



RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association Newsletter

Recap: The 2019 RHPBA Convention and Reunion, October 8-12



**THIS NEWSLETTER IS DEDICATED TO AIR FORCE MILITARY CIVIL ENGINEERS
(RED HORSE and Prime BEEF) PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.**

PRESIDENT'S STABLE

December 2019



We have been very busy since my spring stable notes by accomplishing a very successful 2019 RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association Convention/Reunion. We appreciated everyone's attendance and I hope everyone who attended enjoyed it. This was the first convention/reunion under our new association brand. My hats off to all the association board members who spent the past 18 months putting it together. The Silverton Hotel and Casino was a great place for us to make our convention base and all tours and activities went off with great success.

I want to thank Brig. Gen. John Allen, Jr., the Air Force Director of Civil Engineers, for being our speaker at the banquet, and Chief Master Sgt. Randall Youngblood, CEM, for your attendance and contributions. Both of you have added credibility to the rebranding of the association. Again, thank you and we will be responsive to anything we can do to keep the Air Force Civil Engineering, RED HORSE and Prime BEEF legacy intact and moving forward. *(Brig. Gen. Allen's presentation is provided on page 5.)*

Also, thank you to our Nellis AFB hosts, the 99th Civil Engineering Squadron, 820th and 555th RED HORSE Squadrons. It was a pleasure working with your staff, and a big hand to the 99th CES Fire Department Honor Guard for a job well done.

The location of the 2021 RHPBA convention is proposed for the Beaver Creek, Fairborn, Wright Patterson AFB area in Ohio. We hope to coordinate the timing of the convention to coincide with the dedication of the USAF Civil Engineering Memorial at the National Museum of the USAF Memorial Park. 2021 will also mark the 30th anniversary of Desert Storm. You will start hearing more on the 2021 plans beginning after the first of the year. And for those interested in advance planning we will be going back to Fort Walton Beach, Florida for the 2023 convention.

Our election process resulted in one new board member, George Silva, whom we welcome to the board and look forward to his contributions. We have lost two board members to retirement: Bill Verkest and Karl Oertel; many thanks for your participation and contributions to RHPBA successes, your presence will be missed.



This will be the last stable notes until next spring. We, the RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association Board of Directors, would like to wish each and all of our Association members and their families a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

To the Horse and Bull,

Stan

Stan Irwin, President

RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association



RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Convention/Reunion: 2021 in OHIO

RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Current Officers



Stanley Irwin
President
2336 Tennessee Drive
Xenia, OH 45385
Cell: 937-750-8799
irwin@rhpba.com



Donald Bowker, Sr.
Secretary / Media
208 W City Dam Road
Corbin, KY 40701
H: 606-528-8788, C: 606-524-0520
dbowersr@rhpba.com



Jimmie West
*Treasurer **
14300 Heather Drive
Bristol, VA 24202
H: 276-669-9505, C: 423-383-6944
jimwest@rhpba.com



Richard (Dick) Aldinger
Newsletter Editor/Publicity
4088 Floralwood Court
Orlando, FL 32812
H: 407-859-7436, C: 407-399-8937
aldinger@rhpba.com



Don Boone
4253 Woodhall Circle
Rockledge, FL 32955
Cell: 518-441-7639
dboone555@twc.com



John Burkett
6 Mechanic Street
Allentown, NJ 08501
Cell: 609-647-8421
jwburk3454@aol.com



David Corbett
312 Sudduth Circle NE
Fort Walton Bch, FL 32548
Cell: 623-687-8655
dccorbett11@yahoo.com



Anthony (Tony) Davit
25142 Waterstone Estates, Circle
East: Houston, TX 77375
Cell: 623-326-8519
davita@hotmail.com



Randy Eckert, Past Pres
701 Center Drive
Palmyra, PA 17078-9117
H: 717-838-8659, C: 717-269-3914
eckert@rhpba.com



William (Bill) Eves
2197 Fawn Dale Lane
Lincoln, CA 95648
Cell: 916-870-5398
eves.bill@gmail.com



Greg MacDougal,
President Emeritus
236 Winoca Drive
Midway, GA 31320-4327
Cell: 912-321-8430
gmacdougal46@gmail.com



Daniel Raske
3 Mildred Road
Burlington, MA 01803-4110
Home: 781-272-4840
draske@verizon.net



George Silva
7315 15th Hole Drive
Windsor, CA 95492
Cell: 707-647-7636
georgesilva08@comcast.net



William (Bill) Sims
815 Fawnway
San Antonio, TX 78260
Home: 210-481-3686
Cell: 210-508-4444
winteam@aol.com

The RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association is federally recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)19 Veterans Organization, and is not a part of the Department of Defense or any of its components and it has no governmental status.

GREAT MOMENTS FROM THE REUNION

We asked several of our attendees at the Convention/ Reunion to tell us their most memorable moments or most interesting factoid that they gained from the reunion; here are the replies we received.

