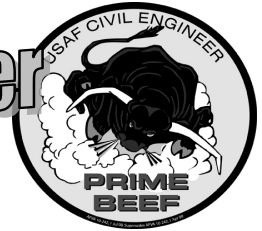


Fall - Winter 2012



# "THE CHARGING CHARLIE" Prime BEEF and RED HORSE Newsletter



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823<sup>rd</sup> Unit  
Squadron  
Hats



Andersen AF Base, Guam



203<sup>rd</sup> RHS Camp Pendleton Ceremony

EOD Support to RED HORSE, Nellis AFB



823<sup>rd</sup> RHS at Shaw AF Base



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to SW Asia/Focus on Family



## PRESIDENT'S STABLE



Greetings one and all:

**1. It's hard to believe** another year is just about to end and 2013 will soon be upon us which brings our upcoming biennial RHA Convention and Reunion, **September 22 – 26, at the Holiday Inn University Plaza in Bowling Green Kentucky**. There will be much more information and details in this issue (see page 2) **but please save the date**. Charlie Hogan, who is a native of the area, and his contacts (sounds like a ♪ rock band ♪ ) have worked tirelessly for the past two years, leaving no stone unturned, to make sure that there is something for EVERYONE to do.

**2. Welcome to all the New Members** that have joined the RHA since our last newsletter. I invite each of you to attend an event and become actively involved and follow us on **facebook** and **LinkedIn**.

**3. We have recently met a milestone** in our association; with help from so many of you we have just awarded our first Scholarship. A \$500.00 award was presented to **Forrest Ristow**, granddaughter of RHA Lifer Jim Elliott. Congratulations Forrest, we wish you all the best in your future educational goals. RHA Scholarship applications are available, one per family, just contact our Secretary Paul Sattler at [paul.sattler@rhamail.org](mailto:paul.sattler@rhamail.org). As a reminder there are deadlines and time constraints associated with the application approval process.

**4. On behalf of the Board of Directors and Officers** of the RHA I want to Thank You all for the support and confidence you continue to express by renewing your membership, helping out in so many ways whenever needed and encouraging others to join our Association. We are always looking for volunteers, so if you feel the need and want to contribute in some way, by all means, just contact me or our Secretary Paul Sattler. From all of us to all of you we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and please keep our deployed troops and their families in your thoughts and prayers.





**GREETINGS FROM PAUL:**

I'm happy to report that the association has welcomed 78 new members during 2012. But as with every organization, there is strength in numbers and we would be much stronger with more members. If you know anyone who is eligible to be a member of our association, let them know about us and guide them to our web page (rhassn.us). Tell them to have a look around and if they have any questions, email me at [paul.sattler@rhamail.org](mailto:paul.sattler@rhamail.org) and I will do my very best to answer them.

A membership application form is provided on the last page of this newsletter.

Charlie Hogan has been hard at work in Kentucky getting things ready for our 2013 convention/reunion. As I get more information, I will post it on the website <http://redhorseassociation.org>. For the latest, click on Reunions/Events from our front page and then 2013 Convention under the RHA Conventions heading. Hope to see you there; see link provided in next column.

Don't forget that we are also on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/rhassn](http://www.facebook.com/rhassn)

**Money Matters:**

- Checking: \$310.27
- Savings: \$389.14
- Scholarship/Morale: \$821.66

PayPal: \$887.24

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the coming New Year.

Paul Sattler, Secretary

**2013 RHA CONVENTION**

The Biennial REDHORSE Association Convention/ Reunion is scheduled for September 22-26, 2013 in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Bowling Green is a very central location to a large number of our members including retirees, active duty and reserves. A number of University of Kentucky graduates with such names as Byers, Robbins and Sims are expected to attend. Charlie Hogan has secured a very nice hotel for us to stay in during our stay in Bowling Green. And yes, if you are a camper, there is also a place close by where you can hookup your camper or RV.

Put this link in your browser for the hotel website, area map, and more information on Bowling Green area attractions: <http://rhassn.us/reunions/rha-conventions/2013-convention/>

Event planning by Charlie and crew includes plans to tour the General Motors Corvette factory, a golf tournament open to all attendees and their spouses, and some surprises for the wives such as a tour of the Duncan Hines Home Office. Charlie, who is a native of the area and a "Kentucky Colonel" himself, has been working for some time with the City Fathers and others to make this an unforgettable experience for everyone. Check the web site often and as events and activities are finalized, we will update there. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. We would love to meet with you all.

