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Enhancing Law Enforcement in Indonesia

JIATF West in coordination with Interagency Partners recently completed several training events designed to improve Indonesian law enforcement capabilities. Between February and May 2013, three separate events successfully took place. Some of the agencies involved in the various events included JIATF West's Small Craft Maintenance Training Team (SCMTT), U. S. Navy's Criminal Investigative Services (NCIS), Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), Indonesia's Badan Narkotika Nasional (BNN), and the Indonesia Marine Police.

The first event was a JIATF West Small Craft Maintenance Training (SCMTT) course provided to the Indonesian Marine Police in the city of Banka last February. The second event was a handover ceremony in the city of Lido for the National Narcotics Board's new training facilities built by JIATF West. The third event was a series of JIATF West and NCIS organized Port Law Enforcement Security Training for the Indonesian National Police that took place in three different port cities throughout Indonesia's Java Island.

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Above, members of the Indonesia Marine Police gather around EN1 Bryson Nuniez, USN as he teaches a class on marine preventative maintenance during a Small Craft Maintenance Training Mission in Indonesia - 19 Feb 2013, Photo by LCDR Stephen Bower, USN.

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Small Craft Maintenance Training Team



Clockwise from left, ENC Guiso, LT Bower; Grand Commissioner, Dede Ruhiat Djunaedi, Commander of the Bangka-Belitung POLAIR; Chief Engineering Officer, Supranoto; EN1 Nuniez, CM1 Miller, and interpreter, "Roy".

J IATF West's SCMTT training in Bangka took place between the 18th of February and the 1st of March 2013 with the Indonesia Marine Police, referred to as "POLAIR", the acronym in Indonesian. ("Air" is the Indonesian word for water). The day before training, Director of POLAIR Banka, Grand Commissioner (O6 equivalent) Dede Ruhiat Djunaedi, invited members of the SCMTT to a meal complete with local durian fruit.

Training was attended by 22 members of POLAIR from various outstations in the Banka-Belitung district. The class overview during the first day of training included topics on electrical, internal combustion, hull corrosion and prevention, and planned maintenance.

According to LCDR Stephen Bower, Officer in Charge for the SCMTT, the participants had an impressive work ethic. "The POLAIR demonstrated tremendous aptitude toward learning and had an impressive work ethic. They asked pointed questions during lectures and worked tirelessly to complete tasks during the hands on training portion", said LT Bower.



Chief Engineer, Supranoto, peels open "durian", a popular creamy fruit famous for its pungent odor, at a luncheon with the SCMTT. - 17 Feb 2013, Photo LCDR Stephen Bower, USN.



Clearing the coolant passages, a member of the POLAIR performs preventative maintenance on a sophisticated 200+ horse power four cycle marine outboard engine. Below, pre-underway brief. - 24 Feb 2013, Photo LCDR Stephen Bower, USN.



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Small Craft Maintenance Training Team



After the week of training, a ceremony was held to hand out certificates and commemorative pins to everyone. This recent training was the third training event by SCMTT in Indonesia during the last 2 fiscal years. Members of SCMTT look forward to continuing training with POLAIR in the future.

Breaking down a lower case, ENC Guiso gives a demonstration to members of the POLAIR. - 27 Feb 2013, Photo LCDR Stephen Bower, USN. Below, Members of JIATF West's SCMTT sit with Indonesia Maritime Police (POLAIR) members graduating class of the 2013 SCMTT training. In dress shirts and ties, from left to right, En1 Nuniez, CM1 Miller, LT Bower, and ENC Guiso. - 1 March 2013, Photo by POLAIR.



Enhancing Law Enforcement in Indonesia Handover Ceremony of National Narcotics Board Building

U.S. Embassy Jakarta Deputy Chief of Mission Kristen Bauer and Joint Interagency Task Force-West Representative to Indonesia Earl Hampton delivered remarks at a May 13 Handover Ceremony for the “Badan Narkotika Nasional” (National Narcotics Board, BNN) Training Center in Lido, an area outside of the city of Bogor. The U.S. government cooperates with the Government of Indonesia to fight the use and trafficking of illicit narcotics.

