



# Charging Charlie Flier



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## REDHORSE ASSOCIATION'S "all in the family" Membership

**CMSgt Ray Eanes**, assigned to the 560th RHS at Charleston AFB, his wife Pattilynn, and Daughters Crystal, Alison and Holly have all joined the REDHORSE Association and they become our first all members of one family to do so.

"Ray 's father passed away recently and many of the HORSEMEN from the 560th RHS attended the funeral to be pall bearers, Pattilynn wrote, we had a memorial service w/American Legion Dan Post 1097 out of Danville, VA, 6 RED HORSE men from Charleston AFB drove up for just that one day to carry the casket, Patriot Guard Motorcycle Group lead the funeral (Ray & I were on his motorcycle leading the Patriots and Roanoke VA Soldiers who came to do the flag folding. Ray's Daddy served in the Army during the Korean War ". **RHA WELCOMES the entire EANES family, To the HORSE!**



**It's that time of the year again to renew your membership.** Annual membership is good from Jan 1st to Dec 31st of each year. We have exceeded all expectations with **NEW MEMBERSHIP**, and those members that have renewed to date. I know that Tom Gallagher our Vice President /Membership Director has and will be sending out email reminders to those members that have current email addresses in our system, and now would be a good time to update your email, phone number or home address if any of those have changed in the past year. Maybe some of you have thought of upgrading your membership to LIFER . . . We would sure love to present you with our very special one of a kind "LIFER PIN".

**For your convenience here is our dues schedule;**

- LIFER 18-44 yrs \$250.00, 45-55 yrs \$215.00, 56-65 yrs \$180.00, 66-above yrs \$125.00. (yrs = years of age)
- Renewal dues for those in uniform is \$10.00.
- Regular renewal dues is \$20.00

Send all dues renewals/upgrades to: REDHORSE Association, P O Box 8, Westminster CO 80036-0008



**We are always looking** for members interested in actively participating whether it be by monetary donations, real-estate, experience in professional/technical fields, filling a committee position, becoming a Board of Director or any other support. If you feel you have something that you would be willing to offer . . . Please feel free to contact me at [greg.macdougall@rhamail.org](mailto:greg.macdougall@rhamail.org) or REDHORSE Association, P O Box 936, Midway GA 31320.

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**Front cover photo:** TSgt Tom Lindsay, of the 202nd RHS at Camp Blanding FL using a backhoe in a road repair project As part of 202nd RHS field exercise held May 2-8 2009. Photo courtesy of SSgt Bill Nicholls 202nd RHS.

# WE WELCOME the following 123 NEW MEMBERS

## NEW LIFERS

Edward L. Chastain	557th RHS & Prime BEEF	Grady C. Jones	823rd RHS
James Braun	554th RHS	David W. Bordelon	823rd RHS
Horace M. Jones	560th RHS & Prime BEEF	Bill Meiser	201st, 557th & 809th ERHS
Kevin Newcomer	200th RHS	Philip G. Oldashi	555th RHS
William K. Helm	554th, 819th RHS		