**Holiday Inn – University Plaza**

**1021 Wilkinson Trace**

**Bowling Green, KY 42103**



**8/15/2012 - NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, NV**

*by Senior Airman Jack Sanders, 99th Air Base Wing Public Affairs.*

Jumping, building and now defusing - the 820th RED HORSE here has added airborne explosive ordinance disposal to its toolkit.

EOD Airmen are known for their expertise in explosive weaponry and hazardous munitions; they conduct various operations both here and abroad on a daily basis to ensure a safe and secure environment.

Airborne EOD Airmen are traditional EOD Airmen. The Airborne EOD Airmen are adding to their skill set to make themselves more versatile by attending airborne training for three weeks at Fort Benning, Ga., and the two-week Air Assault training at Fort Campbell, Ky.

"EOD is awesome," said Staff Sgt. Nicholas Mosier, 820th RED HORSE airborne EOD journeyman. "I wouldn't do any other job other than EOD."





Airborne EOD is something new ... it's something different."Airborne trained EOD service members aren't unheard of, but this is the first group of Airborne EOD to be assigned to RED HORSE Mosier said. It's an Airborne EOD Airman's job to work as enablers for the squadron by jumping into areas with the RED HORSE airborne Airmen and ensure the area is cleared of unexploded objects and improvised explosive devices.

"Being attached to [RED HORSE], we would be enabling them to get their job done," said Staff Sgt. Cole Dunham, 820th RED HORSE airborne EOD journeyman. "That's what being an enabler means. As enablers, we clear any kind of explosive hazards that might pose a risk to the people operating on the ground."

RED HORSE Airmen are civil engineer Airmen who provide the Air Force with a highly mobile civil engineer response force to support contingency and special operations worldwide. There are four active-duty, five Air Force Reserve Command, and five Air National Guard RED HORSE squadrons.

"[Airborne EOD Airmen] have a very broad spectrum of things that we're able to do," Dunham said. "As enablers, we're like a multi tool for commanders. There are so many different scenarios and situations we can be called up for just because of our skill set. It doesn't have to be explosives related; we can be augmented for chemical troops because of our training and many other things."

Mosier said that the mission for RED HORSE is different from the main shop EOD mission because the main EOD shop has to provide base support. Since the RED HORSE airborne EOD Airmen don't provide base support, they can focus mainly on training and deployments.



U.S. Air Force explosive ordnance disposal team members of the 820th RED HORSE airborne flight (bottom left), pose for a group photo Aug. 10, 2012, at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. Airborne EOD members are trained and qualified to conduct operations in austere locations. Airmen featured not wearing RED HORSE designation caps are new squadron members who have not inprocessed the unit. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Hubenthal).



U.S. Air Force Airborne Explosive Ordnance Disposal Airmen assigned to the 820th RED HORSE pour decontamination liquids into a bucket during a training exercise Aug. 14, 2012, at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. The liquids are used to decontaminate the Airmen that come into contact with chemicals or unknown substances.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Daniel Hughes)



U.S. Air Force Airborne Explosive Ordnance Disposal Airmen assigned to the 820th RED HORSE clean and plug a chemical based unexploded ordnance round during a training exercise Aug. 14, 2012, at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. The chemical round was used to improve skills.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Christopher Tam)



**823RD RED HORSE AIRMEN TRAIN HERE  
7/17/2012-SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C.:**

*by Senior Airman Kenny Holston, 20th  
Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

Airmen assigned to the 823rd RED HORSE Squadron based out of Hurlburt Field, Fla., have begun repaving one of Shaw's roads and intersection.

The RED HORSE team broke ground June 29 on the approximately \$363,000 project.

"It was simply time for repairs on that road," said Don Kendrick, 20th Civil Engineer Squadron heavy equipment superintendent. "That roadway had a lower pavement condition index. It warranted being resurfaced, while providing valuable training to 823rd RHS personnel."

The construction is slated to take one month. Drivers can expect minimum delays throughout the project.

The 21-Airman team plans to repave Aiken Street from the corner of Polifka Drive all the way down to the south end of the road near Shaw's static aircraft displays, explained Capt. Trevyn Guglielmo, the 823rd RHS project engineer.

The project started by milling the top two inches of asphalt from the damaged road, said Guglielmo.

