



# **RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association Newsletter**

## **2023 RHPBA Convention/Reunion in Fort Walton Beach, Florida The Island Resort on Okaloosa Island, October 23-27, 2023**

We are pleased to announce that the 2023 RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association Convention/Reunion will be held October 23-27, 2023 at the Island Resort in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. This resort is located directly on the Gulf of Mexico making Ft. Walton Beach an ideal location as it has in past years with many of our other Conventions/Reunions.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE November 2022



Season's greetings to all our members around the world. This year we have realized a lot of accomplishments as an Association and will continue to strive to better our community. In partnership with the Civil Engineer Memorial Committee, we dedicated the Civil Engineer Memorial at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. We continue to reach out to re-connect with past members. Your Board of Directors has initiated an outreach effort that is re-finding a lot of members that have lost contact. Any help in these efforts would be greatly appreciated. Our goal is to be the connection point for all Civil Engineers, Prime BEEFers and HORSEmen and we appreciate your efforts to help spread the word.

On the scholarship front, we just awarded scholarships to three deserving young Americans. This effort continues to fulfill an important part of our Association's mission. Maybe you have a family member or know an Association member that has a potential candidate that we can help with a scholarship next spring. Keep an eye out for details.

Additionally, we've seen a lot of accomplishments and changes in the RED HORSE and Prime BEEF community while they continue to support our ongoing contingency efforts. Recently the 557<sup>th</sup> RED HORSE Squadron has furled its flag in AFCENT with the 1<sup>st</sup> Expeditionary Civil Engineer Group (ECEG) preparing to depart the AOR in early 2023. A lot has changed in the last year.

Lastly, as we get back to our normal schedule after COVID, we have been working on our next convention to be held in October of 2023 and have selected a great location in Ft Walton Beach. Let's plan to get together there in October and continue to build a great organization for ALL RED HORSEmen and Prime BEEFers alike.

With all these accomplishments and bright spots in our future, it's good to take time to be thankful for family, friends, and the comradery of our Association.

Engineers....Lead the Way!  
Tony

*RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association*



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**FROM YOUR RHPBA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Membership Update Effort:**

Led by Randy Eckert, several board members have been hard at work verifying our membership records. Unfortunately, many have not been updated for years. In other cases, we have nick



names or incomplete names. We also do not have birthdates for a crosscheck. This becomes a problem when a HORSEmen or BEEFer pass away, and we cannot verify if these individuals are RHPBA members. We do not want to drop someone from our rolls by mistake. When you



receive our letter requesting updated information, please make the necessary corrections and return to Randy. Lost Members are listed on page 23; thank you in advance for your assistance!

**Life Memberships:** Also, we would like to congratulate and welcome the newest members to the RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association's Life Membership. Each new Life Member helps to spread the word about the good works of the RHPBA to increase the awareness of RED HORSE and Prime BEEF organizations that support the Air Force Civil Engineering mission.

**Newest Life Members**

|                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
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| Dwight Barber               | Sgt Thomas A. Masturzo |
| MSgt Jerry W. Berry         | Bart McDade            |
| Kenneth M. Bisson           | Gayle E. Miller        |
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**THE BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM "TOM" MEREDITH HONOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AWARDS FOR 2022-2023**

Our Association is pleased to announce this year's \$1,000 scholarship awards to three of our Association family members.

The Scholarship Selection Committee received and reviewed applications from three candidates. Once again, the quality and character of these talented, energetic and goal-focused applicants reflects the remarkable family core values within our membership. The Committee presented the following three candidates to the Board of Directors and were unanimously approved to receive the \$1,000 awards.

Our 2022-2023 General "Tom" Meredith Award Winners are Casandra (Casey) Eckert, Will Dellicker and Joesph (Joey) Greene, II. A snapshot of these remarkable people, their credentials and achievements with a few excerpts from our award notification letters starts on page 24:

Our Scholarship program was created and remains focused on offering financial assistance to current dues-paying REDHORSE and Prime BEEF Association members and their immediate families seeking to further their education (see By-Laws, Article 2, Purpose). Funding support is generated from donations, contributions and fund raisers throughout the year.

Our Committee is privileged to review and assess a number of scholarship applicants each year seeking financial support for their academic programs. Although the applicants present diverse backgrounds, interests and experiences, they all magnificently represent the aspirations of our membership core values, focused on integrity, service before self and excellence in all they do.

We hope every member of this Association shares our immense pride in supporting these talented and deserving family members as they pursue their careers through your continued support. Thank you.



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





## RHPBA NEWS ITEMS

### 332<sup>nd</sup> CIVIL ENGINEERS PERFORM NIGHT OPERATIONS DURING RADR EXERCISE

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**SOUTHWEST ASIA:** Rapid Airfield Damage Recovery (RADR) exercises test the ability of the 332<sup>nd</sup> Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron (ECES) to rapidly repair runways and runway support structures to recover and resume airfield operations after it has experienced significant damage. The recovery exercises took place at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, May 12, 2022.



*Senior Airman Alexander Curtiss, 332<sup>nd</sup> ECES structural specialist journeyman, uses a power concrete screed to confirm a level surface.*



*332<sup>nd</sup> ECES Squadron Airmen clear away debris after a simulated attack on a replicated runway.*



*332<sup>nd</sup> ECES Squadron Airmen expedite the repair of spalls with rapid-setting cement mix by emptying a bag of dry concrete into a mixer.*



*Staff Sgt. Kweku Awuah, 332<sup>nd</sup> ECES water and fuel systems maintenance craftsman, operates a multi-terrain loader to clear debris after a simulated attack on a replicated runway.*



*332<sup>nd</sup> ECES Airmen measure the base of a crater to confirm it is at proper elevation before backfill material is placed within it.*



Technical Sgt. David McCoy, 332<sup>nd</sup> ECES non-commissioned officer in charge of airfield pavements and logistics, gives spotting instructions to an excavator operator to remove debris and prepare a crater for backfill material.



Staff Sgt. Pauletta Morris, 332<sup>nd</sup> ECES pest management journeyman, uses a sweeper to clear rocks from a simulated repaired runway.



332<sup>nd</sup> ECES Airmen mix water and a quick-dry filler to repair runway damage.



Senior Airman Alexander Curtiss, 332<sup>nd</sup> ECES structural specialist journeyman, uses a power concrete screed to confirm a level surface.



332<sup>nd</sup> ECES Airmen pour water and quick-dry cement into a portion of damaged runway.

**PRIME BEEF TRAINING: WAFERS OVERTAKES RURK**

*Published June 16, 2022, Pacific Air Force. Story and U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Brieana E. Bolfiging, 35<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Public Affairs.*

**MISAWA AIR BASE, JAPAN:** U.S. Airmen assigned to the 35<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) participated alongside U.S. Navy and Japan Air Self-Defense Force counterparts in the annual Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force or “Prime BEEF” event at Misawa Air Base, Japan, June 14, 2022.

Prime BEEF is held annually as a readiness training day to make sure Airmen are qualified and always mission ready by conducting refreshers as well as any new training, such as the Water and Fuel Expedient Repair System (WaFERS).

WaFERS, which are 14 containers with different items needed to fix the broken pipes, replaced the old system Rapid Utility Repair Kit (RURK), which was a one-trainer trailer mounted kit. The downside of that was the scope of repair was extremely limited. Additionally, legacy items from the kit are not readily available.



“The training simulates a broken fuel system,” said Tech. Sgt. Williams Meadows, 35<sup>th</sup> CES Commissioned Officer in charge of liquid fuels maintenance and instructor for WaFERS. “If a pipe was destroyed during an attack, we are going out there and make a temporary connection. That is what the entire system is made for.”

