

RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association Newsletter

Update: The Civil Engineer Memorial at the National Museum of the USAF



Fund raising efforts continue for the Air Force Civil Engineer Memorial. To date over \$74,000 of the \$200,000 goal has been raised.

Location of the Civil Engineer Memorial will be at the Memorial Park located at the National Museum of the Air Force at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio. This museum is the largest

and oldest military aviation museum in the world. Each year it is visited by approximately one million visitors. It has on display over 400 aircraft and missiles and thousands of other artifacts.

The museum will be providing ongoing maintenance in perpetuity for the memorial and the adjacent grounds. The **RED HORSE & Prime BEEF Association will** update the memorial as needed.

We hope that all association members and friends will be able to contribute to the fund raising effort. Details provided on pages 4 and 5.





PRESIDENT'S STABLE May 2021



As I sit here writing this it seems like things have made a turn for the best. COVID restrictions are being lifted and things are getting back to normal for most of us. With this I am hopeful that the RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association can get back to doing what we do best, to support Air Force Civil Engineers, past and present, while promoting our Can-Do attitude. With this in mind, the Board of Directors has moved forward on several areas to get us back on track.

The ground breaking (this summer) and dedication (next spring) for the United States Air Force Civil Engineer Memorial is our near-term focus. This memorial will be 'Dedicated to Air Force Civil Engineers who plan,

build, protect, recover, and sustain installations and facilities worldwide'. For those who haven't visited the website, take a look at www.afcem.net. The design was developed by Col (ret) Bill Sims, a member of our Board of Directors, and shows the installations where Air Force Civil Engineers have served around the planet. The memorial includes knee walls that salute RED HORSE and Prime BEEF members. This proud heritage will be a welcomed addition to the National Museum of the United States Air Force (https://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/) at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. A special thanks goes out to the Civil Engineer Memorial Committee.

Your RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association continues to be a part of this historic development. Several members are scheduled to visit Wright-Patt the week of 19 July to participate in the ground breaking ceremony. We'll post photos as they become available. In addition, we are aligning our next convention for the week of 28 March 2022 to allow all members of the association to gather and celebrate the dedication of this one-of-a-kind memorial. Keep an eye out on our web page at www.rhpba.com for more details as they become available. It will be a great event!

We continue to look for members that want to serve on our Board of Directors. Your insight will be extremely valuable to moving the Association to a position to serve all of our members and grow our ranks. I look forward to working with you!

As I close, I wanted to send a special thanks out to Stan Irwin who served as president of this organization. We have all appreciated your support and hard work given to the Association when it was needed most. Thank You!

With that I hope each and every one of you have a joyous summer and I look forward to seeing you in the not-so-distant future in person, hopefully without a mask!

Lead the Way!

Tony Davit, Interim President

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UPDATE ON THE MUCH ANTICIPATED CIVIL ENGINEER MEMORIAL

The Air Force Civil Engineer Memorial is to be built at the National Museum of the Air Force's Phase II Memorial Park at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The site location will be in Memorial Park Phase 2; shown below.



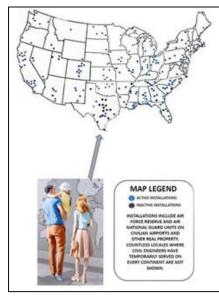
The original and now current site for the Air Force Civil Engineer Memorial has been finalized to be established at site #2000.



10 March 2021, Site Selection Celebration. Airman Engineers and Committee Members gathered at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio to finalize site selection for the Civil Engineer Memorial approved by the National Museum of the Air Force. Ground breaking is planned for summer or early fall of 2021 and the Dedication Ceremony is planned for March of 2022. In the photo above, Brig Gen William H. Kale III stands next to the 3D illustration of the memorial (Photo by Krisa Cassidy, Headquarters Air Force, Office of the Director of Civil Engineers, May 14, 2021).

