

RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association Newsletter

Proudly Announcing our Scholarship Recipients' Awards (pages 15-17) Salute to Prime BEEF's Dirt Boyz (below and page 4)



LUKE AFB, AZ. Tech. Sgt. Aaron Jones, 56th CES pavements and heavy equipment operator, shovels dirt. (Photo by Airman Brooke Moeder)



FAIRCHILD AFB, WA. Airman 1st Class Manuel Rivera Matos, 92nd CES "Dirt Boyz" picks up dirt in a front end loader. (Photo by Sr. Airman Mackenzie Richardson)



BARKSDALE AFB, LA. Sr. Airman Jacob Bishop (center), 2nd CES pavement and equipment journeyman, spreads asphalt. (U.S. AF photo by Sr. Airman Lillian Miller)



SHAW AFB, SC. U.S. Air Force Sr. Airman Joshua Minton, a pavement and construction equipment apprentice with the "Dirt Boyz" of the 20th CES unit, works on a beautification project. (Photo by Airman 1st Class BrieAnna Stillman)



LITTLE ROCK AFB, AR. Sr. Airman Allen Arceo, a pavement and heavy equipment craftsman with the 19th CES, uses a "lute tool" to spread the asphalt evenly. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Kevin Sommer Giron)



MALMSTROM AFB. MT. Chief Master Sgt. Ron Harper, 341st Missile Wing command chief, works with Airmen from the 819th RED HORSE and the 341st CES (Official), (USAF photo by Sr. Airman Jacob Thompson)



BARKSDALE AFB, LA. Sr. Airman Jeremy Bisaccio and Tech. Sgt. David Torres, 2nd CES heavy equipment operators, back a roller over fresh asphalt. (Photo by Sr. Airman Benjamin Raughton)



MOUNTAIN HOME AFB, ID. 366th Civil Engineer Squadron Dirt Boyz, work alongside one another while laying asphalt. (USAF photo by Sr. Airman Jessica H. Smith/Released)



EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, AK. U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Jerred Davis, a 354th CES pavement and construction equipment operator, clears the flight line of snow. (Photo By: Airman 1st Class Isaac Johnson)

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





As I write this stable note, the one thing that has been consistent is that we all are still involved with Covid-19 restrictions no matter where we reside. However, I feel encouraged in that we have been able to move forward on a few fronts and am highlighting those areas we have been working on since the spring newsletter was posted.

Our RHPBA Brigadier General William Meredith Honor Scholarship program continues to be successful, one we are most proud of, and is supported and enhanced by our members. Don Boone, along with support from Dick Aldinger and Bill Eves, has completed recent inputs and the three of them have done a great job. You will find extensive information on the Honor Scholarship

Program on pages 13 and 15-17. Award recipients for the 2020 – 2021 school year are featured on pages 15 through 17.

Where do we sit with the next convention/reunion? At this time it remains in a state of limbo because of continued Covid-19 restrictions understandably imposed by the state of Ohio on our chosen location for the convention/reunion. We are also trying to build and time our convention/reunion to coincide with the completion and official dedication of the USAF Civil Engineering Memorial at the National Museum of the USAF Memorial Park; story page 4. We have been able to put together a convention/reunion plan with a six month lead time but depending on the Covid-19 status and the estimated construction finish for the Memorial we may be looking as far ahead for the next convention/reunion as late as fall 2021 or the spring of 2022.

Over the past few months the association entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the USAF Civil Engineer Memorial Committee (CEMC) wherein a year after the Memorial is dedicated, the RHPBA will take over the management of the Civil Engineer Marker Update Contract. The CEMC will provide the RHPBA with a continuing Endowment Fund to pay for contracted cost of any annual physical updating of the Civil Engineer Marker. We see this as a win, for both the CEMC and the RHPBA and to the Civil Engineer community.

We are looking for some of our members who would like to become a part of the RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association Board of Directors. Currently we have board members whose four year tenures are expiring and some of them are not seeking reelection. If anyone would like to be part of our board, i.e., new members, old members, in-between potential members thinking of helping out with our amazing organization, please contact any of your current board members (see next page) to let us know of your interest. (Zoom experience not required.)

I continue to hope we can survive these challenging times and hope this finds everyone keeping safe (and sane) and that the upcoming holiday season provides some uplifting joy, peace, and love that we so enjoy during this time of year.

To the Horse and Bull,

Stan

RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association

Stan Irwin, President

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NEWS ITEMS

DIRT BOYZ' KEEP JETS SOARING, INFRASTRUCTURE OPERATING

Representative excerpts below are taken from published articles posted by AF DVIDS, AFCEC News, and AFB Newspapers specific to articles on the Dirt Boyz; also personal experiences from one of our members. Front page photo credits are given with each photo.

It's one of the most unforgiving jobs in the U.S. Air Force: serving with the "Dirt Boyz," the name given for airmen working in the pavement and equipment shops at Air Force bases around the world. They are affectionately known as "Dirt Boyz" because of their close relationship with grimy terrain and messy construction materials. But they are experts in the use of all types of heavy machinery, such as road graders, bulldozers, dump trucks, excavators and front end loaders. They put in long, arduous hours in often brutal weather to maintain base airfields, roads, fences and drainage systems. The Dirt Boyz are the ones who keep the airfields and roadways safe and serviceable for their base and they perform a variety of tasks, from laying asphalt to removing snow; they are responsible for the foundation and safety of these bases; examples follow.

