



Bangladesh Base Development

A small team from JIATF West travelled to Bangladesh to conduct an Assessment in support of a law enforcement infrastructure improvement initiative. JIATF West, in cooperation with the US Embassy in Dhaka, hopes to bolster counternarcotics capabilities of both the Bangladesh Coast Guard (BCG) and the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) by funding much needed infrastructure projects that support training and Coast Guard maritime capabilities. The assessment, necessary to verify selection of FY14 projects, was led by Task Force Representative, LCDR Michael Hosey, USCG. Accompanying LCDR Hosey were Base Development Program Manager, Mr. Scott Hawman and Future Operations Officer, CW4 Andrew Siemens, USA.

The site visit took place between 27 October and 2 November 2013, and began in the capital city of Dhaka located on the east banks of the Buriganga River. In Dhaka, JIATF West team members met with US Embassy Country Team personnel as well as with the Director General of the BCG, Admiral K S. Hossian (equivalent to the US Coast Guard Commandant) and BGB Director General, Major General Aziz Ahmed. The Bangladesh Coast Guard, much like the US Coast Guard, has law enforcement authorities and patrols the waterways interdicting crime at sea. The BGB, on the other hand, is responsible for the security of land borders.

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Above, JIATF West's Base Development Program Manager, Mr. Scott Hawman exchanges a "fist bump" with the Commander of the BGB National Training Center in Satkania Bangladesh after completing a visit to discuss potential base development projects. -3 November 2013, photo by JIATF West.

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After completing meetings in Dhaka, US Embassy Country Team members and a Bangladesh Coast Guard Officer accompanied JIATF West members to the Coast Guard base located in the city of Chittagong. During the visit, the team inspected base facilities and determined that the most beneficial project would be construction of a maintenance boat house to service the fast and technologically advanced patrol boats used by the Coast Guard.

After the base visit in Chittagong, JIATF West members traveled to Satkania, home of the BGB's National Training Center, where recruits, both enlisted and officer, live and train. JIATF West members received a warm welcome from base members who made a custom painted sign to welcome them. The National Training Center is the primary site for training and marksmanship for all Southeastern BGB members.

Patrol boats used by the Bangladesh Coast Guard docked off of the Karnaphuli River in the city of Chittagong. The Karnaphuli River is Bangladesh's largest and most important river. - 30 Oct 2013, photo by JIATF West.

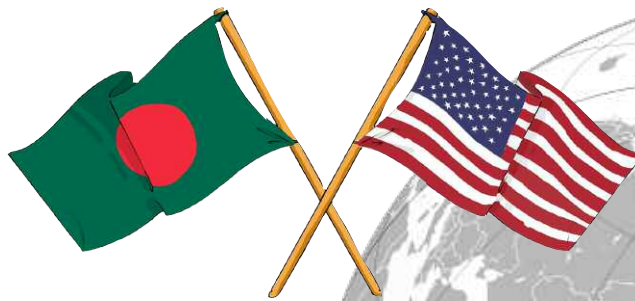
Bangladesh Coast Guard members, in training, walk to classes at the main Coast Guard training base in Chittagong. - 30 Oct 2013, photo by JIATF West.

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JIATF West's Base Development Program Manager, Mr. Scott Hawman, discusses potential base development plans with Commander Narzul of the Bangladesh Coast Guard in Chittagong. - 30 Oct 2013, photo by JIATF West..

The BGB Director General, Major General Aziz Ahmed, identified top priorities as improvements to firing ranges as well as training in advanced marksmanship, drug detection capabilities and border management training.



Having conducted six training missions since first beginning to work with Bangladesh in 2004, JIATF West is no stranger to Bangladesh. However, the projects identified from this assessment will be the first ever funded by JIATF West in Bangladesh. Base Development Program Manager, Mr. Scott Hawman, who travelled to Bangladesh for the first



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time, was very impressed with the cooperative nature of both the US Embassy and the Bangladesh military.

Equally impressive, according to Mr. Hawman, was the high level of English proficiency among the Bangladesh military officers. “Their excellent command of English allowed for ease of interaction and communication”, said Mr. Hawman.

