



Lt. Col. Steven Hyslop (left) prepares to extract a tooth from a Thai girl during the Cope Tiger '04 medical and dental civic assistance program. A team of 20 U.S.

physicians, dentists and medical technicians treated more than 2,100 people during the three-day event. Colonel Hyslop was deployed from Kadena Air Base, Japan.

U.S. forces provide medical, dental assistance in Thailand

KORAT, Thailand — U.S. forces participating in Cope Tiger '04 helped improve the health and welfare of more than 2,100 Thai villagers during a three-day medical and dental civic assistance program visit in February.

About 20 U.S. physicians, dentists and medical technicians — comprising Airmen, Marines and Sailors — provided care alongside their Royal Thai and Republic of Singapore air force counterparts for residents of seven rural villages.

“This was the first time we’ve had multilateral medical and dental

participation in the history of the exercise,” said Master Sgt. **Hubert Mussehl**, Air Force medical liaison for Cope Tiger. “We had a huge turnout, as most of the villagers have had little, if any, medical and dental care.”

The free medical treatment for the villagers included 900 eye exams by U.S. optometrists.

“This was by far our most popular service,” said Sergeant Mussehl, from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

“We dispensed about 650 reading glasses that were pre-ordered before the exercise. We turned no one away.

Even with the language barrier, we knew they were extremely appreciative by the way they smiled and how they would hold our arms after being treated.”

Villagers waited several hours in sweltering heat and humidity to be seen, but didn’t seem to mind, he added.

“Cope Tiger is much more than just flying,” Sergeant Mussehl said. “It’s important we build and maintain a great relationship with the local community wherever we’re deployed.”

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‘One Nation, One Moment’

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance announced a moment of reflection on Memorial Day. At 3 p.m. on May 31, the commission asks that Americans stop what they’re doing for one minute and reflect, in honor of those who gave their lives serving the United States.

This time was chosen because that’s when many peo-

ple are enjoying their freedoms on the national holiday. The moment doesn’t replace Memorial Day observances. It’s a unifying act of remembrance for Americans of all ages to honor military members and others who died for their country.

The commission promotes the American spirit through acts of remembrance on Memorial Day and throughout the year. For more information, visit www.remember.gov.