



"THE CHARGING CHARLIE"

Prime BEEF and RED HORSE Newsletter



FEATURED IN THIS ISSUE:

GUAM'S 72ND LIBERATION DAY PARADE AND CELEBRATION

Military service members and their families joined the local community to commemorate 72 years since the day U.S. armed forces liberated the island of Guam from Japanese occupation and control during World War II. During World War II, Japan seized Guam on December 10, 1941, and on July 21, 1944, the U.S. armed forces liberated the island. (DVIDS Press Release, 21 July 2016.)



U.S. Airmen with the 554th and 254th Red Horse Squadrons march in the 72nd Guam Liberation Day parade in Hagåtña, Guam. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Cierra Presentado/Released)



Liberation Day is celebrated every year on July 21 to mark the day Guam was liberated by U.S. armed forces from Japanese occupation during World War II. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech Sgt. Richard P. Ebensberger/Released)



U.S. Service members present the colors at the celebration ceremony. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jacob Skovo/Released)



Marines place a ceremonial wreath at the Marine memorial. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 2nd Class Kristina D. Rasco/Released)



Firefighters assigned to the 36th Civil Engineer Squadron, spray a group of citizens. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech Sgt. Richard P. Ebensberger/Released)

THIS NEWSLETTER IS DEDICATED TO AIR FORCE MILITARY CIVIL ENGINEERS (REDHORSE AND Prime BEEF) PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

PRESIDENT'S STABLE

October 2016



Welcome to all the NEW members that have recently joined the Association. I want to let everyone know our membership plan for 2017. As usual we will send out an e-mail message to all about renewing their membership and paying their dues sometime early in November. Hopefully everyone will respond to that message and send in their dues. Association dues are our main source of income. Then shortly after the New Year we will send out a hard copy dues notice to all who haven't responded thus far. Save us the postage, send your dues in early.

I want to let everyone know that your board has just had a meeting. A committee has been reviewing our by-laws. The intent of the change is to simplify the by-laws where possible, but in some cases additional clarification was required. The entire board at our recent Board meeting agreed on the changes, and to present these changes to the membership for approval during the Association's business meeting at the 2017 Lexington Convention.

We are a federally recognized 501 (C) 19 nonprofit organization. We consulted an attorney to ensure our by-laws are in line with the guidance provided by the federal tax code. Anyone wanting a copy of the revised by-laws to review, send me a note and I'll either send you a copy electronically or snail mail, however you contact me.

After our last convention we also received a lot of feedback about the need for a name change. A committee is also looking at the pros and cons of this possibility and this will also be brought up during our 2017 Convention business meeting. A possible new name could be the RED HORSE and PRIME BEEF Association. A name change would require us to take further actions but if it is the desire of the membership we will.

There is also an article in this newsletter asking for anyone interested in joining the board of directors at our 2017 Convention election of Board of Directors to let me know. I want to publish a short bio about our nominees in a newsletter before the convention, I want our membership to be able to make an informed decision. The term of the Board of Directors is four (4) years, with half the board up for election at each convention.

Our 2017 convention is shaping up as one you do not want to miss. The board has toured the convention facilities as well as the Buffalo Trace Distillery, the Waveland museum for a possible tea, and the Kentucky Horse Park as some off site attractions we would like to include as part of the agenda for this convention. Lexington has so much to see and do. On the history side of our convention we are planning on looking at RED HORSE and PRIME BEEF in the years after the Vietnam War through about 1990. We will certainly have a section on current events in RED HORSE and PRIME BEEF. We have gotten tentative commitments from some very good speakers. We anticipate having at least one possibly two new challenge coins out for this convention.

My last comment is to remind you that my ear is always available, please contact me with your comments and concerns via email at randy.eckert@rhamail.org or by snail mail at 701 Center Drive, Palmyra, PA 17078.

TO THE HORSE

Randy Eckert, Interim President

PRIME BEEF 1 VIETNAM DEPLOYMENT

Base Engineer Emergency Force Number 1 Southeast Asia Deployment; *Story by Bruce F. Swafford, SMSG, USAF, Retired, PRIME, BEEF 1, CECOG & CEC, June 2016.*

The need for aircraft revetments for safety was made clear when on 15 May 1965 a tragic action occurred at Bien Hoa Airbase in South Vietnam. An accidental detonation of a bomb on a wing of a loaded B-57 aircraft caused the sympathetic denotation destroying 45 USAF and VNAF aircraft and killing 26 Americans and wounding over 60. Then on 24 August 1965, 45 aircraft were damaged during a mortar attack on Bien Hoa Air Base.

Existing construction agencies in Southeast Asia were unable to support an emergency requirement for aircraft revetments. So HQ. PACAF requested the use of Prime BEEF (Base Engineer Emergency Force) teams to erect revetments.