“If you needed to replace something from your kit, there is a good chance that the manufacturer is not going to have or produce it anymore,” Meadows said. “That situation put our backs against the wall. As with things that age, this old equipment started to decay and fall apart, but we do not have replacements for it. This can be a problem as the system is considered an essential element as well as one of the pillars of air base resiliency.”

Updating the system has been in the works for a few years. It was only recently that Airmen from the 35<sup>th</sup> CES were able to travel to Andersen Air Base, Guam, to learn the new system and bring back that knowledge to train their fellow peers during Prime BEEF.

“WaFERS is a crucial piece of asset here in PACAF,” said Senior Airman Joshua Sanchez, 35<sup>th</sup> CES water and fuels system journeyman. “Misawa, in general, is one of the first in Fifth Air Force to have it. Getting ourselves familiarized with this new asset is vital for when we are out there in the real world. Because we can be called to go anywhere around the world at any point of time and it is up to us, as the professionals of this kit, to know what to do.”

In the event of a conventional airfield attack where the water and fuel infrastructure has been damaged, or becomes inoperative, the resumption of fuel supply to support flying operations is a top priority. It supports rapid projection and application of U.S. military power to ensure continuation of operations and installations around the globe.

“Our team of water and fuel systems specialists, work extremely hard to maintain the base water and fuel system supplies,” Meadows said. “You can't have an operational airfield without a water source and a runway. The water is going to support the people while that runway is going to launch the aircraft.”

Meadows continued, “If you do not have fuel for the aircraft then you are not going to launch them. So, water and fuels maintainers play a huge role in the flying mission and the people mission at every location. We spend a lot of time and effort into learning systems like this within our career field to make sure that nothing impacts the base's mission.”



*U.S. Airmen assigned to the 35<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron water and fuel system open the WaFERS containers for an inventory check prior to the annual Prime BEEF event at Misawa Air Base, Japan, June 13, 2022. This is the first time Airmen from the 35<sup>th</sup> CES trained on the new WaFERS which is replacing the RURK.*



*Members from the 35<sup>th</sup> CES water and fuel system unload the WaFERS during setup. The system enables expedient or semi-permanent repair of mission essential water and fuel distribution lines and storage systems that support airbase resiliency.*



*U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Joshua Sanchez, 35<sup>th</sup> CES water and fuel system journeyman, puts together the new WaFERS during setup for the annual Prime BEEF. The process is used to fix damaged pipes to support rapid projection and application of U.S. military power, ensuring continuation of operations and installations around the globe.*





*U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Joshua Sanchez, demonstrates WafERS parts prior to the hands on training. The system enables expedient or semi-permanent repair of mission essential water and fuel distribution lines and storage systems that support airbase resiliency.*



*Japan Air Self-Defense Force Tech. Sgt. Akashi Kikuchi, 3<sup>rd</sup> Air Wing Civil Engineer Squadron water and fuel system maintainer, smiles after completing the fixing a simulated damaged pipe. The training helped both JASDF and Air Force members learn the new process and machinery as well as the various scenarios where damage may occur on critical parts of Misawa during wartime and contingency operations.*



*U.S. Airman 1st Class Phillip Richards, 35<sup>th</sup> CES water and fuel system journeyman, demonstrates the setup of the WafERS.*

### **RED HORSE WRAPS UP CONSTRUCTION IN GUATEMALA**

*Published June 17, 2022, DVIDS story and photos by Senior Airman Alex Lowe, 12<sup>th</sup> Air Force (Air Forces Southern) Public Affairs.*

**FLORES, GUATEMALA:** U.S. Air Force RED HORSE combat engineers handed over the keys, Jun. 17, 2022, of their newly constructed school and healthcare clinic to local leaders in Flores, Guatemala as part of Exercise Resolute Sentinel 22.

RS 22 serves to train U.S. civil engineers, medical professionals and support personnel while providing humanitarian assistance and joint training with partner nations like Guatemala.

The construction of El Remate School, and Ixlú Health Clinic and Community Center were a welcome experience to a mostly young RED HORSE team.

“This is their first deployment and first time really laying block, in this scale, in a different country,” said U.S. Air Force Capt. Nikko Tanap, commander of the 819th Expeditionary RED HORSE Squadron.

Of the 14 durational RED HORSE members, 10 were deploying for the first time. They were led by Tanap and U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Joseph Hamilton, 819th ERHS project manager.

The two projects were scheduled to last 45 days each and to be completed consecutively. Seeing an opportunity for more efficiency, Tanap and Hamilton strategically organized their limited personnel and equipment to work on both projects simultaneously.



*U.S. Airmen assigned to the 35<sup>th</sup> CES water and fuel system set up the connection for a new water pipe. The 35<sup>th</sup> CES Water and Fuels Systems Maintenance is responsible for the upkeep of Misawa’s water, sewer, and gas lines as well as all facilities with water and fuel infrastructure.*



One crucial element to working the sites at the same time, was a diversely skilled and adaptable team. While RED HORSE is composed of multiple disciplines such as Structures, Power Production and Water and Fuel Systems Maintenance, the mentality of working together and assisting outside of their specific roles was key.

“It’s an awesome experience really,” Hamilton said. “You have your one part of the job, that is your piece of the puzzle, but knowing how to get there and where to go from there is a really important value.”

The 819th RHS was not alone. Durational support was provided by the 509th Contracting Squadron and the 60th Healthcare Operations Squadron. As well as support from local contractors and local engineer, Estela Enríquez.

The rotational support from the 555th RHS and 556th RHS provided a motivating factor.

“It was like a re-energization,” Tanap said. “We integrated them quickly into the team and they hit the ground running.”

With this joint support and problem solving, the RED HORSE team was able to cut the initial 90-day construction time to 69 days.

At Ixlú, the building means moving medical practices that previously could only be held in tents into a stable environment, said the Mayor of Flores. At El Remate, the school supports education for the town’s 259 students.

“It’s powerful to know that we built something of quality,” Tanap said. “Knowing ‘yeah we’re building a building’, but it’s also a school for generations to come.”



Senior Airman Emmanuel Herring, left, and Staff Sgt. Job Stark, right, pull start a compactor June 14, 2022 at the Ixlu Health Clinic in Guatemala. RS 22 serves to train U.S. civil engineers, medical professionals and support personnel while providing humanitarian assistance and joint training with partner.

## 1<sup>st</sup> ECEG CONSTRUCTS ONE OF A KIND FLIGHT LINE FACILITY

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**AL UDEID AB, Qatar:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Expeditionary Civil Engineer Group (ECEG) continues to make significant strides toward the completion of a project to enhance facilities at Al Udeid AB, Qatar. Slated for completion the end of October 2022, the new splinter-protected, 1500 square foot shower, latrine, and laundry facility serves an important role in the flying mission at Al Udeid AB. The facility will serve maintainers and aircrew, while improving the overall safety and efficiency of airmen at the wing and future maintainers and air crew for rotations to come.



Members of the U.S. Air Force 1<sup>st</sup> ECEG pose for a group photo on a construction site on Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, June 15, 2022. The group has been constructing a hardened latrine, shower and laundry facility for the past three months.

The facility will serve pilots and maintainers of C-21 aircraft on the flight line, and will replace temporary latrine options that existed previously.

“The mission required a splinter-protected facility that could replace the port-a-john and cadillac to ensure the safety of the DVs and maintenance crew,” said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Jacques Ridore, the project manager. “This is the only hardened facility in that area.”

The project has been a work in progress for over two years, but during their rotation on AUAB, 1<sup>st</sup> ECEG has made significant steps in the completion of the project.

“In the last three months, we have placed over 75 cubic yards of concrete, over 1000 concrete masonry units, and close to 6000 feet of metal reinforcement”, said Ridore.