- *Getting together with the RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association was priceless.*
- *The Best of The Best Readiness Challenge Returning to Tyndall (Silver Flag).*
- *Many missions, one Boss, 819th / 820th / 823rd = RED HORSE Group.*
- *Name change worth the effort: RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association.*
- *Getting together with old friends.*
- *Hoover Dam Tour: It was huge, awesome, and unbelievable.*
- *Banquet: So well attended with great food.*
- *Having lunch and spending time with the active duty RED HORSE airmen at the 820th RHS at Nellis.*
- *Brig. Gen. Allen and CMSgt. Youngblood spending the day with us. Brig. Gen. Allen provided a memorable talk about AF Civil Engineering Readiness; see next page.*
- *99th CES Fire Dept. Honor Guard posting the colors at the Banquet (photo).*
- *The story of innovative adaptation to use bed frames that happened to be the exact dimensions of RDMs (Runway Distance Marker) frame requirements, so they could pass the runway certification and go home on time was classic RED HORSE.*
- *The Silverton bus was at the designated spot at the airport when I arrived after a 6 hour flight.*
- *Hoover Dam Tour was spectacular.*
- *Witnessing Don "Boom Boom" Boone (73) driving the green on the par 4, 270 yards 15th hole at Nellis AFB.*
- *The RHPBA Golf Tournament held on Friday Oct 12th at the Sunrise Vista Golf Club at Nellis AFB was a great success. Forty-two golfers participated and thanks to the generosity of our sponsors 16 airmen (Grades E-1 to E-4) played at no charge. The first place team from the 99th CES consisted of Radonza, Sprouse, Serrano, and Floyd who posted a score of 60. Second place team was RHPBA members Tom Smith, Dave Keith, Earnie Gravell and John Smith shooting a 67. Third place team from the 820th RHS consisting of Wagner, Wright, Moore and Ferraro shot a 68. Longest drive for men was won by Don "Boom Boom" Boone and longest drive for women was won by Ruth Ellis. Over \$3,000 was raised for the Scholarship fund. The RHPBA wishes to express their*



appreciation to Anthony Frederick and his entire staff at the Sunrise Vista Golf Club for an outstanding job of supporting our Tournament.

- *John Burkett, one of the original members of the 554th RHS sent to Vietnam in 1966 is with A1C Santiad Rivera, the junior ranking member of the 820th RHS at Nellis AFB (photo).*
- *When asked how many attendees were attending their first convention, I was absolutely floored to see close to half of the group raise their hands! What a success story for our refined RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association.*
- *The Silent Auction was a tremendous success for our Organization, stimulating lots of opportunities for members to chat away over many of the items, and in doing so informally get to meet each other.*
- *The runway construction briefing, photos and dialogue by Lt. Col. Barfield was informative, entertaining and just plain awesome!*
- *Enjoying conversations with several Prime BEEF attendees, validating our rebranding.*
- *The experience of visiting the 820th and meeting some of the newest members of RH was great, as were the discussions of their current activities an equipment demonstrations.*
- *Watching BG Allen, someone I went to Field Training with, and Chief Youngblood, someone I've twice deployed with, lead this generation's airmen and solving today's challenges...our career field is in good hands!*
- *It was my first reunion. It surprised me how friendly everybody was and the food was great.*
- *Seeing the Thunderbirds and meeting some of the pilots.*
- *Hotel was very nice and the employees were also.*
- *A most surprising moment happened at the very end of the Banquet as we exited (which was the last moment of the reunion for my wife and myself). There was a chance meeting with a RED HORSE husband and his Vietnamese wife. We (each of them and I) worked together in the same Engineering/Ops Department of the 823rd at Bien Hoa through most of 1969 (50 YEARS!! ago). Their collection of photos, personnel and projects, and our conversation, will always be SPECIAL.*



Next RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Convention/Reunion: Ohio in 2021

BRIG. GEN. ALLEN's REMARKS to the RH / PB ASSN, 10 OCT 2019

Good evening everyone – what an honor it is to be here with you tonight. To the veterans in the room, thank you for your service, for all that you've done for the civil engineer family, and for your continued support of your RED HORSE and Prime BEEF brothers and sisters. And for those currently in the total force, thank you for your professionalism and your leadership every day in support of our Air Force.

In my current job, I spend a good portion of my time thinking about the future. The future of our organization. The future of our Air Force. The future of American military superiority.

The character of warfare is changing; near-peer adversaries seek to undermine American influence and dominance in every domain. The national defense strategy calls for a shift in the way that we think about our missions. That applies to every service: Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force alike, and it applies to every part of the Air Force – from fighter wings to cyber wings, from the acquisition enterprise to civil engineers. In order to win tomorrow's fight, our forces must become more ready, agile, resilient, and lethal; and because the Air Force fights from our bases, Air Force civil engineers will be at the forefront of the next fight – like we have always been – no matter where, or when, that fight arrives.

We can no longer assume that our bases are sanctuaries. After two decades of expeditionary work in permissive environments, we are returning our primary focus to full-spectrum Base Recovery After Attack – what many of you know as BRAAT. We must modify existing theater footprints and base designs so that they are optimized for resiliency as anti-access, anti-denial threats increase. And we must train and equip every airman engineer to be ready to open, operate, and recover airfields and installations in any combat domain.

From a headquarters perspective, we are approaching this shift with two key strategies focused on our most critical assets – our installations and our people.

The infrastructure investment strategy – known as the 'I2s' – is reinventing the way that we, as a service, are funding and managing our infrastructure. This forward-leaning approach is critical to operationalizing our use of asset management principles at the squadron level. The purpose of the I2s is to arm airmen engineers at our bases with the tools, resources, manpower, and training needed to ensure installation health and resilience, and to enable them to navigate the last tactical mile of the asset management transformation we began over a decade ago. This strategy, at its core, is about readying our bases for tomorrow's fight.

Over the past two decades, our squadrons have borne the brunt of manpower shortages which, coupled with a high deployment tempo, have had a direct impact on our full-spectrum readiness. In response, the revitalized civil engineer squadron's strategy is focused on reinforcing the warrior ethos; properly training and equipping; building agility, responsiveness, and efficiency; and effectively managing built infrastructure. Ultimately, it's about revitalizing a culture of full-spectrum readiness as we prepare for what conflicts may lie ahead. Just one example of how we accomplish these goals is the return of readiness challenge in 2020 – an event I'm sure many of you in this room are familiar with.

Which brings me to my next topic... You. I mentioned that in my position as the Director of Air Force civil engineers I spend a great deal of time thinking about the future. But I also have made it a point in my time as director to reflect on our past. Our heritage. And the airmen engineers who paved the way. I look out into this room, and I am humbled. The technical competency, the vast experience and knowledge, the courage – from the original six RED HORSE squadrons and Prime BEEF teams that went into Vietnam with just a month's notice, to our most recent operations in southwest and south Asia – you embody the can do, will do attitude that characterizes who we are as airmen and as engineers.