Three Major Air Commands were instructed by HQ. USAF to provide Prime BEEF teams for deployment to Southeast Asia. ADC and ATC handpicked highly skilled personnel from several base civil engineering squadrons within their command to form two 25 men Prime BEEF construction teams. SAC provided a 3 man Advanced Survey Team from March AFB, California and a 25 man Prime BEEF construction team from Biggs AFB, Texas.

Officers and key NCO's from each team attended a mission briefing conducted by Lt. Colonel William T. Meredith and Major Stanley A. Kachel from HQ. USAF at Eglin AFB, FL on 14 July 1965. The theory and concept of PRIME BEEF



Survey / Planning Teams Determine Urgent Requirements

and the mission of the deployment to Southeast Asia were discussed along with the importance of Prime BEEF efforts to the future of Air Force Civil Engineering.

This deployment would give the Air Force the chance to demonstrate a construction capability in a combat zone to satisfy the urgent requirement that could not be met by other construction agencies. Prime BEEF Team #1 accomplishments could lead to the justification of the development of large Air Force Civil Engineering Construction units. The group also discussed aircraft revetment construction methods.

The three main "Prime BEEF" construction teams of 25 men each arrived at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Vietnam on 8 August 1965. Lt. General Joseph H. Moore, Commander of 2nd Air Division met the aircraft and welcomed all the "Prime BEEF" personnel to Vietnam. The ADC team remained at Tan Son Nhut Air Base while the ATC team moved on to Bien Hoa Air Base and the SAC team was airlifted to Danang Air Base.



Construction Teams On Their Way To Vietnam For Urgent Protective Aircraft Revetments

All three teams, upon reaching the bases and finding no revetment kits to erect, directed maximum effort towards stockpiling fill material and site prepping revetment sites. When the kits did arrive it became 12 hours a day, seven days a week. The ADC Team erected 4,700 ft. of steel bin revetments 12 ft. high and 5.5 ft. wide, and filled with 11,800 cubic yards of sand. The ATC team erected 3,800 ft. of revetments filled with laterite. The SAC team erected 3,540 ft. of revetments filled with laterite.



Tan Son Nhut, ADC team had to provide parking area for F-100 aircraft.

All revetment construction was completed by the teams on Oct 23, 1965 well ahead of schedule. The teams were then instructed to assist the base engineers with construction backlog until their departure in early December 1965.

Prime BEEF Team #1 was the pace setter. In order to continue that pace there were 147 additional teams deployed worldwide between 15 September 1965 and 7 June 1976 for a total of over 4,700 personnel. Today as you read this there are Prime BEEF teams along with 400 person RED HORSE Squadrons deployed and providing construction support worldwide for the USAF. These teams are manned with highly trained and skilled personnel and equipped with high tech construction equipment.



Colonel William F. Dolby, 2nd Air Division Director of Civil Engineering, tightens the last bolt to complete the steel revetments constructed by the ADC PRIME BEEF Team at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Vietnam. Watching are Lt Col Francis E Torr, Commander of PRIME BEEF SEA and Lt Col William O. Boorman, Tan Son Nhut Base Civil Engineer. Members of ADC PRIME BEEF Team below.

For over 50 years I have been so proud of all my fellow members of Prime BEEF 1 for their accomplishments and devotion to duty and mission. ALOHA. *Bruce Swafford*

**201st RED HORSE SQUADRON BUILDS
GUATEMALAN CLINIC
Horsham Air Guard Station, PA
111th Attack Wing Public Affairs**

(DVIDS Press Release, (Air National Guard story by Tech. Sgt. Andria Allmond, 30 June, updated 6 July 2016. U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Dillon Davis)

Nearly 100 members of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard 201st Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer units from here and Fort Indiantown Gap, deployed to build a medical clinic as part of exercise Beyond the Horizon in La Blanca, Guatemala, Mar. 15-June 18.

Once completed, the new clinic will supply basic medical care to locals and serve as a location to identify parasitic and insect-borne diseases, as well as hepatitis, HIV and AIDS.

Aside from the newly constructed facility, the closest medical resource to the town is in Guatemala City, a treacherous five mile journey.

"The clinic holds about eight to ten beds," said Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Hinsey, 201st RED HORSE Squadron, Det. 1 structures superintendent. "It has the capacity to see approximately 100 patients per day. So, this allows medical personnel to check residents for illnesses that plague this area, like hepatitis, AIDS, and the Zika virus."

A humanitarian mission rooted with altruistic intentions was not without its challenges.

Upon initial excavation of the area, the ANG team quickly unearthed a myriad of utilized medical supplies. The cache of used latex gloves, syringes and vials revealed an obvious and unsettling conclusion: "We realized we were working in a former medical waste dumping site," said Hinsey.

