

USS Rentz Phuket COMREL - 1 February 1010, 07:30 – 15:00. BaanSiNamYen School Patong Beach)

Welcome to Phuket USS Rentz, I am Brad Kenny, an American citizen living in Phuket, Thailand and the designated COMREL coordinator here. I work with the Naval Attaché office, U.S. Embassy, Bangkok, Thailand. I have been made aware of your visit and have put together your COMREL and Handclasp as outlined below.

Introduction: I am a Rotary Club of Patong Beach (RCoPB) Rotarian and Services Committee Chairman Brad Kenny has been appointed by the US Embassy Bangkok Navel Attache' as the point of contact and coordinator for visiting US Navel Ships to Phuket. Through the RCoPB we then search out likely foundations and NGO's that could use the benefit of a US Navy program call ComRel (Community Relationship), in which the US Navy volunteers assistance to the local community to needy local organizations wherever in the world they visit. A second project with the US Navy is called Handclasp, in which visiting ships have goods and commodities in which they donate to needy organizations.

COMREL Participants and Point of Contacts: ENS Ian McMenamin of USS RENTZ

mcmenai@ffg46.navy.mil, it is estimated to complete this job we will need 30-40 volunteers.



Rotary Point of Contact: Brad Kenny: 081-6334279, <u>esppkt@ksc.th.com</u>, and On Site Project Coordinator: George McCall 083-391 7254.

Dates and Times: 1 February 1010, 07:30 – 15:00.





Proposed Project Details and Objectives: The BaanSaiNamYan School is in the main liberty area serving the US Navy, Patong Beach and is a municipality school. The director of the school Khun Suthas in conjunction with the Deputy Mayor of Patong Beach Khun Chairat have requested this project. They would like some fresh paint on some of the high visibility entrance areas to one of the school buildings including the following:

- One section of outside school boundary walls.
 2nd to third floor stairways and 2nd and 3rd floor classroom hallways.

Here are some photos of the classrooms









Pre-ComRel Prep Work – Between Rotary and other school volunteers I hope to accomplish the following prep work a few days before the ComRel date.

- 1. Clean, some scrapping, and prep wall areas to be painted, some walls will need to be power washed.
- 2. Clean walls and remove some student art work and posters for hallway walls.

Work to be accomplished ComRel Day: A past COMREL accomplished most of the school outside boundary wall but one section remains. There are allot of trees on the road side so we will rope them off to get them cleaned and then painted during this COMREL. The main classroom building has had the first floor classroom hallway and entrance way painted already, We will paint the second and if time permits the third floor.

CHANGE OF PLANS FOR THIS COMREL: In the building we plan to do the painting the children will have tests that day so the school director has an alternative plan to paint the toilet building instead of the classroom walkways.

Additional Information: COMREL volunteers will get a free Thai lunch made by the school staff and children's parents and served with the children and the school will also provide some entertainment from the children with some singing and/or Thai Traditional Dancing after the painting is completed. There will also be an opportunity to play some soccer and the children are looking forward to some fun games.

It is suggested that the USS Pinckney bring a couple cases of drinking water or enough for the number of volunteers during the work period, the tropical heat is always a concern and plenty of water is advisable. Suggest all ComRel participants bring sun screen and cameras.

Estimated Budget for this Project: Some paint is on hand from the Rotary Club of Patong Beach and the Navy League. One way or another between the Rotary Club of Patong Beach and possible another sponsor, we will have the paint and paint supplies to do this project.

This COMREL is right in the main liberty area of Patong Beach so the bus can drop off the volunteers after the COMREL at the Patong Beach Liberty area drop off point at the Patong Hotel and then head back to the port. Or a taxi could be taken too many Patong hotels for a few hundred Baht. Most hotels in the liberty area of Patong Beach and also in with in walking distance from the BaanSaiNamYan School

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