



RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association Newsletter

The 2019 RHPBA Convention and Reunion, October 8-12



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PRESIDENT'S STABLE May 2019



By the time this is read we will have completed our spring board meeting and wrapped up all the initial requirements for the October Convention/Reunion.

The two committees: Convention Committee lead by Randy Eckert and Publicity Committee lead by Dick Aldinger have done a great job putting the convention together and getting all the information out to you, the association membership.

Election of Association Officers: At each of the biennial conventions the general membership elects half of the Board of Directors. I have added a separate stable note paragraph below detailing how the nominations will be covered. This is important to all the membership.

Modernization of our Operations: Since the rebranding of the association to RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association (RHPBA), we have made major efforts to modernize. One new thing we will try is to make use of Pay-Pal for the payment of moneys starting with the convention/reunion, making it easier and as safe as possible for our membership. Additional details are provided on this year's convention/reunion registration form.

My vision for the future of the RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association is that we project ourselves as the fraternal association that all Vietnam era RED HORSE and Prime BEEF social gathering units can rely on as their numbers grow smaller. They need to understand they can rely on the RHPBA to ensure that their unit's legacy established 50 plus years ago will be carried forward to present and future Air Force Civil Engineers. This can happen because we have the capability of continued growth by recruitment of the Southwest Asia Era Civil Engineers forward and is why one of our main efforts should be to recruit these members and work them into our management as board members.

STABLE NOTE: ELECTION OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS:

At each biennial convention the general membership elects half of the Board of Directors. Any member in good standing, except honorary members, may run for a position on the Board of Directors. A position on the Board of Directors is a four year term. The general membership elects the Board of Directors at each biennial convention. The Board of Directors then elects the officers from within the elected board. All officers of the Association are volunteer positions and are not paid. Each Board member is required to attend at least one meeting of the Board of Directors each calendar year. Anyone desiring to hold a Board of Director position should submit a resume and photo to the President of the Board of Directors four months before the biennial convention. This enables the Board of Directors to list each nominee in a special flyer to be posted on the association web site and Facebook page before the convention and to include them in the convention booklet for the general membership to review. We want to give our membership the opportunity to know more about you before the election. Nominations will not be accepted from the floor. At this 2019 Convention the Board of Directors will be looking for someone to fill the officer position of Vice President.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Convention/Reunion this October.

To the Horse and Bull,

Stan

RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association

Stan Irwin, President



Have you put October 8th through 12th, 2019 on your calendar for our upcoming Convention/Reunion? See pages 4 and 5 for information on anticipated plans for our activities. Hoping to see everybody there.

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CONVENTION/REUNION NOTES

SILVERTON

Casino • Hotel • Las Vegas

The Silverton is conveniently located off Interstate 15 at 3333 Blue Diamond Road, Las Vegas. You can start making your own hotel reservations now by contacting the Silverton directly at (866) 722-4608.



Be sure to mention Promo Code **SRED109** to get the RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association's



special room rate of \$79 Monday through Thursday and \$109 on Friday, plus taxes and fees. Or go on line to our direct reservations account:

[https://reservations.silvertoncasino.com/CGI/BIN/lansaweb?procfun+rn+resnet+RES+funcparms+UP\(A2560\)::SRED109;?/](https://reservations.silvertoncasino.com/CGI/BIN/lansaweb?procfun+rn+resnet+RES+funcparms+UP(A2560)::SRED109;?/)

Some upgrades may be available, but you must reserve them early. Reservations must be made before September 8th. Hotel check in time is 3:00pm and check out is before 12:00 noon.

Suggestions: When you get to the casino, study the map which is provided in the lobby as well as your room. The Hotel is at one end of the casino. *Sundance Restaurant is close by, just off to the right when you exit the hotel area (rooms) and enter the Casino. Keep the map close by for your first couple of trips. After you have checked into the hotel and have found your room, be sure you locate where the Veil Pavilion is as that is where you will check-in with the RHPBA. Veil Pavilion is also where the Icebreaker, all on-site meetings, and the banquet will be held.

*Sundance Restaurant is an excellent place to have breakfast.