## NEW REGULARS

Melvin R. Roberts 203rd, Thomas F. Jones 556th, James F. Baker Prime BEEF, Heath McGrew 823rd, Beth A. Kilgore 200th Det 1 RHS, Levi C. Baker Jr. 556th, Alan Meyer 556th, Brian Bednarski 200th Det 1, Annette Malaski Prime BEEF, Gerald J. Hochberg 201st, Mark Rolloff 554th, Shawn W. Stober Associate, Lawrence Jones 200th Det 1, Luis Ali 200th, Chelsea M. Clemens 200th, Kurt Swinehart 200th, Nate Sobieck 200th Det 1, Lawrence W. Jackson 823rd, Kevin Brennick 823rd, Bernard Kelley 556th, George R. Flick 201st, Tony Leonti 823rd, Joseph Corbett 820th, Daniel Oblinger 554th, Allen Angley 201st, Daniel L. Howard 554th, Benjamin T. Burson III 201st, Timothy Pugh 560th/ Prime BEEF, Dave Godin 201st, Tonya R. Blythe 560th, Steven W. Hill 555th, Horace L. Baker 560th/Prime BEEF, Carroll Senn 820th, Larry Hoskins 555th, Paul V. Hale 819th, Matthew R. Dickison 200th Det 1, Peter Bochniak 554th, Richard D. Ganyard Prime BEEF, Stacey Ochiltree 560th/Prime BEEF, T.W. Churchill 200th Det 1, Bryan J. Ogborn 819th, Raul O. Gomez 820th, Donald M. McNulty 554th/820th/823rd/Prime BEEF, Daniel Steenstra 201st Det 1, Dean T. Couzin 554th, James B. Woodyard Prime BEEF, James D. Osment 567th, Leanna I. Becker 567th, Richard Noakes 819th, Thomas G. Puterbaugh Prime BEEF, Harold D. Williams 557th/560th/ 819th/820th/823rd, David Volle 554th, Patrick McCann 200th, Todd Fritz 200th/554th/823rd, Wayne W. Reeves 567th, Robert J. Stephens 567th, Kenneth J. Marks 823rd, Edward J. Pagliassotti 556th/Prime BEEF, Todd A. Dorenkamp 554th/823rd/Prime BEEF, Thomas P. Butler 200th, Dan Oneil 554th, John M. Ogden 823rd, Gale Chase 556th, Richard C. Miranda 554th, Mark D. Starr 823rd, Stacy Nimmo 820th, Patrick D. Abbott 820th, Chester C. Lakes 823rd, Scott Morrill 203rd, David W. Mitchell 556th, Jerri Perry-Brown 203rd, James Roy 554th/CMSAF, Dillard Akers 554th, John H. MacDonald JR. 823rd, Michael A. Aimone 554th/819th, Joshua Moormann 823rd, Ronald A. Hearst 556th, Marvin E. Reed 819th, Jerry E. Smith 554th, Shannon E. O'Boyle Prime BEEF, Gregory J. Rosenmerkel 823rd/819th, Richard A. Pedone 820th, Walter Pierce 554th, Richard Corbin 819th, Peter S. Garner 203rd, Virgil W. Miller 823rd, Matthew A. Strnad 819th, Jay D. Seltzer Prime BEEF, Shondolyn Lagdameo 200th, Timothy A. Elliott 200th, Chris Mallory 200th, Reginald D. Clark Sr. 200th, Samuel J. Albury 554th, Paul R. Lowrance 555th, Eugene Kasunick 200th/Prime BEEF, Michael F.I. Martinez 254th, Terry L. Buffkin 554th/823rd, John Kayser 823rd/Prime BEEF, Joseph S. Kricho Prime BEEF, Ray D. Eanes 203rd/560th/Prime BEEF, Pattilynn A. Eanes Family Member, Holly F. Moore-Eanes Family Member, Alison Eanes Family Member, Crystal Eanes Baker Family Member, Gerald Hunt 560th, Robert Richard 254th/555th/557th, Michael Harper 820th/Prime BEEF, Scott A. Mulder 554th/820th, Richard Naumann 823rd, Karl Hofle 820th, Richard E. Rowe 554th, Daniel J. Farr 554th/823rd, Lila Spurgeon Prime BEEF, John E. Gross 819th RHS, Richard N. Olson 820th RHS, James R. Tripp 819th RHS.

**We also want to thank those of you who have renewed for 2010 and those of you that have upgraded to "LIFER"!**

# 202nd RED HORSE COMPLETES RIGOROUS UCI

By SSgt Bill Nicholls



MSgt Winston Edwards helps erect a tent during a 202nd RED HORSE Field Training exercise held recently at Camp Blanding Joint Training Center. Photo courtesy of SSgt Bill Nicholls.



SSgt Troy Casserotti wields a sledgehammer to pound in tent stakes during the annual 202nd RED HORSE field training exercise held recently at Camp Blanding Joint Training Center. Photo courtesy of SSgt Bill Nicholls.



TSgt Joshua Crews helps operate the single pallet expeditionary kitchen (S.P.E.K.) during the 202nd RED HORSE field exercise at Camp Blanding. The S.P.E.K. is capable of feeding 550 people per meal, runs on a 2KW generator, and heats water using a "Babington Burner". Photo courtesy of SSgt Bill Nicholls.