"We started this project from scratch," Guglielmo continued. "Everything from performing site surveys, developing the plans, organizing a crew and now executing the task."

The 823rd RHS is an Air Combat Command asset assigned to Ninth Air Force that operates out of Hurlburt Field, Fla.

The unit is designed to be a highly mobile civil engineer response force to support Department of Defense operations worldwide and to carry out special skilled construction tasks that range from bare-base development in a combat zone to paving roads at a stateside fighter jet base such as Shaw,

explained Master Sgt. Julio Maisonet, 823rd RHS pavements and construction supervisor.

With 2,000 tons of asphalt slated for this project, Guglielmo and his team of Airmen plan to pave just over a mile of roadway, Guglielmo said.

"We have been working 10 to 12 hour days to stay on track with our project completion date," Guglielmo said. "If we get off track and don't keep to our original timeline it could potentially cost the Air Force more money, and that's not what we want."

With temperatures at Shaw climbing upwards of 95 to 100 degrees over the summer months and a heat index of 110 to 115 degrees, Guglielmo and Maisonet have ensured their Airmen are taking extra precautions to operate safely and efficiently in South Carolina's weather.

"It's been about 20 degrees hotter here in comparison to where we came from," Guglielmo said. "Temperatures have reached black flag conditions and beyond, so we ensure the Airmen get as much rest as they need. We're also outfitted with several five- and 10-gallon water jugs to keep everyone hydrated."

Being a self sufficient, globally operating unit, the 823rd RHS uses tasks like these to train and prepare for deployments, Guglielmo said.

"This current task that we're completing here at Shaw is lending a lot of my Airmen some of the necessary training needed for upcoming deployments," Guglielmo added. "We do our best to stay mission capable and worldwide deployable at all times, and jobs such as these help us do just that."

While the Airmen wield shovels and rakes, they also operate heavy machinery to complete their tasks throughout long, hot work days. Teamwork and unit cohesiveness plays a major role in reaching mission success, said Airman 1st Class Steven Crum, 823rd RHS engineer assistant.

### 823RD RED HORSE AIRMEN TRAIN HERE Continued

We do our best to keep morale high by working as a team," Crum said. "None of us could do this on our own, and we each understand we're in this heat together, so we work side-by-side as a team to get the job done."

A U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Joseph Chalkley 823rd RED HORSE Squadron pavement and construction specialist, steam rolls freshly laid asphalt on Aiken Street, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., July 12, 2012.



*(U.S. Air Force photo (above) by Senior Airman Kenny Holston/Released)*



U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 823rd RED HORSE Squadron, work together to repave Aiken Street, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., July 12, 2012. The 823rd RHS Airmen broke ground June 29 which began a \$363,000 project of repaving just over a mile of Shaw's roadway. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kenny Holston/Released)

A U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Randall Mccunegould, 823rd RED HORSE Squadron, wears his squadron hat signifying his assignment to the 823rd RHS while working on a repaving project at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., July 12, 2012. The 823rd RHS is one of the few units who are authorized to wear unit hats in uniform.

*(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kenny Holston/Released)*



U.S. Air Force Airmen (next photo) assigned to the 823rd RED HORSE Squadron, sweep, shovel and rake as they perfect freshly laid asphalt on Aiken Street, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., July 12, 2012. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kenny Holston/Released)





### 7/16/2012-DYESS AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS

by Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Charles V. Rivezzo  
7<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing Public Affairs

For the next few months, Airmen wearing red hats will be seen across Dyess, as 33 Airmen from the 819<sup>th</sup> Red Horse Squadron from Malmstrom AFB, Mont., are building a pre-engineered building for the 7<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron.

The 8,500-square-foot facility will provide the 7<sup>th</sup> CES a new logistics building, consolidating multiple facilities used by the squadron.

“This project is the lynchpin in our ability to consolidate all our CE functions,” said Lt. Col. Michael Harner, 7<sup>th</sup> CES commander. “We’re spread throughout the entire base, so bringing all of us within the same compound brings synergy, efficiency and energy savings within the organization.”

The new facility will cost \$695,000, with more than \$600,000 being saved by the Red Horse team constructing the building rather than contracting it out.

“These projects have always been a win-win, because not only do we allow our ‘horsemen’ to come in and get the valuable training they need for their downrange operations, but we save hundreds of thousands of dollars and receive a new facility,” Harner said.

