



# RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association Newsletter

## AIR FORCE CIVIL ENGINEERS READINESS CHALLENGE X, APRIL 21-26, 2024

Readiness Challenge is a six day event organized by the Air Force Civil Engineer Center and the 801st RED HORSE Training Squadron held at Tyndall Air Force Base, FL. It serves as a competitive platform for evaluating unit readiness, identifying areas for improvement, and discovering training opportunities to ensure well-trained Civil Engineers and Services members in the Air and Space Forces are prepared for various operational scenarios. (U.S. Air Force photos below by Armando Perez, Air Force Installation and Support Center); see full article, pages 4 – 8.

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Brig. Gen. William Kale, Air Force Civil Engineer Center (AFCEC) commander (center left), congratulates Team AF Global Strike Command (AFGSC) from Whiteman AFB, Missouri. A team of AFGSC Civil Engineers hoisted the Readiness Challenge X winner's trophy April 26 after a grueling six-day competition that tested 12 teams in more than 31 engineering skills ranging from firefighting to runway repair.



Brig. Gen. William Kale, (center left) presents Air Mobility Command team members, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois their second-place trophy during the closing ceremony for Readiness Challenge X.



Firefighting Event



Expeditionary Kitchen



Babington Diagnostics



Fog of War

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MAY 2024



So, I can't believe summer is right around the corner...time flies when you are having fun! Take time to reflect during this time from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Remember fallen heroes on Memorial Day, celebrate the birth of this Great Nation on July 4<sup>th</sup> and remember the contributions of American workers on Labor Day.

Even though the Association has been quiet in the last couple of months, we are actively working behind the scenes on several initiatives.

1. Our webpage continues to get refined with unit histories being reviewed and updated. If you haven't signed up for automatic updates from our webpage, please do so, it is a great way to stay in touch; see page 18 for more information. Additionally, reach out to friends that you served with and let them know about the RED HORSE and Prime BEEF association and let them know about the webpage at [rhpbba.com](http://rhpbba.com).
2. We continue our planning for the 2025 Convention/Reunion in Las Vegas, NV. As we finalize plans later this year, we will get the word out so everyone can plan to join us.
3. We are ready to advertise, get applicants and award additional Brigadier General William Meredith Honor Scholarship winners. So, if you have family members that are of college/trade school age, be on the lookout; see page 19 for application instructions.

Also, as many of you have seen in the news. Readiness Challenge X was held April 21-26, 2024 at Tyndall AFB. Look at the in-depth write-up and coverage featured in this newsletter. This is an awesome way for our active, guard and reserve Civil Engineers and Services to highlight their capabilities and have a little fun competition along the way. Congrats to Team Global Strike Command for coming out on top!

Again, have a great summer!

Engineers.....Lead the Way!  
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## DVIDS and CE WEEKLY: READINESS CHALLENGE X RESULTS ARE IN!

*DVIDS and CE WEEKLY: Air Force Directorate of Civil Engineers, Tyndall Air Force Base, Tuesday 30 April 2024, 801st RED HORSE Training Site. Original article from Air Force Civil Engineer Center (AFCEC), published April 29, 2024, by Sarah McNair, AFIMSC Public Affairs. U.S. Air Force photos by Armando Perez and Emily Mifsud; U.S. Space Force photos by Airman 1st Class Spencer Contreras, U.S. Air Force photos by Sgt. Tyler Morford, Office of the Director of Civil Engineers.*

**TYNDALL AFB, FL:** In the capstone competition for Department of the Air Force engineers, Readiness Challenge competitors put their engineering skills to work at Tyndall's Silver Flag Exercise Site April 21-26. The top two teams received Brig. Gen. William T. Meredith award trophies.

"It feels great to win and it's a testament to how bad we wanted it and how much effort we put into every event," said Capt. Matt Lawler, Global Strike team leader. "We never stopped taking it seriously. Being on top actually brings a lot of pressure to stay on top and that just made our feet a little faster and our brains work a little harder."

Along with taking top honors, AFGSC was also the top team for the Fog of War exercise and the Warrior Obstacle Course, the two highest-graded events. Air Mobility Command received the second-place trophy.

The Air Force Civil Engineer Center, a primary subordinate unit of the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, and the 801st RED HORSE Training Squadron hosted the civil engineers, combat engineers, and Air Force Services competitors from the Department of the Air Force, Army, Marines and a joint Coalition Team that included participants from the U.S. Space Force, Royal Canadian Air Force (CAF) and Norwegian allies.

"It's a great opportunity to engage with all these members from across the world," said Senior Master Sgt. Brad Johannes, 801st RHTS operations superintendent. "Having our sister services here from the Army and Marines, as well as the coalition partners and allied partners who joined the teams, allowed us to engage across the branches and see where our strengths are while enjoying a little friendly competition along the way."

The competition included more than 540 participants and 31 event challenges designed to test teams in a wide range of core civil engineering disciplines. Each team competed head-to-head in a simulated contested deployment environment to demonstrate their capability to respond, repair and recover base operations with limited resources.

The Col. Susanne Waylett Award was given to Airmen who worked the hardest and had the most enthusiasm during the week shown in the four categories below; award pictures on page 8.

- Junior Enlisted: Senior Airmen Luis Medina, Air Education and Training Command CE team
- Noncommissioned Officer: Sergeant Gabriel Flores, U.S Marine Corps
- Senior Noncommissioned Officer: Master Sergeant Dustin Haycox, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa CE team
- Company Grade Officer: Captain Matthew Lawler, Air Force Global Strike Command CE team

The top competitors on each team received a recognition coin; see page 8. The evaluation cadre from the 801st RED HORSE Training Squadron recognized these Airmen for their exemplary spirit, principles, professionalism, leadership and teamwork throughout the challenges.

- Runway construction and repair
- Heavy machinery operation
- Shelter construction
- Firefighting operations
- Water infrastructure setup
- Electrical repair
- Power production
- Explosive ordnance disposal
- Single Pallet Expeditionary Kitchen
- Babington Diagnostics
- Chemical, biological radiological, nuclear exercises

The fifth day of competition featured an exercise where the teams engaged in a simulation exercise called Fog of War. This exercise was designed to evaluate their ability to stay aware of their surroundings and work together effectively to accomplish the tasks given to them, but with the added difficulty of doing so in a gas mask and layers of protective clothing.

Airmen were also able to observe the other teams during Readiness Challenge X after they had completed their event. This gave them insight into the different approaches teams took towards completing the same task. By gathering together in this collective training environment, teams are able to optimize their operating procedures.

The competition was capped off with an award ceremony on the sixth day. The team from Global Strike Command had the highest score over six days of performance, and secured the win.

"The Air Force, along with some of our sister services, are going through some really big changes now," said AFCEC Commander Brig. Gen. William Kale. "These are the types of skills we need down range and in the future fight. And we also need our coalition of joint partners alongside us in that fight. So, this Readiness Challenge X has been a huge success."