As part of this cooperation, the United States, through Joint Interagency Task Force West, has provided close to two million dollars in assistance to fund two phases of the Training



Left, Deputy of Law and Cooperation, Mr. Bali Moniaga, BNN. Right, JIATF West Task Force Representative for Indonesia, Mr. Earl Hampton, accepts a gift from the BNN on behalf of JIATF West. – 13 May 2013,

Center's construction, which included classrooms, barracks, a dining hall, roads and parking lot. More than 500 counternarcotics officers are expected to be trained at the Training Center in Lido this year. Several BNN



Third from left to right, JIATF West Task Force Representative, Mr. Earl Hampton; Principle Deputy of BNN, Inspector Sulistiyo; Kristen Bauer, Deputy Chief of Mission, U. S. Embassy Jakarta; Deputy of Law and Cooperation, BNN, Mr. Bali Moniaga; DEA, Special Agent, Eric Williams; AMB Ahwil Lutan, Police Commissioner General (Ret), Expert Consultant (was first Director of BNN). Far right, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) Director, Jakarta, Mr. Terry Mobley.

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Handover Ceremony of National Narcotics Board Building

high level officials attended the Handover Ceremony, with BNN Principal Inspector Sulistiyono delivering remarks on behalf of BNN.

The BNN training academy, originally built by Indonesia to train counter narcotics officers has been operational for over five years, however, the computer training facility and barracks designed to host 90+ students were built by JIATF West over the last two years. --



Mr. Earl Hampton, plants a tree on the grounds of the newly constructed barracks at the Badan Narkotika Nasional (Indonesia's National Narcotics Board). -13 May 2013, Photo BNN.

Enhancing Law Enforcement in Indonesia NCIS Port Law Enforcement Security Training



A Police Officer uses an undercarriage mirror to inspect a vehicle during the practical portion of NCIS led Port Law Enforcement Security Training. -7 March 2013, Photo LT Franz Federschmidt USN.

J IATF-W recently partnered with the NCIS Force Protection Detachment, Jakarta to bring Indonesia National Police (INP) the "Port Law Enforcement Security Training" series. The training was held at three locations, Jakarta, Denpasar, and Surabaya, each for one week. The three events bolstered the INP's ability to detect shipments of narcotics.

By the final event, a graduate of the first iteration was able to apply the training and made a real world discovery of drugs hidden in a cargo container.



Center, members of the INP attending training from NCIS during a week of Port Law Enforcement Security Training. 5 March 2013, Photo by INP



A Police Officer inspects the drivers ID (LT Franz Federschmidt) during a mock vehicle inspection as part of the NCIS Port Law Enforcement Security Training, Indonesia. - 7 March 2013, Photo by NCIS.

LT Federschmidt, the assigned Training Liaison Officer, was taken by both the

professionalism of the trainers and the trainees. "The instructors were dedicated. The only thing more impressive was the level of participation by the students. The series of engagements was enhanced by

considerable input and assistance from multiple directorates and coordination help by Kurtis Derell. --

Counter Threat Finance Training Beijing China



Below center, participants in the financial investigative techniques course listen to the interpreter with headsets. Photo by JIATF West, 15 April 2013, Beijing China.

Last April, members of the U. S. Department of the Treasury's Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division (IRS-CI), Department of Justice, and JIATF West travelled to Beijing, China for a first ever joint JIATF-W / IRS – CI training event with Chinese government officials. The training, a course in Financial Investigative Techniques, was attended by twenty six participants from the People's Bank of China (PBOC), Ministry of Justice, and the Supreme People's Procuratorate with most of the attendees

coming from of the following PBOC departments: Financial Investigation, International Cooperation, Policy and Supervision on Money Laundering, Suspicious Transaction Report Analysis – Anti Money Laundering Bureau, and International Communication and Requests. The training event was kicked-off with opening remarks by IRC-CI Beijing Attaché Wayne Chan. The team was made up of: Jennifer Schmidt, JIATF West; Neil Stammersky, International Training Team Manager and Instructor, IRS-CI; Wayne Chan,



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IRS-CI Beijing Attaché; and Tom Murdock, Senior Instructor, IRS-CI.

The team also included IRS-CI Special Agent Darren Lian, a Mandarin speaker who has worked extensively on money laundering cases relating to China and Department of Justice Federal Prosecutor Ronald Cheng who had served as the Resident Legal Advisor to the U.S. Embassy Beijing (2005 – 2007).