The polluted location, a water shortage and swarms of disease-carrying insects were a few of the many obstacles tackled by the team. Hinsey continued by stating that the threats and security concerns were apparent, but "The Horse" charged on.

Even with the inconveniences and inherent risks, the Airmen succeed in their fabrication efforts.

"Pride," said Maj. Seth Foulkes, 201st RED HORSE Squadron, Det. 1 operations flight commander. "In the RED HORSE community, we take a lot of pride in what we do, and it doesn't matter how challenging the environment. Our pride will not let us disappoint."

As the Guardsmen forged structural bonds, they also crafted international ones according to Senior Airman Christopher Montague, 201st RED HORSE Squadron, Det.1 heavy equipment operator.

"Interacting with the local kids was definitely a highlight for me," he said. "The villagers were very welcoming to us being there - happy we were providing them with a clinic."

Montague continued by telling how he and the other Air Guardsmen had opportunities to spend time with the locals and even partake in a bit of bartering. "It was great hanging out with the kids there; I even traded one kid a soccer ball for a pair of socks."

The Guatemalan military supplied the bed-down facilities for U.S. troops, as well as the armed security support for all U.S. assets.

However, partnerships created during the three-month mission weren't just international. The RED HORSE members of the commonwealth also connected.



Pennsylvania Air National Guard Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Hinsey, 201st RED HORSE structures superintendent, grinds a mounting plate to size for a new medical clinic May 3, 2016 during Exercise BEYOND THE HORIZON 2016 GUATEMALA. The mounting plate is shaped to fit precisely with the truss beam and provides a flush fitting connection.

"The crew was half [Fort Indiantown Gap] and half [Horsham Air Guard Station], so we had the opportunity to work with people we don't normally work with," Hinsey said regarding the six rotations of deployed Guardsmen.

Additionally, Horsham AGS's own squadron become closer during the time away from home station.

"Living, eating and working together daily, we were able to get to know each other better than we do just on a drill weekend," said Hinsey. "It makes us a tighter group."

Foulkes reinforced Hinsey's statement, saying that while reserve forces connect during unit training assemblies and annual tours, missions like this one achieve enhanced results.

"Forward deploying to an austere location is a great way to get to know your folks," said Foulkes. "Because one-weekend a month you can't do it as effectively -- so, it's a terrific opportunity."

Overall, he stated that the mission was a tremendous success. The medical clinic was properly erected for an area in desperate need, all while strengthening local and international bonds.

"The U.S. military cares," said Foulkes. "And we have a range of military options that go beyond combat - in particular, humanitarian assistance."



Pennsylvania Air National Guard Senior Airman Daniel Clark, 201st RED HORSE structures technician, tightens a bolt on a purlin beam as part of the construction process for the new medical clinic. The bolts that secure the purlin beam to the trusses are tightened using locking washers to keep them from loosening under stress.

"There's no better way of helping out another country than by providing them with a facility that offers a degree of medical capacity to care for their own people - and the RED HORSE was honored to do it."



U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Joseph DiSalvo, left, U.S. Southern Command military deputy commander, shakes hands with Pennsylvania Air National Guard Tech. Sgt. Joseph Bonamico, 201st RED HORSE structures technician, outside the construction site of the new medical clinic.

201st RED HORSE SQUADRON, COMMAND CEREMONY

**Horsham Air Guard Station, PA
111th Attack Wing Public Affairs**

(DVIDS Press Release, (Air National Guard story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Andria Allmond, 17 August 2016.)

Air National Guardsmen of the 111th Attack Wing assembled to witness an assumption of command ceremony for the 201st Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers (RED HORSE) Squadron, Det. 1 here, Aug. 13.

Maj. Oliver Barfield, a 2003 Air Force Academy graduate, received the guidon from Col. Michael Regan, 111th Mission Support Group commander, signifying Barfield taking the helm of The Horse.

"He's known as an expert in the RED HORSE world," said Regan. "He taught many of the RED HORSE members that are currently out in the world doing all kinds of great stuff."

Barfield's impressive military resume includes: civil engineering at Kadena Air Base, Japan; serving as a RED HORSE member at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada; teaching engineering at the Air Force Academy, Colorado; performing as the RED HORSE deputy commander at Malstrom

AFB, Montana; and working at the Air Force Civil Engineering Center, Tyndall AFB, Florida.

Acknowledging the wisdom, leadership and experience the new commander brings, Regan said to and about Barfield, "I just want to tell him, 'We're lucky to have you and welcome.'"

In Barfield's inaugural address to the red-hat sporting service members, he stated his belief that assuming the unit here is a win-win scenario. "It's an honor to be your commander. This is great both ways; the unit was looking for some stability and the Barfields were looking for some stability. And here we are."

