



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

Project: USS Dewey (DDG 105) COMSERV's – Supporting Thai Flood Victims at Phuket Vocational College assisting with Ready to Eat Meals.

Project Date: 13 November 2011, 07:00 – 14:00, arrived at the site 07:20 and departed 12:10.

COMSERV Participants and Point of Contacts: USS Dewey, GSM1 Dow, [dowjb@ddg105.navy.mil], The following organizations contributed volunteers: The USS Dewey – 6, The US Navy League – 4, Glen Defense Marine – 4, and QSI international School – 1.



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Proposed Project Details and Objectives: Thailand has been inundated with the worst flooding in close to a century with many hundreds of deaths and millions of people affected with hundreds of thousands living in refugee centers. We have been lucky that the flooding has not affected our small island of Phuket; however Phuket is leading the way in assisting many less fortunate.

The Phuket US Navy League with encouragement from the US Navel Attache office and the US Ambassador Mrs. Kinney, has found a way your ships can assist in the flood relief efforts even a thousand kilometers away. Following info is from a local English newspaper.

The cafeteria at Phuket Vocational College in Phuket Town has been dedicated to cooking at least 12,000 meals a day to be delivered to flood victims in Bangkok. "The Ministry of Interior has asked all provinces with the potential to help to provide assistance to flood victims in Bangkok," said Phuket Vice Governor Somkiet Sangkhaosutthirak.

"Phuket has been assigned to distribute food to flood victims in the Klong Samwa district," he added. The district has a population of 164,000 living in 97,000 households, and has 18 flood refuge centers, said the vice governor, adding that the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization (*OrBorJor*) has dedicated five million baht to buy ingredients.

The meals will be flown from Phuket to Suvarnabhumi Airport by Thai Airways. Lunches will take off at 7am and dinners will depart Phuket at 11am. "We cook fried and dried food to prevent food going bad, such as fried eggs, fried sweet crispy fish, fried chicken and stir-fried spicy curry chicken," said Nuchaporn Kongkapun, deputy director at the college.

Ms Nuchaporn called on the people of Phuket for donations of time, effort and ingredients. "We work all day, all night on four six-hour shifts, so we still need volunteers for this and we need ingredients such as eggs, garlic, red onions, seasoning and rice – because we use 36 x 20-kilogram packs of rice a day," she said. They are up to more than 21,640 meals per day that are air shipped and distributed to flood victims in Bangkok refugee centers!

Work Accomplished: The sponsor for this COMSERV, Glen Defense Marine, purchased and delivered Baht 24,000 worth of rice, eggs, and other needed food products on behalf of the USS Dewey. The COMSERV volunteers did a variety of jobs during the 5 plus hours of work; moving 50 kg, bags of rice and other donated foods, filling and weighting single meal bags of dried fish, preparing plastic bags for Ready to Eat Meals, and assisting in any way required. The day was a big success and the COMSERV volunteers and sponsors gave as requested; their time, effort, and ingredients.

Following are photos during the COMSERV project day at the Phuket Vocational College:

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The COMSERV volunteers and donated food



The Glen Defense Marine Sponsor / Volunteers



Volunteers signing in for work



Moving 50 Kg. bags of rice with ease



Working with Local Phuket Residents



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Project Handclasp: The USS Dewey brought an estimated Baht 20,000 worth of Project Handclasp goods 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 and sanitary items that will be needed by the flood victims. Rotary District 3330 Assistant Governor Arnaud C.M.C. Verstrate was there to receive the Handclasp goods from the USS Dewey's Captains representative, GSM1(SW) James B. Dow.



Budget for this Project: The sponsor for this project was Glenn Defense Marine who is the Husbanding contractor for the US Navy in Thailand. Glenn Defense Marine provided and delivered Baht 24,000 worth of food to the project.

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The Group Photo with the Phuket Vice Governor Somkiat Sangkaosuttirak



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<http://blip.tv/grantphuket/us-navy-navy-leaguephuket-help-pack-food-for-flood-victims-5732309>

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