The construction team is composed mainly of Air National Guardsmen. Senior Airman Ethan King, a 1<sup>st</sup> ECEG structural journeyman, is studying architecture in his life outside of the guard. He was one of the first 1<sup>st</sup> ECEG members on the project. “It’s been great seeing the progress we’ve been able to make since we’ve been here,” said King.



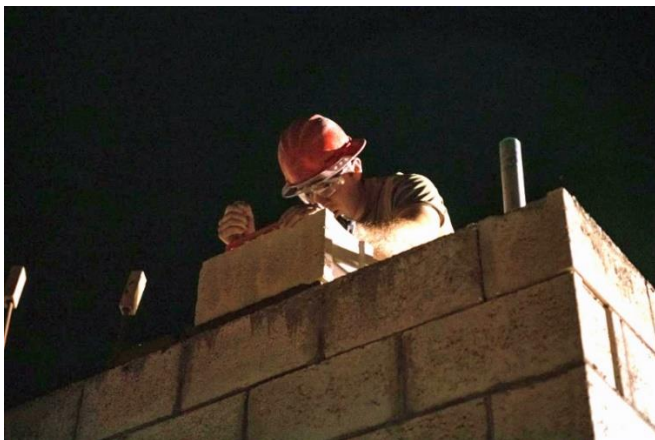
*U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Alexander Mashburn, a structural journeyman with the 1<sup>st</sup> ECEG, cuts concrete masonry units. CMUs must be cut according to very specific measurements in order to fit properly on structures being built.*



*U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Van Johnson, a structural journeyman with the 1<sup>st</sup> ECEG, removes wooden pallets from a construction site as part of keeping the job site safe.*



*U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Ethan King, a civil engineer with the 1<sup>st</sup> ECEG, cuts rebar during the construction project. Rebar is used to reinforce concrete when constructing buildings.*



*U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Stephen Bartlett, a structural journeyman with the 1<sup>st</sup> ECEG, sets a concrete masonry unit in place.*



*U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Ethan King, a structural journeyman with the 1<sup>st</sup> ECEG, marks a wall for the placement of rebar. Rebar is placed within the masonry bricks, which are then filled with concrete in order to fully reinforce the structure.*



## JOINT EFFORT EXPANDS RUNWAY CAPABILITIES FOR RED TAILS

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**SOUTHWEST ASIA:** This month, the 557<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary RED HORSE (ERHS) and the 1<sup>st</sup> Expeditionary Civil Engineer Group (ECEG) combined efforts to execute a runway extension for flight operations at the 332<sup>nd</sup> Air Expeditionary Wing (AEW) in an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia. Up against a tight timeline, the team's diligence in better accommodating aircraft operations and mission capabilities has allowed for savings in the initial schedule and budget.

Flight operations at the 332<sup>nd</sup> AEW will expand as the 1<sup>st</sup> Expeditionary Civil Engineer Group completes a runway project later this month.

The runway extension, or overrun, will better accommodate aircraft take-off and landing operations and provide extended mission capabilities for the 332<sup>nd</sup> AEW by replacing the non-load-bearing surface and providing improved capabilities in the event of an emergency takeoff or landing.

The 1<sup>st</sup> ECEG provides theater-wide engineering technical services and agile engineer forces in both developed and austere environments across the U.S. Central Command Area of Responsibility. The group engineers combat airpower and establishes and sustains combat platforms for USCENTCOM and other joint forces.

"The 1<sup>st</sup> ECEG builds warfighting platforms and delivers emergency response capabilities," said Col. Clifford Theony, 1<sup>st</sup> ECEG commander. "The overrun repair project here is an important part of our mission."

The 1<sup>st</sup> ECEG capabilities are executed by two squadrons: a RED HORSE Squadron and a Prime BEEF Squadron. Often RED HORSE and Prime BEEF work separately, both with different primary roles, but are working in unison to complete this project because its scope requires skillsets from both units.

The 577<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary RED HORSE is typically responsible for full building or large airfield construction and can handle all special capabilities as well as provide a mobile construction force to backfill requirements of main base civil engineer units.

"My job is to provide the right Airman, right tools, and the right materials at the right place and time, moving Airman all around the Area of Responsibility (AOR) to accomplish the mission and have this project ready by the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline," said Theony. "I am impressed with the coordination between the units to form one team and execute the mission safely. It's a commander's dream."

This disparate group of Airmen were brought together from across the AOR and executed their schedule at an

astounding pace Maj. William Kenny, 557<sup>th</sup> ERHS site officer in charge, remarked. Due to its time-sensitive nature, the two squadrons combined to ensure this project stayed on course, he added.

"In my 14 years in the Air Force with three RED HORSE deployments, I've never seen or even imagined the two squadrons could work as closely and as well as this team did," said Kenny. "This combined teamwork made the project successful, no question about it."

The aggressive timeline for project completion required continuous operations with one crew placing the concrete at night and another setting the forms for the next pour during the day. This allowed for a reduction of three months from the initial proposed schedule and the project is on track to fall under the original budget.

"This project will set the benchmark for what fully-integrated group projects should be," added Kenny.

The lessons learned here will have a lasting impact on how Active Duty, Guard and Reserve personnel integrate into future, large-scale rapid building projects across the globe.



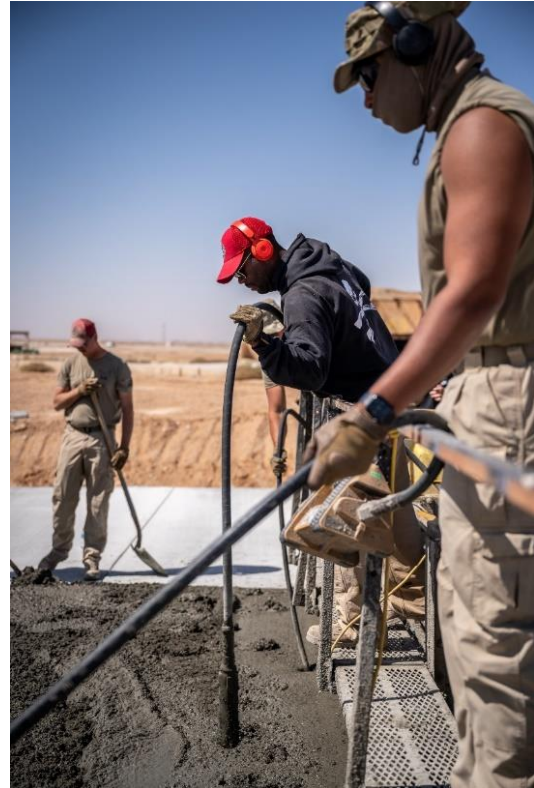
*Staff Sgt. Devyous Barlow, 1<sup>st</sup> ECEG lead chute operator, spreads concrete from a cement truck during a runway overrun repair project. Evenly spread concrete aids in preventing major high or low spots during the pour.*



*Staff Sgt. Glenn Scott and Staff Sgt. Tara Schnider, 1<sup>st</sup> ECEG pavements and construction equipment operator craftsmen, edge concrete. Edging concrete produces a clean finish and helps resist chipping and spalling damage after forms are removed and joints are cut in.*



Technical Sgt. Nolan Denson, 1<sup>st</sup> ECEG pavements and construction equipment operator craftsman, uses a bull float in the finishing process of a concrete pour. Bull floating helps level the concrete, making it easier to apply a non-skid finish at the end.



Tech. Sgt. Meshach Barker and Tech. Sgt. Max Silva, 1<sup>st</sup> ECEG pavements and construction equipment operator craftsmen, stand on a roller screed to vibrate concrete as it is placed. Vibrating concrete consolidates and eliminates air pockets present in a freshly poured concrete pad.



1<sup>st</sup> ECEG Airmen remove wood forms used for airfield lighting placement. The runway extension, or overrun, will better accommodate aircraft take-off and landing operations and provide extended mission capabilities for the 332<sup>nd</sup> AEW by replacing the non-load-bearing surface and providing improved capabilities in the event of an emergency takeoff or landing.