**Camp Blanding Joint Training Center, Florida** - - RED HORSE-- the Gators got nothing on you! Zero areas that did not comply! "You did an awesome job, and the Adjutant General will let the Governor know about this"--that was the assessment of Brigadier General Joseph Balskus on a Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI) completed on the 202nd RED HORSE Squadron. General Balskus (Commander of the Florida Air Guard) said 202nd RHS had "zero areas that did not comply! Only one other time in RED HORSE history did they have a RED HORSE unit that had zero areas that did not comply, and that was ten years ago! The signage, landscaping, foyer with the big screen television, attitude, and most important of all--the heart--it all counted. I'm proud of each and every one of you!"

Eighteen U.S.A.F. inspectors and eight observers evaluated the 202nd RED HORSE in Logistics, Supply, Vehicle Maintenance, Services as well as many other areas. 202nd RHS Commander Colonel Jack Paschal said "RED HORSE performance was outstanding. We had zero does not comply, and no findings." (does not comply/findings would have been areas not in compliance and/or significant deficiencies). Colonel Paschal said the UCI team "dug very, very hard". The average RED HORSE unit has about six does not comply (DNC) areas, we had zero". The UCI team evaluated everything, they dug, dug and dug some more. They checked compliance with Air Force rules and regulations, as well as domestic laws and public laws. Unit Compliance Inspections serve a purpose, because they force us to be in compliance with rules and regulations, which we always try to , of course--but there are always little nuggets they see, because they're the experts in that field. We did extremely well for one reason: Team! It's always the Team!"

Operations CMSgt Douglas Gilbert said, "the comments I received from the inspectors all had a consistent theme: Remarkable! Best we've seen in ten years! Obvious preparation, great attitude!" Chief Gilbert said, "an additional positive factor was that when UCI members went out on the 202nd RH compound, every Airmen was engaged, motivated, working--pouring concrete, building a wall--it was all good stuff, and this was a very rigorous UCI". 🐾





# President's Notes

**From the officers and Board of Directors**, we wish all of you a very **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**.

Please keep all of our men and women in uniform and their families in your thoughts and prayers . . .

*“Let the spirit of love gently fill your hearts and homes. In this loveliest of seasons and may you find many reasons for happiness”.*

Greg MacDougal, President RHA.

## Operation Feed The Stable

**If you would like to send care packages to the deployed RED HORSE troops** these Airmen are currently working in over 10 sites spread throughout the AOR and many of these sites have limited supplies. Operation Feed The Stable will help provide these great Airmen essential items that will improve morale, healthcare and overall well-being.

**A complete list of requested items can be found on our web site at [www.rhassn.us/pdf/operationfeedthestable.pdf](http://www.rhassn.us/pdf/operationfeedthestable.pdf)** but here is a partial list: FOOD ITEMS; beef jerky, Kraft Easy Mac, M&M's, microwave popcorn, power bars, lollipops. FEMALE ITEMS; Feminine hygiene products, hair bands/clips (black or brown), hair spray/gel. PRACTICAL ITEMS; Toothbrush/paste, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, mouth wash, Q-tips, nail clippers, chap stick. (Again this is just a partial list, the full list can be found on our site listed above).

**WHAT NOT TO SEND**: Pornographic material, Alcohol or Drugs, Pork Products, Fruit & vegetables. (please refer to the USPS website at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) and search for postal bulletin for a complete list of prohibited items).

**MAILING INSTRUCTIONS**: 1. Place items that could leak or melt in a leak proof zip-sealed bag.  
2. Double tape all seams on box with strong packing or shipping tape.  
3. Please place a note with your name and address so we can send you An "Appreciation Certificate".  
4. Please label all packages with the following address,

OPERATION FEED THE STABLE  
ATTN: 1 ERHG SVS/NCOIC  
1 ERHG  
APO AE 09309

"We would like to thank all of you for your support! It is a great pleasure for us to serve in the United States Air Force to protect and defend our great country!"  
TO THE HORSE!

# There 's a NEW HORSE in town, a RED HORSE!

Rogers and Jean Craig have added a grand addition to their ranch in Marlin, TX. A life size statue of THE HORSE.

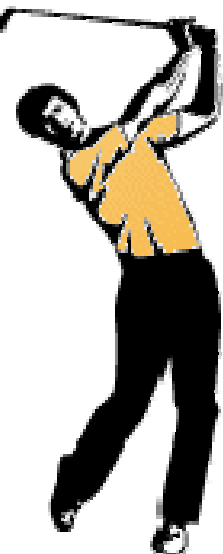


( We returned from the RHA convention at Branson with so much RH paraphernalia that we decided to establish a 2nd RH Display that features a rearing red horse. Both displays are shown above ).