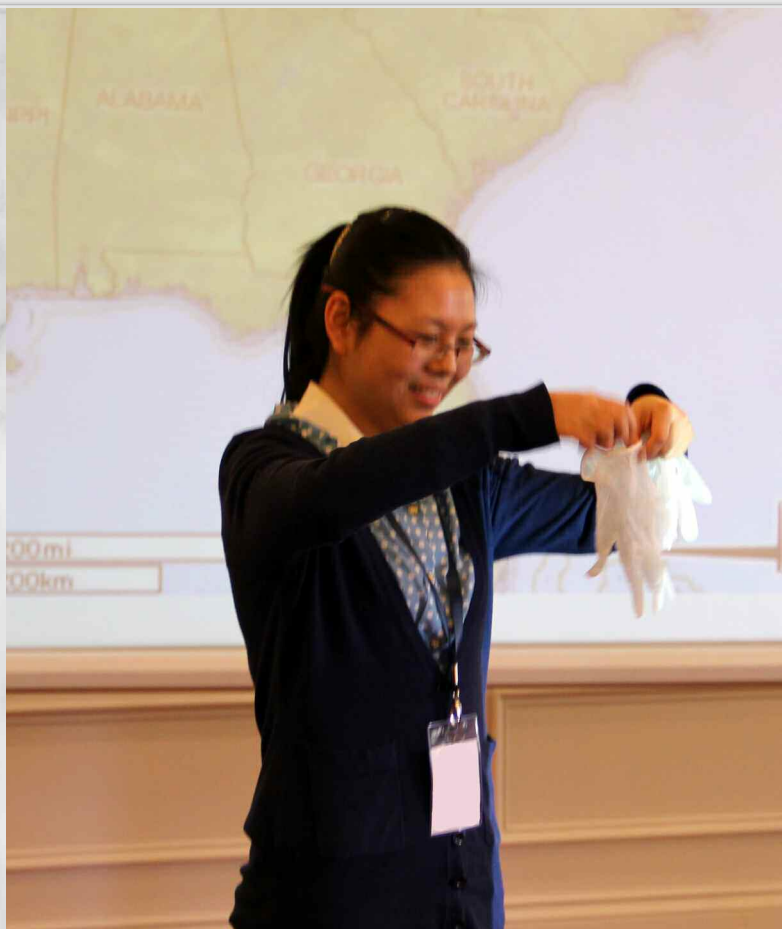
Cheng is credited with working one of the first joint money laundering cases with the Chinese, the Bank of China Kaiping Subbranch, which resulted in the conviction of three individuals, one of whom, as a result of a plea bargain, gave up his rights to asylum and returned to China where he is currently serving a 12 year sentence.

The course was presented in English with simultaneous translation into Mandarin by two interpreters. Special Agent Lian and Federal Prosecutor Cheng delivered their lectures in Mandarin. During the week of training, two Chinese government officials provided lectures on money laundering legislation and bank records.

Zhang Xiao Ming, Director, General Counsel, Division of Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters from the Ministry of Justice provided an overview of the Mutual Legal Assistance Act that is currently in effect between the U.S. and China and Cao Zuoyi, from the Anti-Money Laundering Bureau of the PBOC provided an extensive overview of bank records used in China to include video and mobile phone numbers provided to the banks.



A Senior Ministry of Justice Official addresses class participants during the financial investigative techniques training. 15 April 2013, Beijing China.



A participant dons gloves in preparation for a mock "trash run" during an evidence collection exercise as part of financial investigative techniques training. 16 April 2013, Beijing China.

Counter Threat Finance Training Beijing China



The Financial Investigative Techniques Training from the 15th to 19th of April 2013 in Beijing China. From left to right, 1. Jennifer Schmidt, JIATF West. 2. Neil Stammersky, International Training Team Manager and Instructor, IRS-CI. 3. Wayne Chan, IRS-CI Beijing Attaché. 4. Tom Murdock, Senior Instructor, IRS-CI. 5. Ronald Cheng, Department of Justice, Assistant United States Attorney Los Angeles. 6. Darren Lian, Special Agent, IRS-CI.

One highlight of the training was an extensive money laundering practical exercise. Participants were broken into teams and were told to come up with a scheme on how to launder a significant amount of cash out of China. A key concept repeated throughout the week of training was that oftentimes in order to catch a criminal, one has to think like a criminal. This exercise tends to highlight vulnerabilities of a countries' anti-money laundering regime and brings to light challenges often faced by law enforcement.

One theme among the various teams was corruption and the ease at which people are able to use underground banking systems to move money from China to Hong Kong and then offshore, oftentimes investing it in luxury goods that are hard to value (for example art).

Training was well received by the participants

and feedback from the students was positive. Feedback indicated great appreciation for the content, students were very impressed at how everything tied together and instructors received several comments indicating this was the most substantive CTF training that they had attended to date.