Hotel Airport Shuttle Bus Schedule; please call 866-722-4608 for Airport pick up reservations ****Airport shuttle pick up will not be available without reservations.** Departs the Airport daily in the morning at 7:30-7:45 8:30- 8:45, 9:30-9:45, and in the afternoon at 12:30-1:00, 2:30-2:45, 3:30-3:45, 4:30-4:45, 6:30-6:45, 7:30-7:45, 9:30-9:45. And departs the Hotel for the Airport in the morning at 7:15-7:30, 8:15- 8:30, 9:15-9:30, and in the afternoon at 12:15- 12:30, 2:15-2:30, 3:15-3:30, 4:15-4:30, 6:15- 6:30, 7:15-7:30, and 9:15-9:30.

Hotel Downtown Shuttle Bus Schedule to the Aria Casino and Resort, down town; leaves from the front door of the Silverton daily at 10:15-10:30am, 1:15-1:30pm, 5:15-5:30pm, 10:15-10:30pm. And leaves the Aria back to the Silverton at 10:30-11:00am, 1:30-2:00pm, 5:30-6:00pm, and 10:30-11pm.

Big Bus Tour Company offers hop on-hop off sight seeing bus tours and has a stop across the street from the Aria hotel.

<https://www.bigbustours.com/en/las-vegas/las-vegas-bus-tours/>

All convention attendees will receive a 15% discount at all of the Hotel's restaurants (excluding Starbucks and Johnny Rockets) by showing your convention name tag. <https://silvertoncasino.com/dine/>

Other Notes: "Things To Do" for spouses or free time:

1. Las Vegas is unique when it comes to things to do. In four days we will not begin to cover all the things there are to do in that city.

Google **Groupon** and see some choices

<https://www.groupon.com> > Local > Nevada > Las Vegas > Things To Do

Here are ten sample possibilities: Red Rock Canyon, Hoover Dam, Grand Canyon Rim, Las Vegas Strip, Venetian Gondola Rides, Shopping and Fashion, Air Helicopter and Balloon Tours, Cruising, Sailing, and Water tours, Cultural and Theme tours, Food, Wine and Theme tours. **A computer is available in the hotel lobby and hotel has a ticket office where you can buy tickets to shows. You can also go to Vegas.Com for reservations.**

2. Silverton Casino provides many restaurants and other items of interest including Starbucks, Johnny Rockets, gift shop, event box office, Lyft lounge and a **Pro Bass Shop** which connects with the Silverton and has a Duck Habitat and a genuine Trout Stream. There are over 1,500 slot machines, gaming tables, and electronic gaming machines.

3. In addition to regular taxis costing about \$20-25 to the Strip, Uber and Lyft are available with Lyft giving special discounts. Get the Apps before you come to Las Vegas.

4. The Silverton has a listing of free shows or activities in the Las Vegas area including their 117,000 gal aquarium in the lobby of the Silverton equipped with mermaids, hundreds of fish and stingrays.

5. The Silverton is located about 10 minutes from the Strip. The Hotel provides transportation to the Aria in City Center on a set schedule (see schedule above). We are located about 3 miles from Las Vegas Premium Outlet South on Las Vegas Blvd.

See page 12 for registration form and page 13 for Golf sign up form.



CONVENTION/REUNION TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, October 8th

- Check-in starts at 3:00pm
- Ice Breaker: 2:00-5:00pm, Veil Pavilion
- Bar is open until 8:00pm

Wednesday, October 9th

- Business Meeting in morning
- Speakers and presentations in afternoon
- Evening show, possibly Beatles Love Cirque du Soleil Broadway Show

Thursday, October 10th

- All day tour with the Nellis AFB Engineers
- Air Force Thunderbird Museum and Hangar
- Visit to 820th Red Horse Squadron
 - Air insertion equipment package display
 - Special capabilities training site
 - Quarry shot
 - EOD robot demonstration
 - Special firefighting equipment
- End of day retreat by the entire 820th RHS
- Lunch provided by the Engineers' Booster Clubs
- Evening Banquet, South Western Buffet

Friday, October 11th

- Golf Tournament at Nellis AFB, 9:00am to 2:00pm
- Optional (If sufficient interest): Hoover Dam Express Tour by Coach Bus: exterior and interior of dam

Saturday, October 12th

- Check Out by Noon

TOUR AND ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Air Force Thunderbirds: The visit to Nellis AFB starts with a stop at the Thunderbirds Museum and Hangar. Sixty four years of team history can be found at the Thunderbirds museum, located inside the Thunderbirds hangar on the Air Force Base. More information is found at:



<http://afthunderbirds.com/sitemuseum>

Be Dazzled with Big Bus Tours: Soak up the excitement and entertainment aboard our Las Vegas sightseeing tours. Immerse yourself in the city's exuberant non-stop hustle with our



flexible bus tours, which allow you to hop on and hop off the bus as much as you like. Has a stop near the Aria Hotel. <https://www.bigbustours.com/en/las-vegas/las-vegas-sightseeing-tours/>

Hoover Dam: The Hoover Dam Express Tour offers a unique way to see, learn and appreciate what Hoover Dam is all about. This tour is on Friday but can be scheduled only if a minimum of 12 people sign up to go. From hotel back to hotel will be approximately four hours.



