



# RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association Newsletter

## 2023 RHPBA Convention / Reunion Plans are in Place:

The Island Resort on Okaloosa Island, Fort Walton Beach, FL, October 23-27, 2023

Many thanks to all of you who have shown great interest in our upcoming Convention / Reunion. In response to many inquiries, here are highlights of upcoming events and details on: [pages 4, 19, and 21.](#)

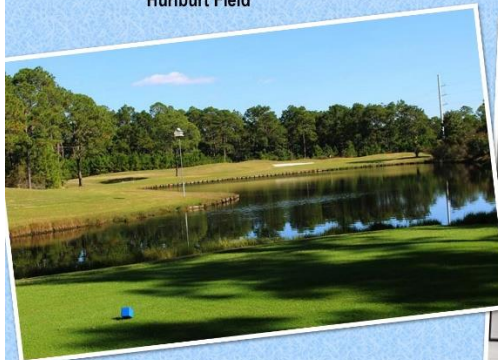
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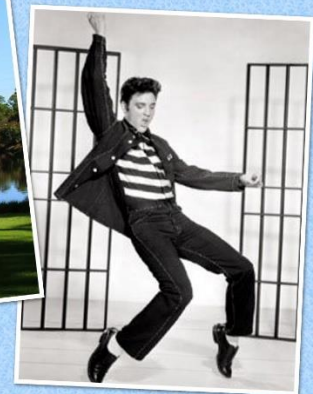
Tour of Tyndall Air Force Base Being Rebuilt As 'Air Base Of The Future'  
Tyndal AFB destruction from Hurricane Michael 2018 shown below:



Gator Lakes Golf Course  
Hurlburt Field



An appearance by Elvis



Bring patches, pins and other items  
for silent auction and to trade with others  
or buy there.

Plenty of opportunities to visit  
with old friends and make new ones.  
Special program is planned for spouses



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MAY 2023



The RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association continues to work for our members, and we have a lot of things going on. Here's what we've been doing:

We are at the height of planning for our Convention and Reunion in October of 2023 in Ft Walton Beach, Florida. This year's convention will honor those members that served during Operations Desert Shield/Storm through the start of Operation Allied Force. This includes a lot of military operations that include Operations Joint Endeavor, Provide Promise, Uphold Democracy, and the Battle of Mogadishu. Several of our Association members proudly served during this timeframe. I hope you will join us in Ft Walton Beach, Florida to honor this group!

During the convention, we will also be electing nearly half of the Board of Directors for the Association. This is YOUR chance to step up and help guide the path of the Association. Your support is welcomed! The general membership elects the Board of Directors at each biennial convention. Any member in good standing, except honorary members, may run for a position on the Board of Directors, which is a four-year term. The Officers are elected from within the elected board. All officers of the Association are volunteers. Anyone desiring to hold a Board of Director position should submit a resume and photo to the President three months before the biennial convention. This enables the Board of Directors to ensure the nominees are eligible and to list each nominee in a special flyer. The flyer is posted on the association web site and Facebook page before the convention. Each nominee is also included in the convention booklet for the general membership to review which gives our membership the opportunity to know more about you before the election. Nominations will not be accepted from the floor at the convention.

Also, the Association recently awarded three \$1000 scholarships to very deserving students. Thanks to a generous donation from Global Recruiters of Charlottesville, we are going to offer several \$1500 scholarships this year. We continue to step up to one of our core missions and award scholarships to fine young Americans!

The last thing, we need your help in growing the association. You can help by telling your friends about us or giving them the link to our website. Please reach out to me or one of the Board of Directors if you have any questions or suggestions to improve the Association.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in October!

Engineers....Lead the Way!

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*RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association*



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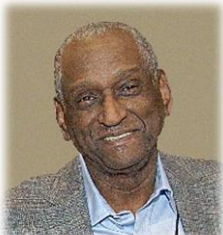
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## UPDATE FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

As noted in our last newsletter, to update our files, the Membership Committee sent a letter to the over 2,000 members that we have files on in our database. It has been a while since we did that serious of a review. It is safe to say, if you are reading this article, you should have received a letter. We do have a few members we have lost contact with, and we are making every effort to locate them.

We did receive several hundred replies from our membership letters with additional and/or updated information to add to our database. You may ask why we need so much information. The bottom line is, with such a diverse membership located around the world, it is impossible for the Board of Directors to personally know most of you. So, we must rely on this information to better understand and represent our membership as we move forward.

We apologize if you did not get our letter. If you did not, please send an e-mail to [reckert@rhpba.com](mailto:reckert@rhpba.com) and he will correct the oversight. We also apologize that some of our responses were not very timely. We had technical issues with the rollout of our new software, which got us a bit behind. We are happy to announce that in the spirit of good engineers, we rose to the occasion, and we overcame it. To date, we have completed sending our membership letters to all our member files. Unless you just sent in your membership dues in the last 30 days, you should have received your new membership card. Lastly, we did not anticipate so many of you upgrading your membership level to Life, and so we had to purchase additional lapel pins. There again we had issues with getting additional pins. They must have come by a slow boat from China, but we again overcame and all of them have been sent out. Again, if we missed you in any of these processes, let us know and we will see what went wrong and get it fixed.

Thanks for your patience and assistance!  
Randy Eckert, Membership Chairman

## RHPBA CONVENTION / REUNION PREVIEW

The theme for this year's convention is Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Operations Allied Force, to recognize members that served during years 1990 to 1999 and to honor our Gulf War era vets.

Also we wanted to highlight current information on the Tyndall Air Force Base rebuilding effort and provide an opportunity to visit and see the renovations at Tyndall. Reference the news articles on recent efforts, page 12. Bus Trip participants to Tyndall AFB will be enlightened about the new base concept including the RED HORSE Silver Flag Site; page 12. The Convention Registration Form provided on page 19 has details about rates and instructions for booking. An event schedule is provided on page 21. Registration for both Hotel and Convention/Reunion will start on May 15th or soon after.

## Reasons to Attend your Convention / Reunion

Our hotel, The Island Resort, is located on Florida Panhandle's most beautiful beach, Okaloosa Island. Rooms have been reserved for our group. The hotel provides "Spacious beachfront suites, or comfortable poolside rooms; the beachfront hotel offers space for every traveler. Hotel amenities say: Experience the Grotto! Swim through the cascading waterfall or walk right into the Grotto bar. Yes, there is a bar inside that rock!"



How about a new RHPBA shirt for the Convention? If interested in purchasing a RHPBA shirt similar to the one shown, here is the information to order: Alphabet Embroidery Studios: A family-owned, light manufacturing business which has been in operation since 1984, located in Xenia Ohio, near Wright Patterson AFB. Alphabet that has its own registered trademark "The Finest Embroidery from A to Z" expressing their commitment that they always strive to provide outstanding quality and service. Visit the web site at, ([alphabetembroidery.com](http://alphabetembroidery.com)) or give them a call at 937-372-6557. Shirts are available in Red, Blue or Tan.



The RHPBA Convention / Reunion will offer attendees the chance to visit facilities on two different Air Bases: Hurlburt and Tyndall. On some locations we will be interacting with RED HORSE and Base Civil Engineering Personnel.

Our program will include a special update of the equipment worn by our RED HORSE and Prime BEEF members when they are deployed. For you "old timers" compare it to what the "originals" had in 1966-67 or others who were deployed during the Gulf War.

