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Counternarcotics Training in the Philippines

Since 2004, JIATF West, in coordination with the Philippine government, the U. S. Embassy in Manila, and various U. S. Law Enforcement agencies, has planned and executed dozens of counterdrug and advanced law enforcement training missions in numerous locations throughout the Philippines. Between 2004 and 2012, JIATF West organized 68 training missions and facilitated over 30 infrastructure projects all geared toward improving the counterdrug capabilities of the Philippines. For 2013, this training mission was the first of four scheduled events to take place in the Philippines, running from the 6th of May until the 7th of June 2013.

The purpose was to provide intermediate level counternarcotics training to units and individuals who have previously trained with JIATF West. Several law enforcement agencies in addition to the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) were able to participate this year. Additional agencies included the Philippines National Police (PNP), the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), the Bureau of Customs (BOC), and the Bureau of Immigration (BOI). In total, 49 law enforcement officers received training.

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Shown above, a PDEA Officer practices processing evidence in accordance with Philippine law. - 6 June 2013, Photo by CPT Jason LaNore, USA.

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Participants trained for five weeks on a variety of law enforcement topics including warning and operation orders; legal issues and human rights awareness training; patrol operations; advanced rifle and pistol marksmanship; small unit tactics; medical first aid; and maintenance procedures such as pre and post operational maintenance checks. Additionally, a smaller group of 15 students received a one-week Instructor Development Course (IDC), where they were taught a methodical way of training their fellow agents. These students then became assistant instructors for subsequent training. During the fifth week, a multi-agency field training exercise took place simulating the take down of a clandestine drug lab.

For this event, instruction was provided by U. S. DEA and U.S. Army members at the PDEA training academy at Camp General Mariano N. Castaneda in Silang, Cavite. The training team consisted of 12 U. S. Army Military Instructors and two DEA agents. Coordination and management of the event was provided by the JIATF West Training Liaison CPT Jason LaNore, USA.



Philippine Coat of Arms



A team of Law Enforcement Officers enter a shoot house during live training with paint rounds. 31 May 2013, Photo by CPT Jason LaNore, USA.

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A U. S. Army Instructor follows a Philippine Law Enforcement Officer during a “walking and shooting” practice run as part of a stress shoot course. Below, a tunnel crawl-through as part of the stress shoot course. -29 May 2013, Photo by CPT Jason LaNore, USA.

A closing ceremony was held on the last day. The senior PDEA official was the Deputy Director General for Administration, Assistant Secretary Rene M. Orbe. Also attending were the PDEA Deputy Director General for Operations, Assistant Secretary Abe L. Lemos, the PDEA Academy Officer in Charge, Director Edgar S. Apalla, and the

JIATF West Task Force Representative in the Philippines, Mr. Mark Everson. This counternarcotics training event and others like it continue to increase the counter narcotics capability of Philippine law enforcement agencies and support regional stability and cooperation between the U. S. and the Philippines. --



Counternarcotics Training in the Philippines



Above, From left to right, JIATF West Task Force Representative to the Philippines, Mr. Mark Everson; Assistant Secretary Rene M. Orbe, Deputy Director General for Administration; Assistant Secretary Abe L. Lemos, Deputy Director General for Operations; Director Edgar S. Apalla, PDEA Academy OIC. Below, PDEA Officers stand at attention prior to the training event's closing ceremony — 7 June 2013, Photo by CPT Jason LaNore, USA.



Counternarcotics Training in the Philippines



Above, Law Enforcement Officers from the Philippines Bureau of Customs (BOC) receive instruction from a U. S. Army instructor during training. Below, Rifle drills at the Philippine National Police Special Action Force compound. - 29 May 2013, Photo by CPT Jason LaNore, USA.



Royal Thai Police Gen. Watcharapol Prasarnrajkit visits JIATF West

- By LT Brett Lincoln, USN



Above, Royal Thai Police Gen. Watcharapol Prasarnrajkit address members of JIATF West at an All Hands meeting. Below, Gen. Watcharapol and RDML James Rendon. - 15 July 2013, Photo by JIATF West

CAMP H. M. SMITH, HAWAII – Joint Interagency Task Force West welcomed a four person delegation from the Kingdom of Thailand led by Royal Thai Police Gen. Watcharapol Prasarnrajkit. The delegation was also accompanied by Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Regional Director for East Asia, Joseph Reagan, and a representative from the Department of State's Bangkok Office of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), Ms. Paleerat Srisartsanarat. The delegation attended two days of meetings at JIATF-W and United States Pacific Command. Gen. Watacharapol's stop at U.S. Pacific Command and JIATF-W concluded his delegation's visit to the United States, which included visits to the Chicago Police Department, the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, Georgia. Rear Adm. James E.