<https://www.vegasdeserttours.com/tours/hoover-dam-tours/hoover-dam-express-tour/>

The Beatles LOVE by Cirque du Soleil: We are looking at: The Beatles LOVE show which is a psychedelic journey through the trends and politics of the '60s and most importantly, The Beatles. Located within the Mirage. Reserved seating must be secured by July 31 to get a group rate. See registration form and contact Randy (lv2019@rhpba.com) for costs and more information.



<https://www.vegas.com/iv2/las-vegas-shows/598/the-beatles-love-by-cirque-du-soleil/dates/20190412/20190512>

CONVENTION/REUNION SPONSORS

Convention/Reunion Sponsors always help make these events a success. These sponsorships are a great way to recognize past assignments as well as support the RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association Convention and Scholarship Fund, see page 15. We hope that you will consider being a sponsor at one of the levels listed below. Possibly two or more of you may like to share the cost to recognize your RED HORSE or Prime BEEF (CES) Squadron.

Gold Sponsor: \$300 Donation: Signage will be displayed in the Convention Program, posted on signage displayed at Hotel events and golf course, four Player entries in the Golf Tournament, two RHPBA Hats and two Convention Coins.

Silver Sponsor: \$200 Donation: Signage will be displayed in the Convention Program, posted on signage display at Hotel events and golf course, two Player entries in the Golf Tournament, one RHPBA Hat and two Convention Coins.

Bronze Sponsor: \$100 Donation: Signage will be displayed in the Convention Program, posted on signage displayed at Hotel events and at the Golf Course plus one Convention Coin.

You may send your sponsorship money in with your registration package or separate if you wish. You also may be a sponsor without attending the Convention/Reunion. Please include the verbiage, symbols and figures as you would like it on your sign. We will work with you to get Squadron logos correctly presented.

NEWS ARTICLES

819TH RED HORSE SQUADRON MEMBERS RETURN FROM WORLDWIDE DEPLOYMENTS

By Kiersten McCutchan, 341st Missile Wing Public Affairs / Published November 09, 2018, U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Jacob M. Thompson.

Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana: The last week in October, and on Nov. 5, 2018, more than 150 members of the 819th Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers (RED HORSE) will all have returned to Malmstrom after deployments with U.S. Africa Command and U.S. Air Forces Central Command.

Squadron personnel left in April 2018, with 70 819th RHS members departing for AFRICOM, and 100 819th RHS members departing for AFCENT.

The 819th RHS AFRICOM team shared in multi-agency base building efforts for Air Base 201 in Agadez, Niger, an expeditionary installation being constructed in one of the most remote regions in Africa.

The 819th RHS AFCENT team, as part of the 1st Expeditionary Civil Engineer Group, supported construction in the Middle East, building a command center vital to the fight against terrorism.

The AFCENT team completed 446 missions and more than 100 construction projects in eight countries across the area of responsibility, working with NATO and other international groups.

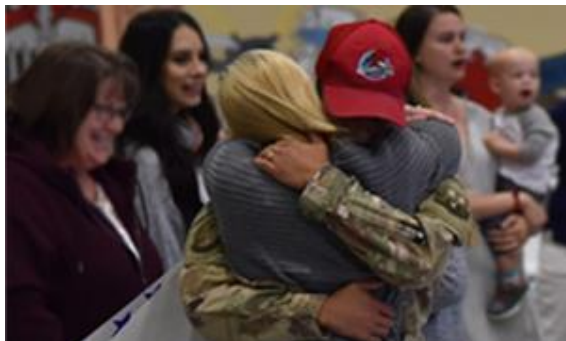


Airmen from the 819th RED HORSE walk across the flight line Nov. 5, 2018, at Great Falls International Airport, Mont. Seventy RED HORSE Airmen served for U.S. Africa Command and 100 Airmen served for U.S. Air Forces Central Command. RED HORSE Airmen returned home to friends and family after being deployed for approximately seven months.

