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The **Official** Newsletter of the REDHORSE Association

Summer-Fall 2008



UP COMING EVENTS

Date: October 16-19, 2008

555th CES RED HORSE Reunion & RHA Golf Classic

Rogers and Jean Craig and the Marlin Country Club are looking forward to hosting this event.

HORSEMEN from all units are invited.

Several activities are scheduled for this event
Including the REDHORSE Association Golf Classic

(schedule of events listed on the inside Page 7)

Ronnie Murphey will be grilling his world famous "Killer Ribs".

"our goal is to have fun, enjoy good food and provide ample visiting time for everyone"

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We have added a NEW light weight jacket to our store!

The **new jacket** sells for **\$30.00** (includes shipping) RED in color, water repellant, net lining on the inside, tie strings on bottom, elastic cuffs on sleeves, two side pockets, snap closures on front with our RHA logo embroidered on front left breast area. We have up to 3XL sizes.

Might as well **Order yours today!**

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Presidents Notes

Nadine and I wish to thank **Dave and Donna Giudici**, hosts of the recent North central regional Roundup, in Peoria, IL for a most enjoyable, gale of laughter and first-class event, we were elated to have been there. I've heard that "laughter is the best medicine," that being true, everyone that attended this event should definitely be very, very healthy for quite some time. All I'm going to add is . . . *one way driving and U turns in Peoria will never be viewed the same again . . .*, and WEARING SEAT BELTS in the back seat IS A MUST!!!

1. **Since our last newsletter** we have had **several significant events** take place that may be of interest to you.
 - A. **Our Tax exempt status** under section 501 (c) 19 has been approved by the IRS, which means all contributions are tax deductible as of **July 3, 2002**.
 - B. **The April 28 BOD Meeting** held in Fort Indiantown Gap, PA , The RHA BOD's nominated and elected Nadine MacDougal as the Treasurer for the RHA, this was effective **May 14, 2008**. She has been the assistant treasurer for over a year.
 - C. **The South east regional Vice president's position** has been filled by Steve H. Kirkpatrick. Steve has been a member of the RHA since 2005 and a LIFER since 2007, he was assigned to the 557th and 823rd RHS 1971-74 and he lives in Jupiter, FL. The south east is our biggest region with over 300 active and inactive RHA members.
 - D. **"Charlie"** is one step closer to getting to our RH troops, more to follow, soon.

2. **The membership Challenge** to sign up at least one new member is going strong, Many of you have stepped up to the challenge. **Andy Gilliland**, RHA BOD member # 72 has **11 new members** (3 of which are LIFERS) to his list so far. Great effort to you all. We are fast approaching that **1,000th member**.

3. **All RHA BOD members, the next BOD meeting** will be **October 25, 2008, in FWB FL.**, At the Ramada Plaza Beach Resort, (800) 472-1790 for reservations, room rates for us are \$80.00 per night. Proposed agenda will be sent out in September for your review.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

To the HORSE!

Greg

Front cover photo: by Dave Giudici

Taken in front of the Caterpillar Factory in Peoria, IL. This facility makes the D-6, D-7, D-8, D-9 D-10 and D-11. Pictured from left to right are; Dave Giudici, George Eyestone, Greg MacDougal, Tom Gallagher, Jim Hodges and Allen Yost.

The monster pictured here is a 1971 D-10, that's one HUGE piece of equipment.

We wish to thank both Dave Giudici for arranging this very informational tour with the assistance of; Shelley Davis, corporate tours, customer program consultant, corporate public affairs, Caterpillar.

WE WELCOME the following 61 NEW Members to the REDHORSE Association.

NEW LIFERS

Stephen M. McCollan	200 Det 1 RHS	Raymond W. Rodes	1 CEG, 823 RHS
Howard Benach	201 RHS	John P. Miles	Prime BEEF
Terry Robinson	200, 201 557 RHS	Arthur P. Martini	1 CEG, Prime BEEF
Mary K. Skomrock	200, Family Member	Allen Yost	823 RHS