The Civil Engineer Memorial Committee's biggest challenge was how to depict the diverse CE mission. The Memorial Park is visited by about one million people each year so the Civil Engineer Memorial was designed to be both inspirational and informative. The granite centerpiece of the memorial highlights the hundreds of installations where Civil Engineers have served. The 10 x 15 foot map of the world on the wall will feature engraved colored "dots" signifying active and inactive installations to demonstrate the wide-reaching impact of the Civil Engineering career field.

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 centerpiece of the memorial will highlight the most visible impact of the Civil Engineer mission, the hundreds of installations where Civil Engineers have served. 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.

Note from the Editor:

Normally, I do not get very excited about fund raising because truly there are so many worthy causes that it is easy to get lost in the numbers. However, occasionally, something catches my eye that I want to get behind. Right now, that special unique item is the Civil Engineer Memorial at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

First the setting. Wright-Patterson AFB is as close as you can get to the birth and history of aviation in our country. The Wright Brothers were from Dayton which is literally next door. Many of the Wright Brothers early flights were in and around what is now the sprawling Wright-Patterson AFB complex. The actual Civil Engineer Memorial will be located on Wright Field close to the National Air Force Museum.

Most of us have not kept a record in any detail of where our Air force career has taken us. For that reason, this Civil Engineering Memorial at Wright-Patterson AFB is so important. Our memorial combined with the hundreds of planes and exhibits at the National Air Force Museum provides a three-dimensional scrap book that would be hard to replicate. There may be other locations that provide specific personal memories but only our Civil Engineering Memorial at Wright-Patterson AFB can trigger the memories of all the connections in a multi-tour Air Force career.



This memorial will give each of us a visual aid to help explain to our children, grandchildren, extended family, and friends where we were stationed and along with the museum tell what we did and how we contributed to our war fighting capabilities.

Lest this chapter of the nation's history be lost to time or fade away, I hope you join me along with our fellow airmen in giving what you can to the Civil Engineering Memorial. We have a good start in raising the \$200,000 necessary to construct the memorial, but we need everyone's continued help. Thank you for your support and I hope as usual the RHPBA will lead the way.

From the Committee:

We need the support of our Civil Engineering Community and supportive partner companies to help bring this \$200,000 effort through to reality with monetary donations, donations in kind.

Ways to Donate:

Complete information is available at www.rhpba.com; click on associated link for Air Force Civil Engineer Memorial to donate through the RHPBA website.

Additional information and an alternate way to donate is provided at https://www.AFCEM.net.

If you wish to donate by check, make checks payable to Air Force Civil Engineer Memorial Fund; add your rank and service/status to the memo line if desired. Mail donation to Jim Kasmer, Col. USAF Ret, Air Force Civil Engineer Memorial Fund. P.O. Box 3267, Fairborn, Ohio 45324.

NEWS ITEMS

2022 RHPBA REUNION / CONVENTION UPDATE

Planning is underway for the 2022 RHPBA Reunion/ Convention to be held in the vicinity of Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Our 2022 RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association Reunion/ Convention will be scheduled so we may attend the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Civil Engineer Memorial being constructed at Wright-Patterson AFB. This ceremony is scheduled for 23 March when Air Force Civil Engineer senior leadership meets at Wright-Patterson. We expect there will be at least some opportunity to have joint activities with others attending the ceremony and be able to further spread the word about our association.

This setting provides a great opportunity for us to have a RHPBA Reunion / Convention like no other. The dedication will be in the memorial park located next to the National Museum of the Air Force. This gives us all a chance to see the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world. In addition, the area around Wright-Patterson has many historic references to the Wright Brothers and their early flying days which may appeal to many of us.

Please make a note on your calendar. We have not set the exact dates of our reunion/ convention, but we will let you know when these dates are known. Hopefully the coronavirus should be long gone and what could be better than a trip and a chance to see old friends, reminisce and hear some great stories.

POWER OUTAGE TRAINING, ENERGY RESILIENCE REDINESS EXERCISE (ERRE)

Courtesy story by Headquarters Air Force, Office of the Director of Civil Engineers, Photos by Gianna Greben, released by USAF A1C Joseph Morales, Nov 19, 2020.

