



# ROTARY CLUB OF PATONG BEACH

District 3330 Club 56414

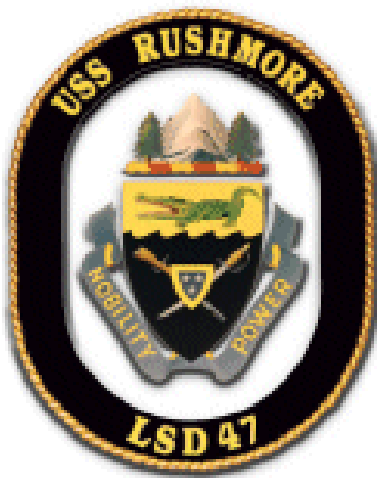


**USS Rushmore (LPD 47) Phuket COMREL #1 - 4 March 2010 (Thursday), 07:30 – 15:00 at Patong Hospital**

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 Naval Attache' as the COMREL and Handclasp point of contact and coordinator for visiting US Naval 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 - [dahlstrp@lsd47.navy.mil](mailto:dahlstrp@lsd47.navy.mil) , it is estimated to complete this job we will need 25-40 volunteers.



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**Dates and Times:** 4 March 2010 (Thursday), 07:30 – 15:00 at Patong Hospital





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**Proposed Project Details and Objectives:** Patong Hospital is a Thai Government Hospital under the Ministry of Public Health. All government facilities in Thailand get funded by taxes based on the number of registered people in the district or city. Phuket being a tourist town and therefore has a lot of other provincial workers coming and going, has a disadvantage in that many of the Thai's do not change their registration papers from their home province to reflect they have moved to Phuket. Therefore the number of "official" residents is less to be half of the actual, greatly reducing the tax benefits for government organizations like schools and hospitals.

The Patong Hospital has around 100 beds and was the center of activity during the 2004 Tsunami in Patong beach and did a wonderful job due to the dedicated staff and doctors, treating several thousands of patients per day for several weeks. Doctor Phumin Silapunt the Executive Director of the Patong Hospital has asked for assistance in painting a cafeteria in the hospital. I shall update this report with photos in a few days. The hospital is also the first medical care for any visiting US Marines or US Sailors when an accident occurs in Patong Beach the main liberty area.



- 1. **Pre-ComRel Prep Work** – To be determined and updates ASAP..

**Additional Information :** COMREL volunteers will get a free Thai lunch from the hospital and we will also provide some entertainment with either local children singing and/or Thai Traditional Dancing or other 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 cameras.





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**Estimated Budget for this Project:** To be determined.

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