JIATF West began planning for this training back in 2010. In 2011, RDML Tomney and a select staff traveled to China to lay the ground work for creating the training. In 2012, a needs assessment was conducted with the Beijing IRS Attaché and an IRS-CI Senior Instructor to begin to develop course material. With the success of this first CTF training, JIATF West is currently planning to conduct another course in Guangzhou, China's third largest city in June 2013. --

JIATF West Training Missions in Maldives

By LT Brett Lincoln & LCDR Stephen Bower



Above, ENC Jeffrey Guiso, USN roll plays as a vessel Captain under seizure during a Law Enforcement boarding exercise organized by JIATF with the Maldives National Defense Force's Maritime Police and Coast Guard. 27 May 2013. Below right, MA2 Keith Pona, USN demonstrates hull maintenance repair and preservation techniques to Maldivian Maritime Police Forces. 16 May 2013, Photos by LCDR Stephen Bower, USN.

Over 20 members of the Maldives Police Service and the Maldives National Defense Force - Coast Guard were present for the opening ceremonies of JIATF West's training event at the Institute for Security and Law Enforcement Studies in Malé, Maldives.

A six member detachment from the JIATF West Small Craft Maintenance Training Team (SCMTT) provided instruction for three weeks on small craft maintenance and repair techniques, engineering theory, safe underway operation, and maritime law enforcement fundamentals.

"The U.S. has been assisting the Maldives in various domains of development... but their most significant assistance is in the development of our human capital," stated Chief Superintendent

of Police Ali Shujai in his opening remarks. He went on to "highlight the importance of the Small Craft Maintenance Course because more than 90% of Maldivian territory is sea, and the participants will gain the required knowledge and skills to become more aware of safety, engineering, and marine maintenance."



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Above, U. S. trainer, MK2 Sean Cahill, USCG conducts a debrief after a mock boarding and crew interview exercise with Maritime Police and Coast Guard members of the Maldives National Defense Force. A boarding team consisting of Coast Guard (green) and Maritime Police (blue) prepares to board a suspect vessel during a training walkthrough. 23 May 2013, Photos by LT Stephen Bower, USN.



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Above, MA2 Keith Pona, USN demonstrates handcuffing techniques on MK2 Sean Cahill, USCG. Bottom left, CM1 Steve Miller and MA2 Keith Pona giving instruction to Maldivian Coast Guard (green) and Maritime Police (blue) members during the maritime law enforcement portion of the training event. -19 May 2013, Photos by LCDR Stephen Bower, USN.



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Trainers from the Anti Terrorism Assistance program sit to the left of the U.S. Regional Security Officer Douglas Marvin (red tie), with LCDR Stephen Bower and ENC Jeffrey Guiso to the right. Back row middle, MA2 Keith Pona and CM1 Steve Miller. Below, Brigadier General Abdulla Shamaal, MNDF commander of the Malé area and International Defense Cooperation liaison presents a plaque to MK2 Sean Cahill, USCG. 29 May 2013, Photos by LCDR Stephen Bower, USN.



United States Ambassador to Sri Lanka and Maldives Michele J. Sison noted, "These cooperative engagements boost rule of law and enhance Maldives' capability to provide law enforcement with the tools needed to combat drug trafficking and other crimes."

Adding compliant boarding techniques as part of the maritime law enforcement fundamentals taught by JIATF-W representatives also strengthens partner nation capabilities to safely conduct waterborne Visit, Board Search and Seizure events.

The closing ceremony for the event was attended by Brigadier General Abdulla Shamaal, MNDF commander of the Malé area and International Defense Cooperation liaison. General Shamaal offered his appreciation for the capacity building training his forces received, recognizing the importance of a strong maritime component given the geography and placement of the Maldives and the contemporary geopolitical climate of the region.

The Republic of Maldives is composed of a series of islands in the Indian Ocean with an estimated population of 390,000. According to the United

Nations Office of Drug Control, Maldives is not a drug producer, but serves as a destination for illicit drug smuggling.

Enhancing the capabilities of law enforcement to conduct waterborne operations helps to diminish the supply of illicit drugs entering the country and help secure Maldivian borders against external transnational threats. --



Cambodia's National Maritime Coordination Center



Above, class picture taken in front of the JIATF West built NMCC at Ream Naval Station Cambodia. -24 April 2013. Below right, NMCC Commander receives a wooden gift plaque from U. S. Military instructors during the training event's closing ceremony. -3 May 2013. Photos by CPT Jason Lanore, USA.

J IATF West in cooperation with USEMB Phnom Penh and the U. S. Army's Joint Special Operations University conducted Counter Narcotics Training at the Khmer Government National Maritime Coordination Center (NMCC) in Sihanouk Ville, Cambodia from April 24th to May 3rd, 2013. Khmer Interagency Security Forces are developing skill sets in the areas of drug interdiction management and; operations, command, and control. The training is intended to enhance the Khmer Security Forces ability to assist in the fight against drug threats to Cambodia, the U. S. and their strategic partners.