You'll notice that earlier I said we are returning our focus to full-spectrum base recovery after attack.

Because of the path you in this room and those who came before you paved, we don't have to reinvent the wheel when looking to the future. It's a focus that has always existed – a core strength and capability that our predecessors prepared us to utilize. And when we look to things like agile combat employment, which calls for rapid entry and a light footprint – we will undoubtedly lean on the experiences and successes of our RED HORSE and Prime BEEF past to achieve mission success in the future. Said another way, as we prepare for who the Air Force needs us to be tomorrow, we have to remember who we were yesterday. While the tools and technologies have certainly evolved, the tactics and techniques that ready us for tomorrow's peer threat are very similar to those we leveraged against the peer competitors you all faced on your watch.

But what truly inspires me when I look out into this room, is the camaraderie. The family that you've built here with this association. The traditions that you've safeguarded. And the culture of civil engineer squadrons that you've continued on because you understand its incredible power. That spirit – that's the Air Force I joined.

So, just as I began, I'd like to end with my thanks. A thanks to those who paved the way. For making the hard decisions; for building the Air Force civil engineer enterprise; for setting the conditions for our resounding support these last 20 years. You proved to the world that victory depended on agile, innovative, and ready airmen engineers. It's time for us to do the same for tomorrow's FIGHT.



U.S. AIR FORCE

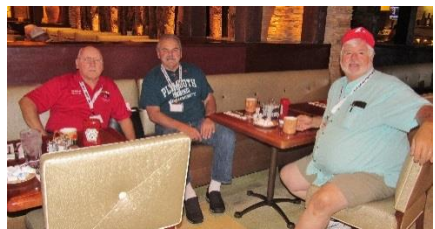
CONVENTION MENTIONS

Check-In and Gatherings

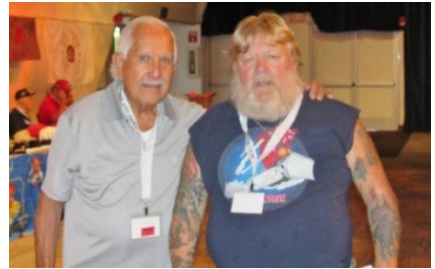


Next RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Convention/Reunion: Ohio in 2021

Nellis AFB and Thunderbird Museum



Lunch at Nellis AFB



Hoover Dam Tour

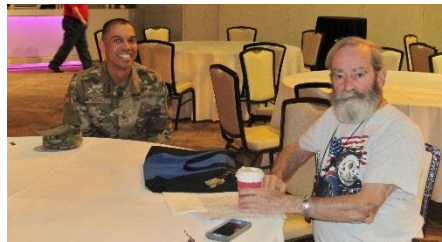
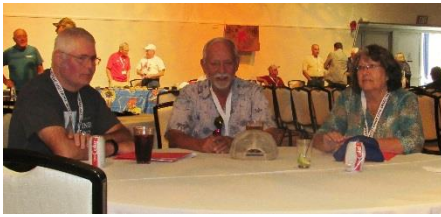


Next RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Convention/Reunion: Ohio in 2021

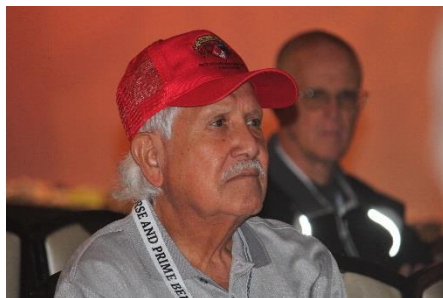
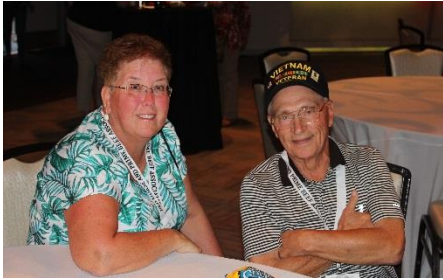
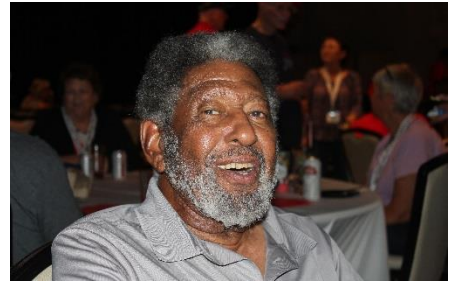


U.S. AIR FORCE

Banquet



Next RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Convention/Reunion: Ohio in 2021

