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Message from Project Manager, Wayne White

Hello Folks, One of the most enjoyable things I do is my daily drive around the island to see what is going on. Many of the photos that are taken for the Defender are taken at that time. It's great getting to talk to you and see some of the projects you are working on. One thing that is absolutely obvious to me is that we have the most talented and resourceful workforce I have ever had the pleasure to be involved with. On top of that we have the friendliest and I hope the happiest group, too. A look at the photos in this issue and I think you will agree.

I know most of you are concerned about our future and I promise you that I will do everything I can to keep this project on a positive path. In order to do that I need your help and ask that you continue to perform your duties with professionalism, pride and safety.

I wish to say thank you to Andrea Clemens for all she has done for us. Andrea's smile and positive energy was a great addition to the Project Management office. The sun will dim a bit over the island after her departure.

If you would like to receive a pdf copy of the newsletter, please send an email to: melissa.white@wakeisland.net or bring your thumbdrive to the CE office. You can also see this and most of the past issues of The Defender on the Sharepoint.

Good Luck Andrea. We will miss you.

After two years on Wake Island, Miss Andrea is leaving us this week. The good news is that she has been a dedicated employee, worked hard, learned a lot and as a result she was able to use her Administrative and Human Resources experience here, in combination with her degree from University of Alaska at Fairbanks to move up to a more challenging position that is closer to home and her family.

Both she and the PM were hired at the same time so they have become good friends and come to depend on each other during their time here. Wayne says, "Andrea always worked hard and understands the importance of a positive attitude."

Andrea has been responsible for many island administrative duties from maintaining employee files, in-processing of new employees and conducting various annual training. Her work included very sensitive information and one of Andrea's many strong points is her adherence to confidentiality. A major feat on an island like this!!



We will miss Andrea. AND...the PM is finally left with no choice but to learn how use that darn fax machine by himself! ☺

Welcome back! Wilai, Wattana and Prasert Daijew. We hope you had a nice vacation.

Bon Voyage Chaiyo Susaeng for vacation. Goodbye and good luck to Ken Miller and Bob Beard.

And, Andrea...we are sure going to miss you! Good luck at your new job and thank you for two years of dedication to keeping track of us and keeping us organized!

Shout outs:

Anyone for tennis? We have a few people who play and our new Water Plant Operator Randy Black Cloud plays so let him know if you're interested.

Thursday May 12th was **International Nurses Day** so a shout out to our own Angel of Mercy, Sandy Patel, R.N. Thank you for taking care of us. And a woefully belated **Happy Doctor's Day** to our Doc Zerby. Quite honestly, we didn't know these days existed but now that we do, let's take the opportunity to say thank you to our dedicated medical staff.

Dean Snelson, Jeff Gehlke, Hutch, Pete, Soni, the Navy pilots (I know I'm leaving people out –SORRY!)but we want to say THANK YOU to all who helped us get the 18,000 lbs of items to restock our store. Now we have some soap, laundry detergent AND some sodas and beer that we can buy at reasonable prices. We still have to conserve but at least we can buy the basics necessities (and some Diet Coke) **THANK YOU!!!!**

All Hands Meeting – May



This was a special All-Hands meeting for several reasons. Environmental Manager, Dominic Leffler gave a presentation about the Wake Island Wildlife and Cultural Program. He did this last year but we have had turnover and we need to ensure that all people are aware of these rules and that we all comply.

Then we heard our Marina Lead, Thavorn speak about safety at the marina. It was the same presentation he gave for the

Safety Committee and the PM saw that it was good information from an employee who takes seriously his responsibilities at the marina and he asked Tomb to share this with all the employees.

Andrea Clemens was awarded the Air Force Work Horse Award and coin by our commander, Major Wilt. As the major said, some people work quietly behind the scenes and, while their contribution is big, often it doesn't make the headlines. So the detachment wanted to award someone without whose support we could not function.



More All Hands...



There were lots Employee of the Month nominations: Veerasak Udhachon, Apichit Sereesawad, Pramote Mudchiew, Dhanan Tasanapolpinit, Udorn Sriwongrat, Thong Chanboon, Supit Sripart, Surin Chaya, Thanalak Tangchadakorn, Chaiyo Sussaeng, Sunthon Kladcharoen, Adisak Chaiyosang, Phanom Na Roi-Et, Prasert Watthalo, Wattana Kongsankum, Manun Suwannasaeng, Suttipong Wuttisarn, Serm Jaikla, Laor Tiaeglap, Sandy Patel, Sawai Lakbantat, Rich Skove and Rockin Johnny Chism.

Also recognized were Suwit Viengpati, Somwang, Sakol and Melissa who all passed the EPA 608 test for Refrigeration Technicians. (No small feat, I might add!)



CE Manager Rick Noggle' s pilot program for fuel conservation is underway and looks very promising. The cooperative effort of island residents has been outstanding. Every night, in addition to turning off all the lights in our workplaces, we have been turning off all the air conditioning in areas where it isn't absolutely essential. Rick continues to monitor this daily and looks forward to reporting some solid numbers soon which will accurately reflect the savings. He would not be able to do this study without everyone's help so—THANK YOU!

