



# RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association Newsletter

## United States Air Force Civil Engineering

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Dedication of Civil Engineer Memorial, 4 May 2022



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE June 2022



Wow, what a great couple of months we've had! During the first week of May, we've had our RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association Convention and Banquet, which included updates from the current and upcoming Director of Civil Engineers, a great aviation tour of the Dayton Ohio area, updates on the current state of civil engineering and a lot of catching up with old friends, and the dedication of the Civil Engineer Memorial at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. Both events brought together Engineers and their supporters from around the world in a one in a lifetime event. It was truly awesome!

During the convention the Association reelected Stan Irwin, Dan Raske, Bill Eves, Don Bowker, Don Boone and John Burkett and elected Tim Dodge to the Board of Directors. Additionally, Tim was selected to be the Treasurer for the Association. This team and our remaining Board of Director members will continue to help make the RHPBA the best it can be.

Coming up shortly we will start accepting applications for the General William Meredith Honor Scholarship. These scholarships help support family members of the Association to achieve the goals of higher education. This is one the priorities of the RHPBA and details can be found on the Association website (RHPBA.com).

Going forward, the RHPBA needs your help. As we continue to reach out and find members, we continue to hear that individuals haven't heard of us. With that being said, we need all current members to become ambassadors for membership. If you have friends that you've served with in the past or currently, tell them about the RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association and have them visit the website to join. This outreach will help the RHPBA grow and allow it to better serve all our members.

I wanted to take a moment to thank Dave Corbett and Randy Eckert for all their work on the 2022 convention and Jimmie West for his work as past Treasurer of the Association. Your dedication and hard work is appreciated!

Lastly, mark your calendars for our next convention / reunion to be held in the Florida Panhandle during October 2023 . . . more details to follow.

Engineers.....Lead the Way!

Tony Davit, President

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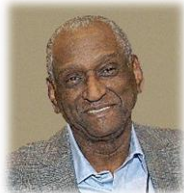
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## AIR FORCE CIVIL ENGINEER MEMORIAL DEDICATION

*Col Shawn Moore, USAF, retired, was the main contributor to this article.*

On Wednesday, May 4, an enthusiastic audience of more than 500 military and civilian Air Force Civil Engineer professionals and partners, past and present, took part in the United States Air Force Civil Engineer Memorial Dedication Ceremony at the National Museum of the United States Air Force Outdoor Memorial Park near Dayton, Ohio.




*Air Force Civil Engineer Memorial Dedication, May 4*

This “living” memorial is one that will welcome and honor hundreds of thousands of past, present and future Air Force community visitors each year. It features a large world map depicting more than 470 military installations where Air Force civil engineers serve and have served in support of vital mission sets since 1947. This map will be updated periodically as Air Force installations change status (from active to inactive or vice versa) and as additional Air Force installations open.



Your RHPBA was well represented with more than 200 members and family in attendance. We take special pride that our own Col Bill Sims, USAF, retired, was the chief designer of this most prestigious memorial. Sequence of events and participants in the program are as shown. After the ceremony we adjourned to the National Museum of the United States Air Force for a reception.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS CEREMONY
Master Of Ceremonies - Maj Gen Gene Lupia, USAF (ret)
INTRODUCTION
POST THE COLORS
INVOCATION
DEDICATION REMARKS ON BEHALF OF AIR FORCE CIVIL ENGINEERS
Maj Gen Tim Byers, USAF (ret)
Col Bill Sims, USAF (ret)
Maj Gen John Allen, USAF Commander, Air Force Civil Engineer Center
Brig Gen William Kale, USAF Director of Civil Engineers
Capt Kelly Minor, USAF Civil Engineering School, AFIT
PRESENT THE MEMORIAL TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM DIRECTOR
David Tillotson III
BENEDICTION
RETIRE THE COLORS
AIR FORCE SONG

RECEPTION
National Museum of the U.S. Air Force



*Reception at National Museum of the USAF*



### CONSTRUCTION OF THE CE MEMORIAL

*Special thanks to Stan Irwin for providing the photos and this article and for his commitment to staying with construction efforts from start to finish.*

On the very cold, damp April morning of 21 April, I had the pleasure to be one of two people to observe the final construction of the CE Memorial. The other was Jim Kasmer a CE Memorial Committee member.