"The RED HORSE family is looking forward to welcoming each Airman home and giving them well-deserved rest," said Col. J.J. Loschinsky, 819th RHS commander. "We couldn't be more proud of the work that this team of horsemen accomplished while deployed. The impact of their work will be felt across the globe for years to come."



Col. Jason Loschinsky, 819th RED HORSE commander, greets Airmen as they return from deployment.



An Airman from the 819th RED HORSE Squadron hugs a family member.



A child watches as his father approaches after returning home from deployment.



An Airman from the 819th hugs his children.

AIRMEN OF THE MANSFIELD OHIO AIR NATIONAL GUARD, 200TH RED HORSE SQUADRON

Story and photos by Air National Guard Tech. Sgt. Joseph Harwood, 179th Airlift Wing, 04/04/2019.

Crystal Springs, MS Airmen of the Ohio Air National Guard, 200th RED HORSE Squadron, build cabins while deployed for an Innovation Readiness Training (IRT) project at Camp Kamassa, Crystal Springs, MS., helping to build a specialized camp for children with special needs, March 28, 2019.



Airmen of the Ohio Air National Guard, 200th RED HORSE Squadron, deployed to Camp Kamassa. IRT projects support the community while providing valuable training for the RED HORSE mission to provide a dedicated, mobile, flexible, self-sufficient heavy construction engineering force for airfield, base infrastructure and special capabilities to support worldwide contingency operations.

Mississippi has never had a camp devoted solely to children with special needs, although there are many groups around the state who have worked to hold camps for these kids, they often lacked the accommodations needed to host many special needs children as they simply were not designed for them exclusively.

Camp Kamassa plans to be used by thousands of campers with various illnesses and challenges including, but not limited to asthma, spina bifida, cancer, HIV, muscular dystrophy, diabetes, brain injuries, hemophilia, Tourette syndrome, autism, transplant recipients, kids in foster care, arthritis, visual and hearing impairments, developmental disabilities, bereavement, sickle cell disease, Celiac disease, Crohn's and colitis, and so much more.

Chief Master Sgt. Stacy Gilman, 560th RED HORSE Squadron, Joint Base Charleston, S.C., has been assigned as the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer in charge of the project for the duration of the planned three year, 26 million dollar IRT project. Gilman said, "This is the start of year two of the three-year project. The 200th RED HORSE has done an outstanding job providing the upright construction for the cabins here

and building onto the infrastructure that was started here last year."



Senior Master Sgt. Tyson Root, Senior Master Sgt. Joe Zika and Capt. Ashley Klase during a morning formation of the Ohio Air National Guard, 200th RED HORSE Squadron, deployed for the IRT project.



Camp Cabins being built at Camp Kamassa.

WRIGHT-PATTERSON CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF 88TH AIR BASE WING

Story by Amy Rollins, Skywrighter Staff, Dayton Daily News, 04/05/2019



WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB: 88th Air Base Wing at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base will celebrate its 75th anniversary April 26 at the Wright-Patterson Club. To view the invitation and R.S.V.P., go online to <https://e.afit.edu/np6861>

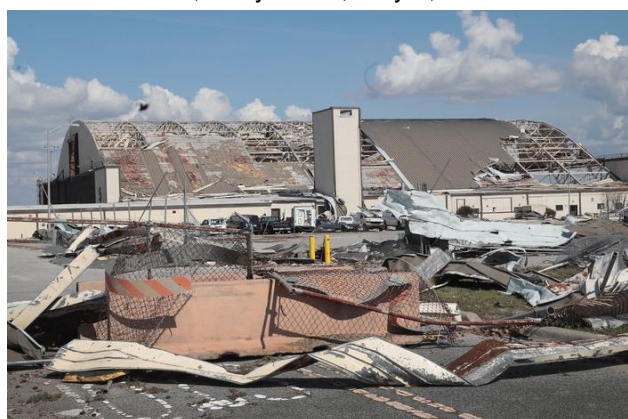
At Wright-Patterson AFB, the foundation for this diverse team's success is the 88th Air Base Wing. For 75 years, the 88th and its predecessors have provided the strength through support to fuel aerospace innovation. That strength through support also applied outside the fence. The wing has bolstered the U.S.'s efforts in

conflicts around the globe. During the Vietnam War, the 2750th provided 15 members for the very first Air Force "Prime BEEF" civil engineer force, building revetments to protect planes in hostile territory.

During operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, wing personnel processed and deployed more than 2,300 soldiers and 2,200 tons of cargo. And since 9/11, hundreds of 88th Airmen have deployed in support of operations like Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

UPDATE: TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE TO BE REBUILT AS 'AIR BASE OF THE FUTURE'

Story and photos by Scott Olson/Getty Images; Greg Allen, NPR Daily Newsletter. February 12, 2019, also Rachel S. Cohen, Daily News, May 1, 2019



Debris litters Tyndall Air Force Base following Hurricane Michael in October 2018. Now the Air Force is rebuilding the base to be more resistant to future storms. Scott Olson/Getty Images.

Unmanned F-16 jets are flying again at Tyndall Air Force base on Florida's Panhandle, and for many it's a welcome sound. Four months ago the base took a direct hit from Hurricane Michael. The storm's 155-mile-per-hour winds toppled forests, shredded buildings and left the base a mess with its future in doubt.

Now the Air Force says it is rebuilding Tyndall to be the air base of the future. Officials say the rebuilt base will be resistant to storm surges and to wind speeds up to 180 miles per hour and is expected to cost some \$3 billion.

Tyndall is one of the nation's largest Air Force bases and is in a key location, next to the Air Force's testing and training range over the Gulf of Mexico. But that location also put it in the path of one of the most powerful hurricanes ever to hit the continental U.S.

When Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson visited the base just four days after the hurricane, she was awed by the destruction. "It's going to take time to recover," she said. "Anybody who can see this base even from where we're standing can see the substantial damage done by this terrible storm." Today, nearly all the debris

is gone. Tyndall has already spent nearly \$200 million on cleanup and recovery.

Rep. Neal Dunn, R-Fla., who represents the area, says that reassured many who feared the base might not reopen. "That was the first worry everybody had," he said. "Thirty-seven percent of the economic activity in Bay County is related to Tyndall Air Force base, so [it is] very, very key to get Tyndall stood back up."

Between people who work there, students who go to school there and retirees who shop there, some 26,000 people rely on the base daily.

Because of damage to hangars and other facilities, F-22 Raptor stealth fighters were relocated to other bases. But Dunn says there are big plans for the facility when it's rebuilt. The Air Force wants to base three squadrons of its newest fighter, the F-35, at Tyndall. Dunn says there are also plans to base two dozen MQ-9 Reaper drones there by 2023. "We're looking at almost a hundred combat aircraft based out of Tyndall," says Dunn. "It will actually be busier than it was before the storm."

But there's a lot of work to do before then. One focus now is the control tower, which took extensive damage in the storm. "Some debris pierced through a double-paned glass in the tower," explained Col. Scott Matthews, a civil engineer with the Air Force who is part of a group working to rebuild Tyndall. "[The debris] came inside, shot out the other side and caused a bunch of damage in there." Contractors are now working on a total rebuild of the tower interior.

Matthews' group is doing more than that. It is developing a new master plan for Tyndall. He says the devastation from Hurricane Michael left the Air Force with an opportunity to redesign the facility into what he calls "the base of the future."

Matthews says this will be the first specially designed 21st century Air Force base. "We want to adapt new technologies," he says. "We're talking smart buildings, we're talking layouts and [getting] away from some of the way we used to have our 20th century installations."

Update, May 1, 2019: A master plan that dictates how the Air Force will rebuild Tyndall AFB, FL., is complete, but starting Wednesday, the service won't be able to carry out most of the blueprint unless it receives additional money from Congress. As of May 1, the Air Force will stop signing new contracts for Tyndall recovery efforts until supplemental funding comes through, which threatens to put the nearly \$5 billion restoration behind schedule. The service's top official for installations will press lawmakers for funds on Capitol Hill Wednesday. (Rachel Cohen, Air Force Magazine, Daily Report).

PRIME BEEF AND RED HORSE MERGE TO ADVANCE AFGHANISTAN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

From DVIDS, Article by Captain Christian Clark and Senior Master Sergeant Damian Davies

Afghanistan: Engineers: Can Do, Will Do, Have Done

In spring of 2018, the 557th Expeditionary RED HORSE Squadron (557 ERHS) forward deployed a team of 16 to Afghanistan. Initial concerns included the fact that the team lacked some conventional heavy RED HORSE construction experience due to an unusually high number of Prime BEEF personnel assigned to a traditionally RED HORSE deployment. Additionally, the manning was low considering the scope of the three projects worth \$2.8 million. Challenges multiplied due to bad weather, intermixed material stockpiles, and siting issues. Despite these obstacles, the crew prevailed.