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ: On 19 November 2020, JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst conducted its first Energy Resilience Readiness Exercise (ERRE). The ERRE serves as a method of testing the resilience posture of an installation's energy, water and communication networks, while identifying performance gaps and vulnerabilities in key assets.



Senior Airman Taylor Tritten, 87th Civil Engineering Squadron electrical systems journeyman, operates a switchgear and shuts down power to a generator as part of the ERRE training.



Senior Airman Tritten and Airman 1st Class Eva Enevidas, 87th CES electrical systems apprentice, prepare to shut down electrical power on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst as part of the ERRE training exercise.



AIR FORCE CIVIL ENGINEER CENTER, RED HORSE SQUADRON TEAMS UP WITH NAVY SEABEES TO CONSTRUCT B-HUT ENERGY TEST SITE

By Sarah McNair, AFIMSC Public Affairs / Published December 28, 2020.

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, FL: A recent construction project, at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, provided a test bed for next generation energy technologies.

In just 12 days, the 823rd RHS and Navy Seabees worked together to build two fully functional barracks huts (B-Huts) at Tyndall AFB, Florida, that will serve as a test bed for next generation energy technologies. These structures will be used to explore future CE operational needs and opportunities to improve the safety, efficiency, and cost of rigid wall shelters.



Air Force RED HORSE and Navy Seabee crews joined together to construct barracks huts at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, Nov. 20, 2020. The two B-Huts will undergo research, development, test and evaluation by AFCEC's Airbase Technologies Branch to find ways to improve energy efficiency. (U.S. Air Force photo).

The barracks huts project brought together crews from the 823rd RED HORSE, and Navy sailors from the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Eleven, known as Navy Seabees.

The RED HORSE-Seabees mission was to construct two B-Huts, at Tyndall to determine how to improve the energy efficiency of the structures.

The Air Force Civil Engineer Center's Airbase Technologies Branch conducts all phases of the research, development, test and evaluation and acquisition processes for the Air Force civil engineering enterprise. The advanced energy and utilities team, led by Reza Salavani, evaluates new energy technologies for meeting future CE operational needs.

The joint crews, manned by eight Airmen from nearby Hurlburt Field and 17 sailors from Gulfport, Mississippi, fabricated two fully functional Air Force standard B-Huts in only 12 days. The project provided a unique opportunity for the crews to work side-by-side and exchange best practices and lessons learned, said LTJG Pat Collins, Seabees lead.

Both Collins and RED HORSE lead Tech. Sgt. Tim Nelon agreed that the cross-feed of information was valuable.

While RED HORSE teams have worked with Navy Seabees on previous deployments, the operational tempo that the teams work under rarely allows for an exchange of ideas regarding improvements in construction materials and methods, they said.

"Feedback from the team was positive and reaffirmed the value of cross-training opportunities like this prior to upcoming deployments," said Nelon.

The B-Huts were outfitted with a full electrical package and provisions for heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.

B-Huts, commonly used by the U.S. military at temporary locations around the globe, typically aren't energy efficient, Salavani said.

"These structures will be used as a starting point to explore and innovate energy technologies that will improve the energy efficiency of rigid wall shelters," said Salavani.

While efficient use of energy is a priority across the Department of Defense as a whole, it is also particularly important when it comes to the safety of U.S. military personnel utilizing B-Huts. There is a high rate of casualties associated with refueling convoys transporting fuel, which is needed to sustain B-Hut operation. "Reducing fossil fuels consumption reduces the amount and frequency of fuel deliveries to forward operating bases at dangerous locations," Salavani said. "Developing a way to improve their energy efficiency, which is the objective for this exercise, would not only reduce operational costs but also decrease risk probability of attack, making forward operating bases less vulnerable to adversaries and keep our Airmen safe," he said.

LNU LIGHTNING COMPLEX WILDFIRE RESPONSE

Provided by Lan Kim, 60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs, December 11, 2020.

TRAVIS AFB, CA: Evacuations were put underway because of the fast moving fire called the LNU Lightning Complex fires in Solano County California where Travis AFB is located.