Power Plant Superintendent Larry McKean, reports that he can already see the difference in the load on the generators. Larry is very optimistic about the potential savings.

Also, as Rick mentioned at the last managers meeting, if you have any concerns or questions, please give him a call. Also, if you have any trouble when you turn on your A/C units in the morning, call the CE office right away and we will give that priority.



At the Zerby's Going Away Party

Although, they are still here for a few more weeks at least, Jerry organized a nice farewell dinner for Doc and Sandy last weekend at the A/C Beach House. Many people contributed their fresh authentic Thai specialties and the turnout was fantastic. It was a beautiful evening with a lovely breeze off the lagoon and we enjoyed getting together to relax and enjoy the evening.

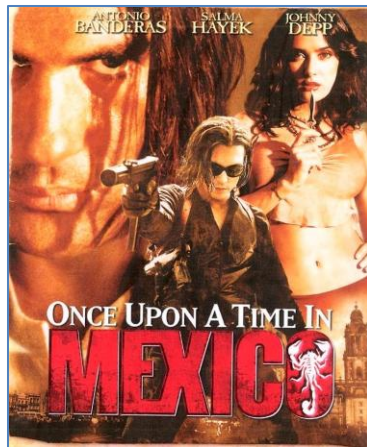


Check this out: Rick Abelleira from Environmental made it. It's a pdf file that you can find on the **Sharepoint**. Click on the *Environmental* tab under *Shared Documents*. Then when you click on the blue "Read" or "See" boxes, it takes you to photos and detailed information about all the birds on the island. Rick has done a great job of organizing all this information, not just for us but for and the Fish & Wildlife personnel that come to the island for various projects. Well done, Rick!

Common Birds of Wake Atoll													
Article	PHOTOS	FAMILY		COMMON NAME	GENUS	SPECIES	Article	PHOTOS	FAMILY		COMMON NAME	GENUS	SPECIES
Diomedaeidae							Laridae						
READ	SEE	Laysan Albatross		Phosbastria immutabilis			READ	SEE	Black Noddy		Anous minutus		
READ	SEE	Black-footed Albatross		Phoebastria nigripes			READ	SEE	Brown Noddy		Anous stolidus		
Procellariidae							Gygys alba						
READ	SEE	Wedge-tailed Shearwater		Puffinus pacificus			READ	SEE	White Tern		Gygys alba		
READ	SEE	Christmas Shearwater		Puffinus nativitatus			READ	SEE	Sooty Tern		Sterna fuscata		
Fregatidae							Sterna lunata						
READ	SEE	Great Frigatebird		Fregeta minor			READ	SEE	Grey-backed Tern		Sterna lunata		
Phaethontidae							Charadriidae						
READ	SEE	White-tailed Tropicbird		Phaethon lepturus			READ	SEE	Pacific Golden Plover		Pluvialis fulva		
READ	SEE	Red-tailed Tropicbird		Phaethon aethereus			Scolopacidae						
Sulidae							READ	SEE	Ruddy Turnstone		Arenaria interpres		
READ	SEE	Masked Booby		Sula dactylatra			READ	SEE	Wandering Tattler		Heteroscelus incanus		
READ	SEE	Brown Booby		Sula leucogaster			READ	SEE	Grey-tailed Tattler		Heteroscelus brevipes		
READ	SEE	Red-footed Booby		Sula sula			READ	SEE	Sanderling		Calidris alba		
							READ	SEE	Dunlin		Calidris alpina		
							READ	SEE	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper		Calidris acuminata		
							READ	SEE	Bristle-thighed Curlew		Numenius tahitiensis		

The Wake Island Open Air Theater

Join the *Wake Island Music Club Entertainment*™ team as it brings to Wake Island the latest releases, classics from the golden age of spaghetti westerns and much *much* more! Join Decha and his friends most Saturday nights outside Building 1117 – FREE ADMISSION ---you can't beat that!!



Classic Professional Wrestling



on THE KWAKE 104.5 FM

The sinister one, **Lord Zoltan** from "Parts Unknown" came through for Deaf Wrestling and gave us the inside scoop in an exclusive **LIVE** radio broadcast! We got the story on the charity events close to his heart, his opinions on the current path of professional wrestling as well as his

speculation as to *Where in the World is Dink the Midget*

Wrestling Clown? Tune in to The KWAKE 104.5 each every Friday night at 7:00 for the latest in Classic Professional Wrestling news LIVE with Promoter Bob Brooks & faithful sidekick Melissa (You GO Girl!)



Here's Larry and his peeps hangin' at Drifters. Mikey Mach II, Randy Black Cloud, Larry and Ken. Photo by Rick Abelleira.

We work hard out here, but we want you to take some time on the weekends to chill out with your friends.

Remember: **All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy!!!**

Fire Extinguisher Training

Most of us attended the annual fire extinguisher training held by the fire department a couple of months ago. Still the Wake Island Fire Department holds smaller training sessions periodically for people who, for one reason or another, were not able to attend the annual training and for new hires and visitors.

