



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

Project: USS Pinckney COMSERV's - Painting at the Phuket Tsunami Memorial

Project Dates: 11 November 2011, 07:00 – 14:00, arrived at the site 08:00 and departed 12:10.

COMSERV Participants and Point of Contacts: USS Pinckney, ENS/EWO **Elizabeth A. Kandt**, [elizabeth.kandt@ddg91.navy.mil]. The following organizations contributed volunteers: The USS Pinckney – 12, The US Navy League – 4, ESP Corporation – 4, Tourist Police Volunteers – 1, MSC Company – 1.

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Proposed Project Details and Objectives: The Mai Kao OrBaTor Khun Sompol (local elected government official) was originally contacted by US Navy League member Larry Amsden concerning the upcoming 7th year anniversary of the 26 December 2004 Asian Tsunami. Larry knew the Phuket Tsunami Memorial “The wall of Remembrance” which contains the names for the 45 countries that lost their own citizens lives in Thailand, was in need of a face lift. The Thai government reported 4,812 confirmed deaths, 8,457 injuries, and 4,499 missing after the country was hit by a tsunami caused by the Indian Ocean earthquake on 26 December 2004. The Thai authorities estimate that at least 8,150 are likely to have died, other NGO's estimate as high as 20,000 deaths. The local OrBaTor immediately loved the idea of the USS Pickney assisting in the restoration of the Tsunami Memorial prior to all the yearly memorial services and pilgrimages made by those that lost loved ones in the Tsunami on December 26th 2004.

The following are sponsors to this project:



Rotary International District 3330 (Thailand)
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For this COMSERV Project, the local OrBaTor cut the grass and washed down the dust from the “Wall of Remembrance” and make it ready for paint the day before. On COMSERV Day the USS Pickney and local area volunteers used weed whackers to finish off cutting the tall grass around the wall, cleaned the wall with wire brushes, and painted white the entire length of the wall. 31 of the 45 country flags were purchased with the remaining 14 ordered. It was noted that the 45 country flag holders also need to be replaced so they were removed for repair / replacement. The 45 country flag poles and holders will be repaired or replaced and installed onto the memorial wall as soon as possible to complete this project before the 26th of December Tsunami memorial ceremony. Here are some photos of the “Wall of Remembrance” prior to the start.



Here are some photos of the project work.



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Project Handclasp: The USS Pinckney brought with an estimated Baht 40,000 worth of Project Handclasp good with them to turn over to the Rotary International District 3330 for the Thai floods occurring north of Phuket in Thailand. The goods included many medical items along with sanitary items and were received by Rotary District President Elect Dr. Sanguan

The ships Chaplin, LT. James Meyers, gave both the local Mayor Khun Sompol and President Elect Dr. Sanguan the ships coin and hat along with their thanks of allowing them to be a part of this great Tsunami memorial.

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Ships presentation to OrBaTor Sompol



Presentation to Rotary District 3330 Dr. Sanguan



The Final Group Photos with the painted “Wall of Remembrance” in the background.

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US Navy League members Larry Amsden, Brad Kenny, and Joie Raulins took the USS Pinckney volunteers out to lunch at a beachside restaurant after the painting.



Budget for this Project: To date there has been Baht 11,596 spent by sponsor Glen Defense Marine:

Item	Item Description	Size	Qty.	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1	4 Seasons 100% Acrylic Emulsion Semi-Gloss For Exteriors & Interiors Paint, Color Code AG1000 - "White",	5 Gallon	2	1,883	3,766
2	31 out of 45 Country Flags	60x90cm	31	280	7,830
Glen Defense Marine TOTAL					Baht 11,596

To complete this project, the remaining 14 country flags that make up the total of 45 countries that lost citizens in the Tsunami have to be ordered and purchased at Baht 250 each (Total Baht 3,500), and new wooden flag poles with flag pole holders to be attached to the wall above each country (estimate Baht 300 x 45 = Baht 13,500), for a total needed to complete this project approximately Baht 16,000.

Sponsors: Several sponsors came forward and wanted to participate in this project, including several locals that went through the 2004 Tsunami. Here is a list of the sponsors to date: Rotary District 3330 – Baht 5,000, Mario Barblan and friends Rotary Club St. Moritz Switzerland D2000CH – Baht 5,000, Brad Kenny, Rotary Club of Patong Beach / GOMS – Baht 1,000, Larry Amsden, Rotary Club of Patong Beach / GOMS – Baht 1,000, and Michael Cullumbine, GOMS – Baht 5,000. A total of Baht 17,000 which is expected to cover the costs as of this date.

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