The name of the complex fire refers to the name of the local unit of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire), the Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit (LNU).









U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Glenn Cameron, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, and Emergency Operations Center director during wildfire evacuations at Travis Air Force Base, California, oversees the response efforts for the LNU Lightning Complex fires that occurred in late August, 2020.



David Grant Medical Center Professionals evacuated patients to local hospitals.



Maintenance and Operations Airmen moved aircraft off the flight line while the 60th Air Mobility Wing firefighters provided support to local firefighters.



Bringing our airmen and jets home from various locations across the county after the evacuation ended.



Operations were back to normal by the end of weekend due to the readiness training and teamwork of the 60th CES.

378th ECES TRAIN TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY

USAF photo by Sr. Airman Leala Marquez, 378th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs, Published December 14, 2020 / CE Weekly, 29 Dec 2020.

PRINCE SULTAN AIR BASE, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA: Airmen from the 378th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron repair a roadway as part of an exercise December 4, 2020, at Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. During the exercise, Airmen aimed to save man-hours and ensure damaged base roadways are repaired rapidly with minimum impact on the mission.



378th ECES 'Dirt Boys' train to increase productivity. In this photo, the Dirt Boyz work together to rapidly repair a damaged roadway.



MEASURE AWARDED CONTRACT FROM US AIR FORCE TO DEVELOP AND DELIVER AGILE DRONE SOFTWARE

CISION PR NEWSwire, 10 February 2021.

WASHINGTON and AUSTIN, TX: A leading aerial intelligence company, announced today that the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) has awarded the company a contract to develop and deliver software solutions to support drone operations within Air Force Civil Engineering and RED HORSE squadrons. Jesse Stepler, Co-Founder, Chief Strategy Officer, and Head of Product at MEASURE, will serve as Principal Investigator.

Contract recipients are selected by Air Force experts based on soundness, technical merit, and innovation of the proposed approach. Awards are based not only on the ability to perform defense research and development, but also the ability to commercialize the results. During the Phase I Period of Performance, MEASURE will explore unique applications for Air Force drone end-users, quantify benefits, clearly define needed solution adaptations, and determine technical feasibility.

"MEASURE is proud to partner with the USAF to deploy industry-leading drone software solutions for advanced engineering operations," said MEASURE CEO and Co-Founder, Brandon Torres Declet. "We are eager to continue providing mission-critical technologies to the US Department of Defense."

MEASURE is an aerial intelligence company that builds a complete software operating system for automating drones. With end-to-end program management user-friendly flight control, and in-platform data analysis, our comprehensive software solution, Ground Control, helps businesses save thousands of hazardous man-hours and create millions of dollars in operational benefits.

RED HORSE REPAIRING THE RUNWAY

RED HORSE Civil Engineers, Daily Update, March 2, 2021. Anderson Air Force Base News and photos by Senior Airman Amir R. Young, 36th Wing Public Affairs / Published February 28, 2021.

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam: The 554th RED HORSE Squadron worked hand in hand with Explosive Ordinance Disposal technicians with the 36th Civil Engineer Squadron, The U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, Royal Australian Air Force, and Koku-Jietei to complete rapid airfield damage repair training as a part of exercise COPE North 21, here, February 18th.

Rapid Airfield Damage Repair, or RADR training is a scalable approach to repairing a runway through the use of an assembly line repair process and tests both aspects of EOD's ability to clear the runway of unexploded ordnance after an attack and is followed by the process of repairing the runway once all ordinance and explosives have been removed.

"We are able to complete a repair that can withstand thousands of aircraft passes versus hundreds of passes," said Master Sgt. Russell Wrenn, heavy repair section chief with 554th RED HORSE Squadron. "This allows engineers to meet the current threat in the AOR and to get aircraft back in the fight sooner."

Various partner nations took part in helping repair the Airfield to assisting EOD in clearing the runway of unexploded ordinance.

"Working with partner nations is a rewarding experience," said Wrenn, "Because we all receive the same initial training it is easy for EOD units, regardless of the branch of service, to easily communicate. The integration of multiple services and units into one team was seamless and allowed the team to execute the Rapid Explosive Hazard Mitigation (REHM) exercise. This allowed the RADR team to move onto the runway and complete the needed repairs.