The tractor trailer arrived from Vermont at 0800 that morning with all the granite pieces on it, the back wall weighted in at 22,000 pounds alone.



*Truck arrival, preparation for offloading.*

Because of the weather conditions it took over two hours to unload the (4) pieces of granite from the truck onto a smaller vehicle used by the crane company to move the pieces next to the construction site.



*Offloading 22 tons of granite*



*Offloading granite slab from truck bed begins.*



*Positioning*



*Granite slab is upright!*



*Wings are offloaded.*



*It took a total of 11 hours from the unload start until the final piece was in place.*



*Final installation.*

When the final piece was placed, Jim said "this started in 2015 and here it is complete after seven years of design, approval and final construction and you and I are the first CE Memorial and RHPBA members to see this completed until the Dedication on 4 May".



## 2022 RHPBA CONVENTION/ REUNION (MAY 2-6) IN A NUTSHELL

The week started off with registration on Monday afternoon followed by an icebreaker which continued until late in the evening with everyone meeting up with old friends and making new ones.



*The check-in and welcoming crew.*

The Holiday Inn in Fairborn provided a perfect setting for our group. Each morning all attendees staying at the hotel were provided with a buffet breakfast which provided a perfect setting to visit. During the week with a few exceptions all events were held at this venue which made it very convenient for everyone.

Tuesday moved very quickly with President Tony Davit giving opening remarks followed by a business meeting which included approving by-law changes. Our first presenter from AFIT provided a summary look at AF Civil Engineering History. After lunch, the ladies enjoyed Tea and a social at the Patterson Homestead which is one of the landmarks in the area.

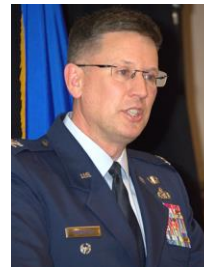
The Convention continued with a presentation by our own Doug Wise about the Haitian Cuban Crisis. Brig Gen Kale, Director of Civil Engineers provided a very informative presentation of what Civil Engineers are doing around the globe. Next came a presentation by Colonels Derosa and Loschinsky about the standing up of the 800<sup>th</sup> RED HORSE Group and why it was a win-win situation. Our final presentation of the day was a special one-of-a-kind Civil Engineer Legacy Panel including past CE Directors and Chiefs to answer pertinent questions about Air Force Civil Engineering. Tuesday night featured a music jam session with a live band including our own Bill Eves.



*Tuesday night music jam session.*

Wednesday morning, SMSgt Joe Greene provided an update on RED HORSE and Prime BEEF programs. Next up was a very interesting Zoom call with five of our Scholarship winners. Thanks to Don Boone's efforts the attendees were able to learn a little about these students and how our scholarship program is helping. After the Association lunch we were at leisure until we carpooled over to the Civil Engineer memorial and attended the dedication. After the dedication we attended an exclusive post dedication reception at the USAF museum surrounded by AF aircraft from many generations. After the reception we all returned to the hotel where the jam session continued including a karaoke session which included some "top ranked" performers.

Thursday morning started out with the Aviation Tour of many historic sites in the Fairborn-Dayton Area. At night we attended the RHPBA Banquet where we enjoyed delicious food, wonderful company, and an informative speech by Brig Gen Selectee Brian Hartless who will be the next Director of Civil Engineers at the Pentagon.



Friday was a day for a last breakfast before either heading home or visiting the Air Force Museum. This concluded a great week which was described by some RHPBA veterans as the best ever. Kudos to Dave Corbett and the entire Board of Directors for making this such a success.