The NMCC is a computer enhanced facility built by JIATF West in 2012. The ribbon cutting ceremony took place in September of 2012 and later became fully operational on the 8th of January 2013 after information technology installation portion of construction was completed.



Cambodia's National Maritime Coordination Center

This CNT event was the first training event to take place in the new NMCC facility. The training directly improves Cambodia's ability to counter the illegal transit of illicit drugs through its borders.

In addition to supporting counternarcotics efforts at the NMCC, JIATF West also plans to renovate the piers used by patrol boats that support the NMCC. Due to the current condition and age of the piers, the renovations will be crucial to facilitate future U. S. Navy port visits at the NMCC. --



Above, a member of the Khmer Security Forces presents a token of appreciation to a member of the U. S. State Department. Below, U. S. Instructors introduce themselves to class participants. 17 April 2013, Photo by CPT Jason Lanore, USA.



Narcotics Enforcement Training Team

The NETT - Thailand

The Narcotics Enforcement Training Team (NETT) is a new training program co-sponsored between JIATF West, DEA, and INL. The goal of NETT is to provide a whole of government approach to provide specialized and comprehensive training to law enforcement officials who directly work with investigating drug related crimes. The first NETT effort took place in Thailand with a Royal Thai Police (RTP) counter narcotic unit in May. If this new concept proves successful to all interagency partners, the NETT will be expanded regionally to include other agencies and countries.



Officers from one of the Royal Thai Police's Special Investigative Units participate in the new Narcotics Enforcement Training Team initiative sponsored between JIATF West, DEA, and INL. — 22 April 2013, Photo by Lance McInnis.

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The NETT - Thailand

Unlike previous counter narcotics training efforts where the audience is typically made up of officers from various units, the NETT provides training to an entire unit as a whole. With the NETT, investigative training also focuses on criminal enterprises. In addition to whole unit training and specialization, the NETT seeks to collect performance metrics related to both training and investigative effectiveness. With NETT, law enforcement officers are given pre and post training tests to help establish metrics. The DEA agents are not only instructors, but they are also mentors to the unit's receiving the specialized training. As part of the mentorship aspect of NETT, the DEA has plans to evaluate the progress of participants at three and six month intervals.

The curriculum provided by the NETT is very comprehensive with too many topics to mention in this article, however, some of the parent themes include a variety of intelligence analysis and data exploitation techniques, interdiction skill sets, operational planning, and law enforcement techniques such as arrest and control tactics.

The first ever NETT training event was a Narcotics Investigations Course presented by members of the Drug Enforcement Agency in Bangkok Thailand. Nineteen officers from a RTP sensitive investigative units participated in the class. DEA Special Agents Dave McConnel and Mark Gray were the main instructors. --

Below, JIATF West Senior Law Enforcement Advisor, Mr. Peter Won observes from the back of the classroom the first training event for the NETT. – 22 April 2013, Photo by Lance McInnis.



The 11th Executive Working Group Meeting in Washington D. C.



Principles from JIATF West's interagency partners attending the 11th executive working group meeting at ONDCP in Washington D. C. Below, AMB. Brownfield from the Department of State's Bureau of International Law Enforcement Affairs, left, and Interdiction Coordinator, Ms. Quagliotti, right – 24 April 2013, Photo by ONDCP.

The 11th Executive Working Group (EWG) was held on the 24th of April 2013 at the Office of National Drug Control Policy conference room in Washington D. C. During the meeting, a framed letter from the ONDCP Deputy Director and United States Interdiction Coordinator, Ms. Marilyn A. Quagliotti, was presented to Mr. William Roig as a token of appreciation prior to his retirement as JIATF West's Deputy Director.

The letter cites Mr. Roig's tremendous personal dedication as the deputy director of JIATF West since July 2004, for his key role in the relocation of JIATF West from Alameda to Honolulu, and for transforming strategy to address evolving challenges in the Asia-Pacific region.

"JIATF West has taken the lead and is blazing a new path to address the significant threat of trans-Pacific trafficking of amphetamine-type stimulates and precursor chemicals (ATS/P)," said Ms. Quagliotti.



The 11th Executive Working Group Meeting in Washington D. C.