At Hurlburt Field, Florida, the 1st Special Operations CES Dirt Boyz are an essential part of the Prime BEEF base engineer emergency forces. These Airmen are known for their work on roadways, pavements and improving the surrounding environment on Hurlburt.

At Shaw AFB, South Carolina, the primary responsibility is conducting airfield sweeping operations and sustaining airfield pavement in direct support of the 20th Fighter Wing. In addition to their runway duties, the 20th CES "Dirt Boyz" tackle about 17 jobs per month which requires lots of "hands-on" manual labor of their units. Staff Sgt. Cesar Cortes say he loves his job and all of its possibilities; he enjoys the Dirt Boyz brotherhood and wouldn't trade it for the world! "There is a lot of freedom with how we can do our job, and it's cool knowing how to do different construction projects," said Airman 1st Class Cesar Taveras, 20th CES pavements and construction equipment apprentice.

At Fairchild AFB, Washington, the "Dirt Boyz" operate a fleet of 100 different pieces of machinery out of a "home base" they refer to as the "Snow Barn." The shop is coming off one of the worst winters Fairchild has seen in a long while, but handling snow and ice is nothing new for them. Throughout the winter season, the 92nd CES "Dirt Boyz" had to be standing by 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to keep runways clear of snow so Fairchild's global airborne refueling missions could continue operating. In fact, the Fairchild "Dirt Boyz" have won the Balchen/Post award seven times and have been honorably mentioned three times. The award recognizes civilian airports and military installations on a national level for their efforts in keeping airfields operationally safe at all times.

From our own Stan Irwin (DB4L)

I was a construction equipment operator (Dirt Boyz) for over 30 years on active duty in the Air Force from April 1966 to January 1997. The evolution to the present Dirt Boyz took the first 25 years I was in the AF. We had two Air Force specialty codes: (551XO) Pavements Maintenance and (551X1) Construction Equipment Operator, each with different training standards. The two fields would merge into one at the Chief Master Sergeant Rank. Best thing we ever did was the merging of the two fields into the Dirt Boyz of today. The main thing I liked about being a Dirt Boyz was at the end of the day I was always able to see some accomplishment. Back when we had boots we had to polish, I always told my troops I want to see those boots polished when you come to work and I expect them to be dirty within the first hour.

Because of all the major advancements in construction equipment and the materials used in construction today, it is hard to compare the past and present. You now do more with less because of these advancements. Things you don't do! Run the dumpster truck and operate the land fill, railroad maintenance, cut grass on the airfield or work on the golf course.

To be a Dirt Boyz, you had to have PRIDE in what you did each day no matter what the weather or the time of day and always remember you were going to be one of the first in and in some cases one of the last out be it a contingency or peace time operation; AND have fun in doing it!

Tribute to the Dirt Boyz

"Can Do"

Here's to all our Dirt Boyz They are a special crew Skillful operators of Graders, Bulldozers and Snow Blowers too Never stopped by rain, snow, wind or ice You can always be sure that they are definitely

CIVIL ENGINEER MEMORIAL BECOMING A REALITY, Headquarters Air Force, Office of the Director of Civil Engineers. June 29, 2020, DVIDS Story from Civil Engineer Weekly, Submission by Maj Gen Timothy A. Byers, USAF (Ret.), Former Director of Civil Engineers and Chair of the Air Force Civil Engineer Memorial Fund. Photos by Gianna Greban and provided by Air Force Civil Engineer Memorial Fund.

I am pleased to announce that we are ready to proceed with an Air Force Civil Engineer Memorial to be built at the National Museum of the Air Force's Phase II Memorial Park at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. When I served as The Civil Engineer from 2009 to 2013, one of the themes I often mentioned was the Proud Heritage of Air Force Civil Engineers, and we now have an opportunity to display that Proud Heritage for everyone to enjoy.



The memorial will recognize all of our AF Civil Engineers who have served our country to defend freedom at installations around the world, and especially those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the noble cause.

The Civil Engineer Memorial Committee, made up of retired officers, enlisted and civilians, was established to lead this endeavor. One of the biggest challenges was how to visually depict the diverse CE mission. After reviewing several options, the committee agreed on a unique design.

We designed this memorial to be both inspirational and informative and be one of the most engaging in the extensive Memorial Park at the Museum, visited by about one million people each year. The memorial will honor all Air Force Civil Engineers who plan, design, build, protect, recover, and sustain installations and facilities from which the Air and Space Forces perform their mission regardless of their discipline or location.

The centerpiece of the memorial will highlight the most visible impact of the Civil Engineer mission—the hundreds of installations where Civil Engineers have served. In 1941, Gen Hap Arnold said, "Air bases are a determining factor in the success of air operations. The two-legged stool of men and planes would topple over without this equally important third leg." The Memorial Park has dozens of memorials rightly dedicated to people and planes, but almost none dedicated to that "important third leg." The 10x15-foot map of the world on the granite wall will feature engraved colored "dots" signifying active and inactive installations and demonstrate the wide-reaching impact of our career field. The map will include both peacetime and contingency bases, including the Guard and Reserve, where Civil Engineers lived and worked. Nearly everyone who views the memorial will be able to immediately identify with one or more locations where they served and be reminded that Civil Engineers led the way in providing, operating and maintaining that installation. CE's Proud Heritage will be on display for all to appreciate.