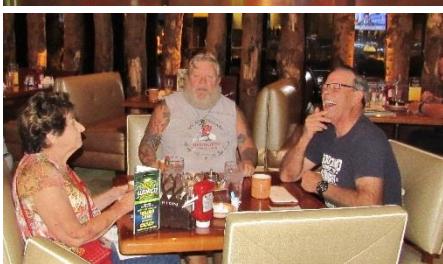
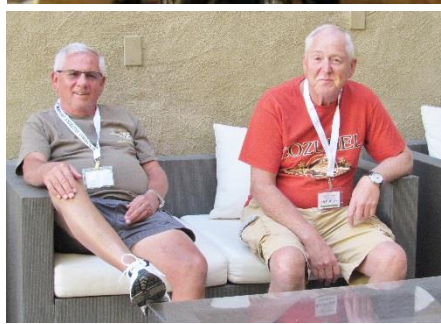
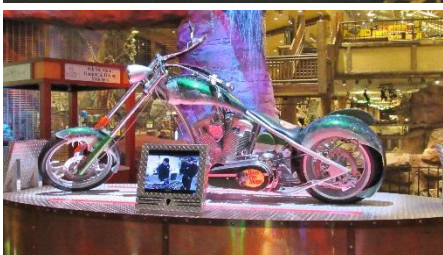
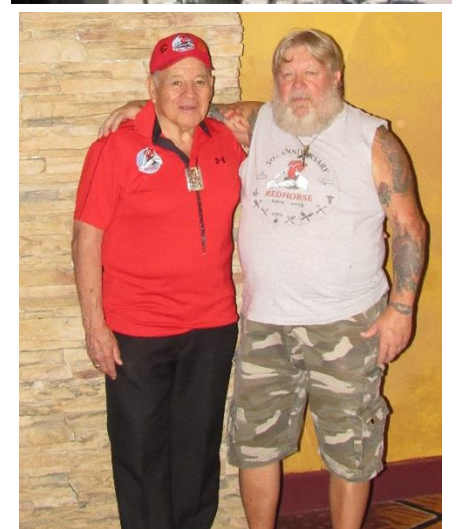
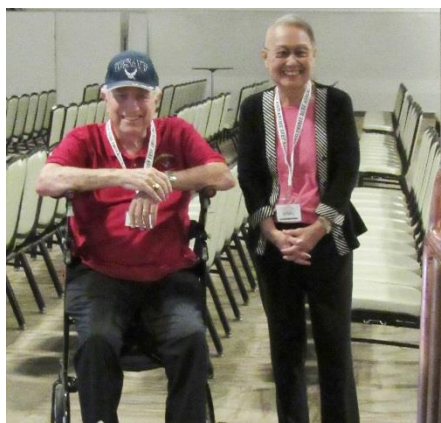


Next RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Convention/Reunion: Ohio in 2021



U.S. AIR FORCE

Fall / Winter 2019



Next RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Convention/Reunion: Ohio in 2021

NEWS ARTICLES

379th ECES MISSION NOT IMPOSSIBLE

Story by Staff Sgt. Ashley Gardner, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs; Published June 14, 2019 U.S. Air Forces Central Command.

Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar: For the 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Engineering Flight, the Airmen never leave a job unaccomplished. Construction projects are always ongoing so engineers either help lay the foundation for an idea, help work through rough patches in the middle, or see the project through completion.

The 379th ECES engineering flight design the facilities with energy conservation in mind.

“We utilize Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC) 1-200-02 High Performance and Sustainable Building Requirements as a guide to ensure we outfit our facilities with the latest technologies and real property installed equipment to control temperatures and lighting settings,” said Capt. Freddie Stephens, 379th ECES engineering flight commander.

The flight develops modernization projects to bring substandard systems up to state-of-the-art standards. Light-Emitting Diode (LED) lighting projects are used across the base. Additionally, trenching projects are used to connect buildings to prime electrical power to reduce fuel consumption for diesel generators. Door replacement projects are happening across the installation to ensure cool air does not constantly escape air-conditioned spaces and 50 facilities are receiving electrical panel replacements to ensure the safe delivery of electricity to the end users.

“When we are building Air Force structures we try to think of ways we can save the Air Force money,” said 1st Lt. Zach Jacques, 379th ECES chief of project management.



Senior Airman Javier Rodriguez, 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron geo-base technician, sets up a tripod to help him map an area for a new structure at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar.

The 379th ECES flight executes every major facility construction project on the base. For the majority of the facilities you see on the installation, the engineering flight plays a vital role in its establishment.

“The team also provides project management, contract execution and simplified acquisitions of base engineer requirements in support of a construction portfolio spanning 90 projects,” said Stephens. “The flight validates and facilitates 7,000 base entry applications for service contracts and construction projects.”

With all that the engineering flight does they make sure the structures are completed with the help of all the cycles of the teamwork.

SWAMP FOX PRIME BEEF AIRMEN IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE AT BELLOWS AIR FORCE STATION, HAWAII

Story by Master Sgt. Caycee Watson, 169th Fighter Wing South Carolina Air National Guard Public Affairs; Published May 17, 2019, DVIDS.

Waimanalo, Hawaii: The South Carolina Air National Guard sent nearly 60 Airmen to Bellows Air Force Station in Waimanalo, Hawaii for the 169th Civil Engineer Squadron’s 2019 Deployment for Training (DFT). Bellows is an Air Force gem with its own private beaches and beautiful Hawaiian scenery, but the Swamp Foxes arrived to work hard and leave their mark by heavily improving the base.

The Swamp Fox Prime BEEF Airmen worked alongside Royal Canadian Engineers assigned to 14 Wing Greenwood, Nova Scotia and were the third and final unit in the DFT rotation at Bellows, following Connecticut’s 103rd Civil Engineer Squadron and Maine’s 101st CES.

The major projects during the two-week training were constructing a bunkhouse, tree removal, pouring concrete sidewalks and total renovation of the base gym.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Bradley Moore, a heavy equipment operator assigned to the South Carolina Air National Guard’s 169th Civil Engineer Squadron, uses a chainsaw to cut down an aged and invasive ironwood tree at Bellows.

During their two weeks at Bellows, the Swamp Foxes soared beyond expectations, cut down more than 170 trees and removed 25 stumps, saving the Air Force more than fifty thousand dollars in tree removal services.



U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Matthew Williams, a firefighter assigned to the South Carolina Air National Guard's 169th CES cuts aged and invasive ironwood trees.



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Justin McKeown, a firefighter assigned to the South Carolina Air National Guard's 169th CES, helps in cutting aged and invasive ironwood trees.



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Scott Westmoreland, a firefighter assigned to the South Carolina Air National Guard's 169th CES, clears debris from the sidewalk.

"The main reason we're doing our DFT here is training," said 1st Lt. Patrick Kelley, the 169th CES durational DFT officer in charge. "We come out here to do tasks and projects that we're not able to at home and on the other hand too, we're providing a service to Bellows Air Force Station." Airmen with the 169th CES are gaining hands-on, multidisciplinary training at Bellows during their deployment for training while improving quality of life on base.