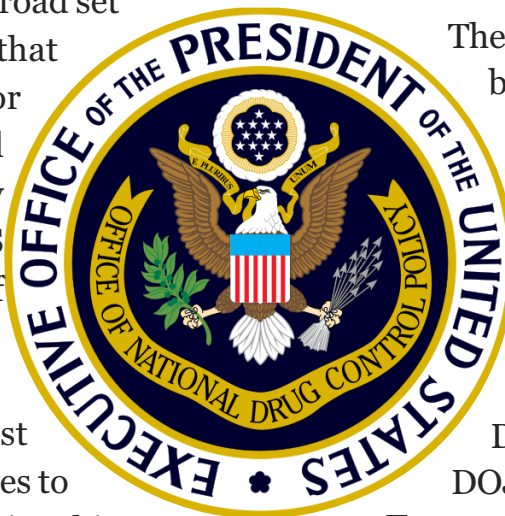


ONDCP Staff members George Russell, left, and CAPT Phil Welzant, right, stand with Mr. William Roig and the letter of appreciation he received from the Deputy Director for Supply Reduction and Interdiction Coordinator, Ms. Quagliotti. – 24 April 2013, Photo by ONDCP.

The very first EWG was convened by Admiral Zukunft on Wednesday, August 8, 2007 at JIATF West to establish routine outreach and strategic collaboration with a broad set of law enforcement partners that have responsibility for addressing transnational criminal threats reasonably related to drugs in the US Pacific Command Area of Responsibility (AOR).

Today, the JIATF West Executive Working Group strives to build and strengthen relationships among the interagency communities of interest dedicated to combating drug-related transnational organized crime (TOC) in the Asia-Pacific. Alignment and collaboration with

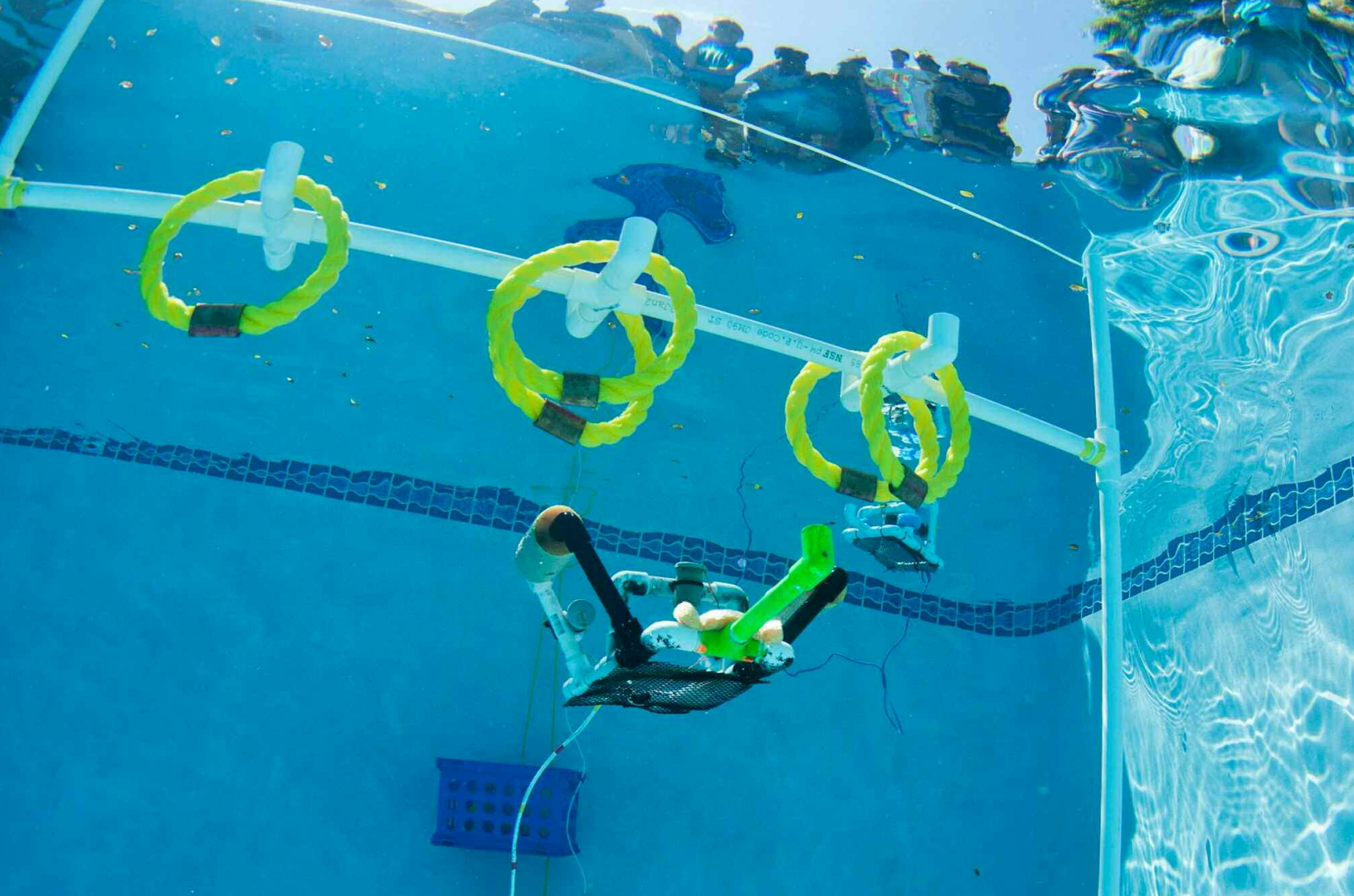
the community of interest allows JIATF West to maximize its effectiveness in whole of government efforts.