From the assessment, JIATF West will draft a mutually supported infrastructure concept of operations. The Law Enforcement Agency sponsor for projects is the International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program (ICITAP) and all projects will be implemented with the approval and coordination of the US Embassy’s Office of Defense Cooperation (ODC). During 2014, Director of JIATF West, RDML James Rendon, USCG will personally travel to Bangladesh to sign documents that will allow for the implementation of the approved infrastructure projects. --



A Bangladesh Ceremonial Guard stands watch at the BGB National Training Center in Satkania. -3 Nov 2013, photo by, JIATF West.

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Standing in front of a building surrounded by hundreds of bamboo poles, a popular choice of scaffolding typically found through out Asia, JIATF West's Base Development Program Manager, Mr. Scott Hawman, discusses potential construction plans with an Officer of the Bangladesh Coast Guard in Chittagong.
- 31 Oct 2013, photo by JIATF West.

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Above and lower right, JIATF West's Future Operations Officer, CW4 Andrew Siemens, USA and Base Development Program Manager, Mr. Scott Hawman, discuss potential boat docking issues with officers of the Bangladesh Coast Guard in Chittagong. Lower left, Task Force Representative to Bangladesh, LCDR Michael Hosey, USCG poses for a photo with two officers of the Bangladesh Coast Guard. -30 Oct 2013, photo by JIATF West.



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Above, JIATF West's Base Development Program Manager, Mr. Scott Hawman, discusses potential firing range improvements with BGB leaders. Below, from left to right, Future Operations Officer, CW4 Andrew Siemens, USA; Task Force Representative, LCDR Michael Hosey, USCG; Base Development Program Manager, Mr. Scott Hawman; a Bangladesh Ceremonial Guardsman; and an officer of the Border Guard Bangladesh, stand at a custom made welcome sign at the entrance to the BGB National Training Center. -3 November 2013, photos by JIATF West.



Counter Narcotics Training with Vietnam



During 2013, two counternarcotics training events took place in Vietnam at the Police Training Center built by JIATF West. Both training events were funded by JIATF West in coordination with the Hanoi DEA office. The first training iteration was held in June and the second in September. Both were for eleven days. Each event had training provided by DEA Special Agents with Marine instructors in June and Army instructors in September. Capt Paul Trower, USMC was the JIATF West training liaison for both events. The training, titled, “Tactical Training Course 2013”, was designed to improve field safety and law enforcement skills of Vietnam’s specialized Counter Narcotics Police. In Vietnam, Counter Narcotics Police are part of the Ministry of Public Security and are known as the “C-47”.



Police officers practice tactical combat casualty care techniques during an 11 day tactical training course. – 11 September 2013.

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A US Army instructor observes police officers practicing tactical combat casualty care techniques during an 11 day tactical training course in Vietnam. – 11 September 2013.

The June training took place between the 10th and the 21st and covered two main topics. The first week concentrated on the basics of field medicine and tactical combat casualty care, while the second week focused on law enforcement techniques. Areas of law enforcement covered suspect apprehension, handcuffing, self defense, tactical safety, entry procedures, and operation planning. Three Marine and two Navy Corpsman provided the field medical training during the first week and three DEA Special Agents covered law enforcement.



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The September training was held from the 9th to the 20th and mirrored June's topics, but with an added area of specialty. A Representative of the Vietnamese Government specializing in Rule of Law gave a presentation on force protection in accordance with Vietnamese standards. Tactical combat casualty care was taught by six Army instructors from Fort Lewis, WA.

Both training sessions were a success and provided valuable instruction to 45 counternarcotics officers per session. --

Counternarcotics Training 2013 with the Philippine National Police



Philippine Maritime Police rehearse tactical maneuvers on a beach as part of a culmination exercise after a month of counternarcotics training organized by JIATF West. -25 September 2013, photo by JIATF West. Below, US Military Trainers underway with Philippine Maritime Police during a JIATF West organized CNT event in the provincial region of Palawan. -5 August 2013, photo by CPT Jason LaNore, USA.

Several iterations of JIATF West organized follow-on counternarcotics training were conducted in 2013 to support maritime security force units in the Philippines. This article covers the events of two of them. Iteration 5, which took place from 29 July to 23 August, 2013, and iteration 6, which took place 2-23 September, 2013.

Both training events were four weeks long, sponsored by the US Department of Justice International Criminal Investigation Training and Assistance Program (ICITAP), and were in support of Philippine National Police's Maritime Group – Small Boat Unit (PNP-SBU) located in Puerto Princesa, on the island of Palawan. Classroom instruction took place in August at the JIATF West built Law Enforcement Training Center (LETC) and the SBU Headquarters. These same facilities were utilized in September. Organizing of the training was a collaborative effort between the Philippine National Police – Maritime Group (PNP-MG), ICITAP

JIATF West and the US Navy and Army instructors.