This project directly supports the Air Force’s energy strategy to reduce the portion of the Air Force’s budget used for installation support by 20 percent and reduce the size of the Air Force physical plant by 20 percent by the year 2020.

“While Red Horse units are in CONUS, participating in troop-training projects is the main avenue we use to keep our Airmen current in their training,” Saccone said. “Not only do TTPs benefit our Red Horse Airmen, but this training opportunity also provides our active-duty Army and Guard brethren a great opportunity to train alongside us, allowing Airmen and Soldiers the opportunity to experience completing a project in a joint setting.”

“This entire project is a great team effort and a total win-win for CE and Team Dyess,” Harner added.

Construction broke ground June 11, and working 6-days a week, 12-hours a day, the Red Horse team was on schedule to complete the PEB by Sept. 18.



Staff Sgt. Alonzo Marquez, 819<sup>th</sup> Red Horse Squadron of Malmstrom AFB, Mont., levels freshly poured concrete July 17, 2012, at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. The poured concrete is for the foundation of a 8,500-square-foot facility that will provide the 7<sup>th</sup> CES a new logistics building, consolidating multiple facilities used by the squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Peter Thompson/ Released)



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Peter Thompson/ Released).

### 7/16/2012-DYESS AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS Continued

Airmen from the 819th Red Horse Squadron of Malmstrom AFB, Mont. (previous photo), level freshly poured concrete July 17, 2012, at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. The poured concrete is for the foundation of a 8,500-square-foot facility that will provide the 7th CES a new logistics building, consolidating multiple facilities used by the squadron.

### 8/20/2012-JOINT BASE CHARLESTON, SC RED HORSE deployment briefing focuses on "family"

by Airman 1st Class Marianique Santos  
36th Wing Public Affairs



Lt. Col Joseph Swaim, commander 560th RED HORSE squadron, briefs deploying squadron members and their families at the Charleston Club 18 Aug. Airmen from Joint Base Charleston's 560th and 554th RED HORSE squadrons are leaving for Southwest Asia later this month.

*(U.S. Air Force Photo/2nd Lt Jeff Kelly)*

Airmen from Joint Base Charleston's 560th and 554th RED HORSE squadrons are leaving their loved ones behind and heading to Southwest Asia this month for a six-month deployment.

Saturday, the deploying RED HORSE members were honored during a family deployment briefing at the Charleston Club, prior to their leaving to provide construction and engineering support in theater. During the briefing, leaders

explained that the engineering squadron is a "tight-knit" unit that often acts like an extended family for many of its members

"We are a family," said 315th Airlift Wing Commander, Colonel Russell Fingar, "If you need anything while you are deployed, and all else fails, you can come directly to me. We will take care of you and your families because we are proud of you and what you are doing."

This sentiment was echoed by many of the senior leaders that were on hand to talk with the deployers and their family members.

"We know that for some of you this is a new adventure," said 315th AW Command Chief Master Sergeant, Gigi Manning. "But if any of you have any issues whatsoever, please don't hesitate to ask me for anything. I'm on call 24/7 and I'm here for you."

"Family" was a word that was heard throughout the deployment briefing. The RED HORSE deployers made it clear that they felt like a family and the family members staying behind were reminded that they should view each other as an extended family as well.

"I want our dependents to lean on each other," said 560th RED HORSE Squadron Commander, Lt. Col. Joseph Swaim. "Our families who have dealt with deployments before are invaluable to those families who have not. You are our go-to families that will serve as support for the others."

Lt. Col. Christopher Fuller, 554th RED HORSE Commander stressed the importance of Airmen and dependents taking care of each other as well. Fuller will serve as the deployed Commander during the upcoming deployment.

"It's about family," said Fuller. "It is vitally important for those of us going downrange to make sure everything is taken care of at home. If it isn't going smoothly back home we can't carry out our mission. I will make sure that our deployers are taken care of downrange, and each of you must make sure our families are taken care of at home."



## 8/13/2012-ANDERSEN AFB, GUAM

by 2nd Lt Jeff Kelly, 315th AW Public Affairs.

A master sergeant once said, "I think it's important these guys learn to build." At the time he was referring to Iraqi citizens learning vocational skills to rebuild their city. The same noncommissioned officer, now a chief master sergeant, repeated the same words, but this time in reference to the Airmen he trained in wood-framing right before they deploy.