The EWG meetings are co-hosted between JIATF West, ONDCP and the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Counternarcotics and Global Threats.

Interagency partners attending include The Interdiction Committee (TIC), DEA, USCG, DOS/INL, ICE /HIS, IRS, CBP, DOJ, NCIS, DHS, FBI, and Treasury/OFAC.

JIATF West attendees at this most recent EWG included, Admiral Rendon, Bill Roig, CDR Scudder, CAPT Hart, Chris Isham and Lee-Ann McClain. --



CDR Dailey Organizes Local School Robotics Competition

JIATF West Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff (ACOS) of Plans and Programs, CDR Bryan Dailey, USCG, helped the Coast Guard organize a robotics competition for local elementary school aged children. The U.S. Coast Guard and Navy have been working with Hawaii students for the past three years to promote interest in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) program. This year's robotics competition titled, "The Sea Perch Hawaii Challenge" took place on the 5th of May at the Coast Guard's Sand Island base. The event was attended by 120 5th to 8th students from 12 local schools.

Students used a controller tethered to the underwater robots to maneuver them through an underwater obstacle course. The robots

were made by the students using a kits donated by DoD agencies and sent to interested schools by the Coast Guard. "This was a kit delivered in a box with nothing assembled. They had to waterproof the motor, wire the motor, assemble a circuit board and then solder in all of the pieces that go to the circuit board. They also had to figure out ballast, center of gravity, and thrust", said Dailey.

Each school team had six weeks to build their robots. Teams typically spent three weeks designing and planning, two weeks building, and one week testing their robots.

Above, students had to guide their robots through an underwater obstacle course during the U. S. Coast Guard and Navy youth robotics completion at the Sand Island Coast Guard Base. – 5 May 2013

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The U.S. Coast Guard hopes that by helping kids have a chance to apply the technical skills they learn from STEM projects, they may have a future interest in the Coast Guard. According to CDR Dailey, kids that are interested in science, engineering and mathematics are the people that the Coast Guard will want to attract for service. "We want to keep that good quality, smart, and educated person thinking about the Coast Guard," Dailey said.

The Honolulu Star Advertiser newspaper and the Coast Guard both covered news of the event. TSgt Michael Jackson, USCG Public Affairs, made a video of the event available for few at the DoD's YouTube channel "DoDvClips" (see links below).

"Whatever their future careers, the robotics competition gave the kids a fun way to learn about science, team work, and problem solving," said TSgt Jackson. Aside from volunteering his time to support the STEM program, CDR Dailey also serves as the DoD liaison to the Department of Education.

Above, LT Brian Sattler, USCG and Ms. Lee-Ann McClain judge a presentation by a 5th grade team. Below, a student guides her team robot through an underwater obstacle course. - 5 May 2013



CDR Bryan Dailey, USCG, organized this year's youth robotics competition and the U. S. Coast Guard Base at Sand Island, describing the robots built by students during a video interview. -5 May 2013, Photo from DoDlive YouTube Video by TSgt Michael Jackson.



View the video on the internet at:

<http://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/USDOD7a2def?reqfrom=share>

YouTube, search for "Coast Guard Robotics Competition by DoDlive"
The Honolulu Star Advertiser story:

<http://www.emailthis.clickability.com/et/emailThis?clickMap=viewThis&etMailToID=137349717>

Recipe of the Month by FSC Andrew Donahue, USCG



Risotto Cakes

This recipe comes from Cooks Illustrated and is one of Chief Food Service Specialist Donahue's favorites.