For the 5th iteration of training, 14 US Navy personnel and one ICITAP staff member trained 50 host nation police and military members. The student cadre consisted of 30 PNP-MG, five Philippine Coast Guard, five Navy, and 10 Marines.

Topics included small boat handling and maintenance, electronic navigation, vessel boarding, rifle and pistol marksmanship, maritime defensive tactics, and first responder medical care. A multi-team culmination exercise was conducted to

validate the efficacy of training. Special guests at the opening ceremony included Mayor of Puerto Princesa City, Hon. Lucilo Baryon and Deputy Director for Administration, PNP-MG, PSSUP Ferdinand Yuzon. For the closing ceremony, the Governor of Palawan, Hon. Jose Chavez Alvarez, was the guest speaker.



Counternarcotics Training 2013 with the Philippine National Police



Police Senior Superintendent (PSSUPT), Ferdinando Yuzon, Deputy Director of Administration, Philippine National Police Maritime Group, gives welcoming remarks to participants of the July to August, 2013 Follow On Counternarcotics Training event organized by JIATF West. -29 July 2013, photo by CPT Jason LaNore, USA.

Civil Affairs Outreach



Prior to the beginning of training with the PNP-MG, US military instructors donated toys, clothing, and food to a local orphanage. US military instructors often support civil affairs outreach efforts to promote good will with the communities they are working in.

Above, children at a local orphanage sing a song of gratitude for the supplies donated by US military trainers.



Members of the PNP-MG, Philippine Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard attending the opening ceremony of the 5th iteration of JIATF West organized counternarcotics training for 2013. -29 July 2013, photo by CPT Jason LaNore, USA.



Philippine National Police approach a target vessel to perform a mock search and seizure during counternarcotics training organized by JIATF West. – August 2013, photo by CPT Jason LaNore, USA.

Counternarcotics Training 2013 with the Philippine National Police



A US Military instructor reviews proper handling of an M-60 machine gun with Philippine Maritime Police during counternarcotics training with JIATF West. – 22 September 2013, photo courtesy of US ARMY. Lower right, Philippine National Police and Military members carry a mock casualty to safety as part of tactical combat casualty care procedures during a JIATF West organized training event in Palawan. –11 September 2013, photo by CPT Jason LaNore, USA.

For the 6th iteration of training, 12 US Army instructors and one ICITAP staff member focused on unit-level tactics, emphasizing mission planning and developing procedures for joint operations. This event was specifically tailored for PNP-MG and PNP units from various neighboring provinces. Topics included warning and operations orders; advanced rifle and pistol marksmanship; cordon and search in a rural environment; and tactical first aid. The September training was also followed by a multi-team culmination exercise. Opening ceremony special guests included the Palawan Vice Governor, Hon. Dennis Socrates; Mayor Baryon; PSUPT Salibo; Director Maritime Group, PCSUPT Henry Losanes; and US Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics & Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), AMB William Brownfield who was the guest of honor and keynote speaker. The Deputy Chief of PNP Administration, PDDG Ager Ontog Jr., was the closing ceremony keynote speaker.