The proposed Air Force Civil Engineer Memorial is a world map etched on a large granite wall at the front, with two smaller side elements and one rear element.

The granite element facing the map will include the CE badge and be topped by a stunning stainless steel version of our "winged compass and gear."

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The second side wall honors our RED HORSE Airmen.

We decided to place the memorial at the National Museum of the Air Force, the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world, open to the public and in a serene setting surrounded by memories of Airmen past and present. The Museum will also provide maintenance in perpetuity for the memorial and the adjacent grounds.

The RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association will update the memorial as needed. Fabrication and installation of the memorial's granite and stainless-steel elements is completely privately funded.

Someday, I hope you and your loved ones will visit the CE Memorial that honors your service and you can proudly say "I am a member of the Civil Engineer Family."

The Committee is composed of the following members and functions:

- Chair: Timothy Byers, Maj Gen, USAF (Ret)
- Secretary: Kathy Ferguson, SES, USAF (Ret)
- Treasurer: Jim Kasmer, Col, USAF (Ret)
- Fundraising Chair: Ken Miller, CMSgt, USAF (Ret)
- Marketing Chair, Frank Destadio, Col, USAF (Ret)
- Design Chair: Bill Sims, Col USAF (Ret)
- Dr. Ron Hartzer, Historian
- Fred Singer, JD







CIVIL ENGINEER SCHOOL OFFERS NEW TROOP CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGEMENT COURSE, Headquarters Air Force, Office of the Director of Civil Engineers. June 29, 2020, DVIDS Story from Civil Engineer Weekly, Submission by Capt. Evan Dicks, II, Project Management Instructor, AFIT Civil Engineer School. (Photo by Bianna Greben) (USAF Photo by Maj. AJ Anderson)



Capt. Evan Dicks prepares to record a lesson in the studio at The Civil Engineer School.

Construction project management is an area of expertise closely tied to the Civil Engineer (CE) Enterprise. Because the term "project manager" is quite broad, it can be interpreted in many different ways. Even when narrowed to the field of construction, a single project can include several different project managers with different responsibilities. For example, a project may include a project manager from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a project manager from the construction contractor, a project manager from the customer, and another project manager from the base CE Squadron, all with different responsibilities.

The Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) currently offers project management courses focused on the representative from the CE squadron tasked with overseeing the development of the scope, design, and construction execution to satisfy requirements on the installation. These courses focus on contracted construction because the most common way for construction and repair work to be accomplished on the installation is through a contractor. While many of the principles overlap, the skillset of managing a contracted construction project varies from the skillset required to manage a construction project executed by Airmen. The first focuses heavily on the language and specifics written into the contract, while the latter is more about organizing the resources required to execute each task.

However, at the November 2019 Education and Training Review Committee, the CE Career Field Managers asked The Civil Engineer School to develop a new project management course that educates CE Airmen on managing construction projects executed by other Airmen. With that in mind, the CE School created a new course with the collective input from both Prime BEEF and RED HORSE non-commissioned officers (NCO) and CE Officers to ensure the course equips our Airmen with the tools to successfully manage a project executed with Airman labor. The CE School will start offering this course this summer, with the first class running 27-31 July 2020. It is structured as a "blended learning" course utilizing both pre-recorded lessons and live, interactive broadcasts to solidify the course content, assignments, and further learning objectives. The lessons will provide a detailed guide to develop the scope, budget, schedule, and bill of materials, as well as discuss risk management, safety, quality, and tracking progress throughout the execution of a project.

The intended student audience for the course is any NCO or CE Officer involved in the management of a troop construction project. This includes CONUS, OCONUS, and RED HORSE Troop Training Projects (TTPs) as well as those Airmen tasked to a deployed construction units. "Some of our Airmen are doing outstanding work managing projects, but many others are handed a project and may not be sure exactly where to begin, or how to ensure a successful outcome," said Capt. Evan Dicks, the CE School instructor tasked with developing the course. "We really just want to provide everyone with the foundation to feel confident managing any type of construction project."

Like many other AFIT courses, it will be offered multiple times per year to accommodate schedule conflicts and new project requirements that come up throughout the year. Those interested in enrolling can sign up using the course page link below or copy to url:

https://www.afit.edu/CE/Course Desc.cfm?p=WMGT%20437

UPDATE: AF/A4C LEADERSHIP: Director of Air Force Civil Engineers (AF/A4C) Official Badge Transfer, Headquarters Air Force. July 13, 2020, Courtesy Story by Civil Engineer Weekly. (Photo by Gianna Greban)

When Occupational Badges were instituted across the Air Force in 1992, Maj Gen James E. McCarthy requested the creation of this special badge. The original Air Force Civil Engineer Occupational Badge was designed by then Colonel Todd I. Stewart and Chief Master Sergeant Larry R. Ward, who served at the time as the Deputy Civil Engineer at Headquarters Air Force and the Chief of Enlisted Matters, respectively. The two designed the badge and had it fashioned out of silver in the Republic of Korea. The badge was then presented to Maj Gen McCarthy who wore it throughout his tenure. Upon Maj Gen McCarthy's retirement in 1995, he presented the badge to his successor, Maj Gen Eugene A. Lupia. It has been passed down to each Air Force Civil Engineer ever since.