Ingredients

1/2 cup fresh bread crumbs (see illustrations below)
Pinch of salt
Pinch of ground black pepper
Small pinch of cayenne pepper (optional)
1 teaspoon minced fresh parsley leaves
1 large egg
1 cup leftover risotto, chilled
2 tablespoons finely diced mozzarella, fontina, or provolone cheese
1/2 – 2/3 cup vegetable oil for frying
Lemon wedges for garnish

Instructions

1. Mix the bread crumbs, salt, ground black pepper, cayenne pepper (if using), and parsley together in a small shallow dish. Beat the egg in another small shallow dish. Measure 1/2 cup chilled risotto and shape and fill it with 1 tablespoon cheese as directed in the illustrations below. Repeat with the remaining risotto and cheese to form a second cake. Dip each cake into the egg, allowing excess to drip back into the bowl. Dip both sides of the cake in the bread crumb mixture, pressing the crumbs with your fingers to form an even, cohesive coat.
2. Pour enough oil into an 8-inch nonstick skillet to reach a depth just under 1/2 inch. Turn the heat to medium-high and heat until the oil is shimmering but not smoking, about 2 –minutes. With a spatula, gently lower each cake into the pan and cook until golden brown, about 3 minutes. Flip the cakes with the –spatula and cook until browned on the other side, about 3 minutes. Transfer the cakes to a paper towel–lined plate, blot any excess oil, and serve immediately with lemon wedges.

Promotion to Chief Master Sergeant, USAF

On May 2nd 2013, Senior Master Sergeant Joseph Jordan, USAFR, was promoted to Chief Master Sergeant. A Joint Services promotion ceremony took place with his reserve unit at the Joint Intelligence Operation Center (JIOC) near Pearl Harbor, on Saturday, May 4th.

At the promotion ceremony, Maj Jessica Ladd, USAF from the JIOC was the presiding officer and JIATF West's CPT Cheryl Cho, USA re-administered the Oath of Office. Mr. Gary Bell, also from JIATF West was the narrator. CMSgt Jordan's daughter, Jessica, flew in from California to attend. Jessica is also a member of the armed forces serving in the U. S. Coast Guard. IT3 Jordan is currently stationed at the Coast Guard Training Center at Petaluma California. At the end of the ceremony, CMSgt Jordan's daughter and his girlfriend (CTI2 Wendy Smyth, USN) tacked on the new chief stripes to his uniform. CTI2 Smyth works as linguist for the Navy Reserve.

Not only was there a promotion ceremony from CMSgt Jordan's reserve unit, members of JIATF West also took steps to properly congratulate him as well. Since the promotion ceremony was off-site, CPT Cheryl Cho, organized a small surprise party the day before at JIATF West to congratulate CMSgt Jordan for his selection to Chief.



Selected for promotion, CMSgt Joseph Jordan smiles at the surprise party organized for him by CPT Cheryl Cho at JIATF West the day before his official promotion ceremony. Back, LT Brian Sattler, USCG. - 3 May 2013

Being selected for Chief in the Air Force is no small feat. Less than one percent of the Air Forces enlisted members achieve the rank of Chief Master Sergeant. CMSgt Jordan was a Senior Master Sergeant for four years prior to being selected by a promotion board for Chief. He also previously served eight years of active duty service. Currently he works with JIATF West managing the Consolidated Counter Drug Database (CCDB), a comprehensive database that captures the details surrounding drug-related seizure events that occur globally.



Left, IT3 Jessica Jordan, USCG stands proudly with her father, CMSgt Joseph Jordan in the Joint Intelligence Operation Center after his promotion. Right, IT3 Jessica Jordan and CTI2 Wendy Smyth, tack on new Chief stripes to CMSgt Jordan's uniform during the promotion ceremony. - 4 May 2013

Farewell CDR Collins

On the 29th of May, task force members gathered in the front office conference room for an award ceremony in honor of CDR Dwight Collins, USCG for his work at JIATF West before he departs with new orders to his next tour of duty. CDR Collins was presented with the Defense Meritorious Service Medal by RDML Rendon for his exceptional leadership and expertise while serving as Chief, Intelligence Operations Division from July 2010 to May 2013. CDR Collins' work has helped keep illegal profits out of the hands of drug dealers and has supported numerous successful interdiction operations.

After the award ceremony, a farewell luncheon was held in honor of CDR Collins at a restaurant near Pearl Harbor. At the luncheon, members of the Intelligence directorate presented CDR Collis with a framed and signed map of the Hawaiian Islands as well as a custom made Koa wood paddle.

Right, Mr. Michael Pagnotti, left, and James Greigo, right, present CDR Collins with mementos at his farewell luncheon. Below, CDR Collins addresses task force members in the conference room during a promotion ceremony in his honor. -29 May 2013.



RDML Rendon, right, presents CDR Collins' with the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for his exceptional leadership and significant contributions during his three year tour of duty with JIATF West. -- 29 May 2013.

CDR Collins is leaving JIATF West on orders to become the new Chief of Response for New York State at the Coast Guard base on Staten Island New York. --





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