Counternarcotics Training 2013 with the Philippine National Police

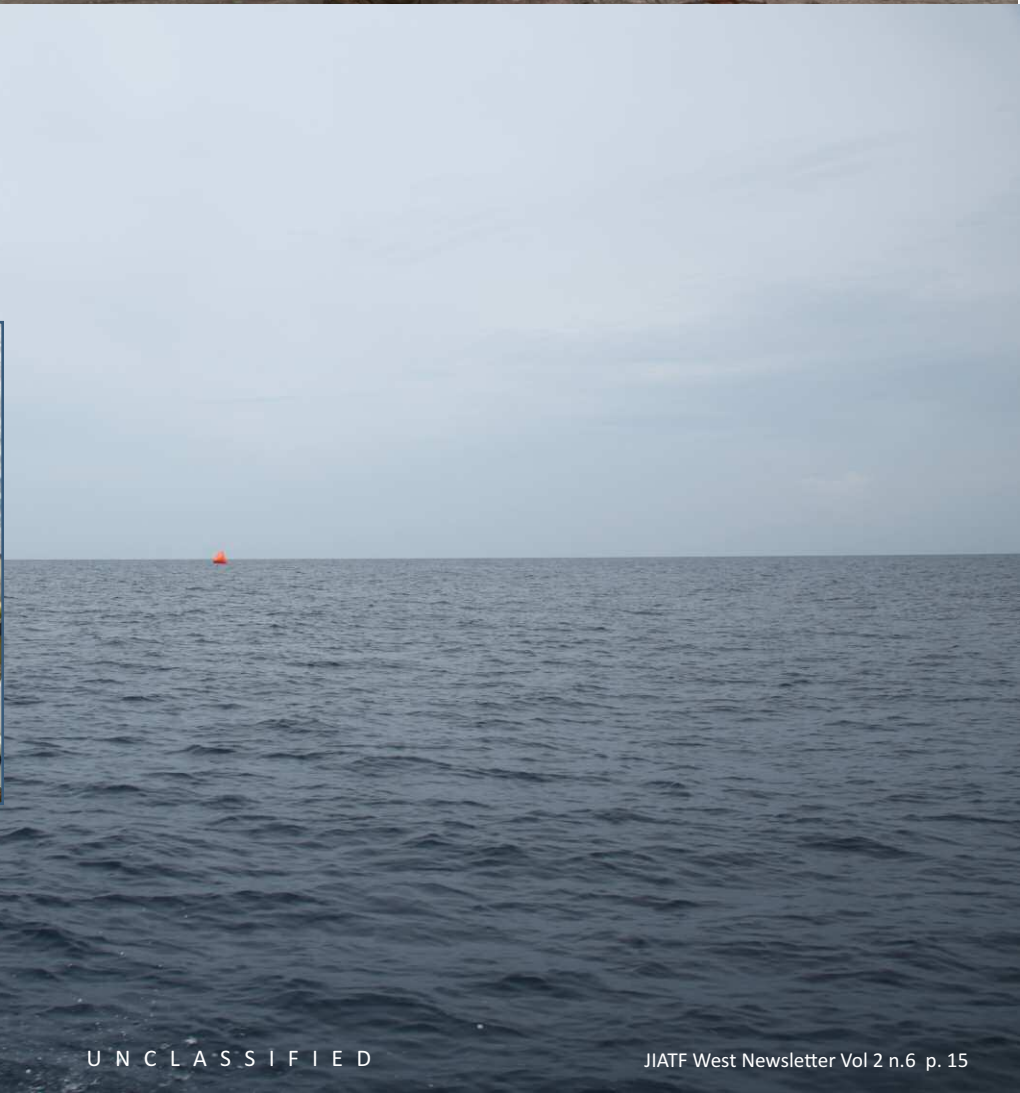
Philippine Maritime Police practice chart navigation as part of counternarcotics training organized by JIATF West in Puerto Princesa. -6 August 2013, photo by Capt. Jason Lanore, USA.



A US Navy instructor holds a digital timer to time a Philippine Marine during advanced marksmanship training as part of a JIATF West organized counternarcotics training in Puerto Princesa. -9 August 2013, Photo by Capt. Jason Lanore, USA.

Counternarcotics Training 2013 with the Philippine National Police

During the 6th iteration of 2013 counternarcotics training, US Army instructors made use of a large free-floating target known as a “killer tomato”. Taller than ten feet, the target was towed out to sea and released for gunnery practice. From a kilometer, the large inflatable target appears only as a speck on the horizon after being positioned for maritime target practice by the Philippine Maritime Police.



Counternarcotics Training 2013 with the Philippine National Police

Puerto Princesa City Police Office (CPO) chief Senior Supt. Abad Osit and US Assistant Secretary of State International Narcotics & Law Enforcement Bureau, AMB. William Brownfield, walk towards Director Maritime Group, PCSUPT Henry P. Losanes who is waiting to greet them at the entrance of the JIATF West built Law Enforcement Training Center for the opening ceremony of 6th iteration of 2013 counternarcotics training. -2 September 2013, photo by JIATF West.



AMB Brownfield attended the opening ceremony as part of a four day visit to the Philippines. From 1 to 4 September, AMB Brownfield met with Philippine law enforcement officials to discuss partnerships and the improvement of investigative capacities. While attending the opening ceremony, he was given a detailed brief of the ICITAP vision for securing the Sulu Sea with training and infrastructure programs that will receive support from JIATF West.