## AVIATION TOUR

The Aviation Tour was a huge success with 60 participants. The Dayton Area has many sites that highlight the Wright Brothers and their achievements in both Aviation and other fields. First stop was the Huffman Prairie Interpreter Center and Wright Brothers Memorial on Wright Brothers Hill. We saw many exhibits showcasing the history of Wright Patterson AFB and early aviation activities. We also watched a very interesting film about the Wright Brother's aviation achievements.



Our second stop was at the Wright Brothers Cycle Shop which highlighted their earlier years when they were successful as printers and bicycle shop entrepreneurs (both designers and repairers).

In the afternoon we visited Dayton's Carillon Park which is full of historical exhibits about the important role that Dayton played as a city of inventors. Of special interest was the Wright Brothers Aviation Center with the original 1905 Wright Flyer III.



*For lunch we enjoyed a delicious meal at the Spaghetti Warehouse.*

On Friday many of us enjoyed self-guided tours of the National Museum of the USAF. This museum is without equal when it comes to aviation, and it is free. Please pass this info on to your friends as this museum has continued to shine light on one of the United States' greatest achievements: "Air Power".

### LADIES' TEA

The RHPBA ladies had a wonderful and enjoyable time at our convention which included a well-planned Ladies' Tea at the Patterson Homestead. Our heartfelt thanks to all that worked to make our tea possible; it will be fondly remembered.

The Patterson Homestead was built by Col Robert Patterson, Revolutionary War soldier and founder of Lexington, KY. He settled here in 1804 and built the farmhouse in 1816.

A Victorian afternoon tea was enjoyed by the following.



Starting left bottom row: Sandi Destadio, Carol DeCourt, Sandy McCutcheon, Pam Silva, Bev Griffin, Patrice Peterson, Sue Garlow, Maryann Davit, Jan Cirillo, Karol Bullock, Diane Defoor.

2nd row is Jeannie Carabajal, Monica Guidry, Sophie Sivak, Julie Dodge, June Oliver, Roberta Poulos, Linda Naumann, Wendy Lee.

3rd row is Debbie Bowker, Janet Aldinger, Jeniece Riles, E'lane Camp, Nancy Griffins, Martha Spiegel, Nancy Stump.



*Ladies' Tea at the Patterson Homestead*

And thank you to the nine volunteers who drove us making sure that all 31 of us got there on time and with that; we had a great opportunity to meet new friends.

### KARAOKE NITE

Karaoke Nite was led by Don and Debbie Bowker, Doug Wise and Martha Spiegel. This event was so successful that we have been asked to include it in our next convention to be held in Florida in October 2023. Thank You to DJDJ for doing a great job. We have lots of talent in our RHPBA. If anyone has any questions, please call or text Debbie at 606-524-0531.



### THE BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM "TOM" MEREDITH HONOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR 2022-2023

We're looking for applicants!

Our 12<sup>th</sup> annual RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association (RHPBA) Scholarship Program is now available for the 2022-2023 academic year. The RHPBA Honor Scholarship Program was created in 2010 and remains focused on offering financial assistance to current dues-paying RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association members and their immediate families seeking to further their education by attending an accredited technical institution, college or university of their choice. This program is supported entirely through funds acquired from donations, contributions and fund-raising efforts throughout the year.

You can find the Scholarship Program Overview, Guidance and Application Criteria on our RHPBA website. Simply go to the Main Page and click on "General Tom Meredith Scholarship Program." All the information is contained within this folder. Please take notice of the submittal deadline, July 31, 2022.

Following our announcement of last year's award winners in Fall/Winter Newsletter, we decided to invite a number of scholarship recipients to our RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association (RHPBA) Convention last month in Dayton, Ohio. The invitation was actually a 45-minute Zoom call in front of the Convention attendees and was a great success!





The participants were: Lexie Aldinger (Grandfather Dick Aldinger), 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Katy Davit Love (dad Tony Davit), Will Dellicker (Grandfather Bill Dellicker), Casey Eckert (Grandfather Randy Eckert), and Buddy Pagliuca (dad Vinny Pagliuca). We even invited Buddy's mom who was helping Buddy move out of his college dorm room during the call, to chime in and offer her perspective of the scholarship program.