The badge is kept in a box crafted by hand out of Hawaiian Koa wood that was designed by Maj Gen Timothy A. Byers and Mrs. Linda Byers, during his tenure as the Air Force Civil Engineer. The badge now resides with Brig Gen (sel) Kale who will assume his new role as the Director of Civil Engineers on 20 July.

Friday, 19 June 2020 marked the last day Brig Gen John J. Allen, Jr. served as the Director of Civil Engineers at Headquarters Air Force before he assumes command of the Air Force Civil Engineer Center in San Antonio, TX. In keeping with Civil Engineer tradition, Brig Gen Allen (left) had one final task before his departure: passing the Air Force Civil Engineer badge to his successor, Brig Gen (sel) William H. Kale III (right).





Brigadier General John J. Allen Jr., Commander, Air Force Civil Engineer Center, Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas.



Brigadier General William H. Kale III, Air Force Director of Civil Engineers, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia.

RED HORSE AIRMEN BUILD SMALL "CITY" AT FORT HARRISON, August 6 – 8, 2020, John Riley MTN News, KRTV Great Falls News and KXLH Helena News.

FORT HARRISON, MONTANA — The COVID pandemic pushed back a lot of training for the Montana National Guard. The state militia has implemented a plan to catch up, but it requires additional housing to accommodate COVID health guidelines.

"Due to recent events this spring a lot of training has been pushed," said Captain Brad Catron of the 219th RED HORSE Squadron of the Montana Air National Guard. "We're operating at a different tempo, and with social distancing measures in place we're ensuring we're providing safe housing for all of our soldiers and airmen."



Three days - that's how long it took 11 airmen of the unit, with the assistance of a dozen Army National Guard soldiers, to set up a Disaster Bed Down System capable of housing 120 individuals at Fort Harrison near Helena. The units will house only 80 individuals due to COVID guidelines requiring 6 feet of separation between cots. The temporary shelter will be used in correlation with other housing on base.







Each tent is climate controlled with heating and air conditioning and includes electricity. The Bed Down System includes showers, laundry and a reverse osmosis water purification unit capable of producing 1,500 gallons of potable water an hour.



RED HORSE adds 80 beds to help address overflow for Fort Harrison training.



The 219th RED HORSE Squadron has supported both combat and domestic operations worldwide. "I've stayed in these tents when it was 130 degrees in Iraq, and –40 at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin," said Master Sergeant Coltin Sweeney.

Recently, the 219th assisted with Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. "Puerto Rico was pretty interesting. We set up one kit down on a baseball diamond out in a baseball field and the other kit we set up on the National Guard Base in a parking lot," said MSgt. Sweeney.

The airmen of the 219th say that a year ago they were not expecting to be responding to a pandemic. With that being said, they're ready to go whenever they're called upon.

"The pandemic was unforeseen, but we have the capability and the people to do the job. We're here to support," said Capt. Brad Catron.

There is also an active-duty RED HORSE unit - the 819th - stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls.

RED HORSE stands for Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer. The airmen are a highly-mobile civil engineering response force that can support contingency and special operations worldwide, often on short notice. The first RED HORSE squadrons were activated in October 1965 by Defense Secretary Robert McNamara.

The airmen were pre-positioned in Vietnam with equipment and supplies to rapidly respond to heavy bomb damage and disasters, and to make major repairs to runways and installations. The combat engineers quickly earned a reputation "can do, will do, have done" anything asked of them. In 1972 the signature red hat was added to their official uniform, and remains the mark of all RED HORSE airmen.

507th CIVIL ENGINEERS CONDUCT TACTICAL CONVOY OPERATIONS TRAINING. *DVIDS, August 14,* 2020, 507th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs, Story by Laren Kelly; U.S. Air Force Photos by Master Sgt. Grady Epperly

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Oklahoma: Nearly 100 personnel from the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron here participated in a three-day convoy field training exercise at Glenwood Training Annex July 31-Aug. 2.

Master Sgt. Trevor Senechal, 507th CES Prime Base Emergency Engineering Force manager, said he provides combat skills training oversight to the squadron and planned the exercise, overcoming scheduling challenges due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.

"We pooled a lot of very last minute resources together to make something impactful happen that would satisfy all of our requirements," Senechal said. "Glenwood had its own challenges to deal with and offered a very unique training opportunity for us."

The squadron originally planned to perform the training with the Arkansas Air National Guard's 188th Wing in Fort Smith, Arkansas. The 188th Civil Engineer Squadron's existing convoy operations training route complete with vehicles was an ideal training opportunity for the engineers, but due to COVID-19 restrictions, Senechal set up an alternate training opportunity locally at Glenwood to satisfy training requirements outlined in AFI 10-210, Prime (BEEF) Program.

The scenario-driven training exercise simulated the squadron's ability to operate in a forward-deployed location. The mission was to resupply another location with manpower while protecting critical military assets along a route compromised by members of the local population.





"We wanted to introduce visual and auditory confusion to distract the participants from what was really going on in order to assess their ability to follow procedures," said Senechal. "They demonstrated their ability to perform security and accountability as well as self-aid and buddy care". According to 507th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, Lt. Col. Dustin Born, the Airmen appreciated the time out of the office and out in the field performing a tactical mission.

