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US General pays Courtesy Call on Commander Defence Force

Defence Headquarters, 29 JUL. '21 (RBDF): In keeping with the Commander Defence Force, Commodore Dr. Raymond King's organization's strategic intent consistent with the government's Maritime Security Strategy of strengthening relationships with Regional and Hemispheric partner nations, Brigadier General Shawn Satterfield, Commander of the US Special Operations Command North (SOCNORTH), paid a courtesy call on Commodore King at the Defence Headquarters, John F. Kennedy Drive, on Tuesday, July 27, 2021.

Also, in attendance were Ms. Usha Pitts, Chargé d'Affaires at the US Embassy in The Bahamas, and Captain Shonedel Pinder, Deputy Commander Defence Force.

The high-ranking officers were in the country to attend the closing ceremony of the Joint Combined Exercise Training, scheduled for Thursday, July 29, 2021. The Royal Bahamas Defence Force hosted the annual regional training exercise over the past two weeks, which included RBDF Marines from the Commando Squadron Department and the Military and Force Protection Unit and Police Officers. The exercise involved ships, aircraft, ground troops, and law enforcement personnel engaged in training focused on countering transnational organized crime.

During his visit, General Satterfield and Commodore King discussed matters of mutual interests between both countries. Some of the discussions focused on security cooperation for The Bahamas, and by extension, the Royal Bahamas Defence Force. Discussions also centered on Domain Control, Domain Awareness, and institutional capacity building opportunities such as counter terrorism activities; anti transnational criminal organization operations; and force protection missions, along with further training for the Officers and Marines.

The Military officials also expressed their commitment towards promoting peace and security within the region before exchanging pleasantries following the visit.

Photo one shows from left: The Commander Defence Force, Commodore Dr. Raymond King and Brigadier General Shawn Satterfield, Commander of the US Special Operations Command North exchanging pleasantries during a courtesy call at the Defence Headquarters, John F. Kennedy Drive, on Tuesday, July 27, 2021. **Also shown are:** Captain Shonedel Pinder, Deputy Commander Defence Force, and Ms. Usha Pitts, Chargé d’Affaires at the US Embassy in The Bahamas. **(RBDF Photo by Leading Woman Marine Tancia Russell)**

Photo two shows from left: Captain Shonedel Pinder, Deputy Commander Defence Force; Ms. Usha Pitts, Chargé d’Affaires at the US Embassy in The Bahamas; and the Commander Defence Force, Commodore Dr. Raymond King; and Brigadier General Shawn Satterfield, Commander of the US Special Operations Command North, during a courtesy call at the Defence Headquarters, John F. Kennedy Drive, on Tuesday, July 27, 2021. **(RBDF Photo by Leading Woman Marine Tancia Russell)**

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