Bellows is a Morale Welfare and Recreation station with a mission to "provide exceptional recreation, training and leisure programs to enhance combat effectiveness through affordable, customer-focused services that support the well-being and morale of the Department of Defense personnel and their guests."

NEW USAF BASE IN NIGER BEGINS LIMITED OPERATIONS.

Story by Brian Everstine, Air Force Magazine, Published August 15, 2019.

Agadez, Niger: The Air Force's new operating base in central Niger began its first regular operations this month, with C-130s flying limited missions into the facility, the service announced Aug. 15th.



USAF airmen assigned to the 409th Air Expeditionary Group watch as a C-130J Super Hercules taxis in at Nigerien Air Base 201, Agadez, Niger, on Aug. 3, 2019. The C-130 landing marked the next step in airfield evaluations by starting Visual Flight Rules operations at the base. (Air Force photo by SSgt. Devin Boyer.)

The U.S. military was waiting on Nigerien approval to start operations at the base, U.S. Africa Command and U.S. Air Forces in Europe-Air Forces Africa officials told Air Force Magazine. USAFE-AFAFRICA said the Nigerien Civil Aviation Authority, Nigerien Air Force, and USAF reached an agreement to start limited "visual flight rules" operations Aug. 1. A C-130J from the 409th Air Expeditionary Group landed at the base two days later.

VFR flights are part of the airfield assessments and procedure development that must take place before an installation begins full operations, the Air Force said.

Unmanned MQ-9s are slated to start flying missions at Air Base 201, near the village of Agadez, by the end of the

year as well. The Air Force launched its largest-ever construction project in 2016. "Air Base 201 gives Niger and the U.S. incredible capability in a challenging region of the world," USAFE Commander Gen. Jeff Harrigian said in the Aug. 15 release. "This joint-use runway allows for a better response to regional security requirements and provides strategic access and flexibility."

An U.S. Africa Command official, during an interview with Air Force Magazine at the command's headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany, said the base will serve as a hub for operations in the region. The 323rd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron will fly Reapers out of the installation. The MQ-9's ability to loiter for hours "gives us a lot of good options" in the region, a second AFRICOM official told Air Force Magazine.

Constructing the base was a long-term, logistically complex process because of its location and the lack of infrastructure surrounding it, the first official said. C-130s flew in basic supplies for personnel about once a week, including food supplies, spare parts, and workers. Large materials and equipment used to build the base were delivered by ship to a port on the western coast of Africa, then took a three-week journey from the port to the construction site by truck.



Airmen from the 31st Expeditionary Squadron use a steamroller to compact and level asphalt while paving a flight line on Nigerien Air Base 201, Niger, in December 2018. (Additional story and photos by John Vandiver, Stars and Stripes, published May 22, 2019.

The Air Force also has an existing presence at Nigerien Air Base 101, near the capital city of Niamey. Together, the bases will give the Air Force a large, persistent intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance presence in a country that has been a hotbed for extremist activity. For example, the 2017 ambush of Green Berets in the village of Tongo took place in the same region of Niger.

The U.S. has a 10-year lease agreement at the base, according to AFRICOM.

RED HORSE CIVIL ENGINEERS, 555th and 560th RHS

U.S. Air Force story by Tech Sgt. Amber E. N. Kruka. Released. Daily Update, Air Force Reserve Command, July 22, 2019.

Minneapolis-St. Paul Air Reserve Station, MN: For the last two and a half months the Minneapolis-St. Paul Air Reserve Station's track and field has been overrun by horses, RED HORSES. RED HORSE Squadrons are fully-armed, self-sufficient civil engineering units capable of performing personnel or weapons systems bed-down, and build or repair facilities and infrastructure.

Because the Air Force Reserve's overall readiness depends on the individual readiness of each Reserve Citizen Airmen, Airmen from the 560th and 555th RED HORSE Squadrons were activated May 1 to help oversee a two year project with the 934th and 133rd Airlift Wings, to practice their rapid deployment capabilities by building a new perimeter road and running track for the installation to make operations more efficient.



Master Sgt. Johnny Cunningham, 560th RED HORSE Squadron rotational NCO in charge, pours material into a 20-ton dump truck using a front end loader at a construction site on Minneapolis-St. Paul Air Reserve Station, Minn., July 10, 2019. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Amber E. N. Kurka/Released)

AIR FORCE LEADING EFFORT TO BUILD OPERATING BASE IN SAUDI ARABIA.

Story by Brian Everstine, Air Forces Central Command, July 23, 2019, Air Force Magazine.

Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia: The Air Force is setting up a small expeditionary annex to Prince Sultan AB in Saudi Arabia to host fighter aircraft and U.S. Army Patriot missiles.

Air Forces Central Command on July 22 released a video highlighting construction at the base, being led by Air Force RED HORSE and contingency response airmen. U.S. Central Command in a July 19 statement said introducing new forces in the area "provides an additional deterrent, and ensures our ability to defend our forces and interests in the region from emergent, credible threats." The new facilities and forces will improve "operational depth and logistical networks".

The service said airmen from 25 different Air Force Specialty Codes are participating in the construction.

The increased USAF presence comes amid rising tensions with Iran in the Persian Gulf, which also prompted the deployment of B-52s and the USS Abraham Lincoln carrier and strike group to the region.

“We’re here to avoid a war, and that’s been the focus of every service member on the ground,” said Col. David Novy, the commander of the 1st Expeditionary Civil Engineer Group, in the video.

The footage shows C-17s, a C-5, and a C-130 unloading cargo at the desert base, with airmen building new infrastructure. U.S. Army Patriots are deployed to enhance “security for the skies,” CENTCOM said. U.S. service members and Saudi personnel are working together at the facility.