Members of the U.S. Marine Corps Civil Engineer team, led by the 172 Marine Wing Support Squadron from Okinawa, Japan, participate in a security guard shack exercise at Readiness Challenge X in Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, April 21, 2024 (U.S. Air Force photo by Armando Perez).



U.S. Air Force and Royal Canadian Air Force Civil Engineers, don protective gear during a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear event April 21. (U.S. Space Force photo by Airman 1st Class Spencer Contreras).



Members of the Pacific Air Forces Command Civil Engineer team, led by the 18th Civil Engineer Group from Kadena Air Base, Japan, participate in an unexploded ordnance disposal exercise April 21. (U.S. Air Force photo by Armando Perez).



Members of the Coalition Team, comprised of U.S. Air Force and Royal Canadian Air Force civil engineers, simulate decontaminating each other during a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear event April 22. (U.S. Space Force photo by Airman 1st Class Spencer Contreras).



Members of the Coalition Team, comprised of U.S. Air Force and Royal Canadian Air Force Civil Engineers, are watched by cadre members during a crane-operation event April 21. (U.S. Space Force photo by Airman 1st Class Spencer Contreras).



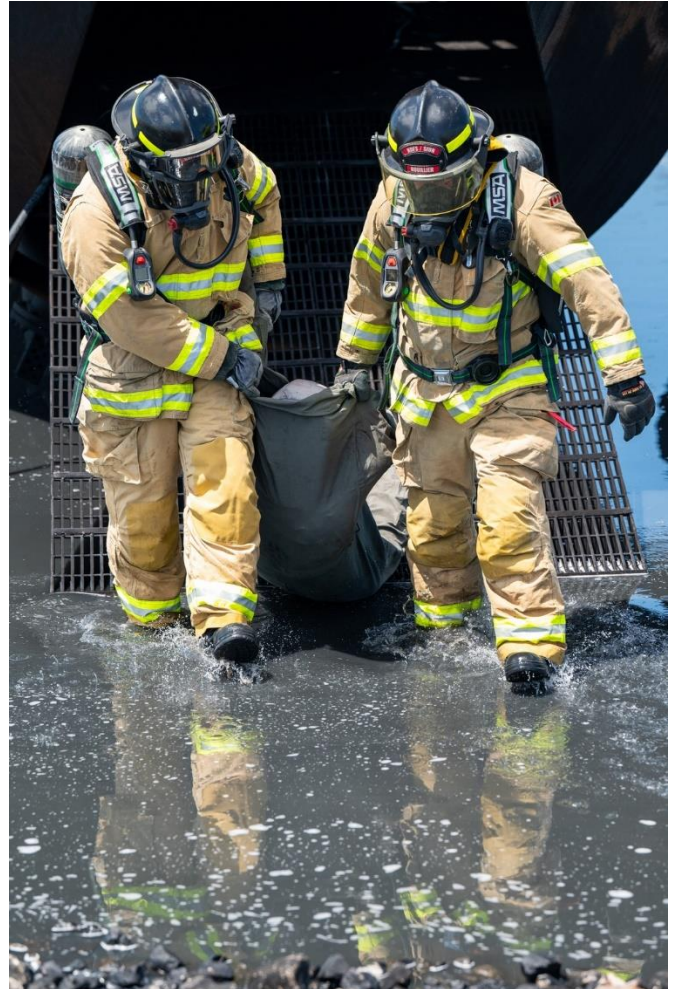
Royal Canadian Air Force Aviator Bryce Adams, 22 Wing North Bay refrigeration and mechanical systems technician, left, U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Benjamin Davis, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron heating ventilation and air conditioning journeyman, middle, and U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Christopher Rundell, Space Base Delta 2 commander's action group superintendent, participate in a telehandler event, April 22. (U.S. Space Force photo by Airman 1st Class Spencer Contreras).



*U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Kevin Ilano, 45th Civil Engineering Squadron structural craftsman, anchors a pipe during a water filtration event April 23. (U.S. Space Force photo by Airman 1st Class Spencer Contreras).*



*Members of the Coalition Team, comprised of U.S. Air Force and Royal Canadian Air Force Civil Engineers, have a discussion during a water filtration event April 23. (U.S. Space Force photo by Airman 1st Class Spencer Contreras).*



*Royal Canadian Air Force Corporal Julien Boisjoli, 4 Mission Support Squadron crew member, left, and Royal Canadian Air Force Corporal Kaven Rouiller, 3 Wing Bagotville crew member, drag a training dummy during a firefighting event April 23. (U.S. Space Force photo by Airman 1st Class Spencer Contreras)*



*Members of the Coalition Team participate in a firefighting event April 23. (U.S. Space Force photo by Airman 1st Class Spencer Contreras).*



*Members of the Coalition Team dig during an airfield damage repair event April 23. (U.S. Space Force photo by Airman 1st Class Spencer Contreras).*



Members of the Coalition Team participate in an expeditionary kitchen assembly event April 23. (U.S. Space Force photo by Airman 1st Class Spencer Contreras).



A member of the 801st RED HORSE Training Squadron evaluates members of the Air Force Reserve Command Civil Engineer team, led by the 482nd Civil Engineer Squadron from Homestead Air Reserve Base, Florida, as they work together during a water purification exercise, April 25. (U.S. Air Force photo by Armando Perez).



Royal Canadian Air Force Aviator Marissa Browning, 4 Mission Support Squadron electrical generation systems technician, participates in a power unit operations event April 23. (U.S. Space Force photo by Airman 1st Class Spencer Contreras).



Members of the United States Air Forces in Europe, Air Forces Africa Command Civil Engineer team, from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, sprint to the next event during the final obstacle course April 26. (U.S. Air Force photo by Armando Perez).



On Day 4 of Readiness Challenge X, Engineers faced off in the ultimate test of preparedness during the Fog of War. Our 12 Teams competed against each other in various fast-paced exercises such as digging for UXOs, building a helicopter pad, and constructing small shelter systems after being gassed by CS. (Photo by Sgt. Tyler Morford, Office of the Director of Civil Engineers).



Members of the 801st RED HORSE Training Squadron evaluate members of the Pacific Air Forces Command civil engineer team, led by the 18th Civil Engineer Group from Kadena Air Base, Japan, during an event for the final obstacle course at Readiness Challenge X in Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, April 26. (U.S. Air Force photo by Armando Perez).

**Awards:** Brig. Gen. William Kale, Air Force Civil Engineer Center commander presents recognition coins to those Airmen from each team recognizing them as top competitors who showed exemplary spirit, principles, professionalism, leadership and teamwork throughout the challenges. Special recognition to Airmen showing hard work and enthusiasm during the week were awarded the Col. Susanne Waylett Award.