We wanted to use the Zoom Call, projected on the large screen in front of the entire group, to highlight the success and value of our scholarship program "in their own words" and they did not disappoint. The recipients discussed their college journey, interests and activities, and offered thoughts on the significance of our program in validating our Association mission in supporting our members and families.

Our entire Board of Directors is thrilled to continue building this program in support of our Association mission and members, thanks to so many of you. So please encourage your family members to take a look at the application information and submit their package.

Thank you,

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



Zoom call.

### RHPBA NEWS ITEMS

#### 557<sup>TH</sup> ERHS COMPLETES 300 ACRE MUNITIONS STORAGE AREA EXPANSION

*By Senior Airman Jacob B. Wrightsman, 378<sup>th</sup> Air Expeditionary Wing, Published March 17, 2022; U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Jacob B Wrightsman.*

#### PRINCE SULTAN AIR BASE, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Brig. Gen. Robert Davis, 378<sup>th</sup> Air Expeditionary Wing commander, and Airmen of the 557<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary RED HORSE Squadron participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony at Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, March 16, 2022. The ribbon cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the expansion of PSAB's munition storage area.



*Capt. Ericka Bitz, 557<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary RED HORSE Squadron officer-in-charge, Col. Clifford Theony, 1st Expeditionary Civil Engineer Group commander, and Brig. Gen. Robert Davis, 378<sup>th</sup> Air Expeditionary Wing commander, make remarks at a munitions storage area expansion ribbon cutting ceremony at Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, March 16, 2022.*



*Airmen from the 557<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary RED HORSE Squadron formally celebrated a munitions storage area expansion during the ribbon cutting ceremony.*

Eight expeditionary ammunition storage pads were constructed to facilitate an increase in net explosive weight of 3.3 million pounds,” Bitz said. “Each of the eight 17,000 square foot pads is constructed of eight inches of base course surrounded by 1,100 feet of stacked hescos. Each pad has its own lighting protection system that is made up of four metallic masts, overhead copper catenary wires and an underground copper ground ring. The eight pads are connected by a 2.5 mile long base course road.”

The expansion of the munitions storage area greatly increases the lethality of the U.S. Air Forces in the region by progressing the fortification of the base’s facilities and allowing more weapons to be safely stored at PSAB.

“This is very important not just for PSAB but for the U.S. Air Force’s Central area-of-responsibility,” said Brig. Gen. Robert Davis, 378th Air Expeditionary Wing commander. “All of the munitions that are going to be stored here are going to have a large impact on air power around the region.”

The project was completed by a team of Airmen consisting of 13 different units and seven different Air Force Specialty Codes with supporting elements coming from engineers of the 378th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron.

By including Airmen from different career fields and backgrounds the team was fortunate to have a wide breadth of knowledge and opportunities for training.

“Every single one of the AFSC’s was a primary component of this project, at certain points you wouldn’t have known who was doing what.” Bitz said. “If someone wasn’t as skilled in one area, they were taken under a wing and got time to be trained. So these guys got training that they’ll never be able to experience again and I know they’re leaving as better operators and better people. ”By working long hours in the desert sands of PSAB, the Airmen of the 557<sup>th</sup> ERHS continue to advance the capabilities of the base which send shockwaves throughout the region.”



*The 300 acre project broke ground in September of 2021 and was executed by a team of 45 total force Airmen, according to Capt. Ericka Bitz, 557<sup>th</sup> ERHS OAC.*

## CIVIL ENGINEER SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR EARNS VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AWARD

*By Katie Scott, Air Force Institute of Technology, March 22, 2022. U.S. Air Force Photo.*



Capt. Devin DePalmer, an instructor within the Air Force Institute of Technology’s Civil Engineer School, was selected as the Air Education and Training Command winner of the 2022 Brigadier General Wilma Vaught Visionary Leadership Award.