An USAF C-17 touches down at Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia, carrying supplies to airmen standing up a new U.S. operating location at the base. (Air Forces Central Command photo via Twitter)

The Air Force has in the last two years adopted a more expeditionary posture in responding to potential flashpoints. The pattern of deploying a small group of varied personnel to build up a small operating air base - rather than relying on established major overseas operating locations - is being repeated across the service. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein has championed this effort, saying in his September 2018 speech at AFA’s Air, Space, and Cyber Conference that USAF needs to go back to its “expeditionary roots” and be able to fight from austere airfields. In the next few months, he is expected to announce a sweeping new construct on how USAF presents forces to theater commanders.

YOKOTA AIR BASE HOSTS PACIFIC UNITY 2019

Story and photos by Senior Airman Matthew Gilmore, 374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs, Stars and Stripes Japan, August 28, 2019.

Yokota Air Base, Japan: As the dust settled and the concrete solidified, where once a crater was now stands a repaired airfield ready for use. With Pacific Unity 2019 coming to a close, civil engineer squadrons from throughout the Pacific will have the knowledge and tools needed to ensure their respective airfields can get up and running after an attack, putting planes in the sky and the mission ongoing.

The four-day bilateral training event spanning from August 20-23, 2019, brought together Airmen from throughout the Pacific to team up with Japanese Air Self-Defense Force service members at Yokota Air Base, Japan to learn the advanced Rapid Airfield Damage Repair (RADR) skills necessary to respond in war-time contingency operations.

“Pacific Unity is a Pacific Air Force’s initiative to bring together Civil Engineer Squadrons from the Republic of Korea and Japan to work alongside our partner nation of Japan’s Kokou Jietai (JASDF) engineers to improve interoperability when it comes to airfield repair,” said Master Sgt. Brent Fallon, 374th Civil Engineer Squadron base engineer emergency force manager. “To do just that, we put together mixed teams from the 374th CES out of Yokota, local JASDF from Yokota and Iruma Air Base, Japan, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron out of Osan Air Base, and 8th Civil Engineer Squadron out of Kunsan Air Base to learn the process as one, allowing them to be better prepared to work with individuals from different installations, or even nations, to respond to a damaged airfield in the most efficient manner possible.

“To teach the teams every facet of the RADR process from start to finish, we brought in the best subject matter experts to do the job, the Silver Flag cadre from the 554th RED HORSE Squadron out of Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. Under the guidance of the 554th RHS, the units attending were able to develop skills in fiber-reinforced polymer mat placement, warehouse operations, crater repair, and the command and control functions that allow us to get airfields operational within a few short hours after the damage occurred.” With the first two days of the event mainly focused on learning the process and building the team skills necessary to complete the task, the final day allowed the teams to show their progress, capping off their week by repairing multiple craters with little to no cadre assistance.

“Today we came together as a team to completely repair our simulated airfield damage without much issue,” said JASDF Captain Tomofumi Okubo, JASDF Operations Support Wing planning division, logistics section civil engineer chief. “From the planning and logistics portion of preparing to the actual execution of the repair, our final product really showed what we are capable of when we work with each other.



Training cadre from the 554th RED HORSE Squadron out of Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, oversees a civil engineer Airman position equipment prior to backfilling a crater while conducting Rapid Airfield Damage Repair (RADR) during Pacific Unity 2019.

“Its moments like this that really highlight the strength of the partnership between the Japan and the United States. It gives us the comfort of knowing the best practices for RADR, or should the need ever arise, we can seamlessly integrate crews to assist each other in airfield repair because that’s what allies do.”

It is that alliance that allowed the crews to bond with one another on multiple levels to get the job done.

“The language barrier was a small issue but we had so many more positives working for us that the barrier didn’t really hinder us,” said Senior Airman Jason Brown, 374th CES geobase technician. “We may not have all shared the same language but we were all engineers and we spoke that language effortlessly. When we all have that shared responsibility to get the job done it makes it so much easier to come together and rely on one another.”

“While we all hope we never need to put the skills we developed here today to use, I know I can trust any of the engineers, no matter where they came from, that I worked with today. Pacific Unity gave us the confidence to know we are ready to answer that call should it ever come and more importantly, that we are not alone in being prepared for that call.”

The bilateral training event allowed units attending from throughout the Pacific to develop skills in fiber-reinforced polymer mat placement, warehouse operations, crater repair, and the command and control functions that allow teams to get airfields operational within a few short hours after the suffering damage.



Civil Engineer Airmen mix water with flowable fill rapid set concrete to complete the backfill portion of RADR).



Training cadre from the 554th RED HORSE Squadron out of Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, oversees U.S. Air Force and Japanese Air Self-Defense Force civil engineers mix water and flowable fill rapid set concrete to complete the backfill portion of RADR.



Senior Airman Tyler Crisp, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron electrical systems journeyman out of Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, motions to a heavy equipment operator while conducting RDAR during Pacific Unity 2019 at Yokota Air Base, Japan, August 22, 2019.



STABLE NOTES AND ASSOCIATION UPDATES:

1. Thank you to our Reunion Sponsors:

Gold Sponsors:

- 1. 201st RED HORSE Squadron
- 2. Stan Irwin
- 3. Gil Oliver
- 4. Dick Aldinger
- 5. Bill Sims
- 6. Jimmie West
- 7. William Cochran

Recognized Units:

- 201st RED HORSE Squadron
- DET 2, AFESC Eglin Field 4
- 554th RHS / Phan Rang / Ban Me Thout
- 26th CES / 325th CES / 556th RHS
- 554th RED HORSE Squadron
- 823rd RED HORSE Squadron DET 1
- 554th RED HORSE Squadron

Silver Sponsor:

- 1. John Burkett 554th, 560th and 819th RED HORSE Squadrons

Bronze Sponsors:

- 1. Robert Able 556th RED HORSE Squadron
- 2. Bill Eves 554th AND 307th RED HORSE Squadrons
- 3. Horst Haeusser DET 1, 554th RED HORSE Squadron
- 4. Rickard Naumann 823rd RED HORSE Squadron
- 5. Dan Raske RED HORSE and Prime BEEF
- 6. Carolyn and Paul Sattler 820th RED HORSE Squadron
- 7. Michael Stump 823rd RED HORSE Squadron, Bien Hoa

Also, thank you to two Association members who made donations to the scholarship fund during the Convention.