"This was a perfect opportunity to increase both our lethality and retention as well as letting off a little steam amidst current global affairs," Born said. "Just like most units in the Reserve command, we have had multiple unit training assemblies postponed or rescheduled, so being able to complete an in-person, hands-on event was a big win and a much needed morale booster."

Born extended his appreciation to fellow Team Tinker units, the 35th Combat Communications Squadron and the 72nd Security Forces Squadron, for the use of their Light Medium Tactical Vehicles, a 2 1/2 ton truck and a Humvee to make the convoy exercise a success.

Photos below show Airmen from the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron participate in a convoy field training exercise at Glenwood Training Annex, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, August 2, 2020. The scenario-driven training exercise simulates the squadron's ability to operate in a forward-deployed location.











JBER'S 773rd CES HOSTS COMMANDER IMMERSION

Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman: from the 673d Civil Engineer Group's Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force days, from which they developed the idea for a Prime BEEF Olympics. September 18, 2020. Story from Prime BEEF Civil Engineers, Daily Update (US. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Emily Farnsworth).

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, ALASKA

U.S. Air Force Col. Kirsten Aguilar, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and 673rd Air Base Wing commander, participated in a 773rd Civil Engineer Squadron immersion tour at JBER, Alaska, September 1, 2020.

Aguilar's tour allowed the squadron to highlight their Airmen and their crucial role in maintaining an \$11.4 billion base infrastructure by providing emergency management, utilities, and the sustainment of the base's infrastructure directly supporting the installation's critical missions.



U.S. Air Force Col. Kirsten Aguilar, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and 673rd Air Base Wing Commander, participates in a 773rd Civil Engineer Squadron immersion tour at JBER, Alaska, Sept 1, 2020. Aguilar familiarized herself with the 773rd CES and its role in supporting installation readiness after taking command of the installation on July 14, 2020. The 773rd CES maintains structures throughout the base as well as runs the installation's emergency management program.

One aspect of the 773rd CES' responsibilities lies in managing the installation's emergency management program.

"Our emergency management program tracks how JBER is prepared to respond to and recover from all hazards," said John Werner, 773rd CES Readiness and Emergency Management flight chief. "The goal is to save lives and recover the mission."

The Readiness and Emergency Management flight works to ensure the base has workable plans in place for any emergency.

"Our job is to make sure our base can operate, no matter what and has a plan to go forward," said Joseph Welboan, 773rd CES emergency planner. "Our job is to keep those plans by asking, 'what if?' and coming up with the best solution." A key to remaining ready for emergencies is proper training and the 773rd CES supports the installation by running chemical, biological, radioactive and nuclear defense training. This includes how to don missionoriented protective posture gear, as well as post-attack reconnaissance. The squadron adapted this training to the current COVID-19 climate, meeting mission requirements and boosting base readiness.

U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Brandon Smith, 773rd CES superintendent, said the importance of readiness can't be understated.

"When we need to be ready to go in 24 hours, we can't afford to burn valuable time," Smith said. "Our people need to be proficient, and this goes hand in hand with readiness. If we only focus on how to survive in a chemical environment, we are not going to win the war. We need to know how to operate in that situation."



U.S. Air force airmen 1st Class Timothy Beffa and Jose Tapia-Borbon, both 773rd CES Electric systems Technicians, demonstrate their equipment during a 773rd CES immersion tour.

A major part of the 773rd CES readiness comes from the 673d Civil Engineer Group's Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force days, from which they developed the idea for a Prime BEEF Olympics.

The Prime BEEF Olympics is a four-day training exercise comprising eight different events, highlighting both home station and deployed aspects of training. Teams of 25-30 engineers from different shops and experience levels across the group are led by a senior noncommissioned officer and lieutenant in a competition to foster teamwork and camaraderie.





"Our 2019 Prime BEEF Olympics was very successful," said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Paul Hosmanek, 773d CES Prime BEEF manager. "The event got attention from Eielson Air Force Base, who is planning on sending a team next year, and the Air Force Civil Engineer Center, who wants to observe to spread the event to other civil engineer squadrons."

After demonstrating the abilities of the 773rd CES' Readiness and Emergency Management Flight, the squadron showed Aguilar their ability to provide utilities, construction and repairs by highlighting different shops and abilities to operate.



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Matthew Badillo, a 773rd Civil Engineer Squadron water and fuels system maintenance apprentice, briefs U.S. Air Force Col. Kirsten Aguilar, Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson and 673rd Air Base Wing Commander, on liquid fuels facilities during a 773rd CES immersion tour.

Throughout their many jobs on the installation, the 773rd CES encounters many challenges. The squadron overcomes these challenges by continually striving for new and innovative processes in their workcenters.

"To be an engineer is to solve a problem," said U.S. Air Force Major Brendan Dorsey-Spitz, 773rd CES Operations Flight commander. "As CES, we innovate every single day, at every single job site. When my Airmen have a problem, they fix it."

The squadron makes it a point to foster a culture of innovation across the flights.

"We have a vast group of innovative thinkers," said U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Steven Rector, 773d CES Operations Flight superintendent. "The Airmen have such creative minds. It is so exciting to hear their new perspective on how to make things better."

After taking the day to see the impact and ability of the squadron, Aguilar was able to witness the direct impact the squadron has on the installation and its missions.