Tuesday is going to be a busy day. After a business meeting and AFCEC equipment update we will have briefings about Tyndall AFB which was literally destroyed by Hurricane Michael in 2018 and is now being rebuilt as The Base of the Future. We will also be briefed on updates about the RED HORSE and Prime BEEF programs. This will be followed by a Leadership Panel discussing the Gulf War era.

Our trip to Tyndall on Wednesday is really going to be special. We will visit the 801<sup>st</sup> RHS Training Site (Silver Flag), the home of USAF Civil Engineers Contingency Training and Readiness Challenge competition. While at Tyndall we will drive through parts of the base and see the construction underway that we were briefed on. Make your reservations early for this activity as we are limited to 55 passengers on our Air Conditioned Bus. Yes it does have a rest room.



More excitement follows on Thursday as we take the short trip out to Hurlburt to interact with RED HORSE and Civil Engineering troops and find out a little of what the Air Force is like today. We will be having lunch at the 823rd RHS. The Banquet on Thursday night will be one you will want to attend. There will be special presentations from Quilts of Honor to members of the RHPBA. Our guest speaker as always will be memorable.

Friday is Golf day and I hope many of you will join us. It will be a "scramble" format which means that just one of the foursome needs to hit a good shot. We will be selling mulligans to give you an extra chance to make that short putt that you missed. Anyone can play in our tournament so we expect to be joined by members of the RED HORSE and Civil Engineering squadrons and friends. Weather will be great for golf. Pictured is one of our past golfing events. We are looking forward to this year's event which will be held at Hunter Lake Golf course at Hurlburt Field.



Our Convention / Reunion has been designed to give everyone a chance to relax, talk with old friends and make new ones. Icebreaker starts after registration. We have two hospitality areas available each day and night. There will be music plus the anticipated appearance by "Elvis" has it that "our Elvis" will not disappoint. Elvis will be appearing Tuesday night at 7:00pm followed by karaoke. Bar in hospitality area open each night with karaoke.

Ladies: Special programs are planned for spouses for Tuesday and Wednesday. Plus, our location on the world's most beautiful beaches is fabulous. Great seafood restaurants within easy driving distance. Plenty of stores with a mile. In addition, we are planning a special quilting experience to show you how these magnificent quilts are being made.

Plan on bringing patches, pins and other items for the silent auction and to trade with others.



Looking forward to visiting with old friends and meeting/making new ones. Pictured is a RED HORSE barbecue event from one of our past events.

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### Sponsors Wanted

We hope that all of you will consider being a Sponsor for the 2023 RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association (RHPBA) Convention / Reunion. All funds received from sponsors are used to support the BG Meredith Scholarship Program or other RHPBA related expenses. Whether you can attend or not this is a great way to support the RHPBA. You will receive appropriate recognition at the Convention/Reunion as well as receive association merchandise such as convention coins and association hats. See the Convention Registration form included in this Newsletter for details on the four sponsorship levels: Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze.

### BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM "TOM" MEREDITH HONOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR 2023

Welcome to our 13<sup>th</sup> annual RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association (RHPBA) Scholarship Program for the 2023-2024 academic year.

**This year's scholarship program will award a minimum of three \$1,500 scholarships, our largest award amount ever!**

We competitively award applicants in the following categories planning to attend or currently attending accredited institutions of higher learning, including vocational and technical institutes:

- A. Qualified high school seniors
- B. GED recipients
- C. Home school students meeting the public high school graduation requirements for their respective state
- D. Undergraduate students with at least two semesters remaining prior to graduation

The program is available to family members of an RHPBA member in good standing (annual dues are current). A family member can be a member's spouse, son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, adopted son, adopted daughter, grandson, granddaughter, and includes the member.

To apply, go to our website: [www.rhpba.com](http://www.rhpba.com) and select the [RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association - Gen Tom Meredith Scholarship Program \(rhpba.com\)](http://www.rhpba.com). The link contains information, instructions and guidance for applying. Please direct any inquiries to Scholarship Selection Committee Chair Don Boone via email (dboone555@outlook.com), or text (518-441-7639).

**Submission deadline is June 30, 2023** for the 2023-2024 academic year.

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

## RHPBA NEWS ITEMS

### 819<sup>th</sup> RED HORSE FROM MALMSTROM TRAVEL TO PHILIPPINES FOR TRAINING.

*CE Weekly, Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs: Published Feb 7, 2023; story and U.S. Air Force photos by Tech. Sgt. Hailey Haux.*

**BASA AIR BASE, PHILIPPINES:** Airmen from the 819<sup>th</sup> RED HORSE Squadron out of Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana, traveled to the Philippines to work alongside their Philippine Air Force counterparts in a Field Training Event, Jan. 23 through Feb. 3.

The training event allowed both units to exchange knowledge and best practices in pouring a concrete pad which will be used as a future training site for airfield damage repair, or ADR.



*A member of the Philippine Air Force talks with a member from the 819<sup>th</sup> RED HORSE Squadron while waiting to pour concrete. Events like this show the U.S. Air Force commitment to improving the defensive capabilities of its Allies and partners, and international Airmen are the backbone of those military-to-military partnerships.*

“We were able to work together as a bi-lateral team to train on these capabilities for future ADR exercises and open up more doors in the future for the Indo-Pacific as a whole,” said U.S. Air Force Capt. James Hammons, 819<sup>th</sup> RED HORSE Squadron job site officer in charge. “Building partnerships is incredibly important, especially in this region. The PAF works very hard, so it was remarkable to be part of the team over the last couple weeks and see us all turn out a really great product.”

This event was one of many that took place in the Philippines over the course of two weeks, to include subject matter expert exchanges on maintenance, hot pit refueling, airfield damage repair, and logistics.

“The U.S. Air Force team is easy to socialize with and very open in learning,” said Philippine Air Force 2nd Lt. Peter Daryl Isnit, job site officer in charge for the PAF. “This is why personnel from our team took the pleasure in teaching them.

We tried to work alongside every member of each team using the buddy-system in groups to explain and share our way of construction. Through this, we had the opportunity to talk about the advantages and disadvantages of our methods and compare and adjust processes as a team. We also got to know what life is [like] on the other side of the world and share with them how good our food is and about the people in our country.”



*Airmen from the 819<sup>th</sup> RED HORSE Squadron out of Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana, assist Philippine Air Force Airmen in pouring concrete as part of a Field Training Event at Basa Air Base, Philippines, January 25, 2023. This event was one of many that took place in the Philippines over the course of two weeks to include training together on maintenance, hot pit refueling, airfield damage repair, and logistics.*



*U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Derek Taft, 819<sup>th</sup> RED HORSE Squadron Pavements and Equipment operator, assembles forms with his Philippine Air Force counterparts to pour concrete.*





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*Airman First Class Andres Baez, 819th RED HORSE Squadron Pavements and Equipment operator, prepares to assist in pouring concrete.*

Events like this showcase the U.S. Air Force's commitment to improving the defensive capabilities of its Allies and partners, and international Airmen are the backbone of those military-to-military partnerships.

While the Airmen from the 819th were in the Philippines to pour concrete, they learned much more from their counterparts on and off the job. They shared special moments with each other, including promotions, birthdays, culture, cuisine, and language. The two units even played a game of pick-up basketball to finish their time together—the RED HORSE Squadron won 75 to 73.