Placed in this difficult situation, Site Officer-in-Charge, Captain Christian Clark, looked for additional resources and means for accomplishing the mission. "Tough, challenging situations without clear solutions force you to think outside the box," he said. "That's what engineers do best." Though usually self-sufficient in personnel, materials, and equipment, RED HORSE capitalized on the 1st Expeditionary Civil Engineer Group's Prime BEEF personnel, and tapped into the main base 455th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron (455 ECES) for equipment, tools, and other resources. In return, the 557 ERHS loaned the 455 ECES cranes and other heavy equipment not normally needed by base maintenance personnel. This symbiotic give-and-take relationship extended to skilled technicians which the base loaned to 557 ERHS during concrete pour and stub-up installation. For example, Senior Master Sergeant Damian Davies, Site Superintendent for 557 ERHS, stated "Staff Sergeant Jordan Haller, was strategic to both of our success and that of the base. Our relationship with 455 ECES allowed both teams to surge when necessary and then revert back to day-to-day operations.

"Captain Christian Clark and Senior Master Sergeant Damian Davies of the 557th Expeditionary RED HORSE Squadron discuss their experiences teaming up with Prime BEEF to advance Afghanistan construction projects, highlighting the power of combining separate engineering capabilities, strengths, and assets.

UNITS NOW DEPLOYED TO THE U.S. MEXICAN BORDER INCLUDE THE 819TH RED HORSE SQUADRON

Article by Tara Copp, Pentagon Bureau Chief for Military Times, March 5, 2019.

The 819th RED HORSE Squadron is one of the units helping with the border security effort.

There are now approximately 6,000 military personnel deployed to the border, including 2,100 National Guard members. U.S. Northern Command on Tuesday identified the military units now deployed to the U.S.-Mexico border. Additional units are expected but will not be named until they have deployed, the command said.

U.S. Northern Command on Tuesday identified the military units now deployed to the U.S.-Mexico border. For a complete listing of units that are deployed to the border, go to

<https://www.militarytimes.com/news/your-military/2019/03/05/here-are-the-units-now-deployed-to-the-us-mexico-border/?fbclid=IwAR09mNTh06ok2ES4xoVwSIOtRD7FqAdPsOTfJzMaf0nqrm5LSfWwh0WH6mo>



U.S. Army troops place additional concertina wire along the border fence on a hillside above downtown Nogales, Arizona, on Feb. 2, 2019. (Jonathan Clark/Nogales International via AP)

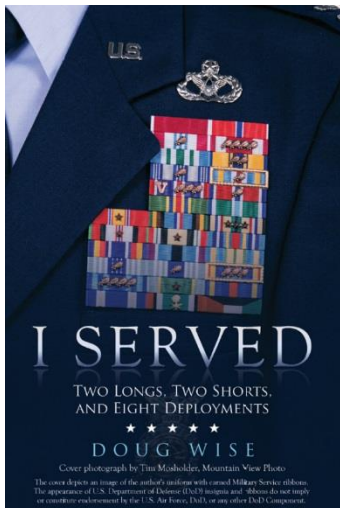


STABLE NOTES AND ASSOCIATION UPDATES:

1. Author Doug Wise:

I Served: Two Longs, Two Shorts, and Eight Deployments

A memoir reveals the true experiences of a military veteran, discloses the benefits and hardships of military life and war, and provides perspective on what it means to serve. While growing up in rural Montana, Doug Wise never imagined he would eventually study engineering at Montana State University and be commissioned in the US Air Force as a civil engineer officer. But as



he soon came to discover, life has a way of presenting us with unexpected opportunities that guide us to our destinies. In a fascinating chronicling of his military career, Wise discloses how support officers contributed to the success of the many exercises, operations, and strategic initiatives completed by the Department of Defense through the 1990s and into the aftermath of 9/11. Wise details how he overcame numerous hurdles to ensure mission success, all while revealing a glimpse into his personal transformation from a young man without direction into a military officer and leader who traveled the world with his family. *I Served* shares the true experiences of a military veteran that reveals the benefits and hardships of military life while providing perspective on what it means to serve.



Note: Doug Wise is a former Base Civil Engineer and 820th RED HORSE member and is planning to attend the Convention/Reunion this October in Las Vegas.