JIATF West training for SBU directly supports the two INL strategic goals; (1) reduce the entry of illegal drugs into the US and (2) minimize the impact of international crime on the United States and its citizens. --

Joint Committee Meeting (JCM) in Colonia, Yap

- By LCDR Aja Kirksey, USCG

JIATF West Task Force Representative to Oceania, LCDR Aja Kirksey, traveled to the island of stone money to attend the Federated States of Micronesia Joint Committee Meeting (JCM) in Colonia, Yap State in the Federated States of Micronesia on November 19, 2013. The JCM is an annual consultation between the FSM and the U.S. on issues of mutual interest under Title III of the Compact of Free Association relating to security and defense obligations.

Among other duties, Task Force Representatives participate in U.S. Embassy country team meetings and conferences to ensure synchronization of JIATF West activities with U.S. government partners. This meeting was an ideal Task Force Representative engagement opportunity, and will inform future engagements in Oceania to include facilitating a national biometrics database assessment with the FSM National Government, and potential engagement with the Micronesia Transnational Crime Unit in Pohnpei, FSM. Prior to the JCM, on the 17th of November, both delegations from the FSM



Above, rows of thatched roof buildings constructed of dried palm fronds at the Yap State Historic Preservation Office. The island of Yap is one of four island states that make up the Federated States of Micronesia. Lower right, large doughnut shaped stone money (Rai), unique to the island of Yap. -17 November 2013, photo by LCDR Aja Kirksey, USCG.

and U.S. were invited to participate in a traditional ceremony hosted by Wa'gay, a non-profit organization aiming to preserve the cultural and traditional practices of the people of the outer islands of Yap. The ceremony ended with traditional canoe sailing in Colonia Harbor, lead by FSM Ambassador to the U.S. Asterio Takesy as the master navigator. On the 18th of November both delegations toured various Construction Civic Action Detail's (CCAD) project sites at primary and secondary schools in Yap.

On the 19th of November, both delegations reconvened at the Yap State Hospital's conference room for the official opening of the JCM, where FSM Ambassador Takesy facilitated the proceedings. The Secretary of Foreign Affairs Lorin S. Robert delivered FSM opening statements and conveyed his best wishes to the U.S. delegation.



Joint Committee Meeting (JCM) in Colonia, Yap - By LCDR Aja Kirksey, USCG

U.S. Ambassador Doria Rosen reciprocated by expressing her appreciation to all the participating officials, and she pointed out that Title III of the Amended Compact mandates the U.S. to defend the FSM as if it is one of the fifty states of the United States of America, the highest defense commitment made by the U.S. Government. Ambassador Rosen also highlighted some of the recent engagements between the U.S. and FSM such as the CCAD and Humanitarian Aid FSM programs, and recent training conducted by JIATF West with the Maritime Wing of the FSM National Police.

The FSM delegation members to the 2013 JCM were Secretary Lorin S. Robert, Department of Foreign Affairs, as the Head of Delegation along with Secretary April Dawn Skilling, Department of Justice; His Excellency Asterio Takesy, FSM Ambassador to the U.S.; Assistant Secretary Leo Lokopwe, Department of Transportation Communications and Infrastructure; Consul General Robert Ruecho, FSM Consulate Office in Guam;



Above, Delegation members participating in a Wa'gay ceremony; recognizing those local members excelling in traditional canoe-making, and sharing in the traditional drink *tuba*, or the fermented sap of the coconut palm. Below, a traditional ocean canoe typically used for transportation around Yap. -17 November 2013, photos by LCDR Aja Kirksey, USCG.

Chief of Staff Leo Falcam Jr., President's Office; Lt. Governor Marcelo Peterson, Pohnpei State; Members of the Yap State Legislature and other officials from the National and Yap State governments.

Representing the U.S. government were Her Excellency Dorothea Maria Rosen, U.S. Ambassador to the FSM; Rear Admiral Tilghman Payne, U.S. Defense

Representative to FSM; Captain Casey White, Commander Coast Guard Sector Guam; Deputy Chief Ron McNeill, South Asia and Oceania Policy Division, USPACOM; Senior Advisor Roy Tsutsui, U.S. Defense Representative Political – Military Affairs and other officials from the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, and the U.S. Embassy in FSM. --



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- By LCDR Aja Kirksey, USCG



Above, Official Joint Committee Meeting at the Yap State Hospital's conference room. Lower left, representing the U.S. Government, AMB Dorothea Maria Rosen, U.S. Ambassador to the FSM and Rear Admiral Tilghman Payne, U.S. Defense Representative to FSM. Lower right, LCDR Aja Kirksey, USCG sits with a Yapese Chief. -19 Nov 2013