554TH RED HORSE LEAVES EIELSON BETTER THAN

BEFORE September 30, 2020, Eielson AF Base, Eielson News / Photos by Tech. Sgt. Jerilyn Quintanilla, 354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, ALASKA

Within the Air Force civil engineering community, RED HORSE Squadrons are considered elite teams. They are focused, efficient, highly-skilled, and they wear cool red hats.

Specializing in large-scale projects such as runways, aprons, facilities and utilities, the 554th RED HORSE, Squadron was called upon by the 354th Security Forces Squadron to build a new isolation area for the military working dog kennels.

"The purpose of the isolation area is to give dogs with medical issues or who may have contracted a disease the space to rehabilitate and heal away from the other dogs," said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Justin Ridenour, the 354th SFS Military Working Dog kennel master.

Without the proper facility, the unit runs the risk of exposing other dogs to the same health problems, potentially compromising their mission.

Building the new facility, which is connected to the existing structure, would have cost the Air Force more than \$2 million if outsourced to a civilian contractor. Enlisting the help of the RED HORSE squadron cut costs and project timelines significantly.

"Our unit functions as a fully self-sufficient team charged with executing projects from start to finish," said U.S. Air Force Capt. Zachary Spranger, the 554th RHS project engineer. "That includes everything from researching the customer's needs, building a plan to meet those needs, procuring materials and, of course, the execution."

According to Spranger, RED HORSE squadrons typically have Airmen from force support, logistics, security forces, contracting and numerous civil engineering specialties which enables them to be completely self-contained, work quicker and go into contested areas where civilian contractors would not go.

Operating at a level expected of RED HORSE technicians requires consistent training to keep their skills sharp. Based at Andersen Air Force Base in Guam the team immediately faced new challenges working in Alaska for the first time.

"This was the first project our unit has ever done in Alaska. Building in an Arctic region is substantially different than building anywhere else in the world. There are significant changes in design parameters when temperatures reach minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit," he said. "Starting from the ground up this facility was designed to withstand those freezing temperatures, and since this is the first project we have had to do, there was a lot of learning on the planning, designing and construction processes for this facility."









U.S. Air Force Sr. Airman Savannah Smith, a 554thRED HORSE structures journeyman, applies joint compound to a building partition at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, Sept. 10, 2020. The 554th RED HORSE Squadron specializes in large-scale construction projects including airfields, facilities and aprons.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. James Ori, a 554th RED HORSE structural craftsman, cuts off a piece of drywall at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, Sept. 10, 2020. The 554th RED HORSE squadron is comprised of Airmen from various Air Force Specialty Codes allowing it to be a self-contained unit capable of operating in contested environments.

After just 105 days in Alaska, the team will wrap up the project, pack up and head home leaving Eielson a little bit better than when they arrived.

210TH RED HORSE SQUADRON SUPPORT TO DNWS IS A 'WIN-WIN...WIN' Defense Nuclear Weapons School Public Affairs, September 29, 2020, Facebook

KIRTLAND AFB, ALBUQUERQUE, NM

Airmen from the New Mexico Air National Guard's 210th RED HORSE Squadron at Kirtland AFB, N.M. are providing support to the Defense Nuclear Weapon School (DNWS) while receiving valuable training as they work. In the fall of 2019, members of DNWS started to work with the 210th RED HORSE Squadron and the 58th Training Squadron to help relocate air frame training aids to a DNWS training site on base.

Eager to get valuable training hours on their heavy equipment, it wasn't until the RED HORSE team found time in between other missions to make the 'big' moves happen for the schoolhouse. "Some personnel even came to work on their days off to see these airframes safely moved," said Col. George R. Farfour, DNWS commandant. "This isn't just a 'win-win' for the organizations working on these projects. This is a 'win' for the hundreds of joint service, multi-national, and interagency students DNWS typically sees in a year who will learn about contamination monitoring on these training aids."

Using their heavy crane, flat bed trailers, and in some cases all terrain forklifts, the RED HORSE team was able to plan and carefully execute safe moves for each of the large training aids. The equipment moves demonstrate to other commands on base that this important heavy-lift capability is locally available to them. More important is the timely renewal of critical skills the RED HORSE Airmen are getting on the heavy equipment.



Members of the New Mexico Air National Guard 210th RED HORSE Squadron use a crane and flatbed trailer in April to relocate a modified HH-60 helicopter airframe and training aid from the 58th Training Squadron's aircraft yard to the DNWS training site on Kirtland AFB. The HH-60 airframe move is one of many projects that the RED HORSE Airmen are performing for DNWS, most of which are done in between other missions. (Photo by Matt Thompson, DNWS)

"Getting hands-on heavy equipment training while solving real-world problems is a huge benefit to RED HORSE, especially in preparing for our upcoming overseas deployment," said Lt. Col. James C. Willis, commander of the 210th RED HORSE Squadron.

Matt Thompson, DNWS historian, says that with the training aids in place, students will practice contamination monitoring techniques that were employed by military responders and aircrew during Operation TOMODACHI in 2011 - the humanitarian effort that provided relief to Japan after a tsunami damaged the nuclear power plant there.

"Of particular interest to the students are aircraft engines because of their tendency to collect and concentrate even minute amounts of contamination found in the air," he said. "A C-130 transport aircraft engine provided by the 58th TRS will serve as one of those training aids, as well as be a great addition to the UH-1 helicopter airframe training aid."