*Senior Airman Luis Medina, Air Education and Training Command Civil Engineer team, with the top Junior Enlisted award; also receiving the Susan Waylett Award.*



*Master Sgt. Dustin Haycox, United States Air Forces in Europe – Air Forces Africa Civil Engineer team, the top Senior Enlisted award; also receiving the Susan Waylett Award.*



*Airman Eric Garrison, Expeditionary Air Base Civil Engineer team, with the top team participant honors.*



*Capt. Matthew Lawler of the Air Force Global Strike Command Civil Engineer team, the top Officer award; also receiving the Susan Waylett Award.*



*Senior Airman Connor Kinlin, Air Force Reserve Command Civil Engineer team, with the top team participant honors.*



*Staff Sgt. Alessandro Carter, Air Education and Training Command Civil Engineer team, with the top team participant honors.*



*Staff Sgt. Ivan Perez, Air Force District of Washington/Air Force Special Operations Command Civil Engineer team, with the top team participant honors.*



*Airman Spencer Smith, Air Force Global Strike Command Civil Engineer team, with the top team participant honors.*



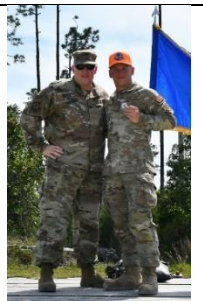
*Airman First Class Ezra Smith, Air Combat Command Civil Engineer team, with the top team participant honors.*



*Airman First Class Sterling Bassett, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa Command Civil Engineer team, with the top team participant honors*



*Airman First Class Lyenn Maglinao, Pacific Air Forces Command Civil Engineer team, with the top team participant honors*



*Airman First Class Tristan Dees, Air Mobility Command Civil Engineer team, with the top team participant honors*



*Lance Corporal Isaac Crane, U.S. Marine Corps Civil Engineer team, with the top team participant honors.*



*U.S. Army Specialist Andrew Martinez, U.S. Army Civil Engineer team, with the top team participant honors.*



*Technical Sgt. Kevin Ilano, Coalition Forces led by U.S. Space Force Civil Engineer team, with the top team participant honors.*

*Also receiving the Susan Waylett award but not pictured: Noncommissioned Officer: Sergeant Gabriel Flores, U.S. Marine Corps.*



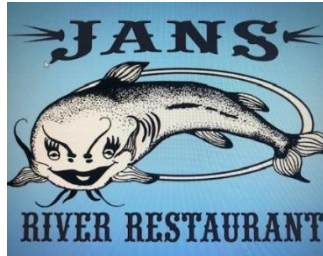
**RHPBA NEWS ITEMS**

**307<sup>TH</sup> ALUMNI CHAPTER CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**

*Saturday, December 16, 2023; article and photos by Stephen McCutcheon.*

**SHREVEPORT/BOSSIER CITY, LA:** Even though the 307th has been deactivated we have an active alumni chapter here in the Shreveport/Bossier City area. We are having every other month luncheons and a Christmas Social. We have about 20 or so for our luncheons and 40 or so at our annual December social.

This past Thursday we had our Christmas Social at Jan's River Restaurant and had 36 in attendance from the Barksdale and Kelly units dining on Louisiana raised catfish with all the trimmings.

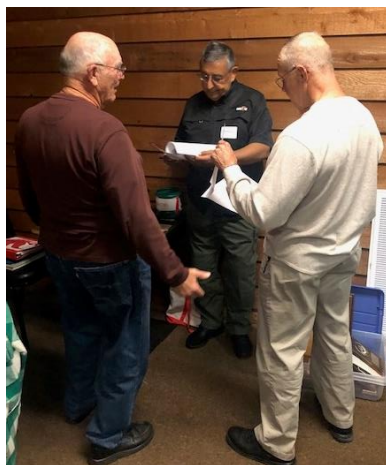
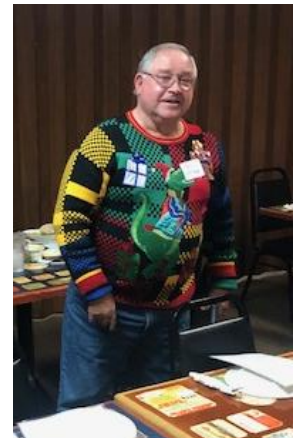


For the third straight year we have forgone any type of gift exchange and have raised funds to help pay off lay-a-ways for others at the Barksdale BX. During the previous two years we raised about \$1.5k each year but this year we exceeded that with a total of \$3k raised. With the help of the BX staff we select lay-a-ways of essential items such as diapers, etc. to help out our lower ranking airmen.

Notable attendees were two former Detachment 1 (Barksdale) Commanders: Col Ed Angel and Col Jim Wilson, and one overall unit Commander (Kelly AFB) Col Elwin Rosyskie. Special note goes to CMS Jewell Wagner at age 94 years young as well as a local guest Andy Alanoz who was with the 555th in Nam.

This past fall/summer we also raised \$1.5k to help out one of our retirees when a bad situation forced him and his disabled wife to move from their property.





## RED HORSE/PRIME BEEF – UNSUNG HEROES

10 December 2023, comment from Peter Russel, Cold War Veteran.

**ESKISEHIR AB, TURKEY:** In 1982 I was part of a joint NATO mission to monitor Soviet flights over the Black Sea, deployed from Ramstein AB to Eskişehir AB Turkey. Eskişehir was a Turkish AB, with none of the amenities of an American Air Base. RED HORSE went the week before we did, setting up a tent city for our stay. Twenty-man tents, outdoor latrines and shower facilities and a field kitchen. Kudos for a job well done.

## PACIFIC AIR FORCES STAND UP EXPEDITIONARY PRIME BEEF SQUADRON

Posted by DVIDS February 15, 2024. Courtesy story by Headquarters Air Force, Office of the Director of Civil Engineers; photos by Jena Calvitti on January 18, 2024.

**ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, GUAM:** In a historic ceremony, the 356th Expeditionary Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force (Prime BEEF) Squadron was recently activated at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam on January 18, 2024, marking a significant milestone in the modern history of the U.S. Air Force.

Under the 356th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Group, the activation of the squadron represents an important moment in the strategic capabilities and readiness of the Air Force in the Indo-Pacific region. Newly appointed commander Lt. Col. Samuel Pier expressed his enthusiasm for the squadron's mission and its impact.

"Our squadron stands ready in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific and our mission partners with the highest levels of proficiency and dedication," stated Pier. "We are committed to upholding the legacy of Prime BEEF and ensuring the readiness of our forces in the Indo-Pacific theater."

The expeditionary Prime BEEF Squadron, a specialized unit within the Civil Engineers, is the first expeditionary squadron of its kind in the Indo-Pacific. The 356 EPBS was activated to provide rapid response and support in engineering, construction, and emergency situations, ensuring critical infrastructure and operational capabilities are maintained in challenging environments. The activation underscores the Air Force's commitment to enhancing its expeditionary capabilities and strengthening its presence in key strategic locations in the Indo-Pacific theater. "We're making history today not only as the first expeditionary Prime BEEF squadron in the Indo-Pacific theater, but we're also by every definition a total force team — made up of Reserves, National Guard, Active Duty, civilians, and contractors," said Pier.