2. Deceased Notification:

Arturo Patino, TSgt USAF, 63 years old, passed away on 7 April 2018 in Denver CO after a short illness. He served in Vietnam and Persian Gulf and was assigned to the 823rd twice: 1974-1978 and 1982-1985 as a site developer. Art served from 1973-1993 and retired as a TSgt. He was most proud of his time in "The Horse". He is interred at Fort Logan National Cemetery.

3. Oct 8th – 12th, 2019 RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association Convention/Reunion in Las Vegas:

Home of the 555th and 820th RED HORSE Squadrons and the 99th Civil Engineering Squadron. If you do not have access to the internet and want more information about our convention send a letter to our convention chairman Randy Eckert, 701 Center Drive, Palmyra PA, 17078.

4. 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; see page 11 for detailed information and Application Form; send to 208 W City Dam Road, Corbin, KY 40701.

5. New Articles are always appreciated: Please send articles concerning RED HORSE and Prime BEEF including photos to Dick Aldinger at aldinger@rhpba.com or mail to Dick Aldinger, 4088 Floralwood Ct., Orlando, FL 32812.

6. 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>.

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

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

9. "2017 and Beyond" Coin (RHPBA).

The Association has a new coin recognizing RED HORSE and Prime BEEF having combined their separate names to one. This is the first time the coin has been offered for sale and represents our achievements in moving forward from 2017 when RED HORSE and Prime BEEF combined into one name.

10. 2019 RHPBA Convention Coin

We will also have a 2019 RHPBA Convention coin commemorating this year's Convention. Both coins will be available at the convention but can also be ordered on the Registration Form, and on-line through the REDHORSE and Prime BEEF Association website at <https://www.rhpba.com>, RHA Store, Coins/Pins. All coins are shown (a picture is not yet available for the new Convention Coin) and priced on page 14. Although anyone can look in the online store, only RH and PB Association members can place an order.

RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association
208 W City Dam Road, Corbin, KY 40701, 606-524-0520
dbowkersr@rhpba.com / Web Site: 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 _____
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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 REDHORSE Association
 Associate Membership, Initiation Year \$10.00
I would like to renew my Associate Membership in the REDHORSE Association
 Associate Membership, Renewal \$20

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

DUES

Regular Memberships:
Initiation Year: \$10.00
Annual Renewal: \$20.00

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.



RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association Reunion/Convention October 8-12, 2019



Print your name exactly as you want it to appear on your name badge.

Registration for the reunion/ convention, reception, banquet, golf tournament and order form for commemorative coins.

Our Hotel of choice is the **Silverton Casino and Hotel**, conveniently located at 3333 Blue Diamond Road, Las Vegas, NV 89139. Make your own reservation with the hotel at our on line account [https://reservations.silvertoncasino.com/CGI-BIN/lansaweb?procfun+rn+resnet+RES+funcparms+UP\(A2560\); SRED109;?/](https://reservations.silvertoncasino.com/CGI-BIN/lansaweb?procfun+rn+resnet+RES+funcparms+UP(A2560); SRED109;?/) or by calling (866)-722-4608. Be sure to mention that you are with the RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association **promo code SRED109** to receive the special rate of \$79 Monday thru Thursday and \$109 on Friday, plus taxes and fees. Limited quantities of room upgrades are available. Reservations must be made by September 8th to get these rates. Check-in time is 3:00 PM and check out time is before 12 noon. Tell the hotel when you make your reservations if you plan to use their complimentary airport shuttle. All convention attendees will receive a 15% discount at all the hotels restaurants (except Starbucks and Johnny Rockets) by showing your convention name tag.

Full Name: _____ Name for name tag: _____

Guest Name: _____ Name for name tag: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Are you or your guest disabled and require any special service? Any dietary restrictions? List restrictions on back of sheet.