NEW REGULARS

Patrick L. Short	554 RHS	Phillip A. Hayes	555 RHS
Billy M. Tanner	555 RHS	Jeff Smith	820 RHS
Joseph A. Alcairo	254 RHS	John R. Slate	554 RHS
Lou Roane, Sr.	555, 819 RHS	Leland Hall	823, Prime BEEF
Russell DePriest	820, Prime BEEF	Aubrey Hickman	555 RHS
Charlie Taylor	201 RHS	Donald A. Jones	819 RHS
Mike Cotton	556 RHS	Michael Avila	Prime BEEF
Robert Swanson	200, Prime BEEF	Dean D. Welter	554 RHS
James A. McCormick	820 RHS	Patrick B. Kasper	201 RHS
Jason C. DeCoster	557, Prime BEEF	Ben Gardner	201 RHS
Ronda Fawber	201 RHS	Daniel Tack	200 RHS
Nathan Smith	200 RHS	Ray F. Lufkin	554,555,556,819,820, PB
Cameron W. Wagoner	200 RHS	John Pace	201, Prime BEEF
Scott L. Sparks	200 Det 1 RHS	Francis Luft	819 RHS
Frederick R. Potter	823 RHS	Valance J. Serpas	554 RHS
Mike Bernardo	554 RHS	Gerard McGill	820, 823 RHS
William Blight	Prime BEEF	Alfonso A. Pulido	201, Prime BEEF
Donald E. Wise	554, 820 RHS	David R. Rogers	557 RHS
Wayne R. Walton	823 RHS	John T. Campbell, Jr.	200 RHS
Simon Brakhage	200, Prime BEEF	Michael Crosser	200 RHS
Richard Brenizer	200 RHS	Gary Stansberry	200 Det 1 RHS
David A. Strohm	200 Det 1 RHS	Victor Conley	200, 823 RHS
Troy Siebenaler	200 RHS	Brian A. Lauderman	200 RHS
Ronnie G. Murphey	555 RHS	Stephanie Nagy	200 RHS
James R. Creighton	554 RHS	Jon Wheeler	Prime BEEF
Roy A Martin	554 RHS	John H. Storm	554 RHS
Paul R. Nigro	823 RHS		



RHA North Central Roundup Peoria IL
Dave And Donna Giudici recently hosted a **North central regional roundup in Peoria IL**. REDHORSE Association members came from all over the North central, North east and the South east. Those traveling the furthest were Tom And Marcia Gallagher from Inverness, FL. Those that attended represented many RED HORSE units, 554th, 555th, 556th, 819th, 829th, 823rd and Prime BEEF. Some old friends were reunited and many new friendships were established.

(seated) Pearl Hodges, (Standing L-R) Marcia Gallagher, Kathy Spallinger, Nadine MacDougal, Donna Giudici, and Nancy Eyestone.

This roundup was slightly different in the fact that it was held in the middle of the week as opposed to the week end, which added to the creativity of the events and special activities.

As it goes with all roundups, the prime focus was on fun and comradery, renewing old and making new friendships, and reminiscing, in short just sharing the RED HORSE/Prime BEEF spirit. Jim and Pearl Hodges brought along their young grandson, Austin and he seemed to have had a great time as well. It was a real pleasure to meet him as he is such a nice young man, and he took very good care of his grandparents. (for which he received a RED hat and Presidents coin)

On June 12, Dave planned and arranged a tour of the Peoria Caterpillar Dozer factory, which gave us all a better understanding of the impressive efforts that go into producing such a magnificent and immense piece of equipment.

On June 13, many of the ladies went shopping and exploring the local area as the guys paid a visit to the local Amvets post and some shopping of our own.

On June 14, a grand buffet was experienced by all with a lot of laughter and good food.

I have heard whispers of another one being planned in the near future and will keep everyone informed, however there is no need to wait, when, as Dave and Donna have discovered, its not difficult, and very rewarding to set up and host a roundup. There is no reason why a roundup cannot be planed for every region, as it appears to be a very positive and eventful endeavor. Of course, everyone cannot make them all, nor are they expected to, however, the more roundups we hold will give more folks the opportunity to attend an event closer to their area. I will certainly help anyone that chooses to take on this very rewarding effort. Greg



New LIFER Alan Yost (center) being pined (Regional VP Dave Giudici (left) & President MacDougal (right))



The ladies enjoying each others company



All enjoying a great meal together



(L-R) Tom Gallagher, Jim Hodges, George Spallinger, David Giudici, Austin Nicholson, Greg MacDougal, and George Eyestone



Plenty of stories to go around



Presenting George Eyestone (left) with a presidents coin for his efforts in helping make us greater

REDHORSE Association 2009 Convention

A little over a year away, it's not too early to make your plans and arrangements now.

The Dates, are August 30, - September 5, 2009

The Hotel of Choice, Ramada Resort & Conference Center, **(800) 641-4106**, Make Hotel reservations directly with the hotel.