Once the UH-1 helicopter airframe was unloaded at the DNWS training area, the RED HORSE team and the DTRA Albuquerque motor pool team developed a method of using forklifts and short slings to move the single ton airframe short distances.

"The UH-1 training aid presented a unique challenge," Thompson said. "It rested on skids and would require wheels to make it less dependent on heavy equipment for movement. Original ground handling wheels would have cost tens of thousands of dollars and were quickly rejected as an option."

DNWS training specialists then developed a caster wheel design that could be fabricated for a fraction of the cost.



A member of the 210th RED HORSE team (left) welds a wheel caster in July while another member looks on. The wheel caster aided in the transport of the UH-1 helicopter airframe pictured in the background. The airframe was relocated to the DNWS training site on base to be used as a training aid. Members spent a couple of weeks fabricating the casters provided by DNWS and rotated throughout the project to acquire metal cutting, welding and fabrication skills. (Photo by Matt Thompson, DNWS)

"To get these caster wheel assemblies built, one of the DNWS training buildings was turned into a fabrication shop by the RED HORSE team," Willis said. "Over the next few weeks, the DNWS team provided all of the material, hardware, cutting and welding supplies needed for the project. Many hours of cutting, hand fitting, welding and grinding were then conducted by our RED HORSE Airmen."

This allowed the RED HORSE team to rotate personnel so everyone could practice steel fabrication skills that will be needed in future deployments. Willis says his Airmen are ready and willing to support anywhere they can, and that he's particularly pleased to assist the schoolhouse.

"Earlier in my career, I had the opportunity to benefit from several DNWS courses, and it is the best training I've had in the military," Willis said. "The 210th RED HORSE is delighted to help out DNWS in any way we can."

STABLE NOTES AND ASSOCIATION UPDATES:

1. <u>RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association.</u> <u>Membership Information</u>: 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.

Page 18 provides detailed membership information and includes a membership application form. Send to Don Bowker at 208 W City Dam Road, Corbin, KY 40701.

2. <u>The RHPBA Newsletter</u>: 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 <u>aldinger@rhpba.com</u> or mail to Dick Aldinger, 4088 Floralwood Ct., Orlando, FL 32812.

Effective this year, starting January 1 there was a \$10 per year charge applied for all hard copy newsletters mailed through the U.S. postal system. This will 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. Make sure your e-mail address is established with Don Bowker, Sr. at <u>dbowkersr@rhpba.com</u>, OR send 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 18.

3. General Tom Meredith Scholarship Program Update:

We are proud to announce that this year's program was able to award three 1,000 scholarships to three great individuals; see this year's outstanding recipients recognized on pages 15 - 17.

Our annual RED HORSE and Prime BEEF (RHPBA) Scholarship Program has been available now for our 10th year. This year we have advanced to the electronic age and have revised the application process to allow applicants to prepare and submit an application form online.

The RHPBA Honor Scholarship Program was created in 2010 to provide financial assistance to individuals attending an accredited technical institution, college or university of their choice. This program is supported entirely through funds acquired from donations, contributions and fund-raising efforts.







The scholarships are awarded to qualified high school seniors, GED recipients, and home school students meeting the public high school graduation requirements for their respective State, and undergraduate students with at least two semesters remaining prior to graduation. Also, applicants who are planning to attend or are attending accredited institutions of higher learning, including vocational and technical institutes.

Who's eligible to apply? The program is available to an immediate family member of an RHPBA member in good standing (annual dues are current). An immediate family member can be a member's son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, adopted son, adopted daughter, grandson, granddaughter, spouse, and includes the member.

The new on-line application process can be completed through the RHPBA website which provides information, instructions, and guidance for applying. Sign into www.rhpba.com, then using the pulldown menu click on: "GEN TOM MEREDITH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM." If unable to use the on-line process contact Donald Bowker, Sr., 208 W City Dam Road, Corbin, KY 40701, or dbowkersr@rhpba.com. Submission deadline is July 31, 2021 for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.

Don Boone, Chair Scholarship Selection Committee

4. Obituaries:

Virgil Claude Barnette, Chief Master Sergeant Retired, of Doyline, LA was born August 14, 1929 in Columbia, LA; died June 20, 2020 due to Covid-19 Virus. He spent 61 years serving his country providing leadership in development of Civil the Engineering Standards. A full obituary honoring his many accomplishments is found at Bossier Press-Tribune Obituaries under his name.

David M. Cornell, Brig. Gen. Retired of Lebanon, IL was born April 14, 1934 in the mountains of Northern California: died December 4, 2020 due to Covid-19 Virus. Though a talented illustrator as a young man, college redirected his interest toward civil engineering and a military career. Dave joined the US Air Force in





1956 as an Airman Second Class (two stripes) and retired 32 years later as a Brigadier General. A full obituary honoring his accomplishments and an interesting story on his return to art is found at Meridith Funeral Home, Lebanon, IL, or the Belleville News-Democrat.

5. RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association's new Website: Please check out our new website for information on coins, photos, reunions, newsletters, announcements; 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 last year's Convention is available.

Other Coins Available:

2015 General Meredith Coin 2017 RH / PB Coin 2017 Convention Coin Step and A-Half Coin

Also, 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.

