

USS Rushmore (LPD 47) Phuket COMREL #2 - 5 March 2010 (Friday), 07:30 – 15:00 at Baan Ao Nam Bor School.

Welcome to Phuket USS Rushmore, 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 Rushmore COMREL Point of Contact(s):** Lt. Peter Dahlstrom - <u>dahlstrp@lsd47.navy.mil</u>, it is estimated to complete this job we will need 25-40 volunteers.



**Local Phuket ComRel Representative :** Brad Kenny: 081-6334279, <u>esppkt@ksc.th.com</u> and On site Project Coordinator Boon Pongchiboon 089- 7231861.

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**Proposed Project Details and Objectives:** Baan Ao Nam Bor School - Ao Makham – The School is a Thai Ministry of Public Education School and is located just a 15 minute bus drive from the liberty landing area of Phuket. Mr. Boon Pongchiboon of the Rotary Club of Patong Beach initially met with the director of the school, Khun Preecha (086-953-6500) and he is elated the USS Navy will visit again to his school.

Work requested by the school director:

- 1. Painting the cafeteria wood indoor walls with white water based paint.
- 2. Painting the cafeteria wood interior columns with white water based paint.
- 3. Painting the cafeteria wood outdoor wall with white water based paint.

The USS Benfold, USS Hopper, USS Ingram started this project last year during their Phuket Port visit by painting all the tables & benches and then the USS Nimitz did a first coat on the above cafeteria walls. A final coat of paint is needed and it is expected that the USS Rushmore will be able to complete this job. Below are photos before these COMREL started of the Baan Ao Nam Bor School cafeteria.













## Following are photos during the last COMREL with USS Nimitz



1. Pre-ComRel Prep Work – None Required ready to paint.

Additional Information : COMREL volunteers will get a free Thai lunch made by the 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 COMREL is completed.

It is suggested that the USS Rushmore 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. Suggest all ComRel participants also bring sun screen and cameras.

**Estimated Budget for this Project:** Paint is on hand from the Rotary Club of Patong Beach. It is Estimated that Baht 8,000 will be needed for paint supplies and one way or another between the Rotary Club of Patong Beach and possible another sponsor, we will have the paint supplies to do this project.

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