Convention and Registration Fees: Per person include; Attendees' packets, Ice Breaker, Coffee at the meeting sessions, Hospitality and Meeting Rooms, Thursday lunch at Nellis AFB and other items needed for the event. For finalized information on the Hoover Dam Tour and/or the Beatles Love Show, please contact Randy at lv2019@rhpba.com

Please circle the applicable rates and enter totals	By Aug 15	After Aug 15	Count	Total
Current RHPBA members and guests	\$55.00	\$65.00	_____	_____
Nonmembers and guests	\$65.00	\$75.00	_____	_____
Hoover Dam Tour (Minimum 12)	Approximately \$90.00	N/A	_____	_____
Beatles Love Show (Minimum 12 by 7/31)	\$118 plus Transportation	N/A	_____	_____
Bus seat to Nellis AFB, leaves at 8:30am	\$25.00	\$25.00	_____	_____
Lunch at Nellis, provided by booster clubs	N/A	N/A	_____	_____
Banquet Meal: South Western Buffet (Includes tax & tip)	\$54.00	N/A	_____	_____
Sponsorships (see page 5 for information):	Gold: \$300	Silver \$200	Bronze \$100	_____
Golf Fees (see page 13 for pricing):				_____
Coins (see page 14 for pricing):	a	b	a & b	c
			d	c & d
			e	f
			g	_____
			Total Fees: _____	

Sponsorships Available for Convention and Golf Tournament, Personal or Organizational:

All sponsorships include recognition signs at both the golf course, in the hotel and in the convention booklet.

Coin Purchases: The new 2019 RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association and other commemorative coins will be for sale along with other items during the Convention. Pictures of the coins (except 2019 Convention Coin) are shown on page 14 and can be ordered in advance (to ensure availability and then pick them up at the reunion) by filling out the coin form provided above. Also if you have items you would like to sell, bring them along, and for a donation to the RHPBA we will provide you with some space.

To pay by check or money order make it payable to: RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association.

To pay by credit or debit card go to: <https://www.paypal.me/REDHORSEANDPRIMEBEEF> then e-mail or send this registration form along with your payment or verification of your payment to: RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association, 14300 Heather Drive, Bristol VA 24202, or email to jimwest@rhpba.com

Cancellations/Changes and Refunds: Fees will be refunded, less a \$10.00 processing fee, if cancellation or change resulting in a refund is received in writing no later than September 8, 2019. After that date, fees are non-refundable. All refunds will be processed after the conference.



**REDHORSE AND PRIME BEEF ASSOCIATION
CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
REGISTRATION FORM**

**October 11, 2019 at Sunrise Vista Golf Club
Nellis AFB, Nevada**

Scramble Format

Sign In: 8:00 a.m. Shot Gun Start 9:00 a.m.

INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS:

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

Team Contact: _____ Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Firm/ Company Name: _____

* Rental Clubs Required? Yes No Circle name of any player needing clubs.

REGISTRATION:

Players may register as individuals, partial, or full four-man teams. Registration fee is \$60.00 per player or \$40 for **NELLIS** Annual Pass Holder.

The \$60.00 registration fee includes: "Range Balls, Green and Cart Fees, plus a Burger lunch".

Golf Registration should be received no later than **October 1, 2019**. Space is limited and registration will be based on a first-come first-serve policy. **Note:** if space is available, late registration will be accepted during the convention/reunion week.

You may Include your golf fee on the Reunion/ Convention Registration Form (page 12) and include your payment along with your Reunion/ Convention registration fees.

PRIZES:

Prizes will be given to the three teams with the lowest scores. For both men and women, awards will be given for "Closest to the Pin", and for the "Longest Drive".

PROCEEDS:

All proceeds over and above tournament costs and prizes will be donated to the RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Brigadier General William "Tom" Meredith Honor Scholarship Program after coverage of convention expenses.

STORE ITEMS:

The new 2019 RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association Convention Coin and other commemorative coins will be for sale during the Convention or you can order on your registration form (**indicate coins desired**) or on-line at REDHORSE and Prime BEEF Association website at <https://www.rhpba.com>, RHA Store, Coins/Pins.



(a) 2015 #1 50th Anniversary Coin

2015 – 50th Anniversary
Commemorative Coins

\$10.00 each or both (a) & (b) for
\$19.00



(b) 2015 General Meredith Coin



(c) 2017 RH / PB Coin

2017 Coins (slightly smaller than the
2015 coins)

\$9.00 each or both (c) & (d) for
\$17.00



(d) 2017 Convention Coin

All four coins for \$35.00



(e) "2017 And Beyond" shows
combined name

New RHPBA Association Coin
\$10.00

No Picture

(f) 2019 Convention Coin

2019 Convention Coin
\$10.00



(g) Step and A-Half Coin

Step and A-Half Coin
\$10.00



New RHPBA Hat
\$19.00

Association Lapel Pins
\$6.50 (Clearance Sale)



Regular or Life Member

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

The purpose for this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to REDHORSE 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 REDHORSE 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 (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. 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

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