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Rendon, director of JIATF-W, praised the strong bilateral ties that the United States and Thailand have developed. In an all-hands call to JIATF-W military and civilian staff, as well as visiting officials from the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and the State Department Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) Rendon, commended the Royal Thai Police for their efforts combating narcotics trafficking and transnational organized crime.



who have come to assist the Royal Thai Police in the fight against international crime,” remarked Pol. Gen. Watcharapol as he introduced himself to staff and guests at U.S. Pacific Command. During his address to JIATF-W, Watcharapol highlighted the challenges facing the Kingdom of Thailand, including a rapidly rising ASEAN population in a region with relatively porous borders a challenge. Thailand borders covers nearly 5,000 kilometers and that border is shared with Burma, Cambodia, Laos, and Malaysia.

“I am humbled to visit your headquarters and have the opportunity to speak with you. I am appreciative of the men and woman of JIATF-W

Police General Watcharapol and his delegation toured the Military Operations on Urban Terrain (MOUT) facility at Marine Corps



From left to right, Colonel Apanan Cholaseuk, RTP; Mr. Joseph Reagan, Regional Director, DEA; Major General Kriboon Suadsong, RTP; General Watcharapol Prasarnrajkit, RTP; RDML James Rendon, USCG, Director JIATF West; Major General Sornkrit Kaewpalek, RTP; and, Ms. Paleerat Srisartsanarat, INL Program Specialist. – 15 July 2013, Photo by JIATF West

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Training Area Bellows in Waimanalo, HI. In his remarks during an all-hands call Monday, Pol. Gen Watcharapol discussed using that trainer as a model for a future Royal Thai Police training facility in terms of construction, maintenance, and administration. Pol. Gen Watcharapol called his tour of the Bellows MOUT trainer, “the high point of his visit.” “I believe in doing good things,” said Pol. Gen. Watcharapol, closing his remarks on a high note. “Fighting against drugs, saving our children from drugs, I believe this is the finest mission one could do.” --



Above, Mr. Dan Geltmacher, Range Supervisor of the MOUT gives a tour to RDML Rendon, left, and General Watcharapol Prasarnrajkit, Royal Thai Police. Right, Mr. Lance McCinnis, JIATF West Task Force Representative to South East Asia, and Paleerat Srisartsanarat, INL Program Specialist. – 16 July 2013, Photo by LT Eric Steidle, USN.



Members of JIATF West and the Royal Thai Police tour mock village at the Marine Corps Training Area - Bellows. 16 July 2013, Photo by LT Eric Steidle, USN.

THE MOUT

The Marine Corps Training Area Bellows located in Waimanalo Hawaii has three full scale mock cities used to simulate military operations in urban terrain (MOUT). The mock cities allow the Marines to conduct a variety of non-live fire night and day training simulations. Each city covers 10 Acres and has over 300 cameras used in producing after action reports for each training evolution.



Below, members of the Royal Thai Police visit the control room of the military operations in urban terrain (MOUT) that controls over 300 cameras to support realistic training simulations at the Marine Corps Training Area Bellows located in Waimanalo Hawaii. – 16 July 2013, Photo by LT Eric Steidle, USN.



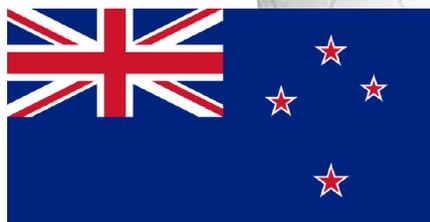
Air Vice Marshall Kevin Short



Left, RDML James Rendon, USCG, Director of Joint Interagency Task Force West has an office call with Air Vice Marshall Kevin Short of the New Zealand Defense Forces (NADF). -26 June 2013, Photo JIATF West.