Created in 2012, this annual award is in honor of Vaught for her outstanding service and dedication to the Air Force and the nation. It is presented to an officer (O-6 and below), enlisted person (E-9 and below) and a civilian (GS-15 and below) from any career field or occupation who exhibits innovation, commitment and a selfless spirit of service for others and whose personal efforts have improved the integration and opportunities for women in the Air Force.

“I’m honored to win this award at the AETC level, especially during Women’s History Month,” said DePalmer. “I am thankful for my leadership’s support and to be an instructor at the Civil Engineer School where I get to show students what it means to ‘Lead the Way!’ for women in Civil Engineering and the Air Force.”

As the CE career field’s only female asset management instructor, DePalmer instructed in over 60 course offerings educating 2,800 civil engineers. She led students through their CE initial skills course and mentored more than 100 officers to earn the CE badge. DePalmer also published four peer-reviewed academic journal articles and was the sole female CE School faculty to pass the eight hour professional engineering exam and earn her PE License.



"I am so thankful that we have instructors like Capt. DePalmer at the Civil Engineer School," said Col. Laurie Richter, dean of the Civil Engineer School. "She is a positive example of combining talent and passion to improve the work environment for all."

Passionate about diversity topics and furthering women in engineering, DePalmer earned the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace Certificate through the University of South Florida's Muma College of Business and recently completed the eCornell's Diversity and Inclusion Certificate Program. She chaired the AFIT Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Working Group, leading a team of 20 volunteers who have hosted six "Women in the Arts" book/film clubs, cultural intelligence training for AFIT senior leaders and generated an AFIT demographics report.

She also co-led the first ever Women in Civil Engineering panel discussion where three colonels discussed their experiences as women in the CE career field.

DePalmer earned a Bachelor's Degree in environmental engineering from University of Colorado, Boulder and a Master's Degree in engineering management from AFIT's Graduate School of Engineering and Management. As an AFIT graduate student, she was selected by her classmates to receive the Ivan B. Thompson Award recognizing the member of the graduating class who had shown exceptional service to the class, school, community and Air Force.

### **AIR FORCE CROWNS READINESS CHALLENGE VIII WINNERS, PLANS FULL OPERATING CAPABILITY (FOC) EVENT IN 2023**

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Article and photos by Debbie Aragon, Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center Public Affairs.

**TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, FL:** Following a more than 20-year competition hiatus, the Air Force civil engineering community crowned winners of the Air Force Civil Engineer Readiness Challenge April 22, 2022.

This year's Readiness Challenge was the initial operating capability event before the challenge reaches full operating capability within the next two years. At this year's event, which ran through April 22, eight teams competed in about 20 events showcasing a variety of disciplines needed to maintain and repair installations.

Surrounded by a crowd of more than 400 civil engineers — competitors, cadre and team supporters — Air Force Civil Engineer Center Commander Maj. Gen. John Allen announced the team and individual winners of this year's eight-team, initial operational capability competition with the 934th Civil Engineer Squadron taking top honors.



*Col. Matthew Stanford, the Air Force Civil Engineer Center readiness director, gives opening remarks April 18, 2022, to kick off Readiness Challenge VIII at the Silver Flag Exercise Site, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. Readiness Challenge, the Air Force Civil Engineering premier event, returned this year after a 22-year hiatus.*

From Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota, the 934th represented Air Force Reserve Command and are taking home the Brig. Gen. William T. Meredith trophy as the "Best of the Best Team."

The 1st Special Operations Civil Engineer Squadron from Hurlburt Field, Florida, representing Air Force Special Operations Command, took second place team and the 60th Civil Engineer Squadron from Travis AFB, California, third.

"I'm proud of these Air Force civil engineers," said Allen. "What they are doing, what they did this week is so important to the very things that we're doing in forward locations in the Pacific and all other parts of the globe ... there's a connection there and we're going to reestablish that connection [through Readiness Challenge]. I can't say enough about them and I'm proud to be around them."