Joint Committee Meeting (JCM) in Colonia, Yap - By LCDR Aja Kirksey, USCG

Right, a Yapese sailor in traditional garb mans the wooden rudder of the ocean canoe. Lower right, delegation member Patrick Maloney, US Embassy Colonia (holding camera) and His Excellency Asterio Takesy, FSM Ambassador to the U.S., sail onboard a large, traditional Yap canoe. -19 Nov 2013, photos by LCDR Aja Kirksey, USCG.

Yap state flag. Pictured in it's center is an ocean canoe with sail. The circle represents stone money.

The island of Yap, part of the Federated States of Micronesia, is made up of three small islands.



Air Commodore Davies visit to JIATF West

Air Commodore Tony Davies, MNZN, of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, visited JIATF West for an office call with RDML James Rendon, USCG on the 7th of November 2013. AIRCDRE Davies was appointed last September as the Assistant Chief Strategic Commitments and Intelligence at Headquarters New Zealand Defense Force (HQNZDF) in Wellington. AIRCDRE Davies was in Hawaii as the Co-Chair to the US-New Zealand Bilateral Defense Dialogue with USPACOM. The office call with JIATF West was arranged as part of his familiarization to USPACOM.

The purpose of the office call was to anticipate interest on how JIATF West achieves interagency coordination. Currently JIATF West strategically shares information and collaborates with New Zealand. Some topics of interest discussed included potential interaction

with HQNZDF and increased sharing of counterdrug information. After the office call with RDML

Rendon, staff members presented a command brief. --



Director, Joint Interagency Task Force West, RDML James Rendon, USCG (right) greets Air Commodore Tony Davis of the Royal New Zealand Air Force for an office call. -7 November 2013, photo by JIATF West.



Many of you may be wondering why the acronym MNZN was used to abbreviate the branch of service for AIRCDRE Davis.

MNZN stands for "Member, New Zealand Order of Merit".

The order of merit is an order of chivalry established in 1996 by

Elizabeth II, Queen of New Zealand.

According to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, "the order of merit is for those persons who in any field of endeavor, have rendered meritorious service to the Crown and nation or who have become distinguished by their eminence, talents, contributions or other merits." The order is awarded in five grades, Member (MNZN), Officer (ONZN), Companion (CNZN), Knight or Dame Companion (KNZN or DNZN); and Knight or Dame Grand Companion (GNZN).



Meet the New Integrated Maritime Skills Training Team



JIATF West will retire the use of the former SCMTT logo, below, and begin using the newly designed IMS logo shown above.



Right, IMS member, MK2 Sean Cahill, USCG teaches Ground Tackle and Anchoring techniques to members of the Royal Cambodian Navy. -1 September 2013, photo by JIATF West.

The Small Craft Maintenance Training Team recently transitioned its name to the Integrated Maritime Skills (IMS) Training Team. This change better captures the expanded functions and responsibilities of JIATF-West's own organic mobile training team. The IMS will continue to provide small craft maintenance and repair training where appropriate, but will also focus on maritime law enforcement and safe small boat operation. Graduation from the U.S. Coast Guard Boarding Team School as well as the addition of two U.S. Coast Guard personnel provide the foundation for these latter capabilities. For FY14 the IMS team will provide maritime law enforcement and small boat training to JIATF-West partner nation law enforcement agencies in Bangladesh, Philippines, and the Maldives. --



IMS in Cambodia - 2013



JIATF West's Integrated Maritime Skills (IMS) team conducted a

three week training mission with the Royal Cambodian Navy (RCN) and Cambodia's National Committee for Maritime Security (NCMS) near the port city of Sihanoukville in September 2013. A total of 15 officers from both the RCN and NCMS took part in the training. At the opening ceremony Rear Admiral Ros Vehsna, Deputy Commander of Maritime Base, expressed his appreciation for the training program and offered his full support.



Members of the RCN work on repairing a RHIB rubber sponson under the guidance of a JIATF West IMS trainer. - 4 September 2013. Photo by JIATF West. Below, two Royal Cambodian Navy patrol boats, in improved condition after a week of IMS supervised maintenance instruction, conduct underway testing. - 17 September 2013.