1700 W. Hwy 76, Branson, MO 65616. Room rates are **\$64.00 per night**,

Be sure to mention National REDHORSE Association to receive our special rate. We were only able to reserve 90 rooms and we expect these to fill up fast, when they are gone you will need to make other arrangements with other Hotels.

1. Ramada resort and Conference Center, Branson, MO offers discount tickets for Silver Dollar City, Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theater, Dixie Stampede, and many other Branson attractions.

2. A full complimentary breakfast buffet is offered daily for those staying at the Ramada. (bacon, sausage, and ham \$1.95 additional). Available for guests staying at other hotels for \$8.95 per person.

3. The REDHORSE Association convention registration form is on the reverse side of this page and can be filled out and mailed in with your payment, check, money order, credit card info.

4. **Early bird registration's** must be paid in full by **June 15, 2009**, and will receive a sports/drink bottle. **All registrations** must be paid in full and received by **August 5, 2009**.

* **Special Payment arrangements** may be established by contacting our Secretary, **Paul Sattler** at address on reverse side. **This is a special service we're willing to offer our members.** Again, All payments must be paid in full NLT **August 5, 2009**.

More updated information will be posted on our web site www.rhassn.us as it becomes finalized, so please keep checking the site often. If you have **any questions** about the **2009 convention** direct them to me.

To the HORSE!

Greg MacDougal, President
REDHORSE Association
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Midway, GA 31320
president@redhorseassociation.org



REDHORSE ASSOCIATION membership CONVENTION 2009 REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF THIS FORM BEFORE MAILING

Registration Procedures (please read carefully)

- * Do not include hotel deposits or reservations with this registration form.
- * Make hotel reservations directly with the hotel (800-641-4106) by deadline JULY 31, 2009.
- * Include your membership number where requested on this form.
- * Early bird registrations must be received NLT JUNE 15, 2009.
- * All registrations must be received NLT AUGUST 5, 2009.
- * If you are flying, be sure to fill in flight arrival/departure info if you want free transportation.
- * If you should require any special assistance/needs be sure its noted.
- * Make ALL checks or money orders payable to REDHORSE ASSOCIATION.
- * Cancellations on or before AUGUST 28, 2009 will be refunded less \$25.00 per person.

Registrant Information

Name _____ Name on badge _____
 Spouse name _____ Name on badge _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone number _____ Email address _____
 RHA Membership # _____ Active duty yes Rank _____ Unit _____

- Check here if you are flying: Flight #, date and time of arrival _____
(we need this info if you wish FREE transportation to the hotel)
- Check here if you are driving an RV and require parking/hookups. AHR 2TH 0001
- Check here if you require any special assistance/needs *(discrcribe)* _____

Registration Fees

If you are an Early bird and paid in full by JUNE 15, 2009 you and your spouse *(if applicable)* will each get a nice **sports/drink bottle.**

Convention Fees:

Registration Fee \$50.00 per person.....X number of people ____ = \$ _____
 Tuesday night banquet is \$25.00 per person.....X number of people ____ = \$ _____
Total: \$ _____

(Includes Tax and Gratuity, buffet includes meatloaf, baked chicken breast, lasagna w/meat sauce, BBQ pulled pork, fresh green beans, buttered corn, new potatoes, fresh green salad, fresh baked rolls, butter, dessert assortment, and drinks)

Method of payment

Check Money order Credit card
 Credit card info: Visa MC Discover
 Name (as it is on card) _____
 Card # _____ Exp date _____
 3 digit sec # _____ Signature _____

Mail to: **REDHORSE Association**
P O Box 8
Westminster, CO 80036-0008

Admin use only

Date received _____ Amount Received _____
 Check # _____ Money Order# _____
 Credit card PayPal Confirmation # _____
 Remarks: _____

 Processed by: _____
 Date confirmation sent out _____

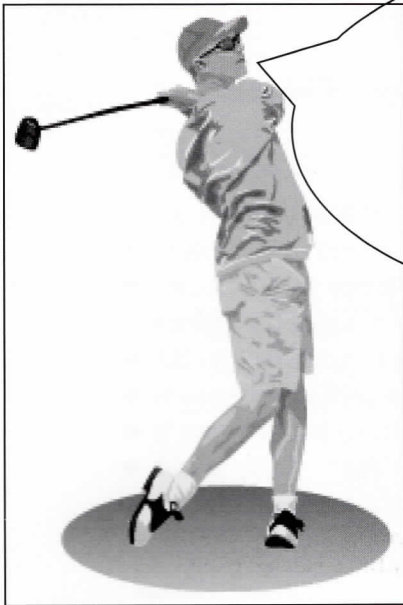
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**The Craig's and Marlin Country Club Reunion and Golf Classic
October 16-19, 2008
Schedule of Events**