Chief Master Sgt. Rodney Kilby, 307th RED HORSE Squadron cantonments chief, recently conducted training with the 554th RHS at Northwest Field on building wood-framed structures prior to the squadron's upcoming deployment. The hands-on class was meant to prepare the Airmen to deploy in support of contingency and special operations worldwide.

"In technical school I was confused in some of the lessons, and it felt like everything was just getting pushed along," said Senior Airman David Leman, 554th RHS structures. "Having the Chief here helping us out and teaching us one-on-one on aspects we didn't understand immediately has made learning the material much easier."

Chief Kilby, an Air Force Reservist from Barksdale Air Force Base, works as a building contractor in his civilian profession. His background in framing also includes taking part in the Village of Hope project in 2008, a project designed to teach Iraqi citizens vocational skills such as carpentry.

With time running out until 554th RHS deployed, Chief Kilby volunteered to teach the wood-framing refresher course to Airmen fresh out of technical school and those who have worked primarily with concrete during their careers.

"I've built many of these buildings downrange," said Chief Kilby. "This training is not only going to benefit the Airmen but also people downrange. They could be the next ones training others on how to rebuild their home."

Chief Kilby said that this training is for applying, fine tuning and going more in depth with woodframing skills that the Airmen learned from text books in school.

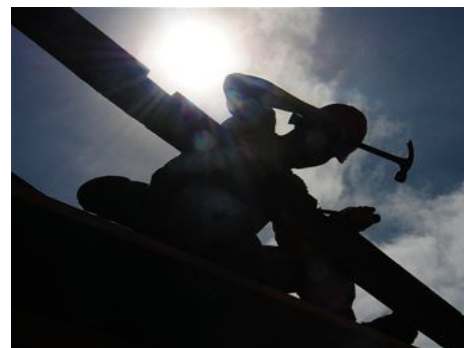
We are making sure these Airmen are ready to go out there and do their job," said Chief Kilby. "These guys are going to build structures completely out of wood. They build huts in Southwest Asia that could be as big as 3200 sq. feet."

On deployments, there will be project managers that know the job, but it will benefit the Airmen to know how to execute the basics.

"Even if they couldn't be proficient in a short amount of time, being able to know the basics and have an idea and actual feel of how to do the project will help them in the long-run," said Chief Kilby.

Chief Kilby said that the structure that they built for this training is tiny compared to what they are expected to build during their deployments. Anything from military housing to staff offices, RED HORSE Airmen build wood-framed structures both in home bases and austere environments.

With the experience from building downrange and teaching in humanitarian missions, non-commissioned officers like Chief Kilby continue to pass their knowledge along to a new generation of RED HORSE Airmen, making the Air Force's mobile civil engineering response force highly-capable in providing a plethora of engineering capabilities in support of missions worldwide.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released)

### **8/13/2012-ANDERSEN AFB, GUAM Continued**

*by 2nd Lt Jeff Kelly, 315th AW Public Affairs*

"A member of the 554th REDHORSE Squadron drives a nail as other members frame a building during structural framing training, July 30. When deployed, members of the 554th RHS are required to build large structures constructed out of wooden materials. Training that Airmen receive will allow them to know the basics before being required to build down range

### **8/17/2012-MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, AL**

*by Kelly Deichert, Air University Public Affairs*

Members of the 823rd RED HORSE Squadron have spent the past two weeks renovating field training sites for Maxwell AFB. The 17-Airman crew demolished tents, set up the Alaska Small Shelter Systems and installed electricity and heating, ventilation and air conditioning.

Lt. Col. John Blackwell, commander of the 22nd Training Support Squadron, asked the skilled Airmen to modernize the Vigilant Warrior and Blue Thunder sites by installing up-to-date shelters and ensuring electrical and HVAC systems comply with current Air Force standards. "They're awesome, the best of the best," he said of the RED HORSE crew.

The 823rd RED HORSE - Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer - is assigned to the Air Combat Command and is an associate unit on Hurlburt Field, Fla. The squadron is self-sufficient and mobile, able to complete construction missions for the Air Force, Department of Defense and civilian community.

Master Sgt. Charles Smith, RED HORSE project manager, said the Maxwell projects reinforced their preparation and knowledge. "It gives our young Airmen an opportunity to train," he said.

For Senior Airman Ryan Peters, the two weeks provided him a chance to apply his skills and develop teamwork. "It's nice to get out here and do some work," he said.

The RED HORSE crew completed projects that had been tabled for years due to fiscal and contractual restraints, Blackwell said.