On January 18th, the 356th Prime BEEF Squadron was activated at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The activation of the squadron represents an important moment in the strategic capabilities and readiness of the Air Force in the Indo-Pacific region.

The Prime BEEF concept traces its roots back to the Vietnam War era when the Air Force recognized the need for specialized units capable of rapid response and construction in austere environments. Since then, Prime BEEF squadrons have been integral to Air Force operations worldwide, providing critical support in both peacetime and wartime scenarios.

"Every single thing that you do and everything that your teammates do makes a difference," stated Col. Adam Roberts, commander of the 356th ECEG and presiding officer over the squadron activation.

The establishment of the 356th EPBS, along with the recent activation of the 513th Expeditionary Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer Squadron under the 356th ECEG, aligns with Pacific Air Forces requirements in the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command. This ensures the execution of theater campaign operations, activities, and investments through the theater security cooperation program, collaborating with allies and partners to prepare the theater for the Pacific Deterrence Initiative and Agile Combat Employment operations.

The 356 EPBS will be equipped with a diverse array of capabilities, including engineering, construction, and disaster response expertise to launch and recover aircraft, enabling airmen to effectively respond to a wide range of contingencies and operational requirements. In addition to supporting Andersen Air Force Base, the squadron stands ready to swiftly deploy across the Indo-Pacific region, supporting joint and multinational operations.

"We learned that CAF firefighters operate utilizing the same national standards we do in the Air Force Fire Protection career field, which is invaluable information if we ever deploy together," said MSgt. Dennis Scott, 801st RHTS section chief for fire contingency training.

“They are also familiar with our fire ground practices and the equipment we use, so it was an easy transition since they didn’t have to start from scratch.

The training also provided the opportunity to learn new techniques.

“Coming down here to the Silver Flag facility and getting to train with real fire and other firefighters outside our branch is beneficial training for us,” said Sgt. Marius Cyr, CAF platoon chief. “The interrelation training is always great as you’re able to pass on knowledge and get new knowledge to develop new tools and practices.

The two countries’ teams will evaluate the training and review lessons learned to determine if it can provide a beneficial and sustainable option for CAF firefighters to meet their annual training requirements.



**FROM PILOT TO PAGEANTRY: MEET THE FIRST ACTIVE-DUTY MISS AMERICA**

*Air Force DOD News, Published March 1, 2024, Air Force News. Air Force courtesy photos except as indicated; story and photos by Katie Lange, DOD.*

**WASHINGTON (AFNS):**



*Second Lt. Madison Marsh made big plans for herself when she was young, although she never really factored becoming Miss America into that equation. However, after a tough competition in January, Marsh became the first active-duty service member to earn the crown. The 22-year-old U.S. Air Force Academy graduate is now learning to navigate life as a military member, a cancer research scholar and a public figure.*

**An early eye on the sky:** Growing up, Marsh wanted to be a pilot and an astronaut, so she attended NASA’s Space Camp at age 13. When she learned that she could further her ambitions by going to the Air Force Academy, she started working toward becoming a cadet, even earning her civilian pilot’s license at 17 years old.

In 2018, Marsh lost her mother, Whitney, to pancreatic cancer. In her honor, the family started the Whitney Marsh Foundation, which raises funds for research and awareness to increase patients’ chances of early detection. Marsh took on the role of co-founder and president.

The following year, Marsh made it to the Air Force Academy, but she initially had bouts of homesickness. “I was struggling — being removed from my family, grieving my mom, and now I’m in a really tough military environment,” she said, thinking back on her freshman year. That’s when she was inspired by her cousin, who was a pageant contestant, to give pageantry a try. “I decided to take a stab at pageants to see all the different ways that it could help me.”

As the first active-duty service member to earn the Miss America crown, Marsh’s national platform may help dispel the lingering assumption that military roles are too masculine for the average woman. Marsh said young women can make any position their own.



*Air Force 2nd Lt. Madison Marsh, Miss America 2024, meets fans at the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., Feb. 16, 2024. Ahead of the Daytona 500 NASCAR Cup Series race, Marsh spoke with students across the city about serving both in and out of uniform.*



*Second Lt. Madison Marsh, Miss America 2024, meets future Airmen just before they take the oath of enlistment at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, FL., February 17, 2024. Ahead of the Daytona 500 NASCAR Cup Series race, Marsh spoke with students across the city about serving both in and out of uniform.*



*U.S. Air Force Academy cadet Madison Marsh calls out orders during an academy training exercise. Marsh went on to become Miss America 2024, the first active-duty service member to win the crown.*



*Second Lt. Madison Marsh, the newly crowned Miss America for 2024, high-fives USO canine therapy dog, Smith, during a visit to Washington, D.C., February 6, 2024.*

In September, Marsh decided to defer her pilot training to pursue a master's degree in public policy from the Harvard Kennedy School, an option made possible through the Air Force Institute of Technology's Civilian Institution Programs. She's also a graduate intern at Harvard Medical School and is working with experts from the Dana Farber Cancer Institute on early cancer detection research, continuing her work for the foundation dedicated to her mom.

Marsh clearly has a lot on her plate at the moment. As far as her future in the Air Force goes, she said at this point, anything is possible. "This year has just opened up so many opportunities," she said. "The Air Force has given so much to me to let me do this year [as Miss America], and I want to make sure that I have my best skillset and training in mind with whatever job they put me in post-Harvard, because I want to ensure that I give back to them in the best way that I possibly can."

Marsh still has the option to attend undergraduate pilot training once she completes her master's degree. She could also choose to pursue one of 42 other line officer careers; the choice is hers.



*Photo: William R. Lewis, Air Force.*

## 356<sup>TH</sup> PRIME BEEF SQUADRON (EPBS) TO LOP BURI, THAILAND

### MULTI-NATIONAL ENGINEERS JOIN FORCES TO CONSTRUCT COMMUNITY CENTER IN THAILAND, STRENGTHENING INDO-PACIFIC BONDS

*Published April 3, 2024 by Pacific Air Forces, Headquarters Air Force, Office of the Director of Civil Engineers by Drew Buchanan.*

**LOP BURI, Thailand:** The newly activated 356th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Group (ECEG) based at Andersen AFB, Guam, deployed its first ever shout out of the 356th Expeditionary Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force (Prime BEEF) Squadron (EPBS) to Lop Buri, Thailand. The team was comprised of 42 multinational engineers who participated in Cobra Gold '24 for 32 days to build a multipurpose room for the local community as part of INDOPACOM's Engineering Civic Action Program (ENCAP).



Cobra Gold was established in 1982 to create and fortify multinational relationships in the Indo-Pacific region. It comprises of numerous joint military training operations, disaster responses, and humanitarian efforts. Cobra Gold '24 had 5 ENCAP sites throughout Thailand to enhance community engagement in the local area. In addition to the Air Force, U.S. participation at these sites included the Marines and Army underneath the Combined Joint Civil-Military Operation Task Force.

The 356 EPBS sent 15 U.S. Air Force Engineers to collaborate with the Royal Thai Air Force and the Republic of Korea Navy to construct a community center at the Thai Rath Wittaya 100 School (ENCAP Site 1).

The mission aimed to test engineers' ability to complete a challenging objective within a specified timeline while strengthening multinational military relationships. The multipurpose room was built using concrete masonry units and is complete with electrical, air conditioning, and plumbing for the detached latrine. The interior features marble flooring and decorative wall paneling.

The success of this mission validates the ability of the 356 EPBS to efficiently forward deploy a team into the Indo-Pacific region, paving the way for future operations; and, proves that the 356 ECEG is built on a legacy, and engineering for the future.



*"The cooperative efforts that went into this operation are thoroughly impressive. This project allowed for three nations to collaborate on one mission, each bringing their knowledge and experience to the table," said 356 EPBS 1st Lt. Amanda Lial, ENCAP Site 1 officer-in-charge.*

## RED HORSE AIRMEN RETURN HOME FROM SIX MONTH DEPLOYMENT

*Published April 19, 2024, Hurlburt Field, 1st Special Operations Wing. Story by Senior Airman Hussein Enaya, U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Hussein Enaya.*

**HURLBURT FIELD, FL:** When the 823d Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers arrived on Tinian Island, Guam, they found a World War II-era airfield in need of major repairs.

Members of the 823d RED HORSE from Hurlburt Field, Florida, spent more than six months rebuilding and restoring old runways that once were a crucial U.S. military asset in the Pacific Islands during World War II.

The team returned home April 14, 2024, welcomed by family, friends and squadron leadership.

"We were tasked to create the infrastructure that's needed in order for the Pacific Air Force to posture a new way of fighting and competition," said Lt. Col. Brandon Balskus, 823d RED HORSE commander. "The mission will take years, but our team helped to fundamentally change the posture in which the Department of Defense will conduct warfare."

An ongoing mission, Airmen assigned to stateside RED HORSE units are conducting six-month rotations to restore the airfield in Guam.

"We left and the next rotation came in, and picked up the baton right where we left it, and continued that momentum," said Balskus.

During their deployment, 823d RED HORSE Airmen helped to construct part of an airfield and an apron - used to park, unload, load, refuel and board passengers.

Some of the difficulties the team faced included erecting new structures and clearing 80 years' worth of overgrown vegetation in an area surrounded by miles of water. That didn't stop them, said Senior Airman Marc Vassar, an 823d RED HORSE pavement and equipment construction journeyman.

"We completed two huge sections, and the next rotation is going to work on another," said Vassar.

Staff Sgt. Tyler Myers, fleet management analysis non-commissioned officer in charge for the 823d, explained the experience provided the opportunity to learn how to set up a new squadron and a contemporary management section.

Myers noted that while there are always ways to improve, the team put in a lot of effort to execute the mission.

"We were always staying late making sure that they got what needed to be done that day," he added.

The 823d is one of only four active duty RED HORSE units in the Air Force. In addition to the active duty squadrons, there are a number of Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve RED HORSE units.

Over the next few years, the RED HORSE teams will continue the mission, and Balskus added, the 823d will likely return to Guam for future deployments.

"One day we will rotate back and take another turn at it," Balskus said. "It's a team effort."



*A U.S. Air Force Airman, assigned to the 823d RED HORSE, reunites with his family at Hurlburt Field, Florida, April 14, 2024. Airmen from the 823d RED HORSE spent six and a half months in Guam to rehabilitate and upgrade airfields on islands to support exercises and pre-positioning of assets throughout the Pacific theater.*



*Families of the 823d RED HORSE Airmen hold a 'Welcome Home Legends' sign at Hurlburt Field, Florida, April 14, 2024.*



An U.S. Air Force Airman, assigned to the 823d RED HORSE, reunites with her family at Hurlburt Field, Florida, April 14, 2024.



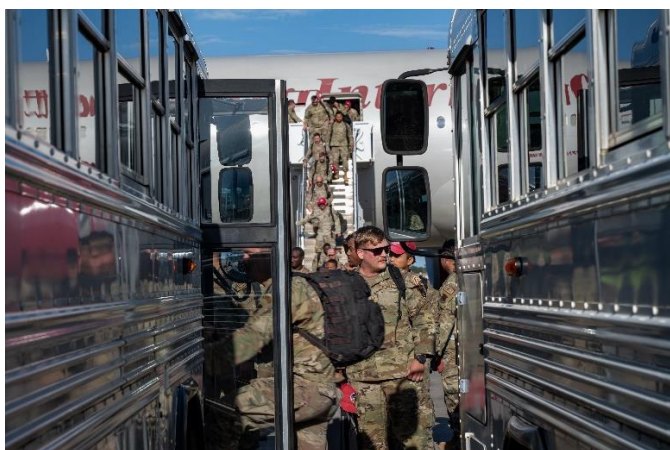
An U.S. Air Force 823d RED HORSE statue sits on a pick-up truck across from the RED HORSE home flight at Hurlburt Field, Florida, April 14, 2024.



An U.S. Air Force Airman, assigned to the 823d RED HORSE, poses for a photo with his family at Hurlburt Field, Florida, April 14, 2024.



A U.S. Air Force Airman, assigned to the 823d RED HORSE, reunites with his family at Hurlburt Field, Florida, April 14, 2024.



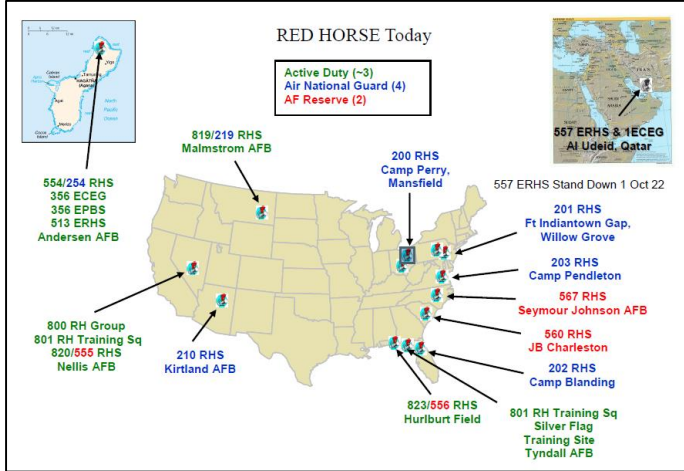
U.S. Air Force Airmen, assigned to the 823d, load onto a bus to reunite with their families at Hurlburt Field, Florida, April 14, 2024.





U.S. AIR FORCE

# RED HORSE SQUADRONS Present and Past



## Did you know that the Air Force's Heavy Construction Units were not always known as RED HORSE?

1965	Civil Engineering Squadron (Heavy Repair)
15 Oct 1969	All units redesignated Civil Engineering Squadron, Heavy Repair
15 Oct 1988	All units redesignated Civil Engineering Squadron, RED HORSE
8 Mar 1989	All units redesignated Civil Engineering Squadron
1 Mar 1994	All units redesignated RED HORSE Squadron
Mar 2004	All ANG units redesignated as RED HORSE Squadrons. Guard and Reserve units have approximately 200 members.

RED HORSE Units			
Period	Unit Designator	Component	Location
5/8/1967- 3/16/1970	1st Civil Engineering Group	Active	Tan Son Nhut, Vietnam
9/25/1971- Present	200th RHS	Guard 1/2 Sq	Camp Perry, Ohio
7/20/2008- Present	200th RHS /Det 1	Guard 1/2 Sq	Mansfield, Ohio
9/14/1971- Present	201st RHS	Guard 1/2 Sq	Fort Indiantown Gap, PA
April 2008- Present	201st RHS /Det 1	Guard 1/2 Sq	Biddle ANG Base, Willow Grove, PA
9/5/1985- Present	202nd RHS	Guard 1/2 Sq	Camp Blanding, FL
Sep 1985- Present	203rd RHS	Guard 1/2 Sq	Virginia Beach, VA
2010- Present	210th RHS	Guard 1/3 Sq	Kirkland, NM
1997- Present	219th RHS	Guard 1/3 Sq	Malstrom, MT (Colocated with 819th)
1985- Present	254th RHS	Guard 1/3 Sq	Anderson, Guam (Colocated with 554th)
6/17/1971- 8/31/2015	307th RHS	Reserve 1/2 Sq	Kelly, TX (Inactivated)
1971 - 2015	307th RHS /Det 1 (308th)	Reserve 1/2 Sq	Barksdale, LA (Inactivated)
10/1/1965- 9/26/2005	554th RHS	Active 1	Vietnam, Korea
9/26/2005- Present	554th RHS	Active 1/3 Sq	Anderson, Guam
10/1/1965- 12/15/1969	555th RHS	Active 1	Vietnam (Inactivated)
10/1/2001- Present	555th RHS	Reserve 1/2 Sq	Nellis, NV (Colocated with 820th)
2/66-10/69	556th RHS	Active 1	U-Tapao, Thailand (Inactivated)
2/23/2006- Present	556th RHS	Reserve 1/2 Sq	Hurlburt Field, FL (Colocated with 823rd)
2/6/1968- 6/1/1972	557th RHS	Active 1	Osdan Korea/ Eglin AFB (Inactivated)
10/28/1966- 3/31/1970	560th RHS	Active	Eglin AFB, FL Training Squadron
11/1/2008- Present	560th RHS	Reserve 1/2 Sq	JB Charleston, SC
11/1/2008- Present	567th RHS	Reserve 1/2 Sq	Seymour Johnson, NC
7/13/2013- 9/25/2015	583rd RHS	Reserve 1/2 Sq	Beal, CA (Inactivated)
6/1/2020- Present	800th RHG	Active 1	Nellis, NV
4/26/2022- Present	801st RH Training Sq	Training Staff	Tyndall, FL
11/21/2022- Present	801st Det 1 RH Training Sq	Training Staff	Nellis, NV
1/12/1966- 8/31/1990	819th RHS	Active 1	Thailand, Vietnam, Massachusetts, England
6/2/1997- Present	819th RHS	Active 1	Malstrom, MT
4/8/1966- 4/15/1970	820th RHS	Active 1	Vietnam
4/15/1970- Present	820th RHS	Active 1	Nellis, NV
4/6/1966- 6/15/1971	823rd RHS	Active 1	Vietnam
6/15/1971- Present	823rd RHS	Active 1	Hurlburt Field, FL
1993- 4/26/2022	823rd RHS /Det 1	Training Staff	Tyndall, FL (Inactivated)
1/23/1985- 8/1/1996	31st / 712th RHF	Prepositioned	Camp Darby, Italy, moved to the gulf (Inactivated)
1/23/1985- 1990	7219/ 7319 RHF	Assets	Germany/ Italy, moved to the gulf (Inactivated)

# PRIME BEEF SQUADRONS

PRIME BEEF 1964 - 1990

A Civil Engineering Manpower Study Group was established in December 1963, to determine the distribution, alignment, reliability, credibility, and skills required in the Civil Engineering Manpower resource to perform Essential Civil Engineering functions in support of the Air Force mission. The result of this study was the Prime BEEF program that was instituted effective Oct. 1, 1964.

**Oct. 1, 1964** The Prime BEEF program was officially implemented.

**May 1, 1965** First Prime BEEF deployment to San Isidro AB, Dominican Republic, from Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C. The team was assigned to support the airlift fleet that was moving U.S. Army forces into the area as part of Operation POWER PACK. HQ Tactical Air Command continued to rotate Prime BEEF teams into San Isidro on 60-day rotations for the duration of the operation.

**Aug. 6, 1965** The first Prime BEEF teams deployed to Bien Hoa, Tan Son Nhut, and Da Nang Air Bases, Vietnam, to construct revetments.

**Sept. 7, 1965** Hurricane Betsy struck south Florida, causing major damage to Homestead AFB. Within 36 hours, 91 Prime BEEF carpenter, electrical, liquid fuel, sheet metal and airfield lighting technicians from nine Eighth Air Force bases were on site to assist base civil engineers. Power was completely restored by the morning of Sept. 11 and rooftop buildings were secured within three days.

**April 1, 1966** Civil Engineering Construction Operations Group, or CECOG, created at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, as a field extension of the Directorate of Civil Engineering, HQ USAFCECOG coordinated activities of Project RED HORSE squadrons and provided field management of Prime BEEF operations.

**August 1967** Prime BEEF personnel from 23 continental United States bases and Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, (206 people) responded to severe flooding in the Fairbanks, Alaska area. The Corps of Engineers estimated total area damage in excess of \$177 million. \$14 million of that was at Ft. Wainwright, where Prime BEEF teams did the majority of their work.

**January 1968** A Prime BEEF team deployed to Thule AB, Greenland, in support of Project CRESTED ICE.

**Jan. 23, 1968** North Korean forces seized the USS Pueblo. For operation COMBAT FOX Civil engineering at Fifth Air Force provided essential facilities for aircraft, crews and support personnel.

**Oct. 28 & Nov. 10, 1968** Two airmen assigned to Prime BEEF Team 75, supporting Operation DEEP FREEZE 66, became the first Air Force members to reenlist on the continent of Antarctica. The -43 degree temperature did not stop the ceremony, except when signing the papers. The signing was performed inside because the ink froze in the pen.

**Fall 1972** In response to Hurricane Agnes, a joint Prime BEEF/RED HORSE Team (73-2) deployed to the Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania for 90 days in August 1972.

**Dec. 22, 1975** Following a study of public law and Air Force policy, the Director of Civil Engineering issued a letter authorizing women to be assigned to Prime BEEF teams, both mobile and recovery, but not to RED HORSE Squadrons.

**Oct. 1-5, 1984** The first true multi-command Prime BEEF Rodeo was held at Dobbins AFB, Ga., testing the proficiency of 15 teams from Air Force Logistics Command, Mobility Air Command, TAC, the Air Force Reserve and the Air Force Academy.

**Oct. 29, 1984** The PACAF Prime BEEF/RIBS contingency training site was activated at Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea. Training cadre was comprised of members of Det. 1, 554th CESH at Kunsan.

**May 1985** Exercise SALT Y DEMO was held at Spangdahlem AB, Germany.

**1986** Prime BEEF deployments began to Joint Task Force Bravo at Palmerola AB, Honduras. A total of 32 team members were deployed with firefighters for 90-day rotations on a continuing basis.

**June 1986** First Readiness Challenge competition held at Eglin AFB, Fla. The competition highlighted the wartime skills of Prime BEEF and Prime RIBS teams.

**Oct. 1, 1987** In October 1987, the over 3,600 Prime BEEF teams were restructured into approximately 200 squadron-size teams to provide flying units with a dedicated wartime engineering capability. Active, Guard and Reserve units were employed in a total force approach utilizing four basic team sizes: 200, 160, 100 and 60.

**August 1990- February 1991** Air Force civil engineers deployed to Southwest Asia, in support of Operation DESERT SHIELD. Between August and December 1990, the 3000 Prime BEEF personnel bedded down 55,000 personnel at 30 bases stretching from RAF Fairford in the UK to Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean. The engineers erected 5,000 tents and constructed 300,000 square feet of expeditionary buildings.

## Prime BEEF Teams Deployed Between 1965-1966 to Southeast Asia

Prime BEEF Unit	Unit Activity During Vietnam War	Activities
Prime BEEF 1	73 personnel from ADC, ATC and SAC divided into 3 teams deployed August 1965 to December 1965 at Tan Son Nhut, Bien Hoa, and Da Nang	Installed 12,000 linear feet of steel revetments, steel blast deflectors, concrete, dormitory hutment at airfields.
Prime BEEF 2	An 18-man team from MAC deployed September 1965 to January 1966 to Tan Son Nhut	Plumbing, water supply, sewage facilities; laid 12,000 linear feet of water pipe, 450 linear feet of sewer lines, plumbed 9 latrines.
Prime BEEF 3	225 personnel divided into 6 teams deployed October 1965 to February 1966 to 6 air bases in South Vietnam	General construction, beddown housing (hootches and tents) for 4,900 Airmen, constructed 54,000 square feet of support facilities, laid 3,000 square yards of concrete, prepared base and laid 96,200 square yards of PSP
Prime BEEF 4	4-man team from SAC, ATC, HQ COMD, deployed October 1965 to February 1966 to AFRCE office, Saigon	Designed POL facilities
Prime BEEF 5	120-member team from AFLC, AFSC, TAC, ADC, ATC deployed November 1965 to March 1966 to Takhlil, Thailand	General construction
Prime BEEF 6	29-man team from MAC deployed January to May 1966 to Tan Son Nhut and Bien Hoa ABs	1,600 feet of revetment construction
Prime BEEF 7	29-man team from AFSC deployed January to May 1966 to Korat, Thailand	Revetment construction
Prime BEEF 8	12-man team from ADC deployed February to May 1966 to Tan Son Nhut and Bien Hoa ABs	Plumbing
Prime BEEF 9	21-man team from SAC, MAC, TAC, ADC, HQ COMD, ATC, AFSC, AU deployed February to June 1966 to Tan Son Nhut AB	Electrical work
Prime BEEF 10	120-man team from AFSC, ADC, ATC, TAC deployed February to June 1966 to 7 air bases in South Vietnam	General construction of cantonment facilities
Prime BEEF 11	50-man team from SAC deployed March to July 1966 to Tan Son Nhut AB	General construction
Prime BEEF 12	40-man team from SAC deployed March to July 1966 to Da Nang AB	General construction
Prime BEEF 13	58-man team from ADC, TAC deployed March to July 1966 to 4 air bases in South Vietnam	Revetment construction
Prime BEEF 14	90-man team from ATC, MAC, TAC deployed April to August 1966 to 4 bases in Thailand	General construction

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**Prime BEEF Teams Continued**

Prime BEEF Unit	Unit Activity During Vietnam War	Activities
Prime BEEF 15	30-man team from AFLC, HQ COMD deployed May to September 1966	General construction
Prime BEEF 16	45-man team from SAC and AAC deployed May to December 1966 to NRP, Thailand	General construction
Prime BEEF 17	45-man team from SAC deployed May to September 1966 to U-Tapao, Thailand	General construction
Prime BEEF 18	1 person from ADC deployed May to September 1966 to Tan Son Nhut AB	Deployed to be Prime BEEF Chief
Prime BEEF 19	17 persons from SAC, TAC, ADC, HQ COMD, AFLC, AFSC, AFSS deployed May to October 1966 to Tan Son Nhut AB	Assist Seventh Air Force function
Prime BEEF 20	1 person from AFLC deployed June 1966 to October 1966 to Bangkok, Thailand	Assist AFRCE
Prime BEEF 21	50-man team from ATC deployed June to October 1966 to Nha Trang AB	General construction
Prime BEEF 22	50-man team from TAC deployed June to October 1966 to 3 air bases in South Vietnam	General construction
Prime BEEF 23	50-man team from SAC deployed June to October 1966 to Tan Son Nhut AB	General construction
Prime BEEF 24	50-man team from ADC deployed June to October 1966 to Pleiku AB	General construction
Prime BEEF 25	13 persons from SAC, TAC, HQ COMD, MAC, ADC, AFSC, ATC, AU deployed July to November 1966 to Tan Son Nhut	Electrical distribution

Sources: Prime BEEF Deployments, 1965-1976, Files of AFCEC History Office, Tyndall AFB, Florida; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. John G. Terino, "Vietnam Report No. 2", Air Force Civil Engineer, Vol 7, No. 2, May 1966, 4-5; Lt. Col. Howard B. Arnold, Jr. "A New Image for the AFCE in Vietnam", Air Force Civil Engineer, Vol 7, No. 2, May 1966, 6-7.

2. We are also launching our own QR code.



A QR code is a shortcut for many smart phones to connect on line data to your smart device.

With many smart phones you just hold the camera lens over the QR code and it will read it automatically and bring up the data. Many attendees at our convention came up to our membership table and had their smart phone access our web site from the web site poster we had on display and register to receive our posts.

In addition to having a membership application you can also pay via credit card. We have also started to use PDF fillable forms so you can complete certain forms on line and email them to us rather than hand-writing the information and then having to mail it to us.

3. 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)

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

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 20 and the fillable membership application form on page 21; please send your application to Randy Eckert: 701 Center Drive, Palmyra, PA 17078, 717-269-3914, [reckert@rhpba.com](mailto:reckert@rhpba.com).

**RHPBA NOTES, UPDATES and OTHER INFO**

1. RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association's Website Update:

The Association has been in the process of upgrading our web site, [rhpba.com](http://rhpba.com). We are now fully on our new site.

The biggest improvement is a work around for sending bulk email. One item we need everyone to help with is to subscribe to our posts. Go to our site and near the top there is a row of options, click on the Subscribe tab and you will see a place to enter your email address. You will then receive an e-mail receipt that you are registered. This will allow you to be notified when we make posts. The software doesn't allow us to register you, you must do it yourself.

Our website committee has been spending a lot of time researching unit histories. Some of the unit histories have come from our old website and are in need of update. Our first posts were for RED HORSE lineage and a list of all the RED HORSE units past and present, the only expeditionary unit we have included so far is the 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Engineering Group because it did not start out as an expeditionary unit. We are adding the units numerically and we are looking for an individual from each unit to assist us with information on the unit's major operations. We are especially looking for a digital copy of your units patch or emblem. Please contact us with any feedback or information you may have at [reckert@rhpba.com](mailto:reckert@rhpba.com) or [dwise@rhpba.com](mailto:dwise@rhpba.com).

We also need your help in keeping our "Silent Hoofs" up to date. "Silent Hoofs" recognizes our USAF engineer brethren that have passed. If you know of an engineer's passing please send us that information. We would like an obituary, the persons unit, and date of passing if it's not in the obituary.

6. Membership Report

If you think you should be listed below and are not, please contact [reckert@rhpba.com](mailto:reckert@rhpba.com) to make sure it was just an oversight in collecting this data and not an error in your file. We would like to welcome to the RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association (RHPBA) these new Regular members who joined in 2023:

James A Baker	Richard D Garcia
Douglas Blount	Edward L Joyner
Harold Cartledge	Lloyd J Leinbaugh
Harold Everett	Vincent T McNamara
Christopher Find ell	David W Otis
Robert F Floyd	Haywood A Tiller

We would also like to congratulate and welcome to the RHPBA's newest Life Members.

Oscar A Barnes	Robert A Kroner
Thomas E Barrett	Daniel S Leach
Frederick R Benda Jr	Timothy L Lewis
William Bertram	Thomas R Lindstrom
William J Billet	David A Luke
Gene Bostic	Duane Lunnum
Robert Butler	Vincent T McNamara
Louis A Carrol	Raymond A Minton
Francis A Cirillo Jr	Richard J Miranda
Lester Clippinger	James A Moore
Donald E Copley	Joe Munoz
Patrick M Coullahan	George Napier Jr
Robert M Crafton	Charles J Nelson
William J Demko Jr	James O Nichols
Dennis W Dixon	Ralph L Quintana
Mary L Dixon	Philip A Ramsey
Bernard E DuLac	Gustavo C Salinas
Joseph H Eatman	Dennis Schmidt
Peter C Fludovich	Troy E Smith
Dave Force	Walter E Smith
Gary E Funk	Loy Sparks
Gary J Gillen	Dale K Thayer
Harry R Grambo III	Larry A Thurston
Harold V Honey	John Turner
Michael A Hughes	Kurt M Vance
Timothy D Hulme	Robert Veloz
Solomon C Jones	Randy ML Williams
L Curtis Jones Jr	Jerry D Wilson
Michael L Karber	

We regrettably bring this list of Horseman who passed away this past year. For a complete list go to our website at "Silent Hoofs" for listing.

Walter Rogers Craig, 555- 1966
Ronald A Hearst, 556- 1967
David L Murphy, 554- 1967
Russell W Park, 819-
Gregory J Raymond, 555- 1968
Thomas E Smith, 823- 1967
Tom Wade, 554- 1973

7. 2024-2025 Brigadier General William "Tom" Meredith Honor Scholarship Program:

**We're still looking for applicants!** Our 14<sup>th</sup> annual RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association (RHPBA) Scholarship Program for the 2024-2025 academic year will award a minimum of three \$2,000 scholarships, our largest award amount ever!

The RHPBA Honor Scholarship Program was created in 2010 and remains focused on offering financial assistance to current dues-paying RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association members and their immediate families seeking to further their education by attending an accredited technical institution, college or university of their choice. This program is supported entirely through funds acquired from donations, contributions and fundraising efforts throughout the year.

You can find the Scholarship Program Overview, Guidance and Application Criteria on our RHPBA website, [www.rhpba.com](http://www.rhpba.com). Simply go to the Main Page and click on "Scholarships". All the information required to prepare and submit your application is contained there.

**Please take notice of the submittal deadline, June 15, 2024**, and feel free to direct any inquiries to the Scholarship Committee via email: [scholarship@rhpba.com](mailto:scholarship@rhpba.com).

8. Convention/Reunion Notes for 2025

**The dates for our 2025 RHPBA Convention / Reunion have not yet been finalized but we are almost certain that it will be in October 2025. Members of your Board of Directors will be traveling to Las Vegas this October (2024) for the purpose of finalizing the date and hotel. If anyone has suggestions about activities and entertainment to be included in our 2025 Convention / Reunion please contact Dave Corbett: e-mail: [dccorbett11@yahoo.com](mailto:dccorbett11@yahoo.com). Our fall/ winter newsletter will contain dates and other pertinent information about our convention/ reunion.**

9. Silent Hoofs

Walker Rogers Craig, Lt. Col. (USAF, Ret), born May 8, 1937 of Marlin, Texas died February 27, 2024 at the age of 86. Rogers was preceded in death by his wife of 35 years, Jean McLeod Craig; parents Robert Matthews Craig and Maggie Barganier Craig; and brother Dr. Robert Elliott Craig. He served his country for 22 years. His distinguished military career included posts at several CONUS Air Force Bases, as well as two tours in Vietnam where he received the Bronze Star for meritorious service while serving in a Red Horse Squadron in a combat zone. After returning to the United States, he was stationed at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs and finally a second overseas post in Stuttgart, Germany.



## 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.

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Annual scholarships for members and their family.

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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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## RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association

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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:

Proper Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nick Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (cont.): \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Highest Military Rank: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Regular Membership, First Year \$10

Regular Membership, Renewal \$20

Affiliate Membership (Dues will be equal to the sponsoring member)

Current Active Duty, \$10

Life Membership (please use the schedule at the right) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be considered for Associate Membership in the RHPBA

Associate Membership, First Year \$10.00

Associate Membership, Renewal \$20

### DUES / FEES

#### Regular Memberships:

First Year: \$10.00

Annual Renewal: \$20.00

#### Active Duty Military:

\$10.00 per year as long as you are on active duty.

#### Life Memberships:

Age 45 and under: \$250

Age 46 to 55: \$215

Age 56 to 65: \$180

Age 66 and above: \$125

#### Associate Membership:

First Year: \$10.00

Renewal: \$20.00



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