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We WELCOME the following NEW MEMBERS

LIFE MEMBERS

George W. Eyestone 554th ; Lennie F. Pope 554th , 819th; Adrian B. Chaltry 819th, Prime BEEF; Bobby G. Cantrell 556th

REGULAR MEMBERS

Elias Lopez 554th; Joseph J. Mento 823rd; Harold Hoppe 554th; Timothy Lyon 554th, Prime BEEF; Eric Warner 554th; Gary Carter 819th; Ken Cornelius 554th; George Rollins 556th; George Spallinger 554th; Olin L. Jay 556th, 820th; William S. Bossons 202nd; John D. Williams, Jr. 202nd; David Bebout 202nd; Charles Davis 202nd, Prime BEEF; Edward L. Davis 202nd; David F. Straining 202nd; Joseph A. Balsley 554th; James H. McLendon 554th; Maynard G. Hamilton 555th; Dale S. Leslie 819th, Prime BEEF; David M. Stanford 556th; Randall L. Roberson Prime BEEF; Roger L. Nelson 823rd; Timothy R. Tenney 554th; David L. Fuller 555th, Prime BEEF; Frederick C. Stockman 823rd; Howard L. Nielsen 554th; Jeffery D. Brauntz 819th; Carl Rogers 556th, Prime BEEF; Paul M. Kovack, Sr. 554th; Ralph E. Fox 554th, Prime BEEF; Timothy E Gaiser 557th; John D. Sicilian 819th; Rosanne Keys 820th.

CORRECTION: In the winter 2007 issue I misspelled NEW MEMBER Robert M. Hecker's (556th, Prime