2. Election Results: Welcome to George Silva as our newest member to the RHPBA Board of Directors. And thank you to Bill Verkest and Karl Oertel for their outstanding service and valuable contributions to RHPBA as they depart the Board.

3. RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association Membership Information: Joining the RED HORSE/ Prime BEEF Association is a mere \$10 for the first year. Have you considered becoming a Life Member? For most of us "old timers" (66 or over) the cost is only \$125 and you are then finished paying dues for life. You help us too in that we do not have to send you reminders for dues and you do not have to worry about them ever again". This is one way that you can keep in touch with what is going on with USAF Civil Engineering Military Engineers today whether it be RED HORSE or Prime BEEF.

Since our convention, welcome to new Life members Michael Ezop, Michael Stump and Terry Wilkes.

Also, welcome to the following General Officers as Life members: Tim Byers, Gene Lupia, Michael "Mic" McAuliffe, Earnie Robbins, and Clifton "Duke" Wright. Congratulations on being the first General Officers (with the possible exception of Gen. Meredith) to become Life members.

Page 17 provides detailed membership information and a membership application form. Send to Don Bowker at 208 W City Dam Road, Corbin, KY 40701.

4. The RHPBA News Letter: New RED HORSE and Prime BEEF articles are always appreciated and/or any comments you may have regarding the newsletter are always welcome. Please send articles (include photos if you have them) and any comments to Dick Aldinger at aldinger@rhpba.com or mail to Dick Aldinger, 4088 Floralwood Ct., Orlando, FL 32812.

Also, a reminder to those members still receiving hard copies of this newsletter: Effective Jan 1, 2020, there will be a \$10 per year charge for all hard copy newsletters mailed through the U.S. postal system in order to cover the extra expenses involved in printing and mailing these copies. These charges will have no impact on those members who receive the newsletter by e-mail. This edition will be the last free one mailed to those whom do not have an e-mail address established with us. Send your e-mail address to Don Bowker at dbowkersr@rhpba.com, OR your \$10 fee for hard copy mailing to Don at 208 W City Dam Road, Corbin, KY 40701, OR include your \$10 mail fee with your annual dues; see page 17.

5. RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association's new Website: Please check out our new website for information on coins, photos, reunions; etc., at our new address: <https://www.rhpba.com>. Members will also need to establish a user name and password with Don in order to log into the restricted area of the website.

6. RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association's New Mailing Address: P.O Box 572, Bristol, Tenn. 37620.

7. Special Note: Please add this newsletter to your Squadron Facebook page or distribute through other social media.

8. RHPBA Store Items:
The new 2019 RHPBA Convention Coin and other commemorative coins offered for sale during the Convention can be ordered on-line at the RHPBA website, <https://www.rhpba.com>. Effective March 1, prices at the store will rise due to postage increases.

New this year: "2017 and Beyond" Coin (RHPBA). The Association has a new coin recognizing RED HORSE and Prime BEEF having combined their separate names to one and represents our achievements in moving forward from 2017 when RED HORSE and Prime BEEF merged.

Also, the 2019 RHPBA Convention Coin commemorating this year's Convention is available.

- Other Coins Available:
- 2015 General Meredith Coin
 - 2017 RH / PB Coin
 - 2017 Convention Coin
 - Step and A-Half Coin

Hats, Lapel Pins, Patches, etc.

Although anyone can look in the online store, only RH and PB Association members can place an order for coins and other RHPBA items: <https://www.rhpba.com> / RHA Store / Coins/Pins.

RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association

208 W City Dam Road, Corbin, KY 40701, 606-524-0520

dbowkers@rhpba.com / Web Site: <https://www.rhpba.com>

Regular or Life Membership: For all military members who are or have served in the USAF Civil Engineer field, which includes the ACTIVE, AFRC, and ANG units, or their predecessor service; Aviation Engineer Force and SCARWAF Engineer Force.

Affiliate or Life Affiliate Membership: Spouses, children, parents or guardians of those persons, who are or were members eligible for membership, shall be eligible.

Associate Membership: Those persons, who do not qualify for regular membership, but have an interest in RED HORSE or Prime BEEF, may be considered for Associate Membership.

Please provide the following contact information:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Street address: _____

Address (cont.): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Country: _____

Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Referred by: _____

Please indicate your Unit(s) assigned. Include month and year.

Unit _____ From ___/___ To ___/___ Base _____ Combat tour _____

Unit _____ From ___/___ To ___/___ Base _____ Combat tour _____

Unit _____ From ___/___ To ___/___ Base _____ Combat tour _____

Unit _____ From ___/___ To ___/___ Base _____ Combat tour _____

Unit _____ From ___/___ To ___/___ Base _____ Combat tour _____

Unit _____ From ___/___ To ___/___ Base _____ Combat tour _____

Unit _____ From ___/___ To ___/___ Base _____ Combat tour _____

Please indicate your war era service. (For IRS tax exemption purposes)

I was not active military during any war era listed below

Apr 06, 1917 to Nov 11, 1918 (World War I)

Dec 07, 1941 to Dec 31, 1946 (World War II)

Jun 25, 1950 to Jan 31, 1955 (Korean War)

Feb 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975 (Vietnam War)

Aug 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984 (Lebanon/Grenada)

Dec 20, 1989 to Jan 31, 1990 (Panama)

Aug 02, 1990 to today (Gulf War/War on Terrorism)

Please indicate the membership or renewal level

Regular Membership, Initiation Year \$10

Regular Membership, Renewal \$20

Affiliate Membership (Dues will be equal to the sponsoring member)

Current Active Duty, Initiation Year \$10

Current Active Duty, Renewal \$10

Life Membership (please use the schedule at the right) \$ _____

Renewal to Life Membership, (please use the schedule at the right) \$ _____

I would like to be considered for Associate Membership in the RED HORSE Association

Associate Membership, Initiation Year \$10.00

I would like to renew my Associate Membership in the RED HORSE Association

Associate Membership, Renewal \$20

Payable by Credit Card or Debit Card at <https://www.paypal.me/REDHORSEANDPRIMEBEEF>

DUES / FEES

Regular Memberships:

Initiation Year: \$10.00
 Annual Renewal: \$20.00
 Hard Copy Delivery of Newsletter: \$10.00

Active Duty Military:

\$10.00 per year as long as on active duty.

