



**Lions and Rotary Clubs of Patong Beach – USS Navy COMREL**

**PROJECT PLANNING REPORT**

**Project:** COMREL #1 - USS STERETT (DDG-104) Beach Clean-Up, Patong Beach, Phuket Thailand

**Project Date:** Tuesday 22 November 2010, 08:15 – 13:30, USS Sterett volunteers should board a bus or vans from the liberty landing around 08:15 and drive to Patong Beach meeting point (see map end of this report). COMREL at the project site will begin at 09:00.

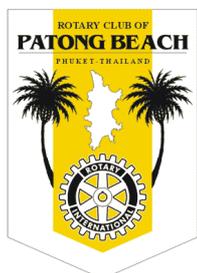
**COMREL Participants and Point of Contacts:** CTTC(SW) Mark Witherspoon - [withermr@ddg104.navy.mil](mailto:withermr@ddg104.navy.mil) , it is estimated to complete this job we will need 40-50 volunteers from the USS STERETT plus 20-30 volunteers from the local community.

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**Project Participating Volunteers:** USS STERETT volunteers, Lions Club of Patong Beach and Rotary Club of Patong Beach, US Navy League volunteers, and local community service volunteers including several area dive shops.



**Proposed Project Details and Objectives:** The end of November is the start of the tourist season and also the end of the monsoon season in Phuket. During the monsoon season the strong westerly winds and associated waves always brings a lot of sea garbage and debris to the Phuket west coast beaches. Since Phuket's main business is tourism, there is always a big push for environmental preservation and at this time of the year community beach clean-ups. Patong Beach is the main liberty beach town for the US Navy ship stopping for R&R and I propose a community effort beach clean up project for Patong Beach spearheaded by the USS Sterett with cooperation from the Patong Beach Lions and Rotary Clubs, the US Navy League, and several other local volunteer groups including local dive shops.





The beach clean-up would consist of breaking into 3 groups; the first two groups would walk the beach supported by pick up trucks and pick up trash from the beach - up the beach road the length of Patong Beach, half of this group walking south and the other half walking north and meeting in the middle of the beach. Trash bags will be provided and as filled dropped along the beach road for pick up by the Patong Municipality whom is cooperating with this project. The third group would be local area and volunteer certified scuba divers from the USS Sterett. We believe we can obtain diving gear for USS Sterett volunteer divers from local dive shops.

### Part 1. Beach Clean Up

The US Navy transportation would meet the other local area volunteers at the center of Patong Beach, on the beach at the police office at the Beach Thawiwong Road and Soi Bangla. From there we divide all volunteers into two groups and go to the north and south ends of the beach with one pick up truck and start walking back to the center of the beach. The pick up truck will have drinking water and plastic bags, leather and plastic gloves will be provided. The third group will be the divers and meet at the beach at same location

The volunteer divers will also meet here and then divide into groups and do a beach clean up in the water bringing their catches to shore and then to the road side.

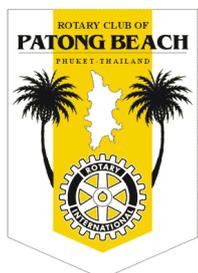
**Part 2. work at the school** Since it is anticipated that the beach clean up for the first 2 groups will only take 1 ½ hours, we will try to find additional jobs possible a clean up at a local Patong Beach school Baan Sai Nam Yin School located only a few blocks from the meeting point on the beach.

Around 12 noon a Thai lunch with some Traditional Thai dancing by the school children can be enjoyed by all the volunteers.



**Pre-ComRel Prep Work** – Home & Life children and volunteers will accomplish a few days before our arrival:

1. Obtain proper permission from Patong Deputy Mayor Chairat (already accomplished).





2. Purchase the plastic bags, gloves, and any other incidentals needed.
3. Organize the local area volunteers by the Lions and Rotary Clubs of Patong Beach.

**Estimated Budget for this Project:** In the past the US Navy husbanding agent Glen Defense Marine has graciously sponsored COMREL's in Phuket purchasing COMREL supplies. It is estimated that to complete the three COMREL's at this site and the work outlined, that approximately Baht 14,800 is needed as outlined below.

Item	Description	Unit Price	Qty.	Total
1	Heavy Duty Plastic Garbage Bags	TBD*	TBD*	4,000
2	Pointed bamboo sticks for garbage pick up	20	60	1,200
3	Bottled Water	8	200	1,600
4	Plastic Gloves and Leather Gloves (already on hand from past COMREL's)	-	-	-
6	Lunch from the school	80	100	8,000
* estimated at this time – exact price "To Be Determined"				
<b>TOTAL ( Fifteen thousand Baht)</b>				<b>14,800</b>

**Additional Information:** COMREL US Navy and local area volunteers will get a free Thai lunch served with the children at Baan Sai Nam Yin School in Patong Beach. The school children will also provide some entertainment with some singing and/or Thai traditional dancing after the work is completed. The school has sports fields and if so desired, the volunteers can play some soccer, basketball, and volleyball with the students, along with some traditional Thai sports.

**What the USS PELELIU needs to bring:** The tropical heat is always a concern and plenty of water is advisable along with sun screen. Water coolers, water, and ice coolers will be at the site carried in pick-up trucks on the beach. Suggest all ComRel participants also bring their cameras and be ready for lots of fun with the local volunteers and the children at Baan Sai Nam Yin School!

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