The challenge is the career field's capstone event that demonstrates Department of the Air Force civil engineers are ready to conduct full-spectrum, integrated base response and recovery operations.

This year's five-day, 20+ event challenge showcased a wide variety of core CE disciplines -- everything from rapidly replacing segments of a runway, installing a mobile aircraft arresting system and laying out emergency airfield lighting to building a guard shack from the ground up, surveying an area, firefighting and explosive ordnance disposal skills.

More than 300 competitors represented Air Force Reserve Command, the Air National Guard, Air Combat Command, Air Force Special Operations Command, Air Mobility Command, Pacific Air Forces, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and U.S. Space Force.

Readiness Challenge VIII, held at Tyndall's Silver Flag Exercise Site, was hosted by AFCEC, a primary subordinate unit of the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center.

With AFCEC's Readiness Directorate planning and facilitating the competition, with support from AFIMSC, it was the partnership between AFCEC and the 823rd RED HORSE Squadron Detachment 1 that carried it over the finish line, said Maj. Khary Davis, AFCEC Readiness Challenge event lead.

"This initiative to revive Readiness Challenge as a marquee event in the combat support community wouldn't have been possible without the hard work, dedication and commitment of Tyndall's 823rd RED HORSE who executed the competition," Davis said.

When asked about the success of the first, large-scale Readiness Challenge in 22 years, Allen said, "We'll do an after action report and see if it goes to a 9.5 but I'm going with a 10 right now.

"There will be things that we've learned and things that we'll do differently but I can't thank enough the team at RED HORSE that runs our Silver Flag site, the team in AFCEC that had such a great hand in pulling all of this together and of course the squadrons that came and competed, they were the best part in all of this," the general said.

"We did a beta test (for Readiness Challenge) in 2018 where we had only three teams," said Davis. "For us to expand to the eight teams was a huge lift and shows a huge capability.

"It was just a big privilege to have these teams out here and demonstrate our warrior ethos and validate our skills and abilities while also honing our skills," the major added.

"Installations and airfields are the Air Force weapons platforms and we maintain and restore these weapons platforms so we have to be able to do that in any environment anytime, anyplace," Davis said.

Many of the competitors previously attended different regional training sites to top off their skills, the major said, so they understood the significance of being ready at any moment but didn't know, in advance, the wide variety of events they'd face.

"They came prepared to tackle all of the events we threw at them and loved the competition," Davis said, with engineers cheering on their teams and "jumping in to do tasks outside of their CE specialties, showing that multi-capable skills that we need to be a ready and lethal force."

The 934th CES demonstrated their skills across multiple CE disciplines and team events, and their ability to overcome the challenges we gave them to command and control their forces, Davis said.

With Readiness Challenge VIII now in the history books, Davis said he's looking forward to the hundreds of participants going back to their units and spreading the word about what the event is and getting excited for future events.

Thoughts of many now turn to Readiness Challenge IX — a bigger, full operational capability event — which the general announced would take place in the Spring of 2023. "There's a lot of excitement and we've got 320 new Readiness Challenge disciples that are out there talking around the Air Force about how great this is," Allen said, "and we're looking forward to being back here in a year."

In addition to the Meredith trophy winners, Allen announced the following Readiness Challenge VIII team and individual awards:

#### Readiness Challenge VIII Team and Individual Awards

**Expeditionary airfield lighting system install:** 60th CES, Travis AFB, CA

**Rapid explosive hazard mitigation:** 366th CES from Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, representing Air Combat Command.



*Team members from the 366th Civil Engineer Squadron, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, quickly don chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear mission oriented protective posture gear as part of the first task in an obstacle course.*



*Participants from Air Combat Command's 366th Civil Engineer Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho.*



**Level loop for vertical construction:** 673rd Civil Engineer Group from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, representing Pacific Air Forces.

**Aircraft live fire operations:** 1st SOCES. Hurlburt Field, FL.

**Airfield rapid damage repair:** 934th CES. Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN.

**Mobile aircraft arresting system:** Tie between 60th CES and 31st CES from Aviano Air Base, Italy, representing U.S. Air Forces in Europe. The tie was broken by a tug of war competition with the 60th taking the win.



