar
troubles were apparent – and
probably did the same at Jaluit
and Ebon, but, the action they
took in 1878 really provided
the spark. They recognized
Kabua as the paramount chief
of Ralik, and they signed an
agreement with him which
gave their traders favored sta-
tus and the German navy use
of Jaluit harbor.

Loeak was enraged at the
snub. Augustus Kramer states

left: (Iroijlaplap Kabua) Kabua is called “king” in this late 19th century German photo.

LEFT: (Iroijlaplap) Loeak is given no title in this late 19th cen-
tury German photo. RIGHT: (Iroijlaplap Kabua) Kabua is called “king” in this late 19th century German photograph.
Soldiers of Alpha Company, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, 100th Missile Defense Brigade (Ground-Based Midcourse Defense), Alaska National Guard roll through the simulated village as a squad responding a disturbance at village’s school. Observer controller, Sgt. Andrzej Haig, from the 193rd MP Battalion, Colorado National Guard, looks on during the exercise scenario at the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility near Fort Greely, Alaska, April 19 during the annual assessment exercise Guardian Strike/Global Lightening 16.

2016 GMD MISSILE DEFENSE EXERCISE LARGEST EVER

By Staff Sgt Benjamin Crane and Capt. Ronald Bailey, 100th Missile Defense Brigade, Space and Missile Defense Command

FORT GREELY, ALASKA, May 16, 2016
— For Soldiers here, quality training makes perfect, and they demonstrated that perfection during their recent exercise here April 19-26.

For the second time in as many months, Soldiers of Alpha Company, Military Police, 49th Missile Defense Battalion and their headquarters geared up for a major exercise. This time they were evaluated by the 100th Missile Defense Brigade (Ground-based Midcourse Defense) during Guardian Strike/Global Lightening 2016.

To better assess individual, team and squad proficiency prior to the battalion-level assessment, the 100th Missile Defense Brigade split the exercise into two distinct phases. The first phase, designated Guardian Strike, consisted of a four-day military police training evaluation held at Fort Wainwright’s Combined Arms Collective Training Facility, or CACTF, a mock town near Fort Greely. There, A Company MPs performed and were evaluated on individual Soldier and collective tasks including less-than-lethal tactics, casualty care and evacuation, escalation of force, and doctrinal Rules of Use of Force under the supervision of the brigade.

During this same time period brigade personnel also began a series of lower-level assessments on the battalion and A Company at Fort Greely’s Missile Defense Complex before the initiation of the second phase of the exercise: U.S. Strategic Command’s Tier-1 level exercise Global Lightning.

Understanding the complexity and scale necessary to execute simultaneous assessments during both phases, the brigade leveraged expertise and support from Soldiers of the Colorado Army National Guard’s Centennial Training Center. Additional evaluation and “role player” support came from COARNG’s 193rd Military Police Battalion, Alaska Army National Guard’s 297th Military Police Battalion, and the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command’s staff judge advocate office.

“Being able to experience the scenarios from the opponent’s perspective taught me about the varying situations that we as MPs are placed in,” said Spc. Caleb Schneck, 297th Military Police Battalion Alaska National Guard. “I learned a good deal of the importance of communication and preparation, as well as the importance of keeping up-to-date with common MP skills such as handcuffing, searching and understanding the rules of engagement.”

In all, some 35 Soldiers and contractor support personnel from Alaska and Colorado proved vital in the execution of the exercise. The training not only offered the MPs from Fort Greely a chance to sharpen their skills and learn from other MPs, but it allowed them to meet other MPs from the two states and share their thoughts and ideas about different tactics, techniques and procedures.

“I learned several techniques for enhancing my own unit’s training, and many of A Company’s processes for conducting battle drills internally will be reviewed here in my own unit,” said Sgt. 1st Class Bradley Tune, Opposing Forces noncommissioned officer in charge, 220th Military Police Company, 193rd Military Police Battalion, Colorado National Guard. “Their unique mission set of law enforcement and combat support at the same time fits well with what we try to do at the 220th.”

The exercise shifted from Guardian Strike’s focus primarily on doctrinal individual and collective MP tasks to that of A Company and the 49th Missile Defense Battalion’s mission essential task of Ballistic Missile Defense—Critical Site Security at Fort Greely’s MDC.

This phase saw a continuation of many of the tasks from Guardian Strike, but added additional elements of mission command, validation of tactical standard operating procedures, battle drills, headquarters battery support tasks, hybrid threats that reinforced their Rules of Use of Force and evaluation of battalion staff and operation centers. Not only did these additional elements play a role in the Global Lightning phase, the simulated threats the battalion faced became more complex in an operational environment with a dynamic and hybrid threat.