Tech. Sgt. James Gasbarro, 1<sup>st</sup> ECEG project manager, stretches out from a platform to fix an abnormality in the concrete. Gasbarro is one of four project managers to oversee the overrun project that began in December of 2021.



1<sup>st</sup> ECEG Pavements and Heavy Equipment Operators place, finish, and burlap a new lane. The 1<sup>st</sup> ECES is placing a total of 12,000 cubic meters throughout the entire project. This single pour is 340 cubic meters.





1<sup>st</sup> ECEG Airmen pour more than 12,000 cubic meters of concrete.



1<sup>st</sup> ECEG Airmen place burlap on top of finished concrete. Damp burlap cloth is placed on freshly poured concrete and is continuously hosed down to ensure the concrete is hydrated during the curing process.

### PACAF HOSTS PACIFIC UNITY MULTI-LATERAL CIVIL ENGINEER KLE IN GUAM

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**ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam:** Senior military engineers from six Indo-Pacific nations gathered in Guam for a Key leader Engagement (KLE) during the week of June 21, 2022, to focus on multi-lateral efforts accelerating interoperability among their respective engineers.

This meeting built on the success of recent bilateral engagements in the region including a US-Japan ratified agreement focused on combined airfield damage repair capabilities.

“Each of the nations presented an overview of specific engineering capabilities such as operating and recovering air bases, humanitarian assistance, construction capabilities, and identified opportunities for future subject matter expert exchanges (SMEE),” said U.S. Air Force Col. David Novy, Chief of Civil Engineer Readiness Branch, Pacific Air Forces (PACAF).



U.S. Air Force Col. David Novy, Chief of the Civil Engineer Division, Pacific Air Forces, gives a brief to partner nations.

In the past, several nations in this gathering conducted SMEEs through Engineering Civic Action Program construction projects, hosting bilateral training on aircraft rescue and firefighting, and building partner capacity exercises with Explosive Ordnance Disposal.

“Those programs resulted in tangible results for partner and allied nations over the past three years,” said Novy. “Thailand and the Philippines are benefiting greatly from this program, in addition to the disposal of legacy unexploded ordnance remaining from World War II and the conflicts in Korea and Vietnam, and combined firefighting operations in the Marianas Islands.”

Themes during this KLE included topics of shared interest across the allies and partners such as joint capabilities, leveraging expertise in the Total Force, and increased frequency of SMEE engagements and multi-lateral training.



The KLE culminated in an Allies and Partners Silver Flag training program at Andersen Air Force Base's Northwest Field, bringing together more than 100 engineers from six nations across the region for hands-on training with the latest expeditionary base resilience concepts, June 27 through July 1.

"The Partner Nation and Allies Silver Flag is designed to build relationships with countries within the Pacific area of responsibility," said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Eric Gibson, emergency management contingency training non-commissioned officer in charge assigned to 554th RED HORSE Squadron. "This course is built to demonstrate interoperability capabilities for near peer adversaries."

At the start of the weeklong event, students divided into groups based on their specialties, which included command and control, electrical, power production, heavy repair and emergency management.

"On the final day of the event, the trainees will display what they learned throughout the week by conducting one final exercise," said Gibson. "Everyone is excited to show what they learned throughout the week."

Concluding the event with a cleanup and graduation, the students left Andersen AFB with an added knowledge about the civil engineering career field. In addition, the training allowed Airmen from countries who normally don't interact often with these topics, to build friendships and gain a better understanding on each other's customs and courtesies.

"Silver Flag really embodies what we are doing here which is strengthening partnerships from the Forward Edge of the Indo-Pacific," said Gibson. "We would like to thank the nations that participated in this event and are grateful the experiences we have had."



Members of the U.S. Air Force, Royal Australian Air Force, Japan Air Self-Defense Force, Republic of Korea Air Force and the Republic of Singapore Air Force pose for a photo during the Pacific Unity Multi-Lateral Civil Engineer Key Leader Engagement, June 23, 2022 at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

Senior military leaders from six Indo-Pacific nations gathered for the KLE to focus on multi-lateral efforts accelerating interoperability among their respective engineers.

Silver Flag is designed to build relationships with countries within the Pacific region area of responsibility.



U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Russell Wrenn, heavy repair section chief assigned to 554th RED HORSE Squadron, briefs partner nations.



U.S. Air Force and Republic of Singapore Airmen operate heavy machinery during Silver Flag.



Members from the Japan Air Self-Defense Force observe the repair of an airfield runway.





A U.S. Air Force Airman assigned to the 36<sup>th</sup> Wing, speaks with a member from the Republic of Singapore Air Force.

## US MILITARY SENDS TROOPS TO ASSIST IN SPECIAL OLYMPICS

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**EWA BEACH, HAWAII:** The 163rd Civil Engineering Squadron (CES) from March Air Reserve Base in California, participated in Innovative Readiness Training by traveling to Oahu to assist in the construction of a Special Olympics Training Facility and a connecting sidewalk for the impaired athletes of the Hawaii Special Olympics. The Training Facility will be built in Ewa Beach and the site includes fields for athletes to practice and compete in soccer, flag football, bocce, and track and field.



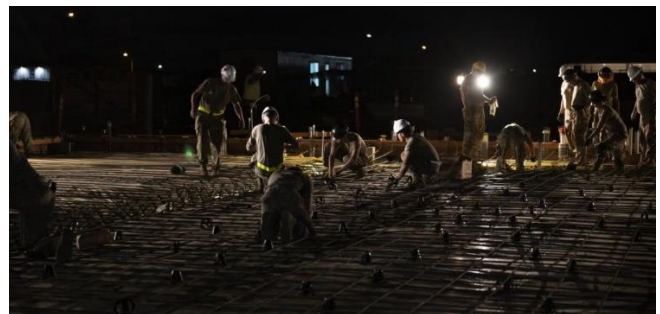
U.S. Navy and Japan Air Self-Defense Force Airmen operate heavy machinery during Silver Flag.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt Sittikai Wisanu, a heating, ventilation and air conditioning troop assigned to the 163<sup>rd</sup> CES, works alongside fellow service members getting ready to pour concrete for the Training Facility foundation.



U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Arian Olomi, electrical contingency training NCO in charge assigned to 554<sup>th</sup> RED HORSE Squadron, train Republic of Korea Airmen on heavy machinery.



U.S. Air Force Airman assigned to the 163<sup>rd</sup> CES secure rebar before the concrete pour on the Special Olympics Training Facility construction grounds.



U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Raymond Linares (left) and Master Sgt. Scott Eversole, both assigned to the 163<sup>rd</sup> CES, review construction charts and discuss project details.





U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 163<sup>rd</sup> CES, work alongside local contractors to pour the concrete.



Athletes with team Jaguar and fellow family members pose for a group portrait on the Home of the Leeward Jaguars Special Olympics Field in Ewa Beach, Hawaii on August 6, 2022



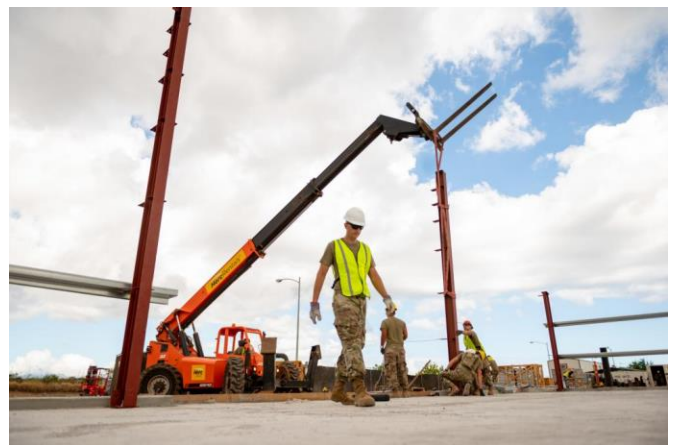
U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Po'okela Fernandez, a pavement and construction equipment troop "Dirt Boy" assigned to the 154th CES in the Hawaii Air National Guard pauses after the concrete pour alongside members of the 163<sup>rd</sup> CES.