We want to thank Greg, Tom and Paul and all the other attendees who released some of their treasured mementos ( note the VC Battle Flag ) so that they could be prominently displayed in our RH exhibit area here in Marlin. We understand that Bruce Powell may have the long lost and much sought after bell housing with him when he attends the 555 CES Recall in October. This will be a welcome addition to our display. We will then have all the components needed for the bell. Rogers has had the clapper for a long time. I've been meaning to talk to him about that.

The Craig's have hosted the 555th CES ( HR ) Recall reunion for the past several years and have also graciously agreed to add the *Annual REDHORSE Association Golf Classic* to their event. ( see related story on page 7 ). This years *2nd Annual REDHORSE Association Golf Classic* was another huge success with \$600.00 being added to the RHA Scholarship and Morale Fund. Over 30 participants participated in a fun filled day of Golfing, comrade, prizes, and wonderful dinner. The Marlin Country Club again opened their hearts and facility to warmly welcome us to yet another successful and enjoyable fun filled day of Golf.

The folks at the **Marlin Country Club** are counting the days until we return for the *3rd Annual REDHORSE Association Golf Classic* , which will be held FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2010 at the MARLIN COUNTRY CLUB in MARLIN, TX. For more info contact either Greg MacDougal, ( [greg.macdougal@rhamail.org](mailto:greg.macdougal@rhamail.org) ) or Rogers Craig ( [rogers.craig@rhamail.org](mailto:rogers.craig@rhamail.org) ). Looking forward to seeing you all on the links in Marlin, TX. We are planning some very special surprises, you will not want to miss! All proceeds will go to the RHA Scholarship/Morale fund.



# REUNION EVENT for 15 VIETNAM VETS

**Marlin Texas-** For many years, Rogers and Jean Craig have hosted various events at their home at #1 Mesquite Tree Lane in Marlin, but this year, the event that was held this past weekend ( October 16-17, 2009 ) was extra special.

As a member of the 555th Civil Engineering Squadron ( RED HORSE ), Rogers pulled out all the stops for the 40th reunion of the 15 members of the 555th unit that served together in Vietnam, and to celebrate the 90th Birthday of their Squadron commander, Col. Maynard Hamilton.

This unit trained together, deployed together, and worked together during their tour of duty in 1969, and have remained a close-knit group ever since. This reunion marks the first time that all 15 will be together, at the same time and the same place, in the

40 years that have slipped away since. Retired Brig. General Archie Mayes, Commander of all RED HORSE units in Vietnam, was also on hand for the celebration.

According to recount of events written by unit members Jerry Stokes and John Moore, “ By 1968 the war in Vietnam had reached a crescendo both in terms of the men and material being poured into the war as well as the growing debate over the war and increasing opposition to it throughout American society . . .

“ Yet, in the face of all the doubt, disillusionment, the ambiguity and the chaos that was sweeping the country and defining the war in Vietnam, 15 U S Air Force officers and 500 enlisted men stepped forward in late 1968 and volunteered to serve in Vietnam in a RED HORSE Heavy Construction and Repair Engineering Unit, the USAF version of the Navy Sea Bees and Army Corps of Engineers. ”

They went on to say, “in October 1968, with orders for Vietnam in hand, were sent to Florida for training and in early December, said goodbye to loved ones and packed their gear to move out and boarded an Air Force C- 141.

And 27 hours later were deposited on the shores of the South China Sea, half a world away from everything we knew and all those we loved, except, as time would prove, one another. ”

When all were gathered at the Craig ’ s home this past weekend, the celebration began with tears of joy and laughter that bounced off the walls. Everyone was treated to a wonderful weekend that featured a golf tournament, plenty of great food, and an ample portion of camaraderie. ( This article was courtesy of ~~The Marlin Democrat~~, Marlin, TX. )



TOGETHER AGAIN- For 15 members, and their commanding officer, of the 555th Civil Engineering Squadron ( RED HORSE ) this past weekend ( Oct 16-17 2009 ) was just as memorable as their first meeting. This reunion marked the first time in 40 years that all 15 members of their unit were together. Host for the event, Rogers Craig, is pictured at right with his Texas star shirt



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A collection of photos of RHA events that have taken place this past year. More photos in future issues as space permits.