IMS in Cambodia - 2013



JIATF West's IMS team members with RCN and NCMS students. From left to right in blue shirts, ENC Jeffrey Guiso, USN; LCDR Stephen Bower, USN; MK2 Sean Cahill, USCG; MA2 Keith Pona, USN; and CM1 Steve Miller, USN. - 4 September 2013, photo by JIATF West.

The curriculum focused primarily on boat maintenance, engineering, and safe underway operation, tailored to provide the most pertinent instruction to the majority of students with engineering or small boat related billets in their respective units. The course of instruction was comprised of both classroom and hands on practical training. Among many other topics, the lectures included anchoring, rigging, basic navigation, planned maintenance, operational logs, hull maintenance, internal combustion engine theory, and diesel injection theory.

Classroom training was followed by hands-on and practical instruction to help firmly establish the engineering and boat skills with the students. In addition to working on the platforms in the repair facility, the boats were launched and underway operational training took place on several of the RCN's rigid hull inflatable boats (RHIB). According to the IMS training team Officer in Charge, LCDR Stephen Bower, USN, previous training missions conducted by the former Small Craft Maintenance Training Team are showing results.

"The boat conditions upon arrival this year suggest that maintenance and repair techniques previously taught are still being implemented", said LCDR Bower.

JIATF West has a long standing and productive relationship with various Cambodian Military and Law Enforcement entities. Since 1996, JIATF West has organized 44 training events, to include two SCMTT missions and one IMS. JIATF West is looking forward to continued successes in counterdrug training efforts with Cambodia in 2014 with several planned training initiatives. --

Recipe of the Month - Seared Scallops with Herb-Butter Pan Sauce

- By Chief Food Specialist Chief Andrew Donahue, USCG

This is a simple, fast, and romantic dish any novice can make. It's what I made for Valentine's day. Why go out and fight crowds when you can create your own magical dish at home? Add a couple of pieces of dark chocolate and red wine and it's a deal! And if the kids are home, better rent a movie from the Redbox for them!

Ingredients

For the scallops:

1 lb. dry large sea scallops
1 Tbs. unsalted butter
1 Tbs. extra-virgin olive oil
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

For the sauce:

3 Tbs. unsalted butter, cut into six pieces
2 Tbs. finely diced shallot (1 medium shallot)
1/4 cup dry white vermouth or dry white wine
1/4 cup finely chopped mixed fresh herbs, such as flat-leaf parsley and chives
1/4 tsp. finely grated lemon zest
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 to 3 lemon wedges for serving

Cooking Tip: Be sure to have all your ingredients prepped for the sauce (shallots diced, herbs chopped) before you begin searing the scallops.

Directions:

Remove the tough abductor muscle from the side of each scallop (some scallops are sold with the muscle already removed). If you feel any grit on the scallops, rinse them under cold water. Pat the scallops dry with paper towels; surface moisture impedes browning. Heat a 10 or 12 inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat for 1 to 2 minutes. Add the oil and butter, if using, and heat until quite hot.



Pat the scallops dry once more and put them in the pan in a single, uncrowded layer. Season with salt and pepper and let sear undisturbed until one side is browned and crisp, 2 to 4 minutes. Using tongs, turn the scallops and sear until the second side is well browned and the scallops are almost firm to the touch, 2 to 4 minutes. Take the pan off the heat, transfer the scallops to a plate, and set them in a warm spot. Let the pan cool for a minute before you make the sauce.

Return the pan to medium heat. Add a piece of the butter (1/2 Tbs.) and the shallots and sauté until the shallots begin to soften, about 1 minute. Add the vermouth or wine and simmer until reduced by about half, another 1 to 2 minutes. Add the herbs and lemon zest. Reduce the heat to low, add the remaining butter, and whisk constantly until the butter melts into the sauce. Return the scallops and any accumulated juices to the pan. Gently roll the scallops in the sauce to warm them through. Taste for salt and pepper and serve immediately with lemon wedges on the side to squeeze over the scallops.

This recipe is from the food website, "Fine Cooking" and can be found at the following web address:

<http://www.finecooking.com/recipes/master-seared-scallops.aspx>

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A re-enlistment ceremony was held in honor of JIATF West's CM1 Timothy Furr, USN aboard the USS Missouri on the 1st of October 2013. CM1 Furr is the Lead Petty Officer for the Integrated Maritime Skills Training Team.

Photo by Shawn Parrish, 1 Oct 2013