*Senior Airman Arthur Hettinger, 819th RED HORSE Squadron Pavements and Equipment operator, attempts a shot during a pick-up basketball game against the Philippine Air Force unit they have been working alongside the past two weeks*



*Airmen from the 819th RED HORSE Squadron pose alongside their Philippine Air Force counterparts after their game of pick-up basketball.*

“This was much more than a job,” said Gibson at a dinner, celebrating finishing the mission. “This was building a brotherhood. The Philippine Airmen took us in and taught us so much about their culture. We will be forever grateful for this entire experience. It’s one that I don’t think any one of us will ever forget.”

The two teams poured roughly 220 cubic yards of concrete over the course of their time together, learning how each crew operates and improving procedures a little at a time.

“As a whole, the process over the last few days has gotten much better and quicker,” said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Kyle Gibson, 819th RED HORSE Squadron job site non-commissioned officer in charge.

“We learned how they wanted things done so the set up kept getting quicker, expediting the process. By the end of our time, we were working seamlessly as a whole, integrated team.”



Airmen from the 819th RED HORSE Squadron assist Philippine Air Force Airmen in pouring concrete as part of the Field Training Event.

**U.S. AIR FORCE, ARMY ENGINEERS PRIORITIZE INTEROPERABILITY TO SET INDOPACOM THEATER**

*CE Weekly Article published Feb. 10, 2023; story and U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Elora J. McCutcheon, 341<sup>st</sup> Missile Wing Public Affairs.*

**MALMSTROM AIR FORCE BASE, MT:** MA recent announcement by Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin regarding the strengthening alliances in the Indo-Pacific between the United States and the Philippines has made one thing clear: unity and a combined, all-domain effort could be the difference in winning large-scale, multi-domain battles the U.S. expects to fight in the future.

Interoperability is no longer a nice-to-have but a need-to-have; this includes collaboration between U.S. sister services to build the Indo-Pacific theater at a moment’s notice.

In line with Austin’s announcement, the 819th RHS recently hosted U.S. Army Col. Jeffrey Hall, 555th Engineer Brigade commander, for an immersive tour of their facilities and mission brief on Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana, February 2, 2023.

RED HORSE Airmen are known for being the most ready and preeminent heavy construction unit in the Department of Defense; adept at setting the theater with built-in infrastructure weapons systems without support and at a moment’s notice.

The 819th RHS and 555th Engineer Brigade have been partners for five years with the common goal of building competence and confidence with worldwide construction opportunities.

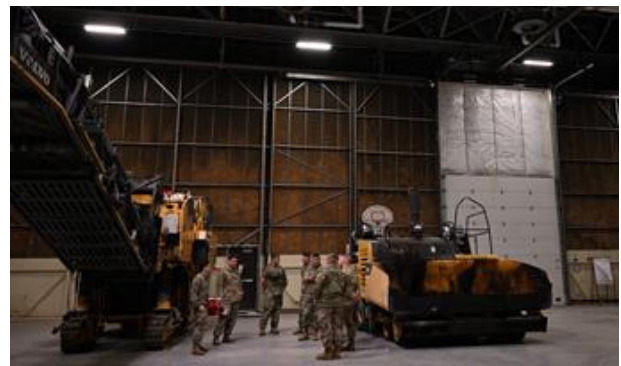
Though it was Hall’s first time visiting the construction-focused enablers here, he was not new to the long-standing relationship between the two units.

According to him, the U.S. Army is looking at improving airfield operations joint training to enhance performance in a contested environment.

The 555th Engineer Brigade and 819th RHS employ a service engineer personnel exchange program in which two Soldiers are stationed here and one Airman is stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, to enhance mission understanding and build upon the foundation required for allied capacity.



U.S. Army Col. Jeffrey Hall, 555th Engineer Brigade commander, right, speaks with Lt. Col. Justin Delorit, 819th RED HORSE commander, regarding squadron quality assurance operations at Malmstrom AFB. Hall visited the 819th RHS to build upon a pre-existing working relationship and prioritize joint training.



Col. Jeffrey Hall, third from right, is briefed on airfields operations and equipment by 819th RED HORSE airmen and senior leadership.

“Our mission now is to set the theater,” Delorit explained during his mission brief. “[Our work in] Tinian Island is proof-of-concept that we can deploy like we say we can and be self-sufficient.”

The Department of Defense signed an initiative in 2019 to build an alternate operations facility on Tinian which would serve as a divert airfield in the Western Pacific; the 819th RHS has contributed in the form of site assessment teams and engineer support for program management.



“The 819th RHS continues to train and equip to meet the demands of the Pacific Theatre,” said Chief Master Sgt. Nathan Laidlaw, 819th RHS senior enlisted leader. “Department of Defense-wide partnerships create opportunities to innovate and excel as a joint team.”

This prioritization runs parallel to the expedient nature in which the U.S. is advancing military presence in the Indo-Pacific region to stand against threats from China and North Korea.

RED HORSE units are self-sufficient and capable of rapid response and independent operations in remote, high-threat environments worldwide. They provide heavy-repair capability and construction support when requirements exceed normal base civil engineer capabilities and where U.S. Army engineer support is not readily available.



A U.S. Army 555th Engineer Brigade patch is worn by U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Mathew Kozlowski, 555th Engineer Brigade senior construction supervisor, during the 819th RED HORSE immersion visit. Kozlowski is part of the 555th Engineer Brigade and 819th RHS service engineer personnel exchange program.



(From left to right) U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Mathew Kozlowski, 555th Engineer Brigade senior construction supervisor, U.S. Army Col. Jeffrey Hall, 555th Engineer Brigade commander, U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Justin Delorit, 819th RED HORSE commander, and U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Nathan Laidlaw, 819th RHS senior enlisted leader, stand for a photo in front of the 819th RHS mascot during the immersion tour at Malmstrom AFB.

## 202<sup>nd</sup> RED HORSE MODERNIZE AIRFIELD AT NAVAL AIR STATION.

*Published Feb 13, 2023. 125<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Public Affairs, Story by Tech Sgt Chelsea Smith, photos by Senior Airman Jacob Hancock.*

**JACKSONVILLE, FL AIR NATIONAL GUARD:** Airmen of the 202nd RED HORSE Squadron are modernizing the airfield ramp at Naval Air Station Jacksonville to ensure taxiway concrete can withstand the weight of the U.S. Navy’s P-8A Poseidon aircraft.

The airfield, in its current condition, will significantly decay under the weight of the 138,000-pound aircraft which is flown by seven squadrons belonging to the Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Eleven at NAS Jacksonville.

Airmen broke ground January 30 and removed about eight tons of concrete in preparation for the use of high-density concrete, known as 650 Flex Concrete. The concrete mixture is made for high-capacity reserve load-carrying and has greater resistance to degradation by fuel spillage, oil drippings, jet health and blast, said Master Sgt. Timothy Jackson, 202nd RED HORSE project manager.

The team, comprised of 202nd RHS airfield pavement and construction engineers, are replacing four areas of existing 12 by 15 square feet concrete slabs on the airfield ramp. The new slabs are approximately 12 by 15 square feet and 15-inches thick but use 5,000 pounds-per-square-inch (PSI) concrete which allows the slabs to support the weight of the new P-8 aircraft which are heavier than their predecessors.

“We’re here to deliver the Navy a good product,” said Jackson. “It’s heavy construction but on a lower scale for the tempo so we’re able to get some training done as well. It’s a win-win for both parties.”

