

Chargé d’Affaires Edwin Nolan Leads U.S. Delegation to Curacao



CAPT. Braswell, CG Belon, Acting Governor van der Pluijm-Vrede, Chargé Nolan and Wendy Sneff from the Department of State

Chargé d’Affaires Edwin Nolan led a U.S. delegation on an official visit to Curacao. Joining him was Defense Attaché CAPT Dan Braswell. The trip served to strengthen the bilateral relationship and to highlight U.S. interests in the region. Chargé Nolan and U.S. Consul General Valerie Belon met with Curacao Prime Minister Daniel Hodge, Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Development Steven Martina, Acting Governor Adele Van der Pluijm-Vrede, Minister of Justice Nelson

Navarro, Curacao Foreign Affairs Director Arthur Kibbelaar and Chairman of Parliament Mike Franco to discuss bilateral issues and other topics of common interest.



CG Belon, Chargé Nolan, PM Hodge and FA Director Kibbelaar

The U.S. delegation also met with the President of Chamber of Commerce, business leaders, and the diplomatic corps. The Chargé, Consul General and CAPT Braswell



CG Belon, Minister of Justice Nelson Navarro, Vice Prime Minister Steven Martina, Chargé Nolan

joined Dutch military officials at the Parera naval base in discussions of mutual interests and cooperation in the region. They also received briefings at the U.S. Air Force's Forward Operating Location. A visit to the Kurà Hulanda museum provided the delegation with a historic overview of the trans-Atlantic slave trade and the ways in which African cultural heritage has influenced Curaçaoan and Caribbean societies.