



**US NAVY LEAGUE THAILAND SOUTHERN SEABOARD COUNCIL  
COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT – COMSERV PLANNING **FINAL****

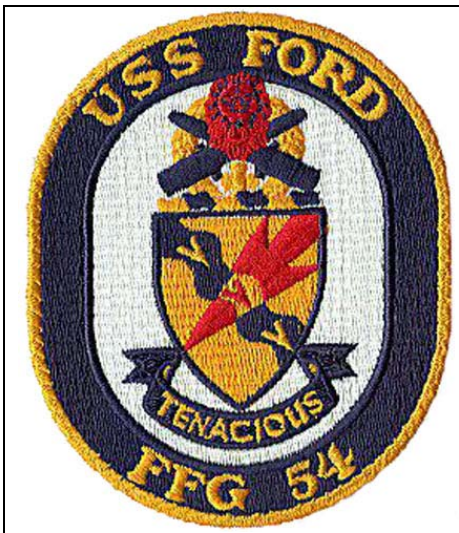
**Project: USS Ford (FFG 54) COMSERV – River Erosion Control Wall at Home & Life Orphanage, Phang Nga.**

**Project Dates:** COMSERV 11 September (Sunday) 2011, Start at 07:00 – Return by 15:00 :

**COMSERV Participants and Point of Contacts:** USS Ford - ETC(SW) Erik Rabe, [ [rabeef@ffg54.navy.mil](mailto:rabeef@ffg54.navy.mil) ], it is estimated to complete this job we will need a minimum of 20-25 volunteers from the ship and there will be volunteers from US Navy League, GOMS (Grumpy Old Men’s Society - Phuket), along with other locals. **Confirmed also the Royal Thai Navy will send 20-25 volunteers from their 3<sup>rd</sup> Area Command facility in Thai Muang, Phang Nga province.**

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**Proposed Project Details and Objectives:** Just over the Bridge off Phuket Island is an Orphanage started after the 2004 Tsunami with 26 children living as a large family with five beautiful adults – a wonderful organization called Home & Life Foundation Phang Nga.

They own the property and several buildings including dorms, office and a bakery. Their property is besides a river that had eroded the land close to and threatened the bakery building and several other buildings. Over the past year some shoring up of the river bank has happened from generous donations from the Rotary Club of Patong Beach and others. This has stopped the erosion but still left a lot of original land lost. With a lot of hard work your ship could further build up this river retaining wall and then allow for land reclamation for a play area for the children and additional buildings.

What needs to be accomplished is to fill gabion galvanized steel cages that are 1 meter x 1 meters and 2 meters long along the top of the already installed 2 rows of gabions some 40 meters in total length along the river edge. The gabion cages would have to be set in place and then a human chain to move rocks about 10-15 lbs each along the river bank and fill the cages. Total rock to move some 30-40 meters by hand would be around 8 tons. I believe that 20-30 volunteers could accomplish 6-8 meters of gabion cages per COMSERVE. Unfortunately with a new coffee shop under construction, a dump truck can not get the rock any closer than this so the rock needs to be moved by hand.

I have a sponsor for the rock and gabion boxes so no cost to the ship for materials, only a lot of hard work. The bus ride to Home & Life is around an hour and 15 minutes from the liberty landing area.



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The USS Comstock AND USS Green Bay accomplished a COMSERV project August 23<sup>rd</sup> starting out this river erosion wall project, and it is anticipated that several additional COMSERV's will be needed to complete the overall project.

**Additional Information:** COMSERV volunteers will get a free Thai lunch made by the Orphanage staff. The school will also provide some cultural entertainment from the children with some singing and/or Thai Traditional Dancing during the weekend or later in the afternoon if on a school day. There will also be an opportunity to swim in the river to cool off and interface with the children after school in the afternoon.

**What to Bring:** The weather is hot and muggy this time of the year in Phuket and there is a chance of rain. PT uniform is recommended with work boots (steel toe if possible) and work gloves (some leather gloves will be available). Also need plenty of drinking water is needed during the work phase. So if the USS Ford COMSERVE coordinators can arrange to bring enough drinking water for use during the work period or coordinate with the husbanding agent for such, that is highly recommended. Sun screen will also be needed and we suggest all COMSERV participants also bring their cameras. Bus transport will also need to be coordinated with the USS Ford SUPPO and the Husbanding agent.