Barfield continued by declaring his impression of the unit he's inheriting – noting the RED HORSE's history of excellence and professionalism. "We've got some phenomenal talent within the unit. We've got a clean mission...we've got a sister unit we can lean on and we've got senior leaders here that care about us and our mission."



Maj. Oliver Barfield

In closing, the new RED HORSE commander here rendered praise and stated his expectations.

"There are three things we need to get our job done: get people and equipment out of Dodge, bed ourselves down and dominate construction. And we do it well.

"RED HORSE is the best in the business, when a warfighter needs an engineer, they go to RED HORSE first. The reason they do that is because we have a track history of success."

**RED HORSE CIVIL ENGINEERS
Humanitarian Civil Assistance (HCA) Project
Underway in Silmala, Latvia.**

(DVIDS Press Release, photos by Senior Airman Ryan Zeski, 24 June 2016.)

Through the combined efforts of Latvian Soldiers and Michigan Airmen, a kindergarten in rural Silmala, Latvia, is under renovation. The school is currently undergoing a Humanitarian-civic assistance project to provide the school with up to date renovations.



Staff Sgt. Amanda Turnwald, 127th Civil Engineering Squadron engineering assistant, marks a measurement on a piece of rock wool insulation at the kindergarten.

The Soldiers of the Latvian National Armed Forces and the Airmen from the Michigan Air National Guard's 127th Civil Engineer Squadron are working together on a Humanitarian-Civic Assistance project supported by several organizations. For the Latvians and the Michiganders, the project is the latest in a long-line of cooperative efforts begun when the nation on the Baltic Sea and the state on the Great Lakes became aligned in the State Partnership for Peace program in 1993.

The school has just received a new roof and will also receive façade repairs, insulation and installation of lightning protection. When finished, the children of Silmala will have a clean, safe environment in which to learn and play.

HCA projects are unique since the repair and construction is performed by military engineers as part of an annual deployment for training program. Over 35 Airmen from the 127th Civil Engineering Squadron have traveled more than 5,000 miles to take part in this HCA project. While working on the project the 127th CES

Airmen will be working side-by-side with a team of Latvian National Armed Forces engineers.

"One of the biggest challenges with this project we came across is doing work we're not used to traditionally doing, it forces us to come outside our comfort zone," said Master Sgt. Darrell Bublitz, 127th CES project coordinator. "Working closely with the Latvians has allowed us to overcome this task."

Projects like these offer training opportunities for both U.S. Airmen and Latvian soldiers, as well as providing a valuable benefit for the local population. These deployments for training, known as DFTs, allow units to experience first-hand the issues they could encounter when working away from their home station.

"We are constantly learning new things from this project and achieving a lot of goals at the same time," said Sgt. Raitis Zeps, Latvian National Armed Forces commander of construction platoon of engineering technical company.

With such a labor intensive project multiple Air National Guard units were called upon in order to reach the target completion date. The 138th CES from the Oklahoma Air National Guard, 200th and 202nd RED HORSE Squadron shared the project with two week rotations.

"It doesn't matter where they are from each engineer is trained the same," said Lt. Col. Todd Rupright, 127th CES duration project manager. "This allows them to easily pick up where the last team left off."

Silmala is a small town located in the Rezekne region of Latvia. Located near the border with Russia, Rezekne is the largest region in the country and Silmala's rural territory is home to about 3,000 people.

The project began on June 2nd and is set to be complete by mid-July.

The kindergarten was originally built in the early 1980s, when Latvia was a part of the former Soviet Union. The country re-gained its independence in 1991 and became partners with Michigan two years later as one of the original participants in the SPP program.

Update 9/08/16: U.S. Airmen, assigned to the 138th Civil Engineering Squadron, 127th Civil Engineering Squadron, 202nd Red Horse Squadron, and 203rd Red Horse Squadron, along with U.S. Soldiers, assigned to 457th Civil Affairs Battalion, 361st Civil Affairs Brigade, 7th

Mission Support Command, work together with Latvian Civil Engineering soldiers on a Humanitarian Civil Assistance (HCA) project, in Silmala, Latvia, June 21, 2016 to July 15, 2016. As part of the Humanitarian and Civil Assistance program, U.S. Airmen, U.S. Soldiers, and Latvian Civil Engineering soldiers collaborated to renovate the outside of a kindergarten school in Silmala, Latvia for young children within the region.

**556th, 554th, 254th RH SQUADRONS
EOD Warehouse Opens At Northwest Field;
Provides Training Opportunities**
(DVIDS Press Release, (U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Arielle Vasquez, 29 July 2016.)

