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R E D H O R S E   A S S O C I A T I O N   O F F I C I A L   N E W S L E T T E R

**AS THE SUN RISES OVER THE GULF OF MEXICO ON MONDAY OCTOBER 17, 2005 AT THE RAMADA PLAZA BEACH RESORT IN FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA ... SO DOSE MORE THAN 188 PAST AND PRESENT RED HORSE AND PRIME BEEF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE REDHORSE ASSOCIATION.**

**THEY HAVE COME TO ATTEND THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF RED HORSE, THE BIRTHDAY OF BRIG. GEN TOM MEREDITH USAF (RET) AND THE 2005 REDHORSE CONVENTION.**

**THE NEXT RHA CONFERENCE WILL BE IN LAS VEGAS, NV, MAY 15-18, 2006 AT THE SAM'S TOWN HOTEL AND GAMBLING HALL. CALL 800-897-8696 FOR RESERVATIONS. RATE \$53.54 PER NIGHT. (MENTION RHA CONFERENCE) RV PARK AVAILABLE. SEE YOU THERE.**

**Our membership continues to grow in leaps and bounds and we are getting closer to our goal of... 1000 members.**  
**We currently have 70 Life, 381 Regular 451 Total Members to date.**  
**We Welcome the following NEW members:**

**Life Members**

Norman L Marsh	823
LeRoy E Shoemaker	554, 819
George Back	554
Robert L Lynch	554, Prime BEEF
James H Zondlo	554, 823
Samuel Collins	554, 556, Prime BEEF
Gary LaNasa	823
Arthur J Kelly	556, Prime BEEF
Thomas A Risher	556, 560
Willis L Savely	823
Carl R Wilson	819
Ralph L Clark	819
Edward D Mayfield	823

**Regular Members**

Craig Jonker	819, 820
Greg Morris	554, 819, 820
Raymond D Frye	819
Ben T Hardesty	554
James D Smith	819
Ricardo Rodriguez	554
Thomas J Sobieski	Prime BEEF
Jack Campbell	554
Steven M Hoppe, Sr	555
Gerald R Mueller	823
Joel R Lee	819, 823
David O Miller	554, 823
Alex La Mora	554, 819
William T Dunbar, III	Prime BEEF
Bruce Kid	554
Louis J Ferrante	819
Donald R McLean	554
Thomas P Madison	554, 823
George H Holt	554
Thomas R Lindstrom	823, Prime BEEF
Walter R Craig	555
Gene C Newlin	819
Dennis C Roberts	554, 819
Morris Eskenazi	554
Patrick C Burns	556
Luis M Burgos, Jr	820
Robert G Elizondo	307
Andy Gibson	554
Ronald Barber	820, Prime BEEF
Hulic B Ratterree	823
Alfred E Patrick	307
Curtis Johnson	554
David L Keith	823
Kermit M Bunn	555, 560, 557, Prime BEEF
John M Gustafson	554, 820, 823
William A White	820
John Visconti	556, 820
Gary L Isenagle	554

William J Czmiel	554, 823
Ryan P Frawley	Prime BEEF
Ralph E O'Hara	200
Thomas LaBelle	819, 820
Danny L Bamber	555
Thomas E Smith	823
Glenn E Hodges	554
Charles E Eyer	823
Donald Doom	557, 819, Prime BEEF
William A Coup	823
Patrick A Mallory	554, 819, 820
Walter W Chandler	554
Stephen A Jenkins	823
Frank provost, Jr	819
Larry Law	554
Doug Ahern	554, 823
Walter Holt	820
George A Kell, Sr	554
Rose A Consentino	823
Gerald L Ashley	823
Lambert C Shores	820
Robert B Bilz	819
William P Hanneberger	557
Phillip M Brooks	200, 554
William Amore	554
Rich Smith	554, 823, Prime BEEF
Carl Lawrence	554, 819, 820, 823
Sandy Garden	554, 820, 823
Jason Elftmann	
Thomas D Quasney	820, AFCESA
Ricky Cook	554, 823
Jesse J Gilliland	555
Jeffrey A Warnecke	
Marcia Gallagher	Family Member
Patrick D Lynch	554
Brent L Legreid	Army
Scott Hardesty	Prime BEEF
Tom Hunter	202
Vincent J Atripaldi	554
Mark M Garvin	819
Peter W Vanderhoof	819, 823, Prime BEEF
Joe Cox	555
Cassey J Bartholomew	819
Charles Pennell	823
Barry Craigen	AFPC
Mike Herod	307
Nadine MacDougal	Family Member
Kendall grow	554
Vincent D Mee	560, 819, 823, Prime BEEF
Ellis Lamme	

## THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP



General membership meeting Monday Oct 17, 2005 Photo by Steve Choma

### Sunday October 16, 2005.

Check in and Registration began at 1200 noon in the Hotel lobby of the Ramada Plaza Beach Resort, in Fort Walton Beach FL. Many items we displayed for sale to include the 40th Anniversary Challenge coin designed by the 823rd RED HORSE Squadron, Patches representing all RED HORSE Unites by Dan Raske, and other items to include shirts, RED HORSE pins, hats and RHA patches. At 2:00pm a get acquainted social was held in the REDHORSE Association Hospitality room, which featured light refreshments and drinks. A video of the HORSE In Vietnam was shown along with some music and slides. At 7:00pm a combination 40th Anniversary celebration and Gen Meredith's Birthday party was held with cake and coffee.

Monday October 17, 2005 at 8:30 the General membership meeting with briefings on How

goes it, Regional Activities, Membership Status, and The Status of Forces and Activities which was presented by Col Tom Quasney, Director of Contingency support, HQ Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency, Tyndall AFB, FL. A brief Question and Answer period followed.

The afternoon session began with the Board of Directors meeting at which time it was agreed that the Renewal dues should be raised to \$20,00 per year. At 4:30pm the buses started to arrive to transport folks to the 823d RHS for the start of the Combat Dinning out. Aprox 300 people attend the event which featured Col Tom Quasney as the quest speaker. A great display of energy was shown by the members of the 823rd RHS which included The statue of "Charlie" topping off the grog bowl. A delicious BBQ dinner was served buffet stile and catered by Sonny's of FWB. A great time was had by all.

### Tuesday October 18, 2005

kicked off the second General membership meeting with the Presidents report, Secretary/Treasurers report, Membership report, Newsletter report and Revision of the Bylaws. Election and Installation of the New Board of Directors, (listed on page 8) completed the morning

session.

The New Board of Directors meet at 1:00pm while the General membership was treated to a tour of the 823rd RHS with highlights being a briefing of the 823rd RHS, a visit to the House of legends, Equipment review and an Airborne RED HORSE Demo. The evening ended with a wonderful Banquet dinner with Major General Dean Fox, the USAF Civil Engineer as quest speaker, presentation of awards (Col Smith and General Momyer being awarded the Royal Order of The Crimson Plume) and a Raffle in which the lovely quilt made by Carolyn Sattler was won by RHA member Larry Morgan. (see photo below)

**The Royal Order Of The Crimson Plume** was established as the Prestigious Premiere RHA Award for Outstanding leadership, & Accomplishments of efforts supporting and contributing to the REDHORSE Association Mission. The first two awardees are: **Col Ken Smith, USAF (Ret)**

**Past President of RHA.** And

**Gen William W Momyer, USAF (Ret)**

**Past Commander of TAC.**

**Congratulations !!**



L-R Paul Sattler, Carolyn Sattler( quilt maker) and the lucky winner Larry Morgan. Photo by Tom Gallagher



L-R Marcia Gallagher and Nadine MacDougal  
Our lovely receptionists



L-R Patricia and Gen Meredith  
with Don Averett



40th Anniversary/Gen Meredith's cake



Waiting for the bus to the 823rd RHS



Yep, still waiting for the bus....



...is that the bus?