Airmen of the 202nd RHS train annually to remain ready for these types of engineering and construction projects. The units are designed to provide the Air Force with a highly mobile and rapidly deployable civil engineering response force capable of independently responding to contingency and special operations in remote, high-threat environments worldwide. The airfield repairs are scheduled to conclude by the end of February 2023.





Air Force Airmen of the 202nd RED HORSE Squadron, Florida Air National Guard, repair the airfield ramp at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida, Feb. 8, 2023. The Airmen are rehabbing the airfield to ensure taxiway concrete can withstand the weight of the U.S. Navy's P-8A Poseidon aircraft.



**MEDICAL RESEARCHER WHOSE NAME IS KRISTY RED HORSE.**

*Published Feb 13, 2023, by Rachel Bujalski and Claudia Dreifus, contributing writers for Quanta Magazine, which is committed to in-depth, accurate journalism that serves the public. Excerpts are provided below; the entire article is provided at: <https://www.quantamagazine.org/she-studies-growing-arteries-to-aid-heart-attack-recovery-20230213>*

**SHE STUDIES GROWING ARTERIES TO AID HEART ATTACK RECOVERY:** Kristy Red Horse, a researcher in regenerative medicine at Stanford University and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI), studies the growth of the arteries that supply the heart with blood and oxygen.



*Regenerative medicine researcher Kristy Red Horse's discoveries may someday help damaged hearts heal better. Her stewardship of her Native American heritage may advance science in other ways too.*

Red Horse is an associate professor of biology at Stanford University and a member of the school's Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine, and has become a leader in the pursuit of that understanding. She has published groundbreaking studies on the origins of blood vessels in the hearts of mammals. The hope is that what she and her colleagues have learned about the growth of those vessels during fetal development could help rescue the heart after a heart attack.

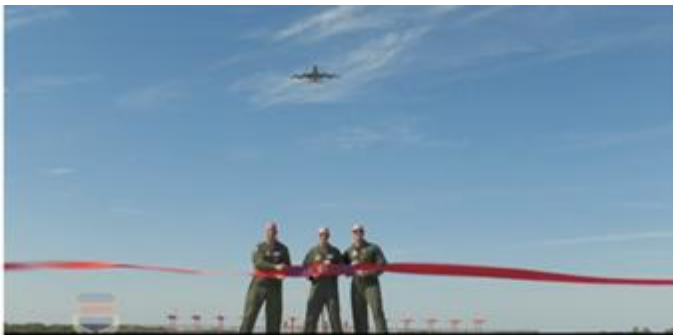
Red Horse thinks it might be a couple of decades before her area of research yields a regenerative therapy for heart attacks. But she doesn't mind being patient because the scientific process itself is rewarding. "You get to be a detective and an artist," she said.



## 55<sup>th</sup> CIVIL ENGINEERING SQUADRON: 2022 RUNWAY COMPLETION AT OFFUTT AFB.

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**OFFUTT AFB, NE:** Today, we spotlight the 55 CES, the 2022 runway completion at Offutt AFB, and Rob Hufford, Chief of Construction Management, who was among the first to take flight from Lincoln, Nebraska, to the final landing at Offutt AFB. The runway project was completed in 579 days and was on time and within budget in. The effort included all hands-on deck, with 209,000 people making 19,000 roundtrips to support over 1,800 sorties out of Lincoln. The project was no small effort, with over 25 million pounds of equipment being moved and close to 240,000 hours of security force defenders protecting the space during construction.



*This AFB was established in 1939 and renamed in 1941 to honor an aviator who served in World War I. Situated on 5,767 acres, this AFB houses 19 aircrafts, worth \$1B, and is home to the Hurricane Hunters.*

## TYNDAL AIR FORCE BASE REBUILD ARTICLES:

### 801<sup>st</sup>, Det 1, RED HORSE TRAINING SQUADRON STANDS UP OPERATING LOCATION AT NELLIS AFB.

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**NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, NV:** Following the stand-up of the 801<sup>st</sup>, Det 1, Rapid Engineer Deployable, Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers Training Squadron at Tyndall AFB earlier this year, an additional geographically separated unit activated Nov. 21 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada.

The 801<sup>st</sup>, Det 1, RHTS was designed to stabilize, standardize and cultivate contingency training for combat support teams across the Air Force, allowing instructors to focus on training members. Special Capabilities flight, originally under the 820th RED HORSE, was realigned as the 801<sup>st</sup>, Det 1, RHTS Operating Location-A to best execute the existing mission.

“[The Special Capabilities flight] is made up of instructors operating under the 820th [RED HORSE] which is focused on deployments and executing projects,” said Capt. Victoria LaFemina, 801<sup>st</sup>, Det 1, Operating Location – a flight commander. “The 801<sup>st</sup>, Det 1, Operating Location will give leadership an opportunity to invest in our instructors to ensure they are trained not only on how to be an instructor and teach, but also to make them the leading experts in whatever course they’re teaching.”

Performing a training mission under an operational squadron poses several complications. Reorganizing the command structure to place the Special Capabilities flight under the 801<sup>st</sup>, Det 1, RHTS will provide instructors with the stability and resources necessary to provide critical training without having to worry about also completing a deployable mission.

“Before, we would have to keep rotating instructors, so we could teach for so long but eventually [due to a deployment, TDY or other priorities] we would be rotated out,” said Staff Sgt. Emanuel Lopez, 801<sup>st</sup>, Det 1, OL-A instructor. “Now with us being coded under the operating location, we aren’t eligible for deployments which allows us to get our knowledge up and become the true subject matter experts on material that we’re teaching.”

Lt. Col. Craig Poulin, 801<sup>st</sup>, Det 1, RHTS commander, explained that RED HORSE is unique because they bring specialized capabilities to the fight to enable combat support and to build the infrastructure required in contingency environments.



*The 801<sup>st</sup>, Det 1, RED HORSE Training Squadron was activated at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, Nov. 21, 2022, to stabilize, standardize and cultivate contingency training for combat support teams across the Air Force, allowing instructors to focus on training members. The location of the 801<sup>st</sup> OL-A is unique to Nellis due to the amount of space available to conduct explosive demolition operations and quarry operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Zachary Rufus.)*

“Being a RED HORSE instructor is also very special,” said Poulin. “It takes confidence and competence in the ability to instruct others, both in the classroom and in the field.”

That confidence and competence applies both to the students we teach, but also to the instructors we have within the organization.”

The mission of the now 801<sup>st</sup>, Det 1, RHTS OL-A, will not change. The unit offers more than 70 courses a year including asphalt paving, explosive demolition operations and quarry operations to active duty, guard and reserve civil engineers. In fact, the location of the 801<sup>st</sup>, Det 1, OL-A is unique to Nellis due to the amount of space available to conduct explosive demolition operations and quarry operations.

The reorganization of the 801<sup>st</sup>, Det 1, RHTS OL-A will provide the instructors with the stability and support they need to reach their highest potential and foster a training environment that produces combat support Airmen.

**TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, FL:** 801<sup>st</sup> RED HORSE Training Squadron develops and delivers integrated, realistic training and exercises for combat support teams. The squadron operates the Silver Flag Exercise Site on Tyndall Air Force Base, FL., which is the Air Force's largest Agile Combat Support training location. The courses and readiness exercises executed by 801<sup>st</sup>, RHTS prepare Total Force Airmen for contingency operations and worldwide deployments. Functional communities currently supported consist of Civil Engineering, Contracting, Financial Management, Force Support, Ground Transportation, and Manpower. The squadron trains more than 4,500 personnel each year.