"It's a big deal for us, and a big deal for them," he said. "This is a two-year problem they're solving in two weeks."

Blackwell credits the combined efforts of the RED HORSE team, 42nd Contracting Squadron, the 42nd Civil Engineer Squadron and Ed Boykin from the Holm Center with ensuring the renovations' success.

"Without every one of them, this would have fallen through," he said.

About 3,200 students each year will benefit from the modernized cantonment areas. "These projects will significantly improve their training experience," Blackwell said.

In fact, the RED HORSE team completed the mission at Vigilant Warrior just in time for a Basic Officer Training exercise this past week.

### **10/05/2012-RAPTOR TOWN, LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VA**

*Article taken from The Peninsula Warrior*

Col. Korvin Auch, below center, 633rd Air Base Wing commander, and senior leadership from the 556th Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron (RED HORSE) Engineers and 633rd Civil Engineer Squadron, cut the ribbon during the opening ceremony of Raptor Town at Langley Air Force Base, Sept. 27. The ceremony was held to mark the last day RED HORSE personnel from various bases were temporarily-on-duty (TDY) at Langley, constructing Raptor Town.





**10/05/2012-RAPTOR TOWN, LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VA Continued**

Below: Capt. Joseph Thomas, Raptor Town project officer-in-charge, left assists 1<sup>st</sup> LT. Eric Robinette, 633rd Civil Engineer Squadron officer-in-charge of engineering requirements, in putting up the Prime Base Engineering Force logo during a ribbon-cutting ceremony. After nearly 6 months of construction, the RED HORSE Repair Squadron Engineers team transferred authority to the base Prime Beef team.



Raptor Town sits completed at Langley Air Force Base. Personnel from five U.S. Air Force RED HORSE units came together for 22 weeks to complete construction of Raptor Town's roads, buildings and latrines, which are used for deployment-training exercises.



US. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Austin Harvill/Release

Next: Raptor Town, a simulated deployed environment at Langley Air Force Base, Va. RED HORSE reservist squadrons from across the United States came together at Langley AFB to build structures at Raptor Town. The squadrons ranged from the 567th RHS from near-by Seymour Johnson Air Force base, N.C., to the 555th RHS from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. The project began April 23 and concluded 1 October. It includes the construction of latrines, two pre-engineered storage buildings and a paved perimeter road that circles the training area.



Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers personnel construct a pre-engineered facility July 6 for the Raptor Town training area at Langley Air Force Base, Va. RED HORSE reservists come from all over the country on two-week rotations to work on Raptor Town for training.

**.08/13/2012-KRALJEVO, SERBIA: OHIO NATIONAL GUARD ENGINEERS WORK WITH SERBIAN ARMED FORCES ON SCHOOL RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

*Article and photos by Spc. Brian Johnson*

A 5.3 magnitude earthquake that occurred here on Nov. 3, 2010, was strong enough to be felt in neighboring countries and damaged almost 6,000 buildings in the town. One of the structures damaged was the Svetozar Markovic Primary School. Since early August this year, the Ohio National Guard and the Serbian Armed Forces have been teaming up to make improvements to portions of the school and fix the gym, which was damaged to such a degree that it hasn't been used in more than a year



**08/13/2012-KRALJEVO, SERBIA: OHIO  
Continued**



*Photo by Spc. Brian Johnson*

Soldiers and airmen from the Ohio National Guard and the Serbian 2nd army Brigade paint the exterior fence of the Svetozar Markovic Primary School Aug. 13, 2012, in Kraljevo, Serbia. As part of the State Partnership Program, the Ohio National Guard's 1194th Engineer Company and 200th Red Horse Squadron, and the Serbian 2nd army Brigade are working side by side to repair the school, which was damaged by an earthquake in late 2010.

Soldiers from the Chillicothe, Ohio-based 1194th Engineer Company, Airmen from the Camp Perry- and Mansfield-based 200th Red Horse (Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers) Squadron and engineers of the Serbian 2nd Army Brigade have been working together on this joint construction mission, which includes multiple projects such as replacing the gym floor, installing new playground equipment, repairing and installing a roof, and fixing and updating portions of the electrical wiring and plumbing.

Working with members of the Serbian Armed Forces has been a rewarding experience, said several Ohio National Guard soldiers and airmen.

