

PACIFIC ANGEL



Timor-Leste 09-02
July 13-22, 2009



In cooperation with the Government of Timor-Leste, the United States will provide medical, dental and engineering assistance as part of Operation Pacific Angel 2009. The United States Pacific Command (USPACOM) and the US Pacific Air Force focuses this humanitarian and civic assistance program on improving military civic cooperation between the US and Pacific nations, such as Timor-Leste. Pacific Angel is both a joint and combined humanitarian assistance operation conducted in the Asia-Pacific region supporting capacity-building efforts.

OPERATIONAL DETAILS. A US Air Force C-130 will fly US participants and supplies to Timor-Leste as part of an integrated Total Force package including active, reserve, and guard components of the US Air Force and Army. Upon their arrival they will conduct Pacific Angel along side Timor Leste's Ministry of Health and F-FDTL. Other participants include Nongovernmental Agencies and Australia.

During Pacific Angel, the US will train civil-military operators to work together with a focus on civic assistance. The operation consists of several civil military assistance programs to include Medical Civic Assistance Programs (MEDCAP), Dental Civic Assistance Programs (DENCAP), and Engineering Civic Assistance Programs (ENCAP). USPACOM will conduct this year's Pacific Angel in two iterations. The first iteration, Pacific Angel 09-1, consists of concurrent operations conducted at Kupang, West Timor, in Indonesia, and in Dili, Timor Leste, from July

10-24, 2009. The second iteration, Pacific Angel 09-2, is in Dong Ha City, Vietnam, September 12-25, 2009.

In Timor-Leste, Pacific Angel's advance party team on July 9 via commercial air to coordinate the main-body. On July 13, a US Military C-130 aircraft will land to drop off personnel and

US PARTICIPATING UNITS

1. Pacific Air Forces
Hickam Air Force Base (AFB), Hawaii
2. 13th Air Force
Hickam AFB, Hawaii
3. 204th Airlift Squadron
Hawaii Air National Guard (ANG),
Hickam AFB, Hawaii
4. US Army Dental Command
Fort Sam Houston, Texas
5. 36th Wing,
Andersen AFB, Guam
6. 141st Air Refueling Wing
Washington ANG
Fairchild AFB, Wa
7. 176th Wing,
Alaska ANG
Kulis ANG Base, Alaska
8. 168th Air Refueling Wing,
Alaska ANG,
Eielson AFB, Alaska
9. NMCB "Seabees" Forty
deployed to Timor-Leste
From Port Hueneme, CA

their supplies required to conduct this mission. While in Timor-Leste, the participants will focus specifically on civil engineering, dental, and public health services. This includes one centralized MEDCAP at the EP Nu Laran School from July 15-21 and three consecutive outreach MEDCAPs in Metinaro, Gleno, and on Atauro Island from July 15-20. Pacific Angel will also conduct medical-related ENCAPs at the Comoro Clinic, Centro Sanitario De Dili Clinic, and the National Hospital. Once completed, on July 22, the C-130 will return to pick up the Pacific Angel participants.

HISTORY. The US developed Pacific Angel for two reasons. First and foremost, it provides the US an opportunity to assist other governments in the region in their ongoing efforts to provide

medical, dental, and engineering assistance to their citizens. Additionally, this operation enhances US relations with other countries in the region, such as Timor Leste, by demonstrating US resolve to promote regional security and humanitarian interests.

Pacific Angel is officially in its second year. However, the US Air Force conducted a 10-day Oceania mission in Kiribati, Nauru, and Vanuatu in July 2007, unofficially named Pacific Angel. Due to the success of that mission, the USPACOM Commander directed the immediate implementation of a continued humanitarian assistance package to promote continued US commitment and goodwill to neighboring nations in the region. USPACOM conducted its first official Pacific Angel as a concurrent operation with the Royal Thai Air Force and the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces in 2008. In Thailand, Pacific Angel provided aeromedical evacuation Subject Matter Expert Exchange (SMEE) personnel at Thailand's U'tapao military airfield. The bulk of the operation took place in Cambodia outside of Kampong Chhnang and Kampong Cham, approximately 130km north of the capitol city of Phnom Penh.

CONCLUSION. The US is dedicated to working together with Timor-Leste and organizations to help the people of the Asia-Pacific region. The relationships built and sustained with multinational partners in the region through exercises, operations and military exchanges help tremendously in humanitarian efforts and in preserving peace and stability in the region. As part of Pacific Angel 2009, the US is committed to supporting Timor-Leste's efforts to bring assistance to the Timorese. The US provides this medical, dental, and engineering civic assistance programs at the invitation of Timor-Leste.

Photos from Pacific Angel 08