Completion of an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) warehouse at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam was completed July 26, 2016. A total of 250 military members and engineers worked on the project, which took approximately 34,500 man-hours to complete. The five-month long project brought together Reservists from four RHS units consisting of nine rotations for hands-on training with the 556th RHS as the lead unit for the duration of the project.

The EOD warehouse will be utilized for Silver Flag training and will store items such as Humvees, bomb suits, EOD robots and training equipment.



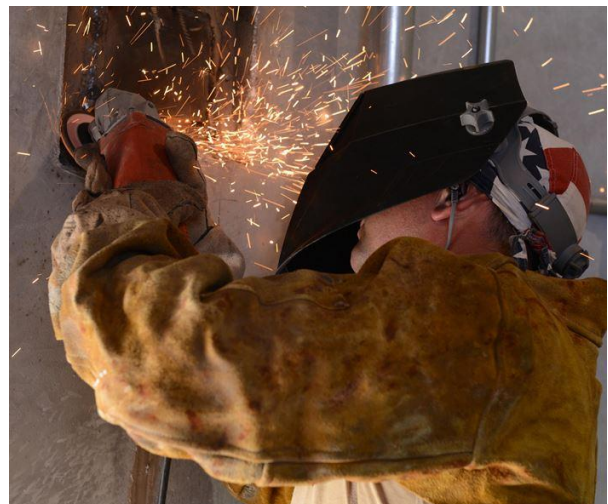
Airmen with the 556th, 554th and 254th RED HORSE Squadrons attend a ribbon cutting ceremony July 26, 2016, at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.



Tech. Sgt. Lonnie Battenfield, left, 556th RED HORSE Squadron utilities craftsman, and Staff Sgt. Mathew Scroggins, 556th RHS operations management technician, transport an exterior duct section to the warehouse.



Col. Dale Fox, left, 556th RED HORSE Squadron commander, and Maj. Jarrett Gafford, 554th RED HORSE Squadron commander, cut a ribbon commemorating the completion of the EOD warehouse.



Master Sgt. Brandon Cullum, 556th RED HORSE Squadron structures supervisor, welds concrete wall panels together.

**254th RED HORSE SQUADRON,
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
MALOJLOJ, TN, GUAM, 134th Air Refueling
Wing**

(DVIDS Press Release, (Air National Guard photos by Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Young, 24 and 30 August 2016.)

Airmen of the 134th ARW CES are working on two Habitat for Humanity of Guam as part of a government initiative that allows for the opportunity of military assets to assist non-profit organizations in conjunction with scheduled annual training.



Staff Sgt. Joseph Rapolla, of the 254th Red Horse squadron based here, discusses approach of the construction phase of homes during heavy rain.



Airmen of the 134th Air Refueling Wing Civil Engineering Squadron, pose for a photo after completing their annual training building homes for charity.



Senior Airman Sid Flanary, an electrician with the 134th Air Refueling Wing Civil Engineering Squadron's Guam mission, and Staff Sgt. Jay Mesa, of the of the 254th Red Horse squadron based here, discuss best practices of home construction.

**819th RH SQUADRON COMMANDER
341st Missile Wing**

(DVIDS Press Release, (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Magen M. Reeves, 16 June 2016)

Great Falls, MT: Col. Yvonne Spencer below, 819th RED HORSE Squadron commander, speaks to Airmen at a Diversity Lean In Circle seminar at the Ace's High Bowling Center June 16, 2016, at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.



The seminar focused on professional development and supporting diversity within the force.

Spencer's presentation focused on what she calls, "making it through the ranks," which centered on the trials and tribulations Spencer has had to overcome in her military career.

Spencer encouraged Airmen to not be afraid to fail as long as the effort is made to learn and improve.

OUTSTANDING AIRMEN OF THE YEAR, 2016
45th Civil Engineer Squadron
Spotlight: TSgt. Michael Asuncion