We have soldiers from the Serbian army that are available to translate for us," said 1st Lt. Roger Nienberg, officer-in-charge of the joint mission and a member of the 200th Red Horse". If a translator is not available, some-

times both sides will use charades to explain what you need or want to accomplish. Everyone understands the overall concept of the project and what needs to be done."

Sgt. Matthew Birkofer, a member of the 1194th Engineer Company and a Cincinnati, Ohio, native, added: "We are all working together well. Everyone is open to everyone else's ideas; it does not matter who they are or what unit they are with."

Doing construction work in a foreign country creates a few challenges, Birkofer said. "The hardest thing that we have had to adjust to is the European Standard of construction," he said. "The overall construction concepts are the same but the Serbians have a different way of doing things."

Birkofer said there are also differences in assembling pipes, construction materials and electrical wiring that runs at a 220 voltage as opposed to the 120 voltage system used in the U.S.

The partnership between U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army and the Serbian Armed Forces is proving to be a mutually beneficial relationship," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Thomas Drzik of the 1194th. "We are all learning from each other. We feel that we are helping to foster an environment of international society"

The Ohio National Guard soldiers will continue their mission in Serbia through late August. The official completion date of the project was expected to be September.

(Photo next page) Sgt. Theo Calloway (Right) works to run wiring with Master Sgt. Monty Stiltner Aug. 8, 2012, at the Svetozar Markovic Primary School in Kraljevo, Serbia. More than 30 Ohio National Guard members are in Serbia as part of the State Partnership Program, working alongside their counterparts in the Serbian 2nd army Brigade to repair the school, which was damaged by an earthquake in late 2010.

**08/13/2012-KRALJEVO, SERBIA:  
Continued**



Mary Burce Warlick (left), U.S. Ambassador to Serbia, asks 1st Lt. Roger Nienberg a question Aug. 8, 2012, at the Svetozar Markovic Primary School in Kraljevo, Serbia. Warlick visited Ohio National Guard and Serbian Armed Forces engineers working at the school, which was damaged by an earthquake in 2010.



**08/19/2012-VIRGINIA BEACH AIR GUARD**

*by Sarah Hutchins, the Virginian Pilot*

It wasn't an easy deployment.

For eight months last year, the airmen of the Virginia Air National Guard's 203rd Red Horse Squadron upgraded airfield pavement, constructed buildings and poured concrete.

The more than 70 projects they completed in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait and elsewhere didn't leave time for much else.

There was only one way to describe it, Staff Sgt. Bronn James said: "A lot of work."

At Camp Pendleton on Saturday, officials recognized about 120 airmen of the Virginia Beach-based squadron and their families for their service.

"I couldn't be more proud of what you all did over there," Lt. Col. Peter Garner, the squadron commander, said.

During the deployment, the squadron served as part of the 1st Expeditionary Red Horse Group, a combination of active duty and Air National Guard, based in Southwest Asia. No one from the unit was killed or seriously injured in combat, Maj. Gen. Daniel E. Long Jr., adjutant general of Virginia, said.

"Not all units can say that," he added.

The work had its rewards, too.

For James and Senior Airman Daniel Hertzog, this deployment was a chance to travel and bond with fellow airmen they would normally see only a few times a year.

As the ceremony came to a close, officials individually thanked the airmen and presented them awards for their service. Family members snapped pictures and children whispered, "Stand up!" as a parent walked in front of the stage.

"You've done your part," Long said. "And my guess is... if we asked you to do it again, you'd do it again, so your moms and dads and sons and daughters can grow up and have the kind of life that you have or you want to have."

"To the Horse!" Garner cheered.

More than a hundred voices replied in unison: "To the Horse!"



**STABLE NOTES:**

Gen Meredith Update: Our thoughts and prayers go out to Brig. Gen Tom Meredith and his family as he undergoes treatment for cancer.

Thanks to AFCEA: Many thanks to Teresa Hood and others at AFCEA for providing some of the materials used in this newsletter.

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New Articles are needed: Please send anything concerning Prime BEEF and RED HORSE including photos to Dick Aldinger at [fam-dinger@aol.com](mailto:fam-dinger@aol.com) or mail to Dick at Dick Aldinger, 4088 Floralwood Ct., Orlando, FL 32812.

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- Aug 24, 1982 to Jul 31, 1984 (Lebanon/Grenada)
- Dec 20, 1989 to Jan 31, 1990 (Panama)
- Aug 02, 1990 to present (Gulf War/ War on Terrorism)

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