**SILVER FLAG TYNDALL (SF-T)** is the largest readiness event executed by 801<sup>st</sup> RHTS. SF-T is integrated Agile Combat Support training exercise in which teams accomplish tasks necessary to establish, operate, and recover an airbase as part of an Expeditionary Airbase (XAB) Force Element or an associated Demand Force Team (DFT).



U.S. Airmen with the 801<sup>st</sup> RED HORSE Training Squadron pose for a photo at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, April 26, 2022. The 801<sup>st</sup> RHTS mission will continue to focus on developing and delivering integrated, realistic training and exercises to combat-support teams. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Tiffany Del Oso).

801<sup>st</sup>, Det 1, RHTS was activated on April 26, 2022. Prior to its activation, the unit was designated Detachment 1, 823<sup>rd</sup> RED HORSE Squadron, and it has operated at Tyndall Air Force Base since 1993. The unit's heritage extends back to the 1970s with its predecessor units executing Silver Flag at Eglin Air Force Base, FL. and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

801<sup>st</sup> RHTS executes other readiness events including Runway Damage Repair and Emergency Airfield Lighting System training, the Expeditionary Manpower Management Course, Officer Field Experience for Civil Engineer initial skills training, and Civil Air Patrol encampments. In 2022, the squadron hosted Readiness Challenge VIII-a civil engineer contingency skills competition-and restored the event after a 22-year hiatus. 801<sup>st</sup> RHTS also hosts combat support teams for unit-requested training and access to the Silver Flag Exercise Site.

#### **509<sup>TH</sup> BOMB WING'S PRIME BEEF TRAINING EVENT**

*Article display by 505<sup>th</sup> Command and Control Wing, an official website of the United States Government. Published March 27, 2023, by Senior Airman Nash Truitt, 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs; U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Brieana E. Bolfing.*

**WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE, MO.:** Some people argue whether it is better to eat prime beef rare or well done. However, the U.S. Air Force thinks it is best served as the Base Engineer Emergency Force, or as it is more frequently known Prime BEEF.

Prime BEEF is a specialized unit within certain Air Force Civil Engineering squadrons comprised of skilled construction technicians, earth movers, electricians, plumbers, firefighters, and explosive ordnance disposal Airmen. These units across the Air Force stand by to respond to and support contingency operations when needed.

The 509th Civil Engineering Squadron Prime BEEF section maintains readiness by training, certifying, and tracking its members, ensuring they are rapidly deployable and able to support relief efforts for man-made or natural disasters. Matthew Damaso, 509th CES unit deployment manager, said Prime BEEF's monthly training is contingency based. It includes vehicle training, land navigation, tactical movements, and other deployment-related training.

The Airmen attached to Prime BEEF must be knowledgeable with deployment skills and able to employ them anywhere in order to complete the tasks expected of them.

Prime BEEF teams frequently deploy to a location after another civil engineering team has already built up a bare base, a base with the minimum essential facilities to house, sustain, and support operations.



“Prime BEEF is your sustainment side of a base,” said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Matthew Fenton, 509th CES prime BEEF manager. “After the bare base is built, our guys are out there. They are building defensive fighting positions with the Army side-by-side with our own security forces.”

Prime BEEF units “BEEF” up bare bases by building additional infrastructure to support contingency operations more effectively.

“Once everything is said and done, the Airmen function as any other CE unit would,” said Fenton. “You have your electricians, plumbers, firefighters and everything in between. Without that presence, the base would just not be able to function at its highest ability.”

The 509th Prime BEEF Airmen affect more than just deployed locations.

Damaso said some of Prime BEEF’s most important missions stateside are the bomber strategic aircraft recovery teams and bomber task forces.

“If they send out those types of teams, there is a select number of members who must go,” he said. “That way they are able to build something up in a moment’s notice.”

That could mean getting a new base up and running quickly so that the Air Force can continue its mission if another main operating base were to be lost. Prime BEEF units might also repair infrastructure at deployed locations or assist with setting up emergency relief areas if an aircraft crashes.

When Prime BEEF Airmen take the words “from the ground up” to heart, they allow the Air Force to execute crucial and hazardous missions in austere environments. This enables the B-2 Spirit to perform nuclear operations and global strike, anytime, anywhere.



*The 35th CES completes 2022 Prime BEEF training: Japan Air Self-Defense Force Tech. Sgt. Akashi Kikuchi, 3rd Air Wing Civil Engineer Squadron water and fuel system maintainer, looks at new components on the Water and Fuel Expedient Repair System during the annual Prime BEEF training at Misawa Air Base, Japan, June 14, 2022.*

The training helps both services learn the new process and machinery, to be used in various scenarios where damage may occur on critical parts of Misawa during wartime and contingency operations.



*U.S. Airman 1st Class Ryan Gray, 35th Civil Engineer Squadron structures journeyman, places a pin to connect and lock a Disaster Relief Beddown System tent during the annual Prime BEEF training event.*

Prime BEEF provides the 35th CES the opportunity to practice support for the beddown of aircraft and personnel. Their capabilities include base site surveys, establishing bare base camps and operations and utility system installation.



*U.S. Airmen assigned to the 35th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) and Japan Air Self-Defense Force Airmen assigned to the 3rd Air Wing CES connect new water pipes during the annual Prime BEEF training event.*

Replacing broken pipes within the base is crucial to the mission as it supports rapid projection and application of U.S. military power to ensure continuation of operations and installations around the globe.

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

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### COL (RET) SUSANNE WAYLETT

She was the first woman in the field of Civil Engineering, squadron commander, O6 select, RED HORSE commander, and group commander at the Air Force.



*As a pioneer in civil engineering, retired Col Susanne Waylett paved the way for future generations of women. Navigating the Air Force through many changes over the span of 29 years, Waylett has a record to show for her extraordinary service.*

Throughout her military career, retired Col Susanne Waylett experienced many firsts and broke through many barriers due to her hard work ethic and determination to "get the job done." Waylett was not only an exceptional officer rising through the ranks of the Air Force but a civil engineering pioneer setting the path for generations of women to follow.

Waylett's journey started from humble beginnings; her parents served in World War II and instilled in Waylett a deep understanding of patriotism and service. Waylett's mother was an aircraft mechanic in the Marine Corps and one of three sisters who served in the military. Her father served as a pilot in the Army Air Corps. As the oldest of eight kids, Waylett was raised as a leader.



*Retired Col. Susanne M. Waylett experienced many historic firsts during her career which included being the first female to enter the civil engineer career field (pictured), the first female civil engineer squadron commander and the first female CE to reach the rank of colonel.*

Waylett's military career began in 1971 after graduating from the University of Michigan. At the time, few engineering jobs were available so Waylett explored options within the Air Force. After speaking with a recruiter, Waylett took the entrance exam and was accepted into the Air Force. It was a tumultuous time for women entering the Air Force in the early 1970s; the Vietnam War was at its height, and women could not serve in combat. "I had to wait until January 1971 for an opening spot at Officer Training School because of the war," Waylett explained.

Waylett was invited to Randolph Air Force Base to meet with the Air Force Civil Engineer at the midpoint of her officer training. This was an unusual invitation for an officer-candidate, but it was at that point Waylett learned she would be the first woman in the civil engineering career field. To her surprise, she was allowed to select her choice of assignment. For her first assignment, Waylett went with Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, which was a familiar environment due to Officer Training School.

