



## USS Nimitz Phuket COMREL #5 at Baan Bang Thong School

**Introduction:** Welcome to Phuket USS Nimitz, I am Brad Kenny, an American citizen living in Phuket Thailand and the designated COMREL coordinator through the Naval Attaché Office, U.S. Embassy, Bangkok, for all visiting US Navy ships to Phuket. I have been made aware of your visit and have put together your COMREL(s) and/or Handclasp as outlined below.

I am a Rotary Club of Patong Beach (RCoPB) Rotarian and US Navy League member and want to do everything I can to make your visit the best port call you all have every had! I try to make all COMREL's a cultural experience for your volunteers along with doing some good work for the local community. Through the Navy League and the RCoPB we search out likely foundations and NGO's that could use the benefit of a US Navy programs call ComRel (Community Relationship), in which the US Navy/US Marines volunteers give assistance to the local community and Handclasp, in which visiting ships have goods and commodities in which they donate to needy organizations.

**COMREL Participants and Point of Contacts:** **USS Nimitz:** Chaplain Jaisen E. Fuson, LT, CHC, USN Staff Chaplain [ [Jaisen.Fuson@cvn68.navy.mil](mailto:Jaisen.Fuson@cvn68.navy.mil) ].



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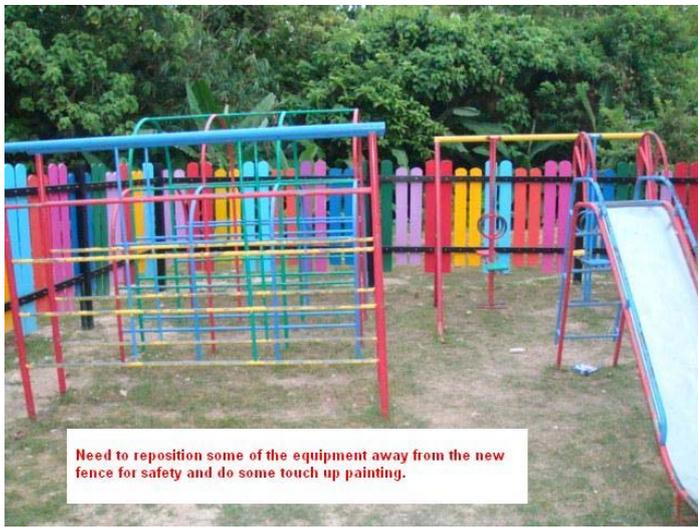
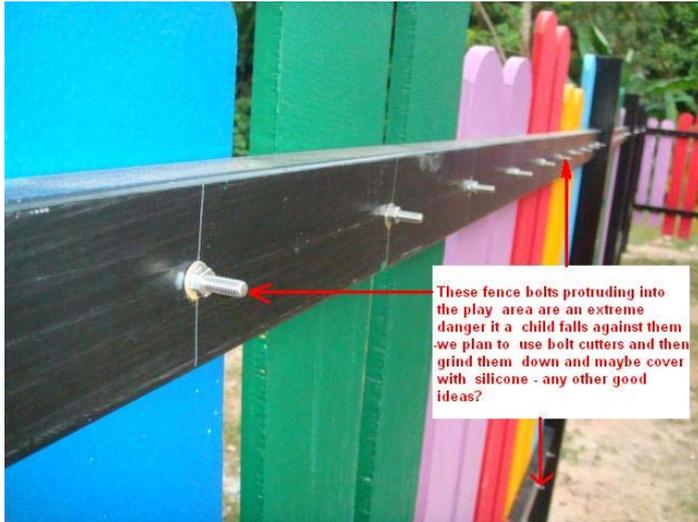
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### Dates and Times:

COMREL #5: Confirmed 1 February 2010, 07:30 – 14:00.



**Proposed Project Details and Objectives:** A COMREL project has been requested by the Lions Club of Patong Beach. They are doing several projects at the Baan Bang Thong School in Kathu and one of them requires some man/woman power from the US Navy. The school's playground equipment needs a new coat of bright colored paint applied. They also need some work to child proof a fence recently installed. There are some sharp bolts protruding and other misc. work on this fence. They also would like a concrete boarder put around the playground area and sand distributed around the equipment.





**Work to be accomplished ComRel Day (in priority)**

1. Touch up paint on the playground equipment.
2. Child proof fence around the playground equipment. Many bolts are protruding into the play area and need to be cut with bolt cutters and grinded down for child safety.
3. Add concrete boarder around the playground equipment and fill with fine gravel to protect the kids if they fall off the equipment.

**Budget:** Glen Defense Marine (US Navy Husbanding Agent/contractor) will supply the paint, brushes, paint thinner and all other materials.

**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 painting is completed. There will also be volleyball nets set up and there is a soccer field and the children are looking forward to some fun games. The local parents have volleyball teams and the women's team will challenge a USS Navy team from the volunteers.

It is suggested that the USS Nimitz 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; you may also want to bring some work gloves for this project.

**NOTE:** The playground equipment is to be painted with an oil base paint (not water based), so keep in mind some paint may get on clothes and will not then come out. Thinner will be provided for clean up.

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