COPE North is an annual U.S. Pacific Air Forces joint/combined, trilateral field training exercise with participants from all over the pacific area of responsibility. The primary focus of COPE North is the coordination of combined air tactics, techniques and procedures, and enhancing security and stability in the Indo-Pacific region. The number of participants in the exercise is around 2,000 service members from various services and partner nations.



A U.S. Air Force Explosive Ordnance technician plants an explosive during a RADR Exercise. The RADR Training was conducted as a part of COPE North 2021, an annual U.S. Pacific Air Forces joint/combined, trilateral field training exercise.





An Airman with the 554th RED HORSE Squadron conducts an equipment check on his heavy machinery.



Airmen with the 554th RED HORSE Squadron prep an Airfield for repair.



A U.S. Air Force Explosive Ordnance technician with the 36th CES and a U.S. Navy Explosive Ordinance Disposal technician with Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit FIVE plant explosives on the runway to clear it of debris.



U.S. Air Force Explosive Ordnance technicians clear the runway of unexploded ordinance.

DID YOU KNOW

CE Weekly, Tuesday, 5 January 2021 (USAF photo by MSgt Twyla Sears).



NexGen IT functionality improvements are expected in 2021. The Air Force Director of Civil Engineers, Brigadier General William H. Kale spent time with Airmen from the 316th CES to get their feedback on CE's NexGen IT and to spend hands-on time assessing the performance of the TRIRIGA project and work/order management system. As the Air Force continues to modernize, CE senior leaders recognize how critical our IT systems are to helping maintain and sustain Air Force natural and built infrastructure. Due to this increased advocacy and the realignment of CE resources to support CE IT, AFCEC/FMO will be able to roll out a number of functionality improvements to NexGen IT starting in 2021.



UPDATE: TYNDALL UPDATES COMMUNITY ON STATE OF BASE REBUILD

www.tyndall.af.mil: 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs, Published April 26, 2021 (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Anabel Del Valle).

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, FL: U.S. Air Force Col. Gregory Beaulieu, 325th Mission Support Group commander, speaks at a briefing at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, April 23, 2021. Leaders from the 325th Fighter Wing, First Air Force, and the Tyndall Program Management Office hosted a State of Tyndall update for local community leaders April 23 at Tyndall AFB.



Key topics included an updated timeline for the installation's \$4.9 billion rebuild, current construction projects, and an overview of installation impacts and community interests. Leaders also provided an overview of Tyndall's future mission to house up to three squadrons of F-35A Lightning II aircraft beginning September 2023, and reiterated the importance of executing the current mission throughout the rebuild.

"Rebuilding the base is an important part of what we do, it's not all we do," said Col. Greg Moseley, 325th FW commander. "Every day, our Airmen are focused on operation readiness for the 325th Fighter Wing and our mission partners."

This mission will continue as Tyndall evolves into the Installation of the Future – an initiative that paves the way for more resilient, energy efficient and eco-friendly facilities. Tyndall is leading the charge to create an efficient and innovative 21st-century base to serve as the benchmark for the entire Air Force and Department of Defense.

To do so requires working hand-in-hand with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop all new military construction projects. There are 44 projects planned or currently underway, resulting in 120 new facilities and the demolition of 247 of the base's 484 pre-storm structures. The overall installation design is laid out in 12 geographic zones to better organize and align different mission sets.

"In addition to the military construction projects, Team Tyndall is also executing well over 200 repair and renovation projects across the installation," said Col. Travis Leighton, director of the Air Force Civil Engineer Center Natural Disaster Recovery Division.

Construction efforts underway will continue to ramp up, with an expected peak in 2024, and the primary focus will remain on preparing buildings needed to support the wing's new F-35A mission.

"You will see some mobilization over the next 12 months; you'll see a lot of demolition; you'll see some temporary facilities; but you'll continue to see the 325th carry out their mission as they always have," said Leighton.