Life Memberships:

Age 45 and under: \$250
 Age 46 to 55: \$215
 Age 56 to 65: \$180
 Age 66 and above: \$125

Associate Membership:

Initiation Year: \$10.00
 Renewal: \$20.00

Applications received on or after August 1st will be credited to the next full year.

Please include your check or money order and mail to the address above,

OR

Payable by Credit Card or Debit Card through Pay Pal, see below.

2019 AWARDS:

**THE BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM "TOM" MEREDITH HONOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:
A GIANT LEAP FORWARD**

This year we were delighted to present two \$1,000 scholarship awards, the first time our Association has awarded more than one, and we also provided a \$500 increase over our previous scholarships. Another highlight in this year's program was receiving six applications from our Association member families, an all-time high.

Our scholarship program was created and remains focused on offering financial assistance to current dues-paying RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association members and their immediate families seeking to further their education by attending an institution of higher learning. We take great pride in offering financial assistance to deserving students, and after our review of this year's applicants, strongly wish we were in a financial position to assist even more outstanding candidates.

Our two 2019 Meredith Award Winners were Megan Pagliuca, residing in Windemere, FL and Jacqueline Aldinger, residing in Orlando, FL.

Here's a few excerpts from our notification correspondence to Megan:

- ★ *Your thoughtful and value-based career goals reflect a grounded, respectful approach to your future, acknowledging real challenges and lofty yet achievable aspirations.*
- ★ *We were also impressed by your steady academic improvement in each of your high school years (okay, a slight dip in your senior year).*
- ★ *Finally, your optional listing of activities, interests and community participation clearly portray remarkable leadership, team-focus and a high degree of commitment to whatever you engage in.*

Here's a few excerpts from our notification correspondence to Jacqueline:

- ★ *Your thoughtful essay defining your interest in nourishment and culinary medicine reflects a passionate, aspiring approach to your future, acknowledging real challenges and a desire to improve human health.*
- ★ *Your Math Teacher clearly defines you as a responsible, mature for your age, role-model student.*
- ★ *We were also extremely impressed by your superb academic achievements (all As and only 2 Bs in four years...come on!).*

Our scholarship program is supported entirely by funds set aside for the sole purpose of financial assistance to deserving candidates. Funds are acquired from donations, contributions and fund raisers throughout the year, and we hope to set our fund-raising sights even higher in order to reward more deserving candidates.

Please stay tuned for future newsletter articles addressing next year's application process, along with some observations, thoughts and recommendations we'll share with you all. We will streamline and refine our application process and hope to expand visibility and appeal to our membership. Information on the current scholarship process is provided on the following page and be reminded that applications for next year are due by June 30th.

A final takeaway: I'd like our readers to know how impressed our Scholarship Selection Committee and the entire Board of Directors were in recognizing the remarkable achievements of parents and grandparents in raising each applicant. Although we couldn't reward everyone, we nevertheless were immensely impressed and gratified to recognize the remarkable core values, achievements and aspirations of each applicant, a strong validation of their family heritage. What a remarkable experience for our Committee and Board to be part of.



Don Boone, Colonel (retired), USAF & ANG
Scholarship Selection Committee

The RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association
Brigadier General William “Tom” Meredith Honor Scholarship Program

The purpose for this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association dues-current members and their immediate families who wish to further their education by attending an institution of higher learning. This scholarship program is supported entirely by funds set aside for the sole purpose of this program. Funds are acquired from donations, contributions and fund raisers.

A candidate is eligible to apply for this scholarship program if:

1. The applicant is an immediate family member of a member in good standing (annual dues are current) of the RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association. (Immediate family member is defined as a son, a daughter, step son, step daughter, adopted son, adopted daughter, grandson, granddaughter, spouse and self).
2. Applicant is ONE of the following: a high school graduate, has his or her GED, is a home-schooled student who has successfully completed an equivalent program of study, or is currently enrolled as an undergraduate with at least two full semesters until graduation. Qualifying applicants may reapply every year. Prior applicants may reapply, however, the applicant must submit a new application package each year.

Applicants must submit all required application information by the **due date of June 30th**. Qualifying applicants may reapply; however, prior recipients may not reapply. The RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association Brigadier General William Meredith Honor Scholarship application is due to the RHPBA Secretary by 30 June. The Selection Committee will determine winning recipient(s) no later than 31 July 2019. All information on completion of Scholarship package can be found on the RHPBA website (<https://www.rhpba.com>).

Applicant **MUST SUBMIT** the following:

1. Application form
2. A letter of reference is preferred but not required.
3. A personal essay of 250 words or less, which should answer “What are your career objectives”.
(Typed, double-spaced, on a single sheet of plain paper and attached to the application).
4. Transcript(s) and educational record, including activities and honors.
5. Verification of enrollment in an accredited institution of higher learning.
6. Recent (within past 90 days), color, full body (head to toe) photo, not less than 3” x 5”.
7. The recipient’s signed release of his/her name and photo to the RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association for publicity purposes and affirmation that all information provided is complete and accurate.

For more information or an application contact Donald Bowker, Sr., 208 W City Dam Road, Corbin, KY 40701, H: 606-528-8788, C: 606-524-0520, dbowkersr@rhpba.com

Circulation Department
701 Center Drive
Palmyra, PA 17078

Return Service Requested