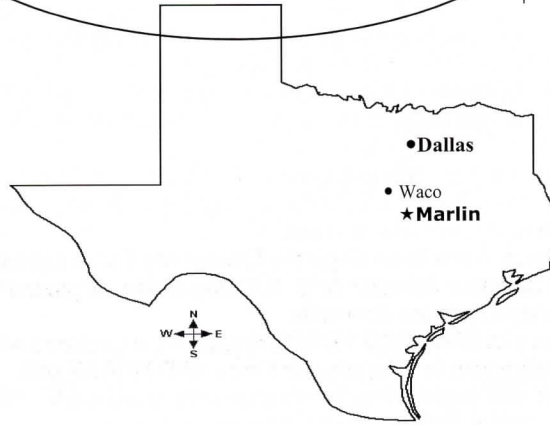
16 October 1800 Hrs	Thursday Happy Hour at 1 Mesquite Tree Lane (The Craig's home) with heavy Hors D'Oeuvres
17 October 0900 Hrs	Friday Tee Time for REDHORSE Association Golf Classic (Marlin Country Club)
1200 Hrs	For Non-Golfers - Lunch at the Country Corner (the best catfish in central Texas)
1300-1800 Hrs	Visiting and Shopping for Non-Golfers
1800 Hrs	Happy Hour and Dinner at the Marlin Country Club
18 October 0700-0800 Hrs	Saturday Take advantage of nearby jogging/walking trail Weight room and Sauna also available
0900 Hrs	Breakfast at local restaurants or enjoy burritos and doughnuts at the Craig's
1000 Hrs	RHA Board of Directors committee meetings At the Marlin Country Club
1100 Hrs	Non- RHA BOD committee members personnel report To 1 Mesquite Tree Lane for BBQ assignments to set up tables & chairs, ice down beer and soda, and visiting on back patio while observing Murphey's grilling technique
1400 Hrs	BBQ featuring Murphey's Killer Ribs
1400-1800 Hrs	Entertainment provided by "Neon Texas"
19 October 1000 Hrs	Sunday Breakfast at the Craig's (SOS, Breakfast pizza, Bloody Mary's etc) Depart when ready and able

Check out the web site www.rhassn.us periodically for updates and directions

We are hoping to make this Golf Classic an annual fundraising event for the RHA.



**REDHORSE Association
Golf Classic**
Friday October 17, 2008
Marlin Country Club
Marlin, TX
(254) 803-6101



FORMAT: A, B, C, D Players
(players will be drawn)
Total 60 players

COST: \$40.00 per player for Non-Marlin CC member (\$20.00 for Marlin CC member)

Includes: Green fees, cart and prizes
If you want to play Golf
Send your **\$40.00**

(NLT September 17, 2008)

To:
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P O Box 8
Westminster, CO 80036-0008

NOTE: Please be sure to send your **Handicap**
So that we can include you
In the proper group

*On behalf of the REDHORSE Association, I want to thank **Rogers and Jean Craig and the Marlin Country Club** for extending this opportunity to us and hope that **ALL** RHA members will support this event in **any way** you can. To the HORSE! Greg*

We want this to be a successful
Annual FUNDRAISER for ...
The REDHORSE ASSOCIATION,
That will jumpstart our **scholarship**
program and other significant
membership **OUTREACH** educational
programs.
We appreciate your Support!



Air Force beefs up RED HORSE capabilities

by Staff Sgt. Drew Nystrom
Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

6/4/2008 - **ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga.** -- Starting this year, Air Force Reserve Command will convert some positions and move others to give the Air Force a larger RED HORSE force.

The Air Force needs more rapid engineer deployable heavy operational repair squadron engineer Airmen to support the Global War on Terror. To meet that need and support the Total Force, AFRC will create 446 RED HORSE authorizations.

"The combatant commanders requested more RED HORSE capability," said Lt. Col. Joe Ballard, chief of the civil engineer's readiness division at Headquarters AFRC. "A lot of the work going on in Iraq and Afghanistan is reconstruction and force beddown; of course, it is in a war environment."

In October, the command will start converting Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force squadrons to RED HORSE squadrons at Charleston AFB, S.C., and Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. Reservists displaced by Base Realignment and Closure actions will have an opportunity to join the new units.