During the first eight months at her first assignment, Waylett was invited to Washington, D.C., to meet high-rank officials in the Air Force and speak with local press members. She quickly realized that her time in the Air Force was turning into a publicity tour which was not the career she envisioned for herself when she signed up to serve her country. "I did not join the Air Force to be a poster child or do a campaign for recruiting," Waylett said. After having an opportunity to meet Maj Gen Jeanne Holm, who was the first woman general officer in the Air Force at that time, Waylett knew she could do whatever she set out to do.

Ambitious for more, Waylett was encouraged to seek a new opportunity, but this time on a more remote base outside the U.S. In 1972, she elected to go to Osan Air Base, Korea.



It was at Osan that she met one of her first mentors in the Air Force, MSgt Dennis Mcknight, who told her, "Lieutenant, you can take over and run this industrial engineering function, or I will. But if you do, I will teach you everything I know." Waylett took his words to heart and made a name for herself. While only one of forty women across the entire base, Waylett never allowed her gender to limit her abilities or disqualify her from any role.



*As the first woman RED HORSE commander, she led a team to Bosnia in the early 1990s to assist with the construction of tent cities for the Army.*

It was a highly challenging mission due to the aftermath of the war and the weather conditions. "We had mud up to our knees and slept in vehicles when we arrived," Waylett explained. In addition to the crumbling infrastructure, they also dealt with logistics problems. They had to fly materials from Ramstein Air Base, Germany, to Bosnia, which resulted in many delays. While the Army was the lead service in Bosnia, Waylett was tasked with coordinating because of her leadership capabilities.

Her next deployment was the rebuilding of Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, following the Khobar Tower bombing. Waylett was flown out to the base immediately after her team was requested. Only after arriving at Prince Sultan Air Base did Waylett discover that a woman had never occupied the Saudi Arabia base headquarters building. In light of the political nature of the situation, Waylett was prepared to take a backseat. However, the base commander insisted that she have the freedom to command her unit. Through each deployment, Waylett gained the respect of her peers and leadership, along with trust in herself to do the job right.

Each time Waylett transitioned into a new role or embarked on a new venture in her life, she received support and guidance from her civil engineer family. One of the toughest challenges Waylett faced was being a single parent in the military. "As a mom trying to balance between my career and motherhood, it made a huge difference what career field I was in," Waylett said.

Waylett understood the implications of being a mother and an officer in the military as her decisions directly impacted her daughter. "There are always hard choices, but they are magnified when you are in the military. We are there to support and defend. We have to be ready to pay with our lives," she elaborated.

Through it all, Waylett is proud of the legacy she is leaving behind and the impact she has made on civil engineering. Among the many accomplishments Waylett has had throughout her career, one of her most memorable ones came just last year when she was awarded the AFIT Alumni Award. Waylett will continue her record of accomplishment at this year's Readiness Challenge in April with an award being named after her that will be presented to winners.



*Waylett paved the way for other women in a traditionally male-dominated career field and remains a proud figure in the civil engineering community to this day.*

## AIR FORCE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Article and photo provided by Katie Scott for CE Weekly, Tuesday, 21 March 2023.



Class 48-C, Air Installations Engineering, Special Staff Officer Course.

Seventy-five years ago this month, the newly established Air Force Institute of Technology's Air Installations Special Staff School, known today as The Civil Engineer School, offered its first class. Consisting of 31 students ranging in rank from First Lieutenant to Lieutenant Colonel, the school was intended to train officers for base-level Air Installations duty during a 12-week course that covered buildings and structures, master planning, cost accounting, property and supply, and preventive maintenance.

## USAF SEEKS TO ALMOST DOUBLE FOREIGN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT IN '24

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From Norway to Australia, from Guam to United Kingdom, the Air Force wants to invest more money in infrastructure outside the continental U.S. than it has in years, according to budget documents. As part of its fiscal year 2024 budget request, the Air Force is seeking \$1.24 billion in appropriations and \$872.5 million in authorizations for military construction outside the U.S.—both of which are its largest requests since at least 2000.



Airmen from the 819th RED HORSE Squadron out of Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana, assist the Philippine Air Force in pouring concrete as part of a Field Training Event at Basa Air Base, Philippines, January 25, 2023.

## AFCEC RUNWAY CONSTRUCTION AT LITTLE ROCK AFB NEAR FINAL PHASE

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### JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, TEXAS:

After over two years of construction, the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center successfully completed a vital milestone of the extension of Little Rock Air Force Base's mission-critical runway in Arkansas recently.

The significant project milestone, spearheaded by the Air Force Civil Engineer Center, is part of a four-phased effort to fully replace the aging runway, built in 1955. The achievement, referred to as "Phase 3A," modernized the middle west end of the runway, adding 3,000 feet of new pavement to extend the operational section to 8,000 feet and re-opening Taxiway B.

Mission-ready airfields are essential to the lethality and readiness of our Air and Space Forces," said Col. George Nichols, deputy director at AFCEC's Facility Engineering Directorate. "The airfield is Little Rock's most important mission asset, and many thanks to our teams of engineering experts, we're delivering resilient infrastructure the installation needs for its mission assurance."

The AFCEC directorate is the Air Force's design and construction entity charged with delivering military construction programs that support Department of Defense priorities.

AFCEC is executing the \$180 million construction effort, providing design and planning, and ensuring the project stays on time and within budget alongside contracting partners in the Air Force Installation Contracting Center's 772nd Enterprising Sourcing Squadron.

The recent phase 3A milestone supports the training mission at Little Rock AFB and significantly bolsters the installation's flying mission by providing more flexibility for mission commanders, enabling more efficient and safe daily flight operations.

The Arkansas base is home to the 19th Airlift Wing and serves as the center of the C-130 enterprise. It hosts the world's largest C-130 training mission, providing agile combat airlift worldwide and training pilots and aircrew for all Department of Defense branches.

Additionally, the installation supports a variety of other missions and accommodates aircraft within Air Mobility Command's fleet including the C-5 Galaxy, KC-10 Extender, C-17 Globemaster III and KC-135 Stratotanker.

The AFCEC-led effort is one of the most extensive infrastructure repairs at the Arkansas base since its first opening.



“Over the years, certain sections of the runway were fixed and patched multiple times to ensure the airfield remains operational. However, the runway required a complete replacement,” said Monica Escobar, AFCEC’s project manager.

Modernization of Little Rock’s airfield began in May 2020 when AFCEC, in collaboration with the installation’s 19th Civil Engineer Squadron, AFICC and AFIMSC’s Detachment 9, awarded the contract for the long-awaited upgrades.

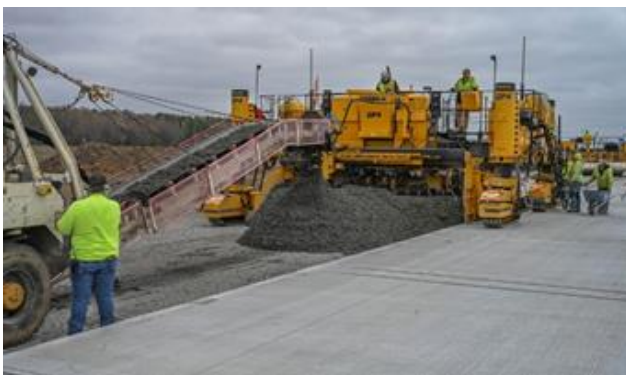
Since then, much of the work is completed to include a new 4,000-foot assault landing zone, 10,000-foot construction on primary runway 07/25 and replacement of seven connecting taxiways.