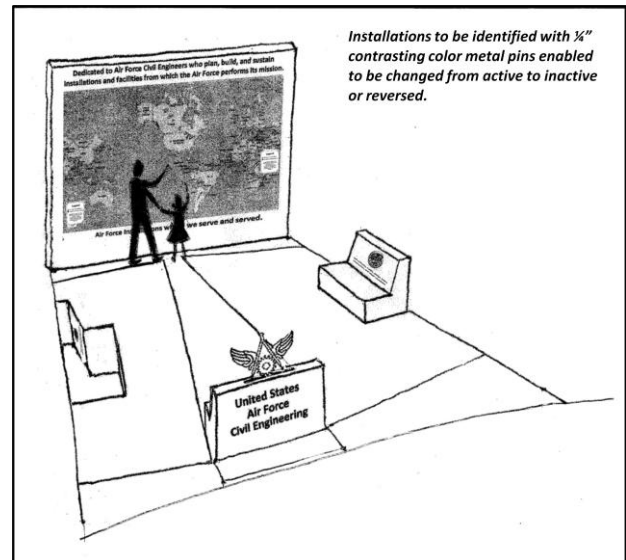
Patrick AFB, FL: TSgt. Michael Asuncion, a pavement and equipment craftsman with the 45th Civil Engineer Squadron at Patrick AFB, Fla., is one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2016. Asuncion was vital in the construction of the Royal Air Force's 44,000-square-foot aircraft maintenance area, enabling coalition forces to obliterate more than 500 ISIS targets. He filled the noncommissioned officer in charge position across two work centers, leading 51 airmen for 130 days, enabling 16 space launches with more than \$6.3 billion in payload. He presided over two junior enlisted organizations, influencing more than 1,500 members across two areas of responsibilities. His leadership led to six quarterly awards, culminating in his team earning the Heavy Equipment Shop Team of the Year award. This contributed to his squadron and operations flights being named the best in Air Force Space Command in 2015. Air Force Magazine is shining the spotlight on each OAY in the days leading up to AFA's Air, Space & Cyber Conference, which starts Sept. 19 in National Harbor, Md. Also featured were: SMSgt. Mark Farmer, SMSgt. Jeremiah Grisham, SMSgt. Rebecca McNelley, and MSgt. Marcus Mader.



TSgt. Michael Asuncion, a pavement and equipment craftsman with the 45th Civil Engineer Squadron at Patrick AFB, FL. (Air Force photo.)

USAF CIVIL ENGINEERING MEMORIAL

A concept drawing of a proposed memorial.



The memorial is to honor Civil Engineers who plan, build, and sustain Air Force Installations and facilities from which the Air Force performs its mission both those who currently serve and those who have served. The objective is to produce a map large enough to incorporate the identification of AF installations since the beginning in 1947. The memorial will illustrate both active and inactive installations worldwide. Memorial will be located at the AF Museum at Wright Patterson AFB. Bill Sims will be providing an update at our 2017 Reunion.

STABLE NOTES:

1. ELECTION OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS:

At each biennial convention the general membership elects half of the Board of Directors. Any member in good standing, except honorary members, may run for a position on the Board of Directors. The position of Board of Director is a four year term. The officers of the Board of Directors are elected by the Board of Directors from the Board of Directors elected by the general membership at each biennial convention. All officers of the Association are volunteer positions and are not paid. Each Board member is required to attend at least one meeting of the Board of Directors each calendar year. It is preferred that anyone desiring to hold a Board of Director position submit a resume and photo to the President of the Board of Directors nine months before the biennial convention. This enables the Board of Directors to list each nominee in a newsletter before the convention and to include them in the convention booklet for the general membership to review. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor, but we want to give our membership the opportunity to know more about you before the election. At this 2017 Convention the Board of Directors will be looking for someone to fill the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer. President Eckert is having health problems. And as the Association grows Paul Sattler needs to shed some of his duties. We want this information to go out to our membership in the Spring 2017 newsletter and the 2017 convention booklet.

2. NEW ARTICLES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED:

Please send anything concerning Prime BEEF and REDHORSE including photos to Dick Aldinger at famdinger@aol.com or mail to Dick at Dick Aldinger, 4088 Floralwood Ct., Orlando, FL 32812. Add any appropriate comments. We will include if at all possible.

3. RSA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

You can join the REDHORSE Association for a mere \$10 for the first year. Life memberships are also available. This is one way that you can keep in touch with what is going on with USAF Civil Engineering Combat Engineers today whether it be REDHORSE or Prime BEEF; detailed information and an application form is provided on page 14.

4. SPECIAL NOTE:

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

5. 50TH ANNIVERSARY RHA COMMEMORATIVE COINS:

Commemorative coins were produced to honor the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Prime BEEF and RED HORSE. These coins are still available and can be ordered on line through the REDHORSE Association website www.rhassn.us, [RHA Store](#), [Coins/Pins](#).

2015 Coin #1



2015 Coin #2



6. 2017 CONVENTION CHALLENGE COINS

At least one and possibly two commemorative coins are under design for the 2017 Convention/ Reunion. Preliminary examples are shown below Coin design below is by Bruce Swafford who also has an article in this newsletter starting on page 3.