Camp H. M. Smith,
Hawaii 26 June
2013 - Air Vice Marshall
Kevin Short of the New
Zealand Defense Forces
(NADF) paid a visit to



Joint Interagency
Task Force West at

USPACOM Headquarters to meet with
Director RDML James Rendon, USCG for
an office call on the 26th of June 2013.
AVM Kevin Short is the Commander of
Joint Forces New Zealand since February
2013 and is responsible for NZDF
deployments, exercises, and operations.
During AVM Short's visit to Hawaii, he also
had office calls with USARPAC/DCG, DCG
MARFORPAC, and PACOM.



Above, the New Zealand coat of arms, flag, and orthographic map. Right, AVM Kevin Short and RDML James Rendon shake hands after their office call. - 26 June 2013, Photo JIATF West.

JIATF West Deputy Director William Roig's Farewell Dinner



Above, RDML James Rendon, USCG presents a genuine Stetson Cowboy hat and lasso to Deputy Director, William Roig to use as with his hobby of horse back riding during his retirement. Below, the presentation of Mr. Roig's Civilian Service Award. - 25 July 2013, Photo by JIATF West.

On July 25th 2013 a farewell dinner was held at the Hickam Officers Club to honor Deputy Director William Roig's service at JIATF West as he will be retiring soon. The evening's event was presided by RDML and Mrs. Rendon as well as DEA Liaison, Mr. Micheal McCormick; ACOS of C4 Systems, Mr. Mike Ryan; and Lieutenant Mitch Boltz. LT Boltz was the organizer of the event. The evening's meal was "Mongolian Barbecue" and was followed by the presentation of awards and farewell gifts to Mr. Roig. RDML presented Mr. Roig with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Joint Meritorious Civilian Service Award for his leadership and professionalism while serving as the Deputy Director from April 2007 to July 2013. Mr. Roig was also presented with a certificate for his 38 years of loyal service to the Government of the United States. Plaques of appreciation from the DEA and ICE were presented by Mr. Michael McCormick as well. Mr. Mike Ryan presented a souvenir help desk keyboard as a gag parting gift,

a keyboard that had the keys rearranged to spell out the word, "help desk". Lastly, a Stetson Cowboy hat and lasso were presented by RDML Rendon. In closing, Mr. Roig gave his appreciation to everyone and spoke about his service in the military, government and JIATF West. Mr. Roig will continue to serve as the Deputy Director until the end of August before beginning retirement.



JIATF West Chief of Staff Retires

A retirement ceremony was held on 28 June 2013 in honor of JIATF West's Chief of Staff Colonel Timothy Moore, USAF, for his 30 years of service in the U. S. Air Force. The ceremony took place in the conference room of the Nimitz-MacArthur Pacific Command Center, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii, and was organized by YN1 Fae McClafferty. Director, Joint Interagency Task Force West, RDML James Rendon, USCG gave remarks followed by the presentation of awards, retirement certificate, and a flag ceremony.

During the ceremony, CoL Moore was presented with the Defense Superior Service Medal by RDML



Above, CoL Timothy Moore, USAF and daughter, Maggie at the retirement ceremony reception. Below, SSgt Michael Trevino, USAF salutes SK1 Johnathan Blume, USCG during a flag folding ceremony. --28 June 2013.

Rendon for his exceptional service and leadership as the Chief of Staff during his time at JIATF West from June 2012 to July 2013.

RDML Rendon also presented a certificate of appreciation to CoL Moore's twelve year old daughter, Maggie, to recognize the sacrifices made by children in military families. As an avid outdoorsman and motorcycle enthusiast, CoL Moore enjoys spending his spare time with his family and riding as a member of the Kanaka Hekili Motorcycle Club who were also in

Motorcycle Club who were also in attendance at the ceremony. After retiring from the Air Force and JIATF West, Colonel Moore will embark on his new civilian career as the Regional Logistics Manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division. --

Below, a member of the Kanaka Hekili Motorcycle Club jumps into the photo of CoL Moore cutting his retirement cake. - 28 June 2013



Frocking Ceremony of ITCS Danielle Salo



Above, Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, CAPT Howard Hart, USN, congratulates Senior Chief Danielle Salo on her promotion. Below, ITCS Salo and ACOS for C4 Systems, Mr. Mike Ryan. -27 June 2013, Photo JIATF West.