TRAINING EXERCISE KEEPS RED HORSE DEPLOYMENT READY

Malmstrom AFB News Center and USAF photos by Heather Heiney, 341st Missile Wing Public Affairs / Published May 05, 2021. Also published on DVIDS.

MALMSTROM AIR FORCE BASE, MONTANA:

The sounds of sledgehammers hitting metal, bulldozers scraping against concrete, generators turning diesel fuel into electricity and minor, controlled, explosions may seem like a lot of noise, but it makes for a realistic and dynamic training environment.

The 819th RED HORSE Squadron spent May 3-5 developing their skills and expertise in a mock deployment exercise scenario on Malmstrom Air Force Base.

After arming up, donning armored vests and helmets, and convoying all their necessary personnel and equipment around the base to simulate traveling to a deployed location, the squadron arrived at an empty field near Pow Wow Pond giving the squadron an opportunity to practice operating in a deployed environment. When they arrived, they performed security sweeps of the area and began constructing a bare base including wiring generators for electricity and installing showers and a kitchen.



819th RED HORSE Squadron arriving at the field near Pow Wow Pond.





Airmen from the 819th RHS Squadron prepare to perform a security sweep of the area to check for hazards. The purpose of the exercise was to increase the combat capability of the squadron.



Staff Sgt. Christopher D'Amata, left, and Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Hammond, 819th RHS engineering technicians, use a survey-grade global positioning satellite device to plot the locations where structures will be built. During the exercise, squadron members built sleeping tents, shower facilities and other structures that would be necessary for a bare base in a remote location.



Airman 1st Class Janelle Caswell, 819th RHS structural apprentice, assembles a sleeping tent.

"What we've refined with this experience is the ability to work together as a team, both enlisted and officer," Hays said. "It's an opportunity for our senior enlisted members to grow our junior enlisted members and build that comradery as a tight-knit unit. We've got to count on each other anywhere in the world."

"This exercise is meant to increase the combat capability for the RED HORSE Squadron," said Capt. Keegan Vaira, 819th RHS director of operations, who also played the site commander during the exercise. "This kind of training is important because our day-to-day in garrison is mostly focused on the construction aspect of what RED HORSE does where this is more the contingency and the ability to survive and operate."

"The mission of RED HORSE is to have well-trained engineers that are capable of doing a wide range of humanitarian and combat operations around the world," said Master Sgt. Derek Hays, 819th RHS site superintendent.

"We build anything, anytime, anywhere," Vaira said.

During the exercise, the squadron also practiced wartime contingency operations including responding to security threats, administering basic medical assistance, and repairing damage. This involved practicing the proper wear of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear protective gear as well as using heavy machinery to fill a large crater in the middle of a simulated runway.



An Airman is carried on a stretcher to a simulated casualty collection point. Because the 819th RHS is a self-contained unit, all members must be able to perform basic medical response in addition to their primary duties.



Senior Airman Terry Pittman and Airman Thomas Snow, 819th RHS water and fuels system maintenance technicians, perform perimeter security.





Members of the 819th RHS lie low to the ground during a simulated attack scenario which was part of an exercise that the squadron conducted to enhance their deployment and contingency response capabilities.



Inspecting a crater after a simulated mortar attack which involved assessing and repairing damage that could be caused during contingency operations.



The crater profile was measured by looking between two triangles to check whether the crater is level. They filled the crater as part of the scenario.

STABLE NOTES AND ASSOCIATION UPDATES:

1. RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association. Membership Information: Joining the RED HORSE/ Prime BEEF Association is a mere \$10 for the first year. Yearly renewal is buy one get one free. 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 14 provides detailed membership information and includes a membership application form. Send to Don Bowker at 208 W City Dam Road, Corbin, KY 40701.

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

Effective last year, there was a \$10 per year charge applied for all hard copy newsletters mailed through the U.S. postal system. This covers the extra expenses involved in publishing and mailing these hard 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 dbowkersr@rhpba.com. 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 14.