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman. Salvador Marroquin, a structures troop assigned to the 163<sup>rd</sup> CES cuts forms for exterior doors near the Special Olympics Training Facility construction grounds on August 2, 2022.



Athletes with team Jaguar play Bocce on the Home of the Leeward Jaguars Special Olympics Field in Ewa Beach, Hawaii on August 6, 2022.



U.S. Air Force Airmen, assigned to the 163<sup>rd</sup> CES, guide the telehandler operator for proper steel ridge column placement on the foundation of the Special Olympics Training Facility.



## THE RED HATS ARE HERE; 202<sup>ND</sup> RESPONSE CONTINUES TO HURRICANE IAN

*Published Oct 6 2022, Air Force News. Story and photos by Senior Airman Jacob Hancock. U.S. Air National Guard.*

**ST. JAMES CITY, FL:** Airmen of the Florida Air National Guard's 202<sup>nd</sup> RED HORSE Squadron are assisting southern Floridians affected by Hurricane Ian, clearing damage from public roadways caused by the hurricane. RED HORSE is uniquely trained, qualified, and prepared to respond alongside the Army and other first responders during natural disasters such as Ian. This self-sustaining unit provides the Air Force and the state of Florida with a highly mobile and rapidly deployable civil engineering response force capable of performing heavy damage repair.

The 202<sup>nd</sup> RED HORSE Squadron, stationed at Camp Blanding, FL., is a specialized, highly mobile civil engineering team comprised of Florida Air National Guardsmen that provides rapid response capabilities for multiple worldwide contingencies and operations.

"We've been responding to major hurricanes for over the last 30 years in the state of Florida," said Capt. Jason Davis, a 202<sup>nd</sup> RED HORSE Squadron civil engineering officer. "We have all the heavy equipment, all the training, and all the tools necessary to do these kinds of jobs. It's something we're really good at doing."

While most of their transportation is by land, the unit has also traveled in unique ways to serve the citizens of Florida. For the first time in the unit's history, members and their equipment were airlifted to Pine Island to begin their work in St. James City October 4<sup>th</sup>; additional members and equipment were also transported by barge to Sanibel and Captiva Islands October 5<sup>th</sup>.



*Members of the 202<sup>nd</sup> RED HORSE Squadron, Florida Air National Guard, receive equipment in St. James City, FL. This marks the first time in the units' history that personnel and equipment have been airlifted into a disaster area by the Army.*

"It's an awesome experience to get to work with the different branches," said Tech. Sgt. Chris Linton, a heavy equipment operations supervisor with the 202<sup>nd</sup> RED HORSE Squadron.

"We all come together for one big mission and come out and truly help all the citizens of Florida as one big team."

While most of the Airmen attached to the 202<sup>nd</sup> RED HORSE Squadron are assigned to the unit permanently, there are individuals from all career fields aiding in the recovery efforts. Senior Airman Harlee Sharp, an avionics intermediate systems journeyman at the 125<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron, is an ongoing example, as she assists the 202<sup>nd</sup> RED HORSE Squadron with their mission of clearing roads in South Florida.

"In the Air National Guard, my job by trade is an aircraft mechanic, but [during disasters] such as this, we are here to fill any role that the state needs," Sharp explained. "As Guardsmen, we are your neighbors and teachers, we're just normal members in the community that are here [to help] in any times of crisis or disaster. We're here to serve the people and ensure everyone is safe."

These Florida Airmen are just a small piece of Joint Task Force Florida executing missions in response to Hurricane Ian. About 5,164 individuals converged to provide life-saving measures and start the rebuilding process since the storm hit.

"As Airmen, we are here for our neighbors and the citizens of Florida," said Airman Raymond Mills, a 202<sup>nd</sup> RED HORSE Squadron vehicle maintenance specialist. "We train for this, we're doing everything we can to help, and that's what it's really about."

When not serving on their state mission, the 202<sup>nd</sup> RED HORSE Squadron also independently responds to contingency and special operations in remote, high-threat environments worldwide.

These same red hats have had multiple deployments over the past year and responded to Hurricane Ida in September 2021. About a year after Ida, they are now working in the same conditions to restore infrastructure in their own state.



*An Airman from the 202<sup>nd</sup> cuts a tree blocking a road in St. James City, Pine Island, FL. in response to Hurricane Ian.*



### AIR FORCE DEACTIVATES “RED HORSE’S CREW THAT BUILT BASES ACROSS MIDDLE EAST

*Published Oct 18, 2022, Stars and Stripes. Story and photos by J.P. Lawrence. Photos by Constantine Bambakidis/U.S. Air National Guard, Phil Speck/U.S. Air National Guard and Whitney Amstutz/U.S. Air Force.*

**AL UDEID AIR BASE, QATAR:** An Air Force engineering unit whose airmen wore red baseball caps while building up many of America’s bases in the Middle East put a capstone recently on two heavy-duty decades.

The 557<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer, known as “Red Horse,” cased its colors in a ceremony Saturday at Al Udeid Air Base.



*Airmen from the 557<sup>th</sup> at their deactivation ceremony. (Constantine Bambakidis/U.S. Air National Guard).*

For Chief Master Sgt. Gary Smith of the 557<sup>th</sup>, the deactivation prompted memories of his six deployments to the Middle East over the past two decades.

He’s gone back to some of the bases he built, and they are in ruins, Smith said. But other buildings he’s constructed remain in use.

“Knowing that you can go from one location to another and start an entire project from scratch, and then when you pull out of that same site, whatever you started is done and actually in use, it’s an amazing thing,” recalled Smith, who said he plans to retire.



*Air Force Col. Matthew Beverly cases the colors with Col. Christopher Stanmire, commander of the 557<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Red Horse, at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, on Oct. 15, 2022. (Constantine Bambakidis/U.S. Air National Guard).*

The 30 to 40 airmen had their headquarters at the Qatari installation and were well-known for doing the “quick and expeditionary” work needed at far-flung bases, unit commander Col. Christopher Stanmire told Stars and Stripes in early October.

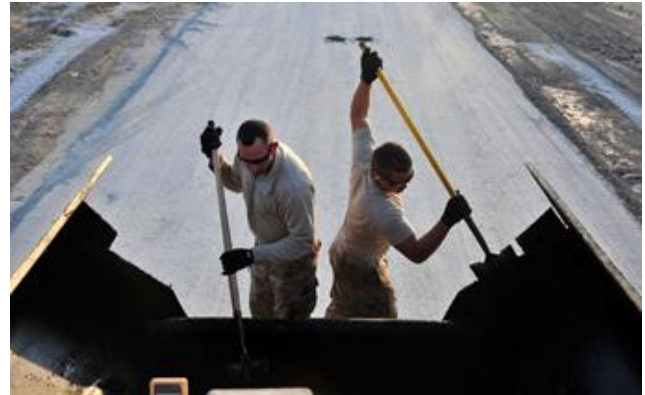
Their best-known work may be the All American Square transient housing for the many thousands of U.S. troops that came in and out of Joint Base Balad, Iraq, in 2010.

In more recent years, they built up airfields in Saudi Arabia and support facilities in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, Stanmire said.

Red Horse squadrons have their own weapons, construction vehicles and equipment, as well as the ability to supply themselves in austere conditions.

