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Bonhomme Richard Amphibious Readiness Group, Australian personnel participate in humanitarian training

FORD ISLAND, Hawaii (July 1, 2010) – The Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance (COE) held a Training Assistance Program (TAP) course for the Bonhomme Richard Amphibious Readiness Group on June 29 to July 1. Australian military personnel involved in the U.S. Navy-hosted Rim of the Pacific exercise (RIMPAC), the world's largest international maritime exercise, also joined the workshop.

The TAP course aims to improve readiness by expanding participants' understanding of global humanitarian operations. They also address how military forces can support civilian-led humanitarian assistance and disaster response operations.

This week's TAP course was customized for their needs of the Bonhomme Richard Amphibious Readiness Group, which had requested the course from the COE. Topics included overviews of civilian humanitarian agencies, medical and public health needs of displaced persons, and the differences between civilian and military planning.

COE executes between three to five humanitarian assistance training courses for USPACOM and its components each year, as part of its TAP / Combined Humanitarian Assistance Response Training (CHART) series. The introductory courses provide succinct information about humanitarian operations in the international arena to the military audience.

Courses for units/components, as well as individual slots, are available by request. For more information on the course series, please contact Bobby Ray Gordon at Tel: 1 808 433 6457.