After six years of closure, the reopening of the ALZ was a major addition to the installation’s training capabilities, as the landing assault space helps pilots train for landings in austere locations with unfinished or shorter runways.

Work is currently underway to complete “Phase 3B” which involves finishing the remaining 2,000-foot of concrete paving on the main runway, 1,000-foot of asphalt paving on the overrun, rebuilding Taxiway A, in addition to extensive airfield electrical light fixture replacements and upgrades to navigational aids.

Weather conditions have caused major challenges for the project, Escobar said, but thanks to teamwork and effective planning early in the construction, the AFCEC team identified a path to merge projects into phase three, keeping delivery on time and within budget. The plan allowed contractors to work both the ALZ and west runway at the same time. It also included phases 3A and 3B at the same time vice sequentially.

AFCEC plans to wrap up the west runway section by July before transitioning to the final construction phase in the fall. Once all phases of construction are complete, the runway will be 12,000 feet long and 150 feet wide.



A slipform concrete machine lays concrete for a runway at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas. This round of laying of concrete marks the end of a campaign that put down a total of 12,000 feet of slipform concrete.

## ACC WINS READINESS CHALLENGE IX

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**TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, FL:** Airmen representing Air Combat Command and the 99th Civil Engineer Squadron from Nellis Air Force Base took the title at Readiness Challenge IX, the Department of the Air Force’s annual civil engineer skills competition, April 24 to 28.



*Airmen representing Air Combat Command and the 99th Civil Engineer Squadron from Nellis Air Force Base took the title.*

After a weeklong competition filled with full-spectrum, integrated base response and recovery operations events between eight teams from across the Department of the Air Force, 99th CES demonstrated they were the best.

It feels great! This was a complete team effort, because most of us didn't know each other when we started and yet here we are,” said Tech. Sgt. John Seaton, 99th Civil Engineer Squadron. “There wasn't a single person who didn't want to be here, there was no weak link in our chain, and if you gave me enough time, I could list every single contribution from every single person and how they elevated us to first place.”

Sponsored by Air Force Civil Engineer Center and executed by the 801st RED HORSE Training Squadron, Readiness Challenge is the capstone event for DAF civil engineers. For the first time in more than 20 years it was conducted at full operational capability with more challenges and new evaluations.

“What makes this Readiness Challenge unique is that teams got to practice their multi-capable Airman skills,” said Master Sgt. Austin Henrichsen, operations director for Readiness Challenge and a member of the 801st RED HORSE Training Squadron. “Instead of breaking up the teams and having the Airmen compete in tasks related to their specialties, they completed the challenges as a team. This encouraged the Airmen to teach and learn from each other on their different skill sets and grow as a team; and no other challenge is going to do that.”

More than 300 Airmen competed in this year's event, representing teams from the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve Command, Air Education and Training Command, Air Force Global Strike Command, Air Force District of Washington, Air Combat Command, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa, and Pacific Air Forces.

Resembling a deployment model, the major command teams were made up of 41 Airmen with various civil engineer skills, including electrical, power production, HVAC, pavement and equipment, structures, water and fuels maintenance systems, pest management, engineering assistance, operations managers, fire fighters, explosive ordnance disposal, and emergency management technicians, along with a civil engineer officer.

"Readiness Challenge is the most realistic training our Airmen will get in preparation for combat operations," said Brig. Gen. William Kale, AFCEC commander. "With events like these, we're prioritizing Airman readiness, ensuring the Air and Space Force lethality." Readiness Challenge also allows AFCEC, civil engineer career field managers and leaders to assess unit readiness, find deficiencies and identify training opportunities.

"The event incentivizes and reinforces the training we develop for the career field here at AFCEC," said Senior Master Sgt. Robert Krumlinde, EOD force development manager at AFCEC. "With the help of the 801st RED HORSE we're able to deliver that training and then evaluate them here at Readiness Challenge, so it's a win-win for everyone."

Leaders say this year's FOC competition is the foundation for many more to come.

"Readiness Challenge has grown significantly since it first challenged civil engineers back in 1986," said Kale. "I expect each and every year, hereafter we will keep getting better and effectively demonstrate that the Department of the Air Force civil engineers are lethal and ready."



Airmen representing the Air National Guard and the 145th Civil Engineer Squadron, North Carolina National Guard, took second place at Readiness Challenge IX.

## RHPBA NOTES, UPDATES and OTHER INFO

1. 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 22 and the membership application form on page 23; please send to Randy Eckert per information on page 23.

2. 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 [daldinger@rhpba.com](mailto:daldinger@rhpba.com). Make sure your e-mail address is established with Don Bowker, Sr. at [dbowkersr@rhpba.com](mailto:dbowkersr@rhpba.com).

3. 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 to log into the restricted area of the website.

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

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

6. Global Recruiters of Charlottesville: RHPBA is proud to recognize Global Recruiters of Charlottesville (GRN) as a Platinum Plus Sponsor. Specifically, we would like to thank Managing Partner Benjamin Wham for donating \$3,000 to our scholarship program. Col (Ret) Wham's career in the Air Force covers more than 26 years of dedicated service in the civil engineering career field. Since retiring he has worked in higher education, non-profit and the Federal Government (FEMA). GRN connects military members, military spouses and veterans to engineering opportunities in federal, state, local and private agencies.

Website: [grncharlottesville.com](http://grncharlottesville.com)





## RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association Convention/Reunion October 23-27, 2023



**Registration for convention/reunion, reception, tours, sponsorship and order form for commemorative coins.**

Our host hotel this year is The Island Resort at 1500 Miracle Strip Parkway Southeast, Fort Walton Beach, FL, 32548. Please make your own reservation(s) for the hotel using the following link (copy into your browser): <https://be.synxis.com/?adult=1&arrive=2023-05-12&chain=6255&child=0&currency=USD&depart=2023-05-13&group=2310REDHRS&hotel=37398&level=hotel&locale=en-US&rooms=1> or by calling (850) 337-9194. Be sure to mention you are with the RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association group and use promotion code 2310REDHRS to receive the special rate of \$169, plus taxes and fees. Reservations must be made by Saturday, September 22, 2023 to get these rates. Check-in time is 4 PM and Check-out time is 11 AM.

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801 RHS (Silver Flag) Tour *Limited to 55 pax		\$60	\$60		\$
Hurlburt Day Tour (TBD) *Limited to 55 pax		\$45	\$45		\$
Golf Tournament		\$55	\$55		\$
2023 RHPBA Reunion Coin (see next page)		\$10	\$10		\$
Sponsorship (Information next page)	Platinum \$500	Gold \$350	Silver \$250	Bronze \$125	\$
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$</b>

**\* IMPORTANT:** Everyone wishing to attend the Silver Flag or Hurlburt tours must have a military active or retired ID card or submit your personal information (proper name and Social Security Number) to Dave Corbett for a security check prior to the convention.

\*\* To pay by check or money order make it payable to: **RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association** and send it, along with completed registration form, to: RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association, 312 Sudduth Cir NE, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548.