3. General Tom Meredith Scholarship Program Update: We are proud to announce that last year's program awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to three great individuals; see Fall 2020 issue of the newsletter.

Our annual RED HORSE and Prime BEEF (RHPBA) Scholarship Program will be available for our 11th year. Having advanced to the electronic age, the application process is now revised to allow applicants to prepare and submit their application online.

The RHPBA Honor Scholarship Program was created in 2010 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 accredited technical institution, college or university of their choice. This program is supported entirely through funds acquired from donations, contributions and fundraising efforts throughout the year.



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 are considered.

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.

Once again, our Committee is privileged to review and assess a number of scholarship applicants seeking financial support for their academic programs. Although 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.

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 this upcoming 2021-2022 school year.

Thank you,

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







- 4. <u>RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association's new Website</u>: 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.
- 5. <u>RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association's New Mailing Address</u>: P.O Box 572, Bristol, Tenn. 37620.
- 6. <u>Special Note</u>: Please add this newsletter to your Squadron Facebook page or distribute through other social media.

7. RHPBA Store Items:

The 2019 RHPBA Convention Coin and other commemorative coins offered for sale during the past convention can be ordered on-line at the RHPBA website, https://www.rhpba.com / RHA Store.

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

Also available is the 2019 RHPBA Convention Coin commemorating that convention.

Other Coins Available:

2017 RH / PB Coin 2017 Convention Coin Step and A-Half Coin

The new coin for the 2022 convention is already in work.

Hats, Lapel Pins, Patches and other items are also available at the website store.

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.

8. Next Board of Directors Meeting: Plans are underway to hold our next Board of Directors meeting in the vicinity of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base during July 19-22, 2021.

RHPBA members are invited so if interested in attending, contact a board member for details as the date approaches.

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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:

_Associate Membership, Renewal \$20

Name:	Name: Title:		
Street address:			
Address (cont.):			
City:		State:	
Country:			<u> </u>
Phone:	Home Phone:	Mobile	Phone:
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Referred by:			
Please indicate your Unit(s) assigned. Include month and year.			
Unit From/ To			
Unit From/ To			DUES / FEES
Unit From/ To			Regular Memberships:
Unit From/ To			Initiation Year: \$10.00
Unit From/ To			Annual Renewal: \$20.00
Unit From/ To			Hard Copy Delivery of Newsletter: \$10.00
Unit From/ To	D/ Base	Combat tour	Active Duty Military:
Please indicate your war era service. (For IRS tax exemption purposes)			\$10.00 per year as long as on active duty.
I was not active military during any war era listed below			
Apr 06, 1917 to Nov 11, 1918 (World War I)			Life Memberships: Age 45 and under: \$250
Dec 07, 1941 to Dec 31, 1946 (World War II)			Age 45 and under: \$250 Age 46 to 55: \$215
Jun 25, 1950 to Jan 31, 1955 (Korean War)			Age 56 to 65: \$180
Feb 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975 (Vietnam War)			Age 66 and above: \$125
Aug 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984 (Lebanon/Grenada)			
Dec 20, 1989 to Jan 31, 1990 (Panama)			Associate Membership: Initiation Year: \$10.00
Aug 02, 1990 to today (Gulf War/War on Terrorism)			Renewal: \$20.00
Please indicate the membership or re	enewal level		
Regular Membership, Initiation Year \$10			Applications received on or after August
Regular Membership, Renewal \$20			1st will be credited to the next full year.
Affiliate Membership (Dues will be equal to the sponsoring member)			Please include your check or money order
Current Active Duty, Initiation Year \$10			and mail to the address above,
Current Active Duty, Renewal \$10			OR
Life Membership (please use the schedule at the right) \$			Payable by Credit Card or Debit Card through Pay Pal, see below.
Renewal to Life Membership, (please use the schedule at the right) \$			
I would like to be considered for Associate Membership in the RED HORSE Association			Note: Include additional \$10.00 fee if a
Associate Membership, Initiation Year \$10.00			hard copy of newsletter is required;
I would like to renew my Associate Membership in the RED HORSE Association			e-mail delivery is preferred.

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