



NMCB ONE THIRTY-THREE
Civic Action Team 133-24
Republic of Palau
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Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ONE THIRTY-THREE Civic Action Team Palau

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Dear Sir/Ma'am,

Alii and welcome to the Republic of Palau, home to U.S. Civic Action Teams (CAT) for the last 39 years! On behalf of the Seabees of U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ONE THIRTY-THREE (NMCB 133) and CAT 133-24, thank you for visiting the CAT web area.

Included in this brief you will find: information about our mission in Palau; instructions on how to request support from the CAT; operating hours and services provided on Camp Katuu, home of the CAT; and contact information for the team.

Again, on behalf of the Runnin' Roos of CAT 133-24, welcome to the Rainbow's End - Palau!

Very Respectfully,

Officer-in-Charge, CAT 133-24
U. S. Naval Mobile
Construction Battalion 133



CAT Mission

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CAT mission is three-fold:

- Provide a continuous favorable U.S. military presence
- Transfer technical skills to local residents
- Partner with Palau in basic infrastructure development

Accomplished through four execution elements:

- Community Construction Program
 - Provide construction support to the host nation
- Apprentice Training Program
 - Assist and train the local population in general engineering skills
- Medical Civic Action Program (MEDCAP)
 - Provide an in-camp clinic, outreach to outlying areas, and health education programs for local residents
- Community Relations Program (COMREL)
 - Provide a positive U.S. presence
 - Technical Assists





Request Support from the CAT

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- **Community Construction Program**
 - If you would CAT assistance with a construction project, please call the CAT office at 587.1311.
 - You may also click this link to access a [Project Application.PDF \(43.30 Kb\)](#) directly.
- **Apprentice Training Program**
 - If you are interested in becoming a CAT apprentice, please contact Palau Community Action Agency (PCAA) at 488.1170.
- **Medical Civic Action Program (MEDCAP)**
 - If you would like to request a MEDCAP in your area, please call the CAT Clinic at 587.1312.
- **Community Relations Program (COMREL)**
 - If you would like to request assistance with an event in the community or a small-scale construction project, please call the CAT office at 587.1311.



Camp Katuu – Information

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Camp Katuu Hours

Open daily from 6 am to 10 pm.

CAT Operating Hours

The CAT's working hours are Monday-Friday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm.

Free Medical Clinic

Open to the public every Wednesday from 1 pm to 4:30 pm.

Free Exercise

Open daily from 6 am to 10 pm.

- Basketball court
- Volleyball court
- Gym with fitness equipment

Free Movies

Newly released movies are shown on camp on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 pm.

Radio Show

The CAT's weekly radio show airs on Saturday nights on Eco Paradise, 87.9 FM, from 7 pm to 9 pm.



Camp Katuu – Directions

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From Koror:

1. Drive north from Koror on the main road and cross the Friendship Bridge.
2. Turn right at the KB Shell Gas Station T-intersection.
3. Go about 1.6 miles, then turn left towards the airport.
4. Go about 1.1 miles, then  look for this sign.



5. Take an immediate left  and you will see Camp Katuu.



CAT Palau History

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HISTORY. The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) initiated the program in support of Department of Interior (DOI) objectives. In 1969, the government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands requested assistance of the Civic Action Teams. The Department of Defense provided most of the funding for the CATs and DOI paid the remainder. The first seven teams deployed in 1969 were Navy Seabee teams. In 1970, the Army and Air Force started providing teams, replacing the Navy teams. In the mid-1970's, the CAT program was temporarily cancelled. In 1977, DOD reestablished the CAT program, and assumed total funding responsibility.

In 1986, the FSM and in 1994, the ROP ratified their Compact of Free Association which included the U.S. Government providing CATs with partial cost reimbursement of \$250K from the host nation.

In 2003, three CAT sites were closed at the expiration of the Compact with FSM. They included an Air Force Team on Chuuk, FSM; an Army Team on Kosrae, FSM; and a tri-service rotating team on Pohnpei, FSM. It was rotated through the services (Navy, Air Force, and Army in that order). After close of the FSM sites, the CAT in Palau changed to a tri-service rotating team in 2004 and is the only remaining CAT site.

CURRENT STATUS. One CAT is currently deployed in the region. It is a tri-service rotating team in the Republic of Palau. Each team is typically comprised of one officer and twelve enlisted personnel with a variety of engineering and medical skills. The CAT deploys to Camp Katuu in Palau on six (6) month rotations (Apr-Oct-Apr). Camp Katuu is located in Airai State on the island of Babeldoab, Palau and is maintained and operated by the CAT. The 4.5 acres of land is the property of Airai State, and while no lease exists, an agreement exists for the U.S. military to use the land for duration of CAT program. The camp houses the administrative, billeting, galley, medical, workshops, maintenance, and quality of life facilities. The camp also is the staging area for 24 pieces of equipment to include passenger vehicles, construction equipment, and one boat. The future of the CAT program is closely tied to the status of the Host Nation's Compact of Free Association. The Compact with ROP will be reviewed in 2009.

DETCAT. Detachment Civic Action Team is a multi-service military unit that provides operational control and logistics support to deployed Civic Action Teams in the Pacific. DETCAT is comprised of 6 military members (Navy and Air Force) and 2 civilians and falls under the U.S. Defense Representative, Guam / Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands / Federated States of Micronesia / Republic of Palau. DETCAT is located on Camp Covington, inside the main gate of Naval Base Guam.



CAT Palau Telephone Directory

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