L-R Ray Gould, Jack Gilliland, and Joe Cox



A very wet HORSEMEN



Kate and Frank Alterman



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attendees,  
Past and  
Present



Maj Gen L Dean Fox, The USAF Civil Engineer, our quest speaker at the Banquet.



Col Tom Quasney our quest speaker at the Combat Dinning Out



Members of the head table at the combat dining out



Memorial table at the Combat dining out



L-R Past 823rd Deputy Commander Lt Col Tracy Walker and Past 823rd Commander Col Ed Mayfield



Gen Meredith, Col Quasney, and Col Lyon being delivered to the Head table



Fun and Games...



Lt Col Barry Craigen, (USAF Ret) our guest from the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, TX



...More fun and Games...



...And more fun and games



The REDHORSE Association 2005 Convention and 40th Anniversary planning committee with the Ramada Plaza Beach Resort Managers.



L-R Joe Guidry (Sales Manager), Gen Meredith, Pam Chandler (Catering/ Beverage Manager), Greg MacDougal, Tom Gallagher and Don Averett.

## CHIEF SHONKA VISITS RED HORSE DURING KATRINA RECOVERY

By SSGT Bill Nicholls, 202<sup>nd</sup> RED HORSE Squadron

--Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi-The highest ranking NCO in the Florida Air National Guard, State Command Chief Master Sergeant Susan Shonka, was with the 202<sup>nd</sup> RED HORSE Squadron in late September; to observe hurricane recovery operations in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi.

CMSGT Shonka said the devastation from Hurricane Katrina was unimaginable: "It's just unbelievable. You almost go numb after you keep seeing it. It's devastating-I can't imagine what I would do in my situation if it were happening to me. There are just no words to describe it. You can't go back and tell someone who hasn't been here how bad it is."

RED HORSE established a forward command post-Camp Haywood-at the Bay-Waveland Middle School, to house 500 Soldiers and Airmen assisting in Hurricane Katrina relief missions.

SMSGT Jeff Lindsey said after removing debris from local schools, RED HORSE initiated leveling and clearing operations to emplace thirty portable classrooms, "We cleared all this land, prepared it, and now we're putting down a base course six inches thick. We'll compact it and be ready for portables."

CMSGT Shonka observed RED HORSE airmen in action during her field visit, and was impressed: "What the RED HORSE folks are doing is just phenomenal. They're out there in 90+ heat, working, and doing whatever the community is needing. It's important to get these kids back in school, give them something to do while all this is going on, give them something steady and stable."

The Chief also attended a RED HORSE Supervisor's meeting, which she said was somewhat unconventional, "It was a different twist-they had the enlisted Soldiers and Airmen give the reports, and that was a nice twist. The facility here is great, and it's just something to see."

Camp Haywood was named in honor of SSGT Haywood Brown, a 202<sup>nd</sup> Airman who died of cancer on 9 September 2005. Housing 500 Soldiers and Airmen, the base comes complete with air conditioned tents, shower, shave, restroom facilities, as well as an outdoor gym orchestrated by MSGT Ricky Dumm. The gym has fifteen hundred pounds of weightlifting equipment. Another new feature-an M.W.R. (morale, welfare and recreation) tent named "Charlie's Café." The M.W.R. tent sports a television, cold sodas, hot coffee, and snacks.

Commanded by Colonel Jack Paschal, the 202<sup>nd</sup> RED HORSE Squadron has participated in hurricane recovery operations for twenty years, in addition to wartime assignments in Iraq, Afghanistan, Africa and Qatar.

### **Beginning January 1, 2006 RHA Dues are as follows:**

First year dues \$10.00, Renewal dues are \$20.00, Active Duty Dues are \$10.00

#### **Life dues are as follows:**

Below age 45... \$250.00 Ages 45-55...\$215.00 Ages 56-65...\$180.00 Age 66 and above...\$125.00

## Presidents Column by Greg MacDougal, President RHA

I want to say Thank You, President, Col Ken Smith, for everything you have done to develop the REDHORSE Association. As it was your distinguished leadership as our president from the inception, record of service, strategic guidance and other substantial support that significantly contributed to the successful position that the REDHORSE Association enjoys today. I am truly honored to have been chosen to succeed you. I will do my personnel best to continue to build upon the solid foundation you have established and will continue to work for the betterment of our membership. I also wish to thank Past Vice President Don E Averett for his notable contributions and efforts that aided in the development of the RHA.

