USAKA/RTS Commander Col. Joseph Gaines administers the oath of office to Lt. Col. Travis Cornett after he was promoted Tuesday. Cornett’s wife Cathy and daughter Logan look on. For more, see page 3.

Photo by Sheila Gideon
USCGC Jarvis resupplies, takes liberty at Kwajalein

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Jarvis made a pit stop at U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll to resupply, refuel, and to the pleasure of the 170 crew members aboard, get some much-needed liberty time on land. Jarvis arrived at Kwajalein Wednesday. The crew spent most of the day restocking the ship’s supply, which included 5,000 pounds of food. Refueling is also essential.

Jarvis Captain Webster Balding said Kwajalein is a critical location for resupply and refueling quickly. The large ship can refuel here in just a few hours compared to over 12 at some ports. What he appreciates more, however, is to be able to come to Kwajalein, kick back and relax for a few hours.

The crew held a Hail and Farewell celebration at the Vet’s Hall Wednesday night. Over 50 crew members, one-third of their total ship staff, will be moving on to different assignments. Chief Officer Brad Stevens is actually retiring after 24 years of sea time. Balding is also leaving for staff duty in Virginia.

Jarvis is finishing a 3-month patrol loop from Honolulu to the Marshall Islands, Guam, Palau, back to Guam, Nauru Island, Kwajalein and then finally back to home port in Hawaii.

Notice of Availability
USAKA Draft Removal Action Memorandum for Kwajalein Tank Farm Site and Roi Power Plant Site

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The U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll Environmental Standards require proposed removal activities be described in a Removal Action Memorandum. The Standards also provide regulatory agencies and the public opportunities to review and comment on a Draft RAM.

The Draft RAM for the Kwajalein Tank Farm Site and Roi Power Plant Site, April 2012, provides a summary of information related to the proposed time-critical removals at these sites. The actions are the next step in USAKA's Installation Restoration Program to clean up soil and groundwater contamination from fuel spills at the Kwajalein Tank Farm Site and Roi Power Plant Site.

The public is invited to review and comment on this Draft RAM document. Copies of the Draft RAM and the USAKA Environmental Standards are available for review at the RMI EPA Offices on Majuro, the Grace Sherwood Library on Kwajalein and the Roi-Namur Library. Computer users with internet access can view this information at the USAKA IRP website, www.usakacleanup.info.

Questions regarding the Draft RAM document can be directed to: Anthony Hoover, USAKA environmental engineer, at 55449.

Written comments can be placed in comment boxes located at the RMI EPA Office in Majuro, the Grace Sherwood Library or the Roi-Namur Library; through the www.usakacleanup.info comment portal for the Kwajalein Tank Farm or Roi Power Plant RAM; e-mailed to comments@usakacleanup.info or mailed to Sivuniq, Inc., Attn: Kwajalein Tank Farm RAM Comments, APO, AP, 96555.

A period of at least 30 days is provided for public comment. Comments should be mailed for receipt no later than May 30.