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Defence and Police Forces complete JCET Exercise

Defence Headquarters, 13 AUG. '21 (RBDF): In keeping with the organization's strategic objective of professionalism of the workplace via deliberate institutional capacity building and interagency cooperation and coordination with our sister law enforcement agencies, members of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force and the Royal Bahamas Police Force recently completed a Joint Combined Exercise Training (JCET) on 28th July 2021 at HMBS CORAL HARBOUR.

Participants of the six-week training exercise consisted of twenty-four (24) RBDF Marines, along with five (5) Police Officers. The training was designed to enhance future joint mission success and to ensure that Marines trained in various aspects of infantry and tactics are embedded in the wider service to be able to respond when and if required. From a more national or strategic viewpoint the incorporation of Officers of the Royal Bahamas Police Force was aimed as a capacity builder, and at enhancing the interoperability of the two partner organizations, as the country now sees more than ever, joint operations between our Organizations.

In attendance at the graduation ceremony at Coral Harbour Base were Captain Shonedel Pinder, Deputy Commander Defence Force, Senior Defence Attaché at the US Embassy in The Bahamas, Captain Gregg Gellman, Captain Henry Daxon, Acting Captain Coral Harbour, RBDF Senior Command Team, Captain Julian Holmes, Captain, US Army Special Forces, and Police Superintendent Dexter Hanna. Coordinator for the exercise was Senior Lieutenant Edward Fritz, Course Coordinator.

In bringing remarks on behalf of the Commander Defence Force, Commodore Dr. Raymond King, Captain Pinder thanked Captain Holmes and his team of US Army personnel, who, along with the team of RBDF Marines conducted the training. According to Captain Pinder, "We are most grateful to our US partners for including troop leading procedures and site exploitation to this course, a step further from the usual for many of our junior Marines."

Aspects of the training included physical training, overnight field exercises, watermanship, small boat operations, troop leading procedures, and range work, which included Marksmanship and Sharp Shooting. The RBDF participants included Marines from various departments throughout the Organization, including the Commando Squadron, Military Police and Force Protection unit, Military Aid to Civil Authority, Squadron, Administration Department, and the Medical Facility.

All of the participants were presented with certificates by Captain Pinder, along Senior Military Officers from the Royal Bahamas Defence and Police Forces, and US Military Dignitaries and Officials.

The Defence Force's partnership with the Police Force, as well as with other law enforcement agencies, is in keeping with the Commander Defence Force's intent and The Bahamas Government's overall strategic agenda to enhance multi-agency security cooperation.

Photo one shows: Police Constable 3914 Cameron Charlton Clarke receiving his certificate following successful completion of the Joint Combined Exercise Training (JCET) on 28th July 2021 at HMBS CORAL HARBOUR. **Also shown from left:** Senior Lieutenant Edward Fritz, Course Coordinator; Captain Julian Holmes, Captain, US Army Special Forces; Police Superintendent Dexter Hanna; Brigadier General Shawn Satterfield, Commander of the US Special Operations Command North (SOCNORTH); Captain Shonedel Pinder, Deputy Commander Defence Force; Captain Henry Daxon, Acting Captain Coral Harbour; and Senior Commander Chappell Whyms, RBDF Commander Operations. **(RBDF Photo by Able Seaman Paul Rolle II)**

Photo two shows: Marine Seaman Ashley Clarke receiving his certificate following successful completion of the Joint Combined Exercise Training (JCET) on 28th July 2021 at HMBS CORAL HARBOUR. **Also shown from left:** Senior Commander Chappell Whyms, RBDF Commander Operations; Senior Lieutenant Edward Fritz, Course Coordinator; Captain Julian Holmes, Captain, US Army Special Forces; Captain Shonedel Pinder, Deputy Commander Defence Force; and Captain Henry Daxon, Acting Captain Coral Harbour. **(RBDF Photo by Able Seaman Paul Rolle II)**

Photo three shows: Marine Seaman Matthew Bethell receiving his certificate following successful completion of the Joint Combined Exercise Training (JCET) on 28th July 2021. **Also shown from left:** Captain Henry Daxon, Acting Captain Coral Harbour; Captain Shonedel Pinder, Deputy Commander Defence Force; Captain Julian Holmes, Captain, US Army Special Forces; Lieutenant Commander Dr. Derwin Johnson, the Force Medical Doctor; and Senior Lieutenant Edward Fritz, Course Coordinator. **(RBDF Photo by Able Seaman Paul Rolle II)**

Photo four shows: Successful candidates following successful completion of the Joint Combined Exercise Training (JCET) on 28th July 2021 at HMBS CORAL HARBOUR, along with Senior Military Officers from the Royal Bahamas Defence and Police Forces, and US Military Dignitaries and Officials. **(RBDF Photo by Able Seaman Paul Rolle II)**

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