**Estimated Budget for this Project:** The sponsor for this project will be Glenn Defense Marine who is the Husbanding contractor for the US Navy in Thailand. The US Navy League and GOMS shall provide about 15 pairs of gloves and tools as needed. The Orphanage will provide the lunches and soft drinks for lunch.

The following is the expected budget for these 2 COMSERV projects, one each day 23 and 24 August 2011: (Note: prices and color codes to be filled in over the next few days and updated accordingly – this is only an estimate at this time)

Item	Item Description	Size	Qty.	Cost	Total Cost
1	Gabion Cages	1x1x2	13	820	10,660
2	Truck load of rock	33 Tons	2 trucks	7,000	14,000
<b>Glen Defense Marine TOTAL</b>					<b>24,660</b>

**Map to Home & Life:** Project map is on the following page.

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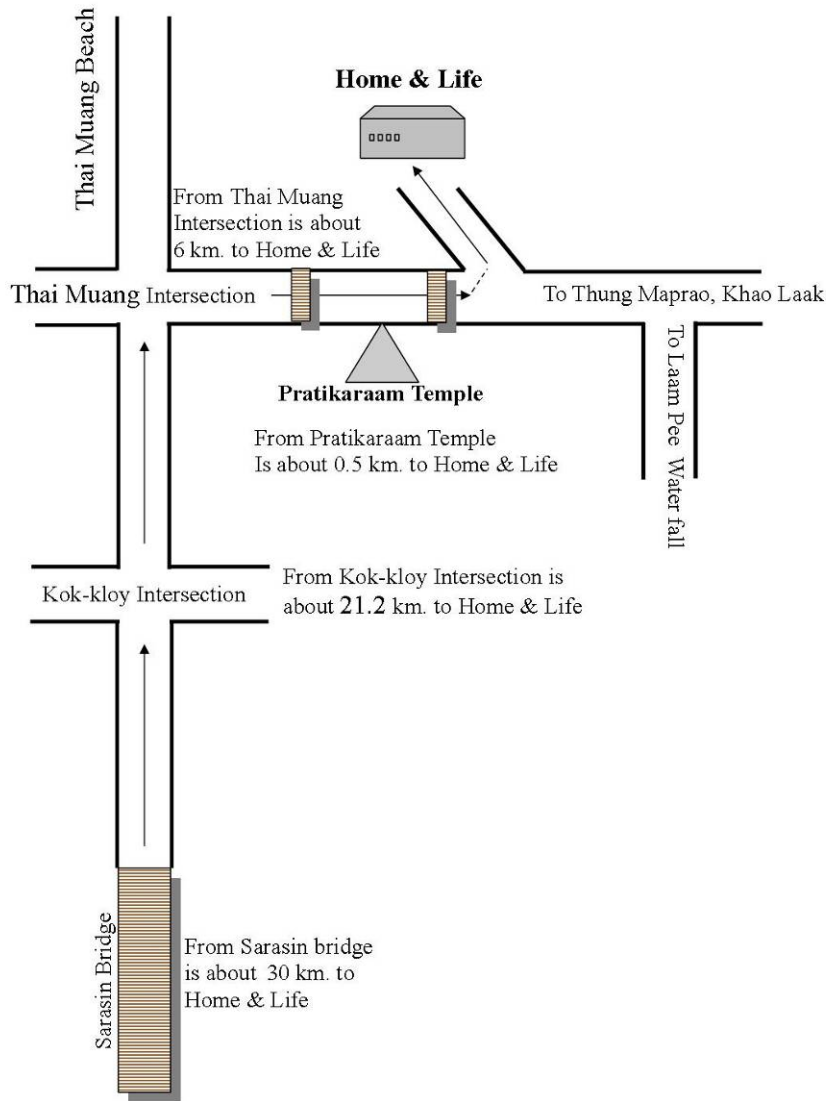
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