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P3 Orion conducts surveillance and provides Community Services

Ambassador Helen P. Reed-Rowe along with Palauan officials meets the crew of the U.S. Navy in front of their P3 Aircraft that recently conducted a routine maritime surveillance in Palau. The P3 Orion was recently in Palau to participate in operation Kurukuru—a multinational economic, exclusive economic zone patrol operation where they go out and patrol the local ezs and report any surface contacts to higher headquarters.



Members of the US Navy in Uniform poses with [Front Row L-R]: US Ambassador Reed-Rowe, Minister of State Victor M. Yano, M.D. and his son, Minister of Justice John C. Gibbons [behind], Director of the Bureau of Public Safety Norvert Yano, and Ms. Jocelyn Isechal—US Embassy's Political Specialist.



The COMREL Team posing in front of the school's sign along with Ms. Isechal of the US Embassy after their completed their project.

Commanding Officer Kripps reported that this type of operation is on an invite only basis and began around the start of 2011. Commander Kripps added that the P3 is capable of shutting down engines to conserve fuel thus prolonging the amount of

airtime for secured surveillance so it would be able to provide services to anybody who needs it.

On the same day, some of the members of the P3 Orion contributed their time to carry out a community related (COMREL) project at the Palau Mission Academy. The team was able to re-floor the schools book room (Library) where they cut and placed tiles in the whole entire room.