Last week they had a training session for our Shaw friends and our recently hired employees and The Wake Island Defender's photographer, Doc Pian was on the scene to capture the moment:



Our Wake Island Fire Department is:

Chief Brooks

Capt Sawengsak Dechalert

Capt Worapot Sookaswet

Laor Tiaeglap

Suttipong Wuttisarn

Serm Jaikla

We can't say enough good things about this department. They are small, but mighty! The department focuses their efforts on fire *prevention* and you will see these guys all over the island doing their regular checks on the fire extinguishers, water pumps and fire suppression systems.

Additionally, they maintain their own building and grounds including all mowing, cleaning and weeding AND Serm takes care of the grounds around the golf club house as well.

Chief Brooks is very active in island activities including but not limited to his two radio shows on 104.5 FM, the KWAKE- Classic Professional Wrestling and Public Enemy Number One.

This is one of the most physically fit departments on the island, too. Serm Jaikla is a former Thai Navy Seal and you will often see these guys in the gym and out running. Capt Sawengsak was one of the first to complete the recent Rat Race 5K.

We are very proud of our Fire Department. They do a great job for the island and their dedication to duty and to public safety is second to none!

Work around the island:



Hutch filling up on JP-5, Krisna up in the bucket truck with Vichai keeping watch, Wisit – he’s quiet but he’s always working! Rich Skove managed to repair the little A/C unit in the old radio room at 1502. Not sure how he did it, but it’s nice to think that now, in addition to keeping the computers cool, it now also picks up radio signals. The Preechas had to tear into a wall to do some repairs downstairs at the terminal and----HAPPY BIRTHDAY WORAPOT! Worapot spent his 46th birthday being loaned out to help on the airfield. Thanks Worapot and we hope you had a nice day out with Pete and the Traffic crew. Thanks for your help out there.



Fire Fighters Laor and Serm doing one of their routine checks on the fire pump by the Barber Shop. Operations Manager David Goldberg showing the PM the finer points BASH hazing. EPA Certified Somwang working on an A/C unit. Not long after repairing the A/C, Rich Skove was back working on the internet with our new Mikey Mach II. Larry at the Supply Warehouse with Therdsak picking up filters for the Power Plant and.... there's Prasert checking out one of the boilers at the Dining Facility.

All you guys are ***awesome*** - - You're doing a great job and we notice it.

Featured Employee: **Prachit Thong-Udom**, LFM Lead



The distinguished looking and hard working Mr. Prachit, or “LFM Prachit” or “Singto” as he is sometimes known, is a key member and leader in the Wake Island community. Prachit has a real can-do attitude and takes the lead in getting work done for the Liquid Fuels Maintenance team.

One thing that sets Prachit apart is his participation in a wide variety of island activities. Prachit was selected by the PM to be a member of the Wake Island Safety Committee because of his willingness to speak up, ask questions and pass on information to his fellow workers at the weekly safety meetings.

Some of his after-hours activities include playing chess, BINGO and the famous Rat Hunts where he managed to catch rats using a fishing pole and coconut bait! He ran the Rat Race 5K and plays the long drums at island festivals and holidays.

We love Prachit, not only for his work ethic and his island leadership but also because of his winning smile and open, friendly attitude. He is an exemplary island citizen and a friend to all.

Prachit Thong-Udom – We dig what you do!!!



Here's Prachit relaxing on a weekend playing chess with Sakchai Zero. After a Safety Committee Meeting, Prachit addresses the CE Department to explain what was discussed at the meeting so everyone is accurately informed. At the Rat Apocalypse he showed up, not with a pellet rifle or sling shot, but with a *fishing pole* and coconut bait. And on the morning of January 1st, he was out on the beach with some fellow Buddhists welcoming the new year with prayers and contemplation. Prachit is certainly a well-rounded individual!

Weekend Activities on Wake Island



The boys did some fishing this weekend: John Staton, Rich Skove, (another friend, I don't know who you are so you'll have to identify yourself!!), Rockin' Johnny Chism, John Solane and Randy Black Cloud went on Sunday and another group went on Monday. While we don't have photos of the fish they caught, we understand that they did have some moderate success and, more importantly, had a chance to get out and have some fun.

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We wish all our Buddhist residents a happy Visakha Puja Celebration. The full moon day of the sixth lunar month of each year has been recognized by Buddhists for over two thousand years. They celebrate the birth of Buddha, the day he became the awakened one and the day he passed away. Remember, Sawai met his wife at a Visakha Puja Ceremony. It's a good place to go.



BINGO winners

1st game Watcharakhorn \$60
2nd game Larry McKean \$85
3rd game Doc Zerby \$110
4th game Se \$235

Other prizes included:

Bikes
Phone cards
Fishing pole
Blender
Snorkel set
Digital camera
Camcorder

All kinds of great stuff so, come on out for BINGO and win BIG!



It was the first BINGO night we've had in awhile and we had a nice crowd at Drifters for the games and prizes. Mickey hosted the games with the assistance of Soni and Chief Brooks

A good time was had by all, especially the winners! Here's Se and Doc Zerby who appears to be especially thrilled. Thanks to all who came out for the fun.