The deactivation of the 557<sup>th</sup> follows the release of a new national security strategy that calls for restrained use of the American military in the Middle East and an increased U.S. focus on Russia and China.

“We have changing priorities,” said Col. Anthony Figiera, director of Air Forces Central’s program management office, which will take on some of the roles at Al Udeid that Red Horse used to fill.



*Airmen assigned to the 557<sup>th</sup> “Red Horse” squadron shovel asphalt at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, in 2014. (Whitney Amstutz/U.S. Air Force).*

The U.S. has reduced its Middle East presence after the end of official combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, though it continues to assist regional partners.

Last month, another prominent unit of the past 20 years, the Air Force’s 816<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, also was deactivated.

The Air Force is looking at contracting with local companies and rotating in engineers for short periods of time to compensate for having less robust engineering capabilities in the region now that the 557<sup>th</sup> has left, Figiera said.



Air Force officials said the departure of expeditionary units from the Middle East does not mean the U.S. is abandoning the region, where Russia and China are trying to build influence.

Qatar is funding a multibillion-dollar revamp of Al Udeid Air Base, including construction of facilities that can last up to 75 years, Figiera said.

These facilities will include dorms nicer than many of those in the U.S., Figiera and other officials have said, and walls hardened to protect against rocket attacks.

“That will allow us to have a presence for a very long time in this theater of operations and show the Chinese and the Russians that we’re not going anywhere,” Figiera said.



Airmen from the 557th “Red Horse” squadron build a structure at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, in 2017. (Phil Speck/U.S. Air National Guard).

### 386<sup>TH</sup> AEW AND COALITION PARTNERS REOPEN RUNWAY, ENHANCE MISSION CAPABILITIES.

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**ALI AL SALEM AIR BASE, KUWAIT:** Military personnel from the 386<sup>th</sup> Air Expeditionary Wing, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kuwait Air Force and coalition partners gathered on the newly renovated South runway for a ribbon cutting ceremony at Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait, October 13, 2022.

This event was the culmination of countless hours of hard work for coalition partnership to repair the South runway and taxiway for aircraft on Ali Al Salem. This runway will enable future mission success for years to come and is symbolic of the fruits of joint and coalition teamwork between.

Coordination and efficient teamwork from every team was paramount from day one in order for the project to happen.

“Through a lot of coordination, the construction teams were able to overcome many challenges, including scheduled supply chain disruptions and various force protection considerations to make this a fully functional airfield,” said Lt. Col. Richard Childers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Transatlantic Expeditionary District commander.

“I’d like to thank you for your efforts in bringing this project to fruition by overcoming these challenges in the context of a global pandemic.”



Kuwait Air Force Brig. Gen. Murbarke Al-Qahtani, Ali Al Salem Air Base commander, and U.S. Air Force Col. George Buch, Jr., 386<sup>th</sup> Air Expeditionary Wing commander, greet each other before a ribbon cutting ceremony for the reopening of the South runway and taxiway at Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait, October 13, 2022.



U.S. Air Force Col. George Buch, Jr., and Kuwait Air Force Brig. Gen. Murbarke Al-Qahtani, Ali Al Salem, cut a ribbon together during the ribbon cutting ceremony for the reopening of the South runway and taxiway at Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait. Note: This image was altered to remove a security item.

Taking a moment to reflect on those that had a hand in its construction, Col. George Buch Jr., 386<sup>th</sup> Air Expeditionary Wing commander, spoke on the hard work that went into every piece of the project.

“This is really about gratitude,” said Buch. “A ton of hard work went into this. It all comes down to teamwork, because this cannot happen without a great team and partnerships. Whether that’s service partners or coalition partners, it’s a magnificent amount of work to get this into place. I cannot wait to take off and land on this thing.”

“The Kuwaitis were a big help for paving the runway,” said Tech. Sgt. Chance Cunningham, 557<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Red Horse Squadron pavements and heavy equipment construction craftsman. “Specifically when they were operating the paver equipment that took a lot of workload and stress off of us, so we could focus more on fine tuning things like working around the light cans on the runway for instance.”



## RHPBA NOTES, UPDATES and OTHER INFO

1. **IMPORTANT! PACT Act:** The recently passed PACT Act has language for exposure to toxins from burn pits in the Gulf. It also included language to expand the area for presumptive for Agent Orange exposure to include Thailand (62-76), Laos (65-69), Cambodia (69), Guam (62-80) and a few other locations. If you were in one of these areas and you think you have health issues related to Agent Orange but couldn't prove exposure, contact a Veterans Service Officer and file again. If you were there the new law says you were most likely exposed.

2. **IMPORTANT! New DOD ID Cards:** The DOD has been changing ID cards; the new style white plastic cards were issued as the old card expired. But some of us who are old enough to have a retired military ID cards with an expiration date of indefinite may not know about the change. And if you use your military ID as a Real ID for flying, TSA is updating their security software and once implemented the new software will not read the older cards.

3. **RED HORSE IS EVOLVING.** The Air Force has two squadrons where the entire squadron is at one location: the 820<sup>th</sup> and 823<sup>rd</sup>. All the other squadrons are co-located at two different locations which provides several issues but most of all training. For some time the Air Force has wanted to create a group to train during peace time as they do during wartime. Finally, after years of little or no progress, a plan has been approved by the Secretary of the Air Force to address the following:

- a. The 554<sup>th</sup> RHS, which has about 150 personnel, is a standalone PACAF asset, and the three remaining CONUS squadrons will be standardized to about 367 personnel.
- b. A RED HORSE Group with an 800 unit designator has been established; i.e., The 800<sup>th</sup> RHG.
- c. The 801<sup>st</sup> RED HORSE Training Squadron will be established at Tyndall with the 801<sup>st</sup> Det 1 Training site at Nellis AFB. Other detachments will be established as necessary
- d. All three CONUS squadrons will be under one numbered Air Force.
- e. Additional training sites are in the future with the use of simulators. Simulators to date include heavy equipment, truck driving, welding, and Reverse Osmosis Water Purification (ROWPU).

*Note:* It is advantageous for the Guard and Reserve to have each squadron located at two different locations. These split locations allow the units to recruit very specialized AFSCs (skills) from a larger area and not have the airmen travel great distances for drills.

4. A huge Thank You to Henry Guidry for all of his photos taken at the 819th Reunion. He also provided many of the great pictures for the last newsletter.

5. RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association Membership Information: Joining the RED HORSE / Prime BEEF Association is a mere \$10 for the first year. Have you considered becoming a Life Member? For most of us "old timers" (66 or over) the cost is only \$125 and you are then finished paying dues for life. You help us too in that we do not have to send you reminders for dues and you do not have to worry about them ever again". This is one way that you can keep in touch with what is going on with USAF Civil Engineering Military Engineers today whether it be RED HORSE or Prime BEEF. See the new membership brochure on page 27 and the membership application form on page 28; please send to Randy Eckert per information on page 28.

6. The RHPBA Newsletter: New RED HORSE and Prime BEEF articles are always appreciated and/or any comments you may have regarding the newsletter are always welcome. Please send articles (include photos if you have them) and any comments to Dick Aldinger at [raldinger@rhpba.com](mailto:raldinger@rhpba.com).

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

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

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

10. RHPBA Store Items (Available)

RHPBA items and commemorative coins can be ordered on-line at RHPBA website: <https://www.rhpba.com/RHAStore>.



THE 819<sup>th</sup> RHS 2022 REUNION



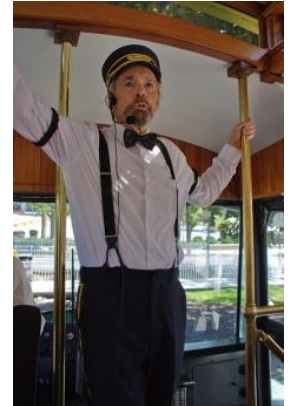
These HORSEmen built Phu Cat Air Base, Vietnam in 1966 through 1968 and try to have a reunion every year. This year they met in Hershey PA from September 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. A few stayed an extra day to visit the local 201<sup>st</sup> RHS and the REOTS/Regional Training Site at Fort Indiantown Gap. Thirty five members and a small group of invited guests and RHPBA directors were in attendance.