7. REDHORSE WEBSITE: www.rhassn.us

RHA BOARD MEMBERS

Dick Aldinger
 Newsletter Editor / Publicity
 4088 Floralwood Court
 Orlando FL 32812
 Home: 407-859-7436
 E-mail: famdinger@aol.com

Randy Eckert, Interim President
 701 Center Drive
 Palmyra PA 17078-9117
 Home: 717-838-8659
 Mobile: 717-269-3914
 E-mail: randyeckert@comcast.net

Daniel Raske
 3 Mildred Road
 Burlington MA 01803-4110
 Home: 781-272-4840
 E-mail: draske@verizon.net

Don Boone
 33 Forestbrook Dr
 Ballston Lake, NY 12019
 Home: 518-441-7639
 E-mail: togbab@twc.com

Tom Gallagher, Vice President
 10610 E. Gobbler Drive
 Floral City FL 34436
 Home: 352-860-1629
 Mobile: 352-464-4989
 E-mail: tgallag1@tampabay.rr.com

Terry Robinson
 13 Wintermere Road
 Lebanon PA 17042-8016
 Home: 717-273-0996
 E-mail: trobin@lmf.net

John Burkett
 6 Mechanic St
 Allentown, NJ 08501
 Home: 863-946-3424
 Mobile: 609-647-8421
 E-mail: jwburk3454@aol.com

Joe Hajik
 220 Summer Breeze Rd
 Panama City, FL 32413
 Home: 850-238-9332
 E-Mail: 63vettehajiki@gmail.com

Paul Sattler, Secretary/ Treasurer
 7739 Raleigh St
 Westminster, CO 80030-4587
 Home: 303-650-1215
 Mobile: 303-596-9714
 E-mail: paul.sattler@rhamail.org

Anthony Davit
 2803 Redtail Street
 Panama City FL 32405
 Home: 623-326-8519
 E-mail: davita@hotmail.com

Greg MacDougal, Past President
 236 Winoca Dr
 Midway, GA 31320-4327
 Home: 912-884-7273
 Mobile: 912-321-8430
 E-mail: greg.macdougal@rhamail.org

William (Bill) Verkest
 2402 N. Hunter Place Lane
 Arlington TX 76006
 Home: 817-781-8251
 E-mail: billverkest@msn.com

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Below from left to right:

Anthony Davit, Randy Eckert (Interim President), Charlie Hogan (Lexington Reunion Coordinator), Don Boone, Terry Robinson, John Burkett, Paul Sattler (Secretary-Treasurer), William Verkest, and Dick Aldinger (Newsletter Editor). Absent from the photo are: Tom Gallagher, Joe Hajik, Greg MacDougal (Past President) and Dan Raske. Note: Photo as of 5 April 2016





**Calling All
USAF, USAFR and ANG
RED HORSE (RH) & Prime BEEF (PB) Members,
Past and Present!**



**Mark your calendar for the
2017 REDHORSE ASSOCIATION REUNION
12 – 15 September 2017
Clarion Hotel – 1950 Newton Pike
Lexington, Kentucky**

- ★ Special emphasis will be on the change in RH and PB since initial six squadrons including 557th RHS and first three Reserve Component Squadrons through 1990.
- ★ Dr. Ron Hartzler, noted Air Force Civil Engineering Historian (retired) will be among our speakers.
- ★ Other highlights will include:
 - ✓ Update on RH and PB activities worldwide
 - ✓ A tour of the Buffalo Trace Distillery
 - ✓ Tour of the Kentucky Horse Park
 - ✓ Low Tea Social Event for wives and friends
 - ✓ New Commemorative coins

Come early or stay after the reunion is over and visit Bardstown, KY and its many distilleries, or travel to Louisville and visit the Louisville Slugger Factory or Churchill Downs Race Track. Lexington also has many historic places such as the homes of Henry Clay's and Mary Todd Lincoln as well as the University of Kentucky. Questions or comments? Contact Dick Aldinger at (H) (407) 859-7436, (C) 407-399-8937, or e-mail famdinger@aol.com.

Please visit our website at: www.rhassn.us

WANTED: 2017 REDHORSE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION SPONSORS

You can recognize one or more Civil Engineering, RED HORSE (e.g., Squadron) other units (e.g., Prime BEEF Team #1) or individuals for its contribution to the USAF. This recognition could also be used by any Corporation or Consulting Firm to give recognition as a way of showing their support. Members of a particular unit may share the cost of sponsorship if they choose.

\$ 200 - Gold Sponsor: \$200 includes two signs to be located in the lounge area, convention hall, and at the banquet plus two 2017 convention coins and a 2"x3" layout in the Convention Program.

\$100 - Silver Sponsor: \$100 includes one sign to be located in the convention hall, and at the banquet plus one 2017 Convention coins and a 2"x3" layout in the Convention Program.

All funds received will be divided 50/50 with half being used for convention expenses and the other half being used to support the REDHORSE Association Scholarship Program.

If you are interested please contact Randy Eckert (randyeckert@comcast.net) or Dick Aldinger (famdinger@aol.com) to finalize your sponsorship.