Participants from U.S. Air Forces in Europe's 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano Air Base, Italy, take part in the airfield spall repair event.

**Airfield spall repair:** 934th CES.

**Reverse osmosis water purification unit operations:** 1st SOCES.

**Joint tactical communications operations:** 60th CES.

**Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear control center operations:** 1st SOCES.

**Guard shack build:** Air National Guard team.



Participants from U.S. Space Force's 45th Civil Engineer Squadron, Patrick Space Force Base, Florida, begin the guard shack build event.



Participants from Air National Guard take part in the mobile aircraft arresting system install event



Participants from Air Force Reserve Command take part in an explosive ordnance disposal event.



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*Air Mobility Command's Travis Air Force Base, California participants take part in a firefighting rescue event.*

**WE ARE CE. A VIDEO POSTED BY US AIR FORCE CIVIL ENGINEERS.**

Published April 6, 2022, a video by Major Matthew Fecke, 820<sup>th</sup> RED HORSE Squadron, Director of Operations.

Since 1965, RED HORSE units have played a critical role in projecting airpower and solving problems across the United States Air Force. Maj Matthew Fecke, provides a firsthand account of how RED HORSE Airmen Engineers are #AlwaysReady to tackle unique challenges and get the job done.

From constructing an air base to providing humanitarian aid, tune in to hear how he and his squadron enable the mission when it matters most.

View the video by copying the following link to your browser: <https://fb.watch/ctjlk-dfvC/>

**819<sup>th</sup> RED HORSE REUNION IN HERSHEY, PA, SEPTEMBER 19-22, 2022.**

Former members of the 819<sup>th</sup> RED HORSE Squadron are inviting all RED HORSE members to a reunion in Hershey PA, September 19-22.

Eddie and Lura Beckfords are the hosts and can be reached at (717) 395-2804 or e-mail [lura\\_eddie@hotmail.com](mailto:lura_eddie@hotmail.com).

Events to be held include a tour of Chocolate World and a free Trolley ride around Hershey (entertainment on board).

Reservations for lodging can be made at: Comfort Inn at the Park:  
1200 Mae St.  
Hummelstown, Pa. 17036  
(717) 566- 2050



**RHPBA UPDATES and NOTES:**

1. 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 15 for detailed membership information and the 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 [famdinger@aol.com](mailto:famdinger@aol.com) or mail to Dick Aldinger, 4088 Floralwood Ct., Orlando, FL 32812.

There is a \$10 per year charge applied for all hard copy newsletters mailed through the U.S. postal system to cover publishing and mailing expenses. Make sure your e-mail address is established with Don Bowker, Sr. at [dbowkersr@rhpba.com](mailto: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 15.

3. RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association's Website: Please check out our website for information on coins, photos, hats, lapel pins, patches (Store items available to anyone), also reunions, newsletters, announcements; etc. at our address: <https://www.rhpba.com>. Members will also need to establish a user name and password with Don Bowker in order to log into the restricted area of the website.

4. RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association's New Mailing Address: RHPBA, P.O. Box 2255, Corbin, KY, 40702.

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

6. RHPBA Store Items (Available to anyone): Commemorative coins can be ordered on-line at RHPBA website: <https://www.rhpba.com/RHA Store>.

Coins Available :

- 2017 RH / PB Coin
- 2017 Convention Coin
- Step and A-Half Coin
- 2019 Convention Coin
- 2022 Convention Coin (Memorial Coin) only 40 left

Memorial cups are available for \$10 plus \$10 postage.



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**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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  
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 Age 66 and above: \$125

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

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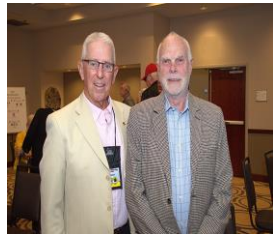






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