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# RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association Convention/Reunion October 23-27, 2023



### Cancellations/Changes and Refunds:

Fees will be refunded, less \$10.00 processing fee, if cancellation or change resulting in a refund in writing no later than September 15, 2023. After that date, fees are non-refundable. All refunds will be processed after the convention/reunion.

### Sponsorships are available for the Convention, Personal or Organizational:

Convention/Reunion Sponsors always help make these events a success. These sponsorships are a great way to recognize past assignments as well as support the RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association Convention and Scholarship Funds. We hope you will consider being a sponsor at one of the levels listed below. Possibly two or more of you may like to share the cost to recognize your RED HORSE or Prime BEEF units.

**Platinum Sponsor:** \$500 Donation – Signage will be displayed in the convention/reunion program, posted signage displayed at hotel events, plus two RHPBA hats, two convention/reunion coins and a dozen monogrammed RHPBA Golf Balls prepared especially for this event.

**Gold Sponsor:** \$350 Donation – Signage will be displayed in the convention/reunion program, posted signage displayed at hotel events, plus two RHPBA hats and two convention/reunion coins.

**Silver Sponsor:** \$250 Donation – Signage will be displayed in the convention/reunion program, posted signage displayed at hotel events, plus one RHPBA hat and two convention/reunion coins.

**Bronze Sponsor:** \$125 Donation – Signage will be displayed in the convention/reunion program, posted signage displayed at hotel events, plus one convention/reunion coin.

### Memorabilia Purchases:

There will be many memorabilia items available for purchase at the convention. Our new 2023 RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Convention/Reunion Coin is shown below and available for pre-order for \$10 on front side of this form (those pre-ordered will be ready for you at registration). The concept was:

Side 1 represents the Gulf War, every engineer assigned to the Gulf from 2001 thru late 2022 would have worked under the control of an Expeditionary Engineering Group. The 1st Expeditionary RED HORSE Group was active from 2001 thru 2012. Then the 557th Expeditionary Prime BEEF Group was active from 2009 thru 2012, then in 2012 they combined to be the 1st Expeditionary Civil Engineering Group. The arrow in the center represents the bringing together of the RED HORSE and Prime BEEF groups into the Civil Engineering Group. Then the ring of countries around the border represents the countries that the group had engineers working in.

Side 2 represents the Florida Panhandle where this convention is being held. We will be spending much of a day and having lunch with the 801st RED HORSE Training Squadron, formerly the 823rd RHS Det 1, Silver Flag training site, where engineering competition is held, "Home of Readiness Challenge". We can't visit Tyndall without at least a drive through of the "Installation of the Future" and this is the image that they have out about this futuristic base.







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### Tentative Event Schedule. Final Schedule to be provided in your Convention Booklet.

Monday, 23 Oct	<p><b>1200 - 1600</b> Registration: Island Resort Lobby/Hallway Check out RHPBA Store and Vendor tables</p> <p><b>1200 - 2100</b> Icebreaker Cash Bar in Tavern on the Island/Snacks and camaraderie in the Oasis</p>
Tuesday 24 Oct	<p><b>0800 - 1200</b> Registration continues in rear of Aruba Ballroom</p> <p><b>0900 - 1000</b> General Membership Meeting - Presidents Welcome Address, Secretaries report, membership, store operations, website, Facebook, Treasurers report, newsletter, nominating committee and other business</p> <p><b>1000 - 1015</b> Break</p> <p><b>1015 - 1115</b> AFCEC RED HORSE &amp; Prime BEEF Programs update; MSgt Richardson, RH/PB Program Manager</p> <p><b>1115 - 1130</b> Break</p> <p><b>1130 - 1230</b> RED HORSE Gears Set (REGS) - Mr. Joseph Hajik RH MEFFAK Manager</p> <p><b>1230 - 1400</b> Lunch on your own</p> <p><b>1400 - 1600</b> Spouses Events today and Wednesday - To Be Announced</p> <p><b>1400 - 1445</b> Presentation TBD – Hurricane Michael recovery - Tyndall Base of the Future</p> <p><b>1445 - 1500</b> Break</p> <p><b>1500 - 1545</b> Presentation TBD</p> <p><b>1545 - 1600</b> Break</p> <p><b>1600 - 1645</b> Silent Auction</p> <p><b>1645</b> At Leisure</p> <p><b>1800 - 2200</b> Cash Bar in the Tavern on the Island - *ELVIS show at 1830.</p> <p><b>1800 - 2200</b> Oasis Hospitality Room open for camaraderie</p>
Wednesday 25 Oct	<p><b>**Oasis open 0900-2200 for those that will not be going on today's tour</b></p> <p><b>0745 Ticket Holders only</b> meet in lobby for transportation to 801 RHS (Silver Flag Site), Tyndall AFB</p> <p><b>0800</b> Depart for 801<sup>st</sup> RED HORSE Training Squadron (Silver Flag Site)</p> <p><b>1015</b> Arrive at Silver Flag Auditorium (quick restroom break)</p> <p><b>1030</b> Silver Flag Brief</p> <p><b>1115</b> Silver Flag Site Tour</p> <p><b>1200</b> Lunch at Charlies</p> <p><b>1300</b> Silver Flag Tour Continues</p> <p><b>1500</b> Depart Silver Flag for Hotel</p> <p><b>1700</b> Arrive Hotel</p> <p><b>1800 - 2200</b> Cash Bar in the Tavern on the Island. *Karaoke starts at 1830</p> <p><b>1800 - 2200</b> Oasis Hospitality Room open for camaraderie</p> <p> <b>NOTE: Everyone wishing to attend the Silver Flag or Hurlburt tours must have a military active or retired ID card or submit your personal information (proper name and Social Security Number) to Dave Corbett for a security check prior to the convention.</b></p>
Thursday, 26 Oct	<p><b>**Oasis open 0900-2200 for those that will not be going on today's tour</b></p> <p><b>0900 - 0915</b> Prepare for trip to Hurlburt Field</p> <p><b>0930 - 1100</b> Arrive at 1 SOCES (Special Operation Civil Engineer Squadron)</p> <p><b>1100 - 1130</b> Depart/Travel to 823rd RED HORSE Squadron, Hurlburt Field</p> <p><b>1130 - 1200</b> Arrive at 823 RHS MTC – Welcome by Leadership/visit 823 RHS Museum</p> <p><b>1200 - 1330</b> Lunch prepared by Booster clubs</p> <p><b>1330 - 1515</b> Tour 823 RHS Compound/Static displays</p> <p><b>1515 - 1530</b> Prepare to depart (load buses) to Hotel from 823 RHS MTC</p> <p><b>1530 - 1600</b> Travel to The Island Resort</p> <p><b>1630</b> At Leisure</p> <p><b>1730 - 2130</b> Banquet starts with Cash Bar in the Maui Room (6<sup>th</sup> Floor)</p>
Friday 27 Oct	<p><b>0800</b> If you registered, sign-in for the Golf Tournament at Gator Lakes GC, Hurlburt Field</p>
Saturday 28 Oct	<p>*Thank you for attending, we hope to see you at our next convention October 2025, Las Vegas, NV</p>

## 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...

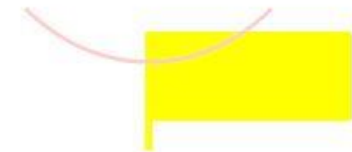
Community programs that help those in need.

### 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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**US**

**TODAY**



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**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (Cont) \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Highest Military Rank: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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\_\_\_ Regular Membership, Renewal \$20  
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