They began the event with a catered dinner Monday evening and had a lot of talk with old friends. First thing Tuesday everyone loaded up for a trip to Hershey's Chocolate World, a Visitors Center for the Hershey Company, a public display of how chocolate candy is made and lots of souvenirs'.



We started out with a tour of Hershey aboard the Hershey Trolley Works. It was a narrated tour with plenty of candy, first passing by the Hershey Amusement Park which had just closed for the season. We passed by the current Hershey candy plant which is one of the most automated manufacturing facilities in the country, then past their Reeses Peanut Butter Cup and KitKat plant.



Then a trip through the sights of downtown Hershey where the street lights were shaped like wrapped and unwrapped Hershey kisses. At the other end of town we drove through sections of the Milton Hershey School, a residential school for around 2000 under privileged children from kinder garden through high school and that also provides financial assistance for students wishing to go to college. After our return we went into the welcome center itself.





**The 819<sup>th</sup> RHS 2022 Reunion, Continued**



On Wednesday some of the group split off and had their annual golf tournament while some others toured the Gettysburg National Military Park and Museum where they took a guided tour of the historic battle field.

On the way back they stopped by the President Eisenhower National Historic Site.

Some of the attendees stayed the extra day Thursday for a visit to the local 201<sup>st</sup> RED HORSE Squadron and the REOTS/Regional Training Site at Fort Indiantown Gap. We had to get some photos with the



Horse. The staff at the training site gave us a tour of the type of facilities the troops would deploy with today and



explained the types of repairs they are expected to accomplish from the old large crater to the small bomblet damage anticipated today. The guys got to get a hands on feel of the weapons simulators and seen the ROWPU simulator.





**HELP NEEDED TO UPDATE OUR RECORDS.** During this mailing we have discovered that we have lost contact with some of our members. If you are listed below or recognize a name and have an e-mail or other pertinent information please contact us at [reckert@rhpb.com](mailto:reckert@rhpb.com) with that information.

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| Davis, Nicole           | Hulme, Timothy D.         | Morochnick, Stephen    | Taylor, Andrew S.       |
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| Eakman, Daniel          | Johnson, Gerald D.        | North, John W.         | Walton, Wayne R.        |
| Edwards, Winston        | Johnson, William E.       | Ocasio, Luis E.        | Ward, Dustin S.         |
| Eichelberger, Eugene S. | Jones, Donald A.          | Page, Claude R.        | Watson, Andy            |
| Elder, Christopher J.   | Jones, Lawrence           | Palivoda, Paul         | Whittington, Aaron      |
| Eltmann, Jason          | Jones, Ronald             | Patton, James          | Woolums, Ronald P.      |
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| Elliott, Timothy A.     | Kaster, Sascha            | Perez, Alfredo         |                         |



## THE 2022 BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM "TOM" MEREDITH HONOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS by the RED HORSE AND PRIME BEEF ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### CASEY ECKERT

#### Application Highlights:

- ★ Resides in Middletown, PA and is a junior at Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA
- ★ Majoring in Sports Management
- ★ Casey's grandfather is RHPBA Member Randy Eckert, residing in Palmyra, PA
- ★ High School highlights: Cross Country (4 years, Captain), Track (4 years, Captain), Marching and Concert Band (4 years), Jazz Band (1 year), National Honor Society (3 years), Future Business Leaders of America (2 years, President)
- ★ Life Goals: Sports Marketer for minor and major league baseball teams, combined with strong interest in becoming an EMT

#### Scholarship Committee Remarks:

★ Your letter of reference, prepared by Kurtis Haynesworth, Resident Director of Residence Life, defines you as an exceptional student and more significantly, a responsible and deeply committed individual. In part he writes,

*"Casandra has been able to have a significant impact on the students and organizations of Kutztown University while maintaining a high grade point average (GPA). Her ability to prioritize tasks, organize her work, and communicate her needs with others is what allows her to function at the high rate that she does.*

*Casandra is a dependable person who holds herself in a professional manner and carries out all of her actions with compassion and integrity. Casandra is a leader that follows directions very well and also has the ability to troubleshoot and navigate through unprecedented issues as they arise.*

*Casandra Eckert is an exemplary student leader with a bright future ahead of her. Casandra has positively impacted a vast number of students and professionals here at Kutztown University. This scholarship is a great way to recognize her hard work and achievements."*

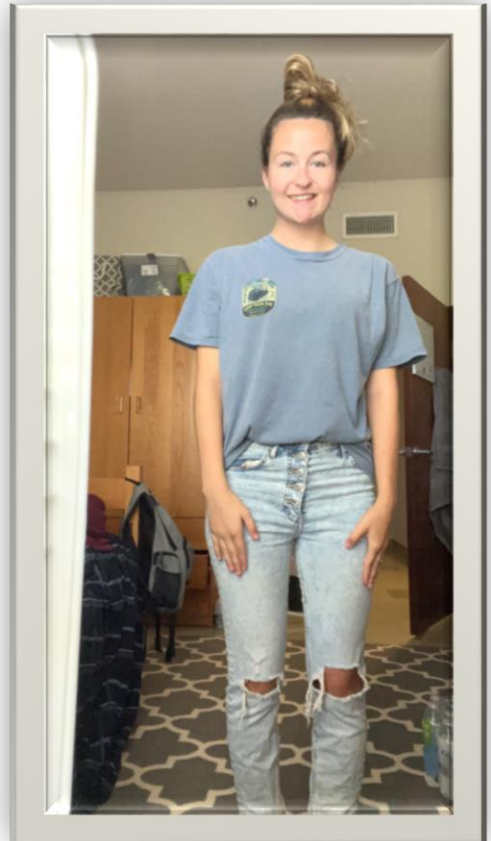
★ Your personal essay reinforced your previous application interest in pursuing a career as an events coordinator. You also plan to apply for a master's degree program in public relations and business administration, further exemplifying your desire to excel. We appreciated reading your insight reflecting personal goals and aspirations where you stated,

*"I had the privilege of meeting every person that works behind the scenes for that specific hockey team (Hershey Bears). After hearing firsthand what everyone does, I was inspired to continue to pursue a career in sports."*

This statement speaks loudly to your understanding of success, especially in a sports environment emphasizing the value of teamwork and respect for all aspect of an organization.

★ You also stressed your passion for helping others through your EMT experience and emergency risk management, both admirable professions, in part saying,

*"I thoroughly enjoyed learning and enjoyed being able to perform these skills (CPR and first aid) which helped inspired me becoming an EMT. I always had a passion for helping others and would like to give back with my skill set."*





## WILL DELLICKER

### Application Highlights:

- ★ Resides in Germansville State / Province, PA and is a senior at Grove City College, Grove City, PA
- ★ Majoring in Biblical and Religious Studies
- ★ Will's grandfather is RHPBA Member Bill Dellicker, living in New Tripoli, PA
- ★ Activities:
  - Sunday School Teacher (and occasional Preacher) at Eastbrook Church, 2019 – Present
  - PA Army National Guard Infantryman since 2017
  - Recipient of the 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Deputy Commanding General Coin for Mission Excellence – 2022 NTC rotation in California

### Scholarship Committee Remarks:

★ Our Selection Committee reviewed your complete application revealing an impressive array of military, community, athletic, and spiritual activities while achieving academic success attending Grove City College. I couldn't help but grin upon reading your crystal-clear response to the following query: Country: The United States of America!!! It certainly appears that you like this place we call home.