RED HORSE TODAY

200th RHS, ANG, Ohio; 201st RHS, ANG, Penna; 202nd RHS, ANG, Florida; 203rd RHS, ANG, Virginia; 210th RHS, ANG, New Mexico; 219th RHS, ANG, Montana; 254th RHS, ANG, Anderson AFB, Guam; 554th RHS Anderson AFB, Active, Guam; 555th RHS, Res, Nellis AFB, Nevada; 556th RHS, Res, Hurlburt Field, Florida; 560th RHS, Res, JB Charleston, SC; 567th RHS, Res, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC; 819th RHS Malstrom AFB, Active, Montana; 820th RHS, Active, Nellis AFB, Nevada; 823rd RHS, Active, Hurlburt Field, Florida.

REDHORSE Association
 PO Box 8 Westminster, CO 80036-0008
 303-650-1215

admin@redhorseassociation.org / www.rhassn.us

Regular Membership: Active Duty personnel (to include AFRC and ANG) and Veterans, who are or were assigned to, are or were in support of RED HORSE or Prime Beef units. Spouses, children, parents or guardians of those persons, living or deceased, who are or were members or eligible for membership, shall be eligible.

Affiliate Membership: Widows or Widowers of Regular or Life Members.

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: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Referred by: _____

Please indicate your Unit(s) assigned. Include month and year.

Unit _____ From ___/___ To ___/___ Base _____ Combat tour __
 Unit _____ From ___/___ To ___/___ Base _____ Combat tour __
 Unit _____ From ___/___ To ___/___ Base _____ Combat tour __
 Unit _____ From ___/___ To ___/___ Base _____ Combat tour __
 Unit _____ From ___/___ To ___/___ Base _____ Combat tour __
 Unit _____ From ___/___ To ___/___ Base _____ Combat tour __
 Unit _____ From ___/___ To ___/___ Base _____ Combat tour __

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
 Regular Membership Renewal \$20
 Affiliate Membership (Affiliate Members do not pay dues)
 Current Active Duty, Initiation Year \$10
 Current Active Duty, Renewal \$10
 Life Membership (please use the schedule at the right) \$ _____
 Renewal to life membership, (please use the schedule at the right) \$ _____
 I would like to be considered for Associate Membership in the REDHORSE Association
 Associate Membership, Initiation Year \$20
 I would like to renew my Associate Membership in the REDHORSE Association
 Associate Membership, Renewal \$20

Dues
 Dues are \$20 per year, except that the initiation year is set at \$10

Associate Memberships are \$20 per year.

Active military member dues are \$10 per year as long as they remain active in the military.

Life Memberships
 Age 45 and under- \$250
 Age 46 to 55- \$215
 Age 56 to 65 - \$180
 Age 66 and above - \$125

Affiliate Memberships:
 Widows or Widowers of Regular or Life Members.

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

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

The REDHORSE Association's
Brigadier General William "Tom" Meredith Honor Scholarship Program

The purpose for this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to REDHORSE Association dues-current members and their immediate families who wish to further their education by attending an institution of higher learning. This scholarship program is supported entirely by funds set aside for the sole purpose of this program. Funds are acquired from donations, contributions and fund raisers.

A candidate is eligible to apply for this scholarship program if:

1. The applicant is an immediate family member of a member in good standing (annual dues are current) of the REDHORSE Association. (Immediate family member is defined as a son, a daughter, step son, step daughter, adopted son, adopted daughter, grandson, granddaughter, spouse and self).
2. Applicant is at least a high school graduate, has his or her GED or is a home-schooled student who has successfully completed an equivalent program of study.
3. Applicant has maintained at least a C average or has a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Applicants must submit **all required application information by the due date of JUNE 30th**. Qualifying applicants may reapply; however, prior recipients may not reapply.

Applicant **MUST SUBMIT** the following:

1. Application form (parts 1 & 2)
2. Two letters of reference.
3. A personal essay of 250 words or less, which should address the following areas:
(Typed, double-spaced, on a single sheet of plain paper and attached to the application).
 - Demonstrated timeliness and completion of assignments
 - Creativity in solving problems
 - Demonstrated responsibility on own initiative
 - Ability to work well with others
 - Organizational skills (ability to handle multiple tasks, time management)
 - Career Objectives
4. Transcript(s) and educational record, including activities and honors.
5. Verification of enrollment in an accredited institution of higher learning.
6. Recent (within past 90 days), color, full body (head to toe) photo, not less than 3" x 5".
7. Recipient's signed release of his/her name and photo to the REDHORSE Association for publicity purposes and affirmation that all information provided is complete and accurate.

For more information or an application contact paul.sattler@rhamail.org or REDHORSE Association, Scholarship Selection Committee, P O Box 8, Westminster, CO. 80036-0008.

Circulation Department
701 Center Drive
Palmyra, PA 17078

Return Service Requested