In addition, the Air Force Reserve will move its 556th RED HORSE Squadron at Lackland AFB, Texas, to Hurlburt Field, Fla., where the squadron will associate with the Regular Air Force RED HORSE unit.

RED HORSE units deploy rapid-response civil engineering forces anywhere in the world. They are able to operate independently from other units in remote, high-threat, bare-base locations.

With their heavy equipment, they can build and repair facilities and infrastructure when requirements exceed normal base civil engineer capabilities. They can also carve out airstrips to launch and recover aircraft in remote areas.

In addition to fighting the Global War on Terror, RED HORSE Airmen go to Third World nations in support of humanitarian operations such as New Horizons, improving basic living conditions in impoverished communities, constructing schools, medical facilities, roads, and drilling wells.

Reservists in the civil engineer squadrons at Charleston AFB and Seymour Johnson AFB will receive advance training to meet RED HORSE requirements. People affected by BRAC actions at other locations will have an opportunity to join the new units.

Colonel Ballard said the Air Force picked Charleston AFB and Seymour Johnson AFB because the bases are near major ports for moving equipment and have excellent recruiting and combat readiness histories.

Moving the Air Force Reserve's 556th RHS to Hurlburt Field to associate with the Regular Air Force's 823rd RHS is in keeping with Total Force Integration initiatives.

"The optimum situation is to place our units at a location where an active-duty squadron is already located," said Clyde Wilkins of the civil engineer's plans and initiatives branch, Headquarters AFRC.

In another TFI initiative, the Reserve's 555th RHS at Nellis AFB, Nev., will formally associate with the Regular Air Force's 820th RHS at Nellis AFB.

Mr. Wilkins said, associating active-duty and Air Force Reserve units, an approach Air Force flying units began 40 years ago, is an effective way to enhance a unit's capabilities.

According to Mr. Wilkins, the associate unit at Nellis AFB will be postured as a classic association. That means the active-duty RED HORSE unit will share its equipment with the Reserve unit.

The Air Force Reserve's 307th RED HORSE Squadron will stay at Barksdale AFB, LA. It will remain available to augment the 554th RED HORSE Squadron at Andersen AFB, Guam, in case of contingency operations, Lt Colonel Ballard said.

The Air Force Reserve's new RED HORSE units will not associate with active-duty RED HORSE squadrons. Instead, the reservists will associate with Airmen in the active-duty Prime BEEF civil engineer units at their respective bases, said Mr. Wilkins.

In the active associate relationship, the Air Force Reserve units will own the equipment and share it with active-duty civil engineers.

Colonel Ballard said, through the associations, the Air Force expects to improve readiness and efficiency by sharing equipment, facilities and resources that will in-turn get Airmen trained and keep them proficient with fewer resources. AFRC officials said they realize moving a unit and reorganizing two others affects Citizen Airmen.

"The good news is, just as in the BRAC situations affecting bases Air Force-wide, the opportunity to stay with those units is there," said Colonel Ballard. "There will be opportunities at Charleston AFB and Seymour Johnson AFB."

He said manpower and personnel people in the command's clearing housing continue to work to help displaced Citizen Airmen find jobs. (Air Force Reserve Command News Service)

REDHORSE Association Educational Outreach Speakers program

Recently, the **Savannah Georgia Chapter 137** of the **Air Force Association** held its quarterly membership meeting, highlighting the REDHORSE Associations President Greg MacDougal as their featured guest speaker. Over 30 members in attendance listened as President MacDougal spoke about the **REDHORSE Association** and the factual, historical, military and humanitarian operational impact that RED HORSE and Prime BEEF units have and continue to make around the world. President MacDougal answered many questions from the audience that indicated they were not aware of the impact RED HORSE and Prime BEEF have on the current GWOT. AFA Savannah Chapter 137 President Ed Wexler presented RHA President MacDougal with a very nice Citation of Appreciation on behalf of the AFA Savannah Chapter 137 members.



Below is a short essay that RHA Life member, Jim and Pearl Hodges grandson, **Austin Nicholson, age nine** wrote in response to a challenge "What does RED HORSE mean to you?" **Well done Austin!** Enjoy the coin and your RED hat, it was a pleasure meeting you. Greg

I think Redhorse means
 Responsible People who
 get the job done and who
 you can count on ~~in~~ a loss
 friendship

Redhorse means rapid Engineer
 Deployable --- Heavy Operations
 Repair Squadron Engineer



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