“This year’s exercise was more goal-oriented toward our own battle drills — SEE “GMD,” PAGE 12
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Rock and Bowl. 6-9:45 p.m., Saturday, May 21, at the Kwajalein Bowling Alley. Bring your own beverages and enjoy the best music of the 80’s and 90’s. $2 for shoes, $2 per game. Adults only, please.

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**HERO OF THE WEEK**

SAG-KA’s Hero of the Week is Roi-Namur resident Carol Golby-Saunders. Carol is the kind of person you want as a friend. She is quick to smile and laugh. Quicker yet to lend a hand. She is one of the hardest working people we have on the island. She manages the water treatment plant single-handedly. She never seems to slow down. You can see her in the morning mucking out the lens wells with a shovel and wheel barrel, wearing knee-high rubber boots. Or a chemical suit and mask handling the chemicals to treat the water. Seeing her doing that will help you not complain about your job. She is married to David Saunders, and they can often be seen out exercising or diving.

*Hero of the week text by Craig Fochtman

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**COMMANDER’S HOTLINE**

**HAVE SOMETHING THE USAG-KA COMMANDER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?**

**CALL THE COMMANDER’S HOTLINE AT 51098 TO DAY!**

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**LUNCH**

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**Café Roi**

*MENU CURRENT AS OF MAY 20*

- Thursday: Roast Beef Sandwich
- Friday: Salmon Cakes
- May 28: Kalua Pork

- Thursday: Roasted Turkey Stuffing
- Friday: Cuban Sandwich
- May 28: Fish Sandwich

- Thursday: Fried Chicken
- Friday: Potatoes O’Brian
- May 28: Chicken Chili

- Friday: London Broil
- Friday: Tater Tots

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The Kwajalein Hourglass
center for trade in the southern Ralik, increasing the importance of its land. Here was the tract which Kabua had sold to the Negro trader "Black Tom," and it was that tract which Loeak said was his.

In May 1880, Loeak withdrew with his followers to another island of the atoll and prepared to attack Kabua.

On Jabor, Kabua also prepared. European clothing disappeared as the excitement increased. Guns were bought on credit, probably from the German traders. Kabua led his men in an armed drill on the beach. Seated dances were performed.

On Palm Sunday, the third day after his withdrawal, Loeak reappeared, and he and his army brought by a fleet of 20 large canoes which sailed in a long column toward Jabor. They landed at the north end of the island. Loeak had 150 people with him, according to Kramer, "women included."

Kabua, however, honored local custom, refusing to attack Loeak until his own district had been invaded. "With remarkable dispatch, however," says Kramer, "there was erected a redoubt of coral stones, four to five feet high, and of the same width, over the whole width of the island, which at this spot was only a few hundred feet, for these earthworks appear to play a special role in the conduct of war by the Marshall Islanders."

Kabua had men hidden in the bush, ready to signal when Loeak reached a point where he could honorably be attacked. Kabua’s army was mustered and ready – 85 warriors, including “graybeards, cripples and boys.” Kabua signaled the attack and all “valorously advanced against the foe, armed with Spencer rifle and lance.”

Women went too, with provisions, coconuts, throwing stones and a supply of the American patent medicine called “Painkiller.”

Although sentries were posted, Loeak’s men were allowed to pass safely by to visit wives or traders. During the evening hours there was some shooting, and a good deal of drumming and singing by the women.

Peace was finally made by the exhausted warriors when supplies of provisions and ammunition ran out. No one appeared to have been wounded.

On this occasion, Kabua once again took possession of the disputed land, and Loeak retired to another island. Hostilities apparently moved later to Rongerik and Rongelap, belonging respectively to Kabua and Loeak. There were no firearms available there and “several appear to have fallen.”

Kramer believed that the firearms made the Marshallese far more cautious than they had formerly been when old weapons were used. Throwing spears and rocks could be used with damaging accuracy by the Marshall Islanders, and another favorite weapon was the whale spade, the razor-sharp cutting tool which had been pilfered as chances allowed over the years from passing whale ships.

Eventually, Loeak gained control of Jabor and held it for some time, although missionaries at Jaluit continued to report threats of war. Not until Loeak’s health failed did his cousin Kabua return to the atoll from Ailinglablab, the traditional seat of power in the Raliks, were he had bided his time.

Loeak apparently died by 1900 and Kabua died in 1910.