★ Your letter of reference, prepared by Dr. George Van Pelt Campbell, defines you as an exceptional student and more significantly, a responsible and deeply committed individual. In part he writes,

*"Grove City College is a rigorous academic institution: we attract students who are unusually strong academically and require a great deal from them. He is unusually inquisitive and curious, has a thirst for knowledge, and asks more questions than most students. He comes prepared to class, engages in his subjects and wrestles with the course content.*

*Will is a deeply responsible man. He has served for some time in the Army National Guard, has received extensive training and has been deployed to serious duty assignments. He has a strong loyalty to his country and a real commitment to serving others. He has also started and runs a business.*

*I commend Will Dellicker to you as a most worthy candidate for your Scholarship who puts his skills to good, responsible use. Your investment in him will not be a mistake."*

★ Your personal essay reinforced your passion and possible interest in a military career combined or competing with your strong spiritual calling. We were particularly impacted by a few of your thoughts, where you stated:

*"I will need to decide what I want to do next in regard to my military career. Service is very much a part of my family and life, but I want to make sure that I am serving the best way I possibly can.*

*I've really felt called to go to Ranger School. I feel it is an attainable goal and something that will make me a better person in all aspects of life, not just my military career. I really love the infantry and will bring the lessons I've learned and experiences I've had into my civilian career as well.*

*My faith in Jesus has been the cornerstone of my life. With this in mind, I am beginning my senior year at Grove City College where I am a Biblical and Religious Studies student. I am also looking towards my next step after college; I have applied to Liberty University's School of Divinity. I really want to start a family and put down roots someplace and try to influence the culture there for Jesus."*

★ Whatever your decision Will, you can't go wrong and we strongly feel you're destined for success. In fact, you already have.



## JOSEPH GREENE II

### Application Highlights:

- ★ Resides in Mary Esther, Florida and is a freshman at Johnson University, Kissimmee, FL
- ★ Majoring in Business Administration
- ★ Joey's Dad is RHPBA Member Joe Greene living in Mary Esther, FL
- ★ Activities:
  - Football (Freshman and Senior years); basketball (4 years) at Ft Walton Beach HS
  - Top student award for American Sign Language class (average 97%).
  - Employed by Panera Bread from September 2020 through June 2022
  - Youth football coach (7 to 13 age group) last year and led team to league championship



### Scholarship Committee Remarks:

- ★ Our Selection Committee reviewed your complete application and enjoyed reading your academic high school academic goal, stating, *"...my first goal was to complete high school with a 3.0 GPA and I crushed that goal with a 3.5 GPA."* Moreover, you improved your GPA each of your four high school years. You have a carefully planned college journey and hopefully that meets both your academic and basketball goals. You reference a solid career path leading to *"learning the ropes"* in sports business or business management and ultimately launch your own business. Very impressive and commendable ideas from a college freshman.
- ★ Your letter of reference, prepared by Bryan Bevard, Amateur Athletic Union program Gulf Coast Storm basketball coach and mentor, portrays you as a stellar athlete, impressive role model and simply a remarkable person. He presents several noteworthy personal attributes, writing, *"He has always been my hardest player and most dependable I have ever coached. From being the first to practice and the last to leave. Being an extension of the coaching staff and mentoring the younger teams. He is the total package and I personally know he will do great things in life."*  
*...this scholarship requires the student to have good academics, social-skills, extracurricular, or other value-based traits. There was an instance where we were practicing for a national basketball tournament where there would be a very high caliber competition. Joey called me and stated, "Coach I know this is a very important tournament, but I will not be able to make it to practice. I'm studying for an exam that I really want to do good on. I will make it up to you but I have to make sure I keep my grades right." This was the first time I was left speechless! All I could say was thank you and I'll see you at the next practice. I was astounded to see such a young student-athlete take his schooling so serious!*  
*Joey Greene has great potential and I am extremely proud to serve as his basketball coach and mentor. He has shown tremendous personal growth which is reflected in his academic result and extra-curricular participation. His positive energy and hard work ethics is a true testament of who this young man is as a person."*
- ★ Your personal essay was an enjoyable read, revealing a "real life" thought process emulating what so many of us experienced and appreciate. You present several notable ideas and desires we want to highlight for our members to enjoy, including, *"I also want to move to a big city and either live in a very nice established apartment or build a house ground up with my wife in preparation of starting my own family. The overall goal for me would be to provide a strong and successful life style for my family to encourage and motivate their successes in the future."*
- ★ We enjoyed your practical, positive view of your academic and athletic ambitions, explained in a way anyone can easily understand and appreciate here, *"I took a trip to Miami with my girlfriend and we went to go look at FIU and I loved it, ever since we visited the campus I've loved that school and it helps that the school is known or best for business degrees which is what I want to major in. FAU is also known for being a business school and it's located in a gorgeous place and it is affordable that's also why I'd love to go there someday."*
- ★ Finally, your closing comments reflect not only your impressive personal character and vision but likely reveal your strong family values, summed up here...  
*"I would like to thank the RED HORSE/Prime BEEF Association for this great opportunity to not only myself but all eligible students as it offers a great way for us to continue building to our goals and setting us up for success."*



## RED HORSE / Prime BEEF Association

The RED HORSE / Prime BEEF Association is an organization representing the professional and personal interests of more than 600 Active Duty, Retired, Veterans, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve of the United States Air Force RED HORSE and Prime BEEF units



### 1. Single-Service Orientation...

Our single-service orientation means we only work for YOU, the RED HORSE and Prime BEEF (RHPBA) community.

### 2. Fun and Keep in Touch...

Members reconnect with old friends and create new friendships by attending RHPBA gatherings in historic and memorable settings.

### 3. Camaraderie...

Cultivate and maintain good relations with community, foster patriotism, pride, and fraternity.

### 4. Scholarships...

Annual scholarships for members and their family.

### 5. Great web site...

Well maintained with current information and historic photos. Keep those "special memories" alive by finding airman from your previous assignments.

### 6. Informative Newsletter...

Membership includes semi-annual issues of our newsletter, with interesting articles and official notifications of planned gatherings.

### 7. Affordable...

Four categories of membership. Opportunity to become involved in committees, fund raisers, event planning and the RHPBA.

### 8. Creditable...

A professional, legitimate, active, involved, established and well working Association that is desirable to belong to.

### 9. Worthwhile...

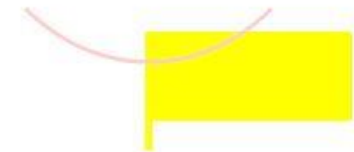
Community programs that help those in need.

### 10. Or just because you want to join



## 10 REASONS

Why the RED HORSE / Prime BEEF Association should be your Military Organization of choice...



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**Regular or Life Membership:** Shall be open to all military members who have or are serving in the USAF Civil Engineer field, or in a USAF Civil Engineering Unit, which includes the ACTIVE, AFRC, and ANG units, or their predecessor service; Aviation Engineer Force and SCARWAF Engineer Force.

**Affiliate or Life Affiliate Membership:** Spouses, children, parents or guardians of those persons, who are or were members eligible for membership, shall be eligible.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Please indicate your Unit(s) assigned. Include month and year.

Unit \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_/\_\_\_ To \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Base \_\_\_\_\_ Combat tour \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Please indicate the membership or renewal level

\_\_\_ Regular Membership, Initiation Year \$10  
\_\_\_ Regular Membership, Renewal \$20  
\_\_\_ Affiliate Membership (Dues will be equal to the sponsoring member)  
\_\_\_ Current Active Duty, Initiation Year \$10  
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Age 56 to 65: \$180  
Age 66 and above: \$125  
**Associate Membership:**  
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Renewal: \$20.00  
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