On the 27th of June 2013 a frocking ceremony was held to promote Chief Danielle Salo, USN, to the rank of Senior Chief. CAPT Howard Hart, USN read the letter signed by RDML James Rendon authorizing Chief Salo the privilege of wearing the rank of Senior Chief and of taking on the additional responsibilities of a Senior Chief. ISC Michael Thompson, USN, pinned the new Senior Chief anchors onto Salo's uniform. Assistant Chief of Staff of C4 Systems, Mr. Mike Ryan was also present to congratulate Senior Chief Salo on her accomplishments. ITCS Salo is active duty Navy and began working at JIATF West on 28 November 2012 as the Telecommunications Officer for the C4 Systems directorate. --



Promotion of YN2 Misty Smiley



Left, Assistant Chief of Staff of Operations, CDR Jeffrey Scudder, USN, congratulates YN2 Smiley on her promotion. Below, CM1 Timothy Furr, USN, YN2 Misty Smiley, USN. Bottom, CDR Scudder and 1SG James Butler, USA pin new 2nd Class Petty Officer crowns on to YN2 Smiley's uniform. - 4 June 2013, Photo JIATF West

On June 4th 2013 a small ceremony was held in the J5 conference room for YN3 Misty Smiley, USN, to promote her to the rank of a Second Class Petty Officer. Assistant Chief of Staff of Operations, CDR Jeffrey Scudder, USN, read the letter of advancement. YN2 Smiley is a reservist in the Navy and is currently on active duty orders serving as the executive assistant to the Operations Department.

Yeoman is the oldest rating in the United States Navy. Yeomen perform administrative and clerical work. They deal with protocol, naval instructions, enlisted evaluations, officer FitReps, visitors, telephone calls and mail. They organize files and operate office equipment and order and distribute supplies. They write and type business and social letters, notices, directives, forms and reports. --



Stephen Bower's Promotion to Lieutenant Commander



Above, Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff of Operations, Mr. Tom Wood, left, and Chief Petty Officer Jeffrey Guiso, USN, right, pin on new LCDR pins to Officer Bower's uniform collar. - 10 June 2013.

On June 10th 2013 a ceremony was held in honor of Stephen Bower's promotion from Lieutenant to Lieutenant Commander in the U. S. Navy. LCDR Bower is a reservist serving at JIATF West on active duty orders as the Officer in Charge for the Integrated Maritime Skills Training Team. Since reporting onboard in October 2011 he and his team have completed nine missions, training 201 students and increasing organic maintenance and operational capability across six key partner nations. The team (formerly known as SCMTT) recently expanded their function beyond small craft maintenance and can now provide more comprehensive maritime skills training that includes underway operation and maritime law enforcement fundamentals in addition to maintenance instruction. --



Recipe of the Month - Roast Beef Canapés

- By Food Specialist Chief Andrew Donahue, USCG



Above, FSC Andrew Donahue, USCG, prepares food at the home of RDML James Rendon for a reception honoring the Royal Thai Police delegation. -15 July 2013



I made these Roast Beef Canapés for a dinner 3 weeks ago. The taste was amazing! They were served at a reception for the Royal Thai Police delegation and was a great success thanks to lots of team work. The recipe is from “Kitchen Culinaire”, see web address below.

Both the red onion jam and the Stilton cream can be made a day or two before serving.

To make the red onion jam:

Heat the 3 tablespoons of olive oil over medium heat and add the thinly sliced onion. Season with salt and pepper and reduce the heat down to medium low. Allow the onions to slowly caramelize and stir occasionally until they are soft and well browned. This may take up to one and a half hours. The longer and slower that you caramelize the onion the better the flavor. Allow to cool and set aside.

To make the Stilton cream:

In a medium bowl combine the crumbled Stilton, sour cream and mayonnaise. Season well with salt and pepper. Set aside.

Roast Beef Canapés with Stilton Cream and Red Onion Jam

- 3 large red onions, thinly sliced
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- Fine grain sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 baguette, sliced into approximately 40 slices
- 6 ounces (168 g) of Stilton cheese, crumbles
- 1/2 cup of sour cream
- 1/4 cup of mayonnaise
- 14 ounces (400 g) sliced roast beef
- 2 ounces (60 g) baby arugula leaves

To assemble:

Place the sliced baguette slices on a serving platter. Place a heaping teaspoon of the red onion jam onto the base of the baguette slice. Take a small portion of the roast beef and roll it up to add a bit of height. Top with a dollop of the Stilton cream and place a few leaves of baby arugula on top. Season with a bit of salt and a few grinds of freshly ground pepper.

Makes approximately 40 canapés.

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