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THE 2020 BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM "TOM" MEREDITH HONOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM -THREE'S A (GREAT) CROWD

We are pleased to announce another great achievement within our Association this year as we supported **a record three applicants** receiving \$1,000 college scholarship awards! Last year we presented awards to two applicants, a first for our organization, but the continued remarkable quality of our applicants led to adding a third award.

The Scholarship Selection Committee reviewed five candidates and once again the quality and character of these talented, energetic and goal-focused applicants reflects the remarkable family core values within our membership.

Our 2020 Meredith Award Winners are WILL DELLICKER, BRIANNA WELCH and SARAH WISE.

Take a look at these remarkable people...their credential and achievements...and a few excerpts from our notification letters:

WILL DELLICKER

Application Highlights:

- ★ Resides in Germansville, PA and attends Grove City College, Grove City, PA
 - Major in Biblical and Religious Studies
 - Member of Rugby Team and Young Americans for Freedom
 - GPA 3.5 Dean's List with Distinction
- ★ Will's grandfather is RHPBA Member Col (ret) Bill Dellicker, residing in New Tripoli, PA
- ★ Joined PA Air National Guard as High School Senior
- Started his own business, Dellicker Brothers Landscaping and General Contracting as a full-time college student
- High School Student Council President, Wresting Team (Captain), Baseball, Ornithology (Bird) Club (President), DAR Good Citizen Award
- ★ Life Goals: Church Ministry, Military Career and Business Owner

Scholarship Committee Remarks:

★ Your thoughtful, value-based career goals, strong academics (Freshman Pre-Calc is a tough one!), combined with your youthful "at the time" great ambitions reflect a grounded, mature and striving for excellence individual.



- ★ Mr. Casciano presented you as a responsible, service-before-self and energetic achiever.
- ★ We are impressed by and applaud your leadership achievements, vision for a spiritual, military and site improvement career path and your strong personal initiative and "Can Do" lifestyle.
- ★ Your thoughtful and value-based career goals reflect a grounded, respectful approach to your future, acknowledging real challenges and lofty yet achievable aspirations.

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BRIANNA WELCH

Application Highlights:

- Resides in Cumming, GA and attends University of North Georgia
 - Major in East Asian Studies
 - Member of Debate Team, Music Appreciation, Dance Team, and Korean Speech Winner
 - GPA 3.89 (19 courses taken 17 As, 2 Bs) Dean's List, President's List, Most Promising Student in Intermediate Korean
- ★ Brianna's grandfather is RHPBA Member Floyd Powell, residing in Abilene, TX
- ★ Extensive volunteer positions (Caroling with Church, Samaritan's Purse, Woodland Christian Camp, Tutor for Summer Language Inst, The Korean American Association of Greater Atlanta)
- ★ Member of a Worship Band and Martial Arts
- ★ Life Goals: Start a business providing high-level learning and tutoring for Korean adults to achieve fluency in the English language.

Scholarship Committee Remarks:

- ★ Your thoughtful and focused career goal assisting our Korean population to learn and embellish the English language magnificently exemplifies your "service before self" core value.
- ★ Your academic achievements, simply stated, continue to dazzle our Committee.
- ★ Dr. Daniel presents you as a responsible, superior student and person, and we agree with her assessment, "...Brianna Welch will be a strong, if not the best, candidate for your organization."



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SARAH WISE

Application Highlights:

- ★ Resides in Highlands Ranch, CO and attends California Polytechnic State University
 - Major in Architecture
 - GPA 3.33 (Dean's List, 72 credits in 4½ semesters)
- Brianna's father is RHPBA Member Doug Wise, residing in Highlands Ranch, CO
- ★ High School Technological Student Association, Choir, Women's Select Choir, Global Learning and Leaders Group
- ★ Volunteer for The Right Step, Church Charities
- ★ Life Goals: Design and build structures that complement the environment, reduce the human footprint and encourage a way of life connected to nature and reuse materials from existing structures.

Scholarship Committee Remarks:

★ Your application package was well prepared and thorough.



- We appreciate the academic challenge you accepted in pursuing an Architectural degree (College Physics is a bear!), and your interest in sustainable structures and accompanying amenities is very commendable.
- ★ Mr. Erickson presents a positive, leaning-forward perspective of your values, highlighting your eager and energetic approach to your work and treatment of coworkers and guests.

Our Scholarship program was created and remains focused on offering financial assistance to current dues-paying *REDHORSE and Prime BEEF Association* members and their immediate families seeking to further their education by attending an institution of higher learning (see By-Laws Article 2 – Purpose). Funding support is generated from donations, contributions and fund raisers throughout the year.

This year our Scholarship Selection Committee presented the Board of Directors with a request to support a third candidate for award of a \$1,000 scholarship. The reason was simple...we were highly impressed with the qualifications and remarkable achievements of these candidates through their high school and college journeys. Our Board responded unanimously by individually contributing to this third \$1,000 award.

Once again, our Committee is privileged to review and assess a number of scholarship applicants seeking financial support for their academic programs. Although the applicants present diverse backgrounds, interests and experiences, they all magnificently represent the aspirations of our membership core values, focused on integrity, service before self and excellence in all they do.

We hope every member of this Association shares our level of pride as you see our talented and deserving family members pursue their careers through your continued support. Thank you.

Don Boone, Colonel (Retired), USAF and ANG Scholarship Selection Committee







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