

USS Cleveland (LPD 7) Phuket COMREL #1 - 4 March 2010 (Thursday), 07:30 – 15:00 at Baan Sai Nam Yen School Patong Beach – work is expected to start around 8:15 at the site.

Welcome to Phuket USS Cleveland, 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 as outlined below.

Introduction: I am in the Rotary Club of Patong Beach (RCoPB) and the Service Projects Committee Chairman and also a member of the local US Navy League and I have the honor of being appointed by the US Embassy Bangkok Navel Attache' as the COMREL and Handclasp 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 and US Marine's program call ComRel (Community Relationship), in which the US Navy US Marine volunteers assistance to the local community to needy local organizations wherever in the world they visit. A second project with the US Marines and US Navy is called Handclasp, in which visiting ships have goods and commodities in which they donate to needy organizations.

USS Cleveland COMREL Point of Contact(s): LT. Todd D. Fowler - <u>todd.fowler@lpd7.navy.mil</u> and LT. Peter Dahlstrom - <u>dahlstrp@lsd47.navy.mil</u>, it is estimated to complete this job we will need 30-40 volunteers.



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Proposed Project Details and Objectives: The Baan Sai Nam Yen School is in the main liberty area serving the US Navy & Marines, Patong Beach and this 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 on the second to third floor stairways and 2nd and 3rd floor classroom hallways.

Here are some photos of the hallways which are the classroom entrance.



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

1. Clean walls and remove some student art work and posters for hallway walls.





Work to be accomplished ComRel Day: The main classroom building has had the first floor classroom hallway and entrance way painted already. We will paint the second floor hallway and classroom entrance and the stairways leading u to the third floor, and if time permits the third floor hallway.

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 Cleveland bring a 3-4 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. I also suggest all ComRel participants bring sun screen and their cameras.

Estimated Budget for this Project: I estimate 3 x 10 liter light blue outdoor latex paint will be required along with paint supplies which will cost around Baht 6,600 (US \$ 200). 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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