I joined and am a life member of the REDHORSE Association because I believe in the spirit and traditions of RED HORSE and the REDHORSE Association, and the concept for which it stands. I spent 7 years in the HORSE, One year in the 554th, and six years in the 823rd. Those years helped mold the rest of my life.

I'm looking forward to continuing on with that tradition and as your president I will continue to enhance our creditability, strengthen our legitimacy, promote membership growth, perpetuate the spirit and traditions and to represent the interests of all RED HORSE / Prime BEEF members past and present.

I'm enthused and inspired to begin working our ambitious goals for the next term. I believe there is a place in an organization for everyone and an organization succeeds, not because of any one person or because it is long established, but because there are people in it who live it, sleep it, dream it and build future plans for it.

Please feel free to contact me with any ideas, suggestions, concerns or comments that you may have.

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Greg MacDougal

## From the Secretary by Paul Sattler Secretary / Treasurer RHA

If the folks who check the baggage at the airport had gone through my luggage by hand instead of by machine, they would have been surprised to find an assorted collection of pieces of paper with Horsemen's names and addresses. These slips of paper were used as applications to the REDHORSE Association during our recent Convention in Florida. I even got one on the back of a paper plate! These Horsemen used anything within reach to join us in our endeavor.

It is heartwarming to see how eager these Horsemen are, to be part of the Association. Admittedly, we have made some mistakes along the way, but as with any fledgling organization, we will learn from these mistakes and go on to be the best we can be.

Recently, I received a letter from Vincent Atripaldi (554, 1970) who found out about the reunion late, but put everything else aside to make the trip to attend. In part, his letter read, "The Red Horse Association and all involved made my son and I feel right at home and I can't possibly describe what that meant to my family and I. You made it a proud moment for a Father to share with his son." We can't go wrong with folks like Vincent and all of you.

Thank you all for your trust and continued support.

To the HORSE!

Paul Sattler

## Membership Report by Tom Gallagher RHA Executive Vice President, Membership Director

I was appointed as Membership Director in Nov of 2004. I have had a lot of success in recruiting new members by running ads in the VFW and American Legion Magazines, finding them on other web sites and going to RH squadron celebrations. You can do the same with any fraternity organizations that you belong to. Also ads in local newspapers. These are free and just takes a little effort. I wear my REDHORSE hat whenever I go to stores like Home Depot, and have made some contacts there. Let's all try to contact some current and former Horses and get them on board or get there names to me and I will follow through. There is an application on the web site that can be downloaded or they can just join by using PayPal and a credit card for a safe experience with the Internet. If anyone needs a hard copy I will be glad to provide you with them. Also another method is to share your newsletter that Editor Greg MacDougal publishes. This is a great newsletter that we should all be appreciative of. Those of you that are active duty, I want to thank you for your service to our country, and I want to ask you to place flyers on your bulletin boards and base newspapers. Pass the word about our web site. It says it all. Thank you all for joining the REDHORSE Association. The momentum is there let's keep it going.

Tom Gallagher Membership Director

## The Current RHA Board of Directors

BG Tom Meredith (ret) Chairman of the Board  
Col Robert L Bell (ret)  
John W Burkett  
Tom Gallagher Executive Vice President  
Capt Christine Gentry (Active duty)  
Curtis Johnson  
Greg MacDougal President  
Col Edward Mayfield (ret)  
Col Wallace Paschal (Active duty)  
Col Thomas Quasney (Active duty)  
Daniel Raske Parliamentarian  
Paul Sattler Secretary/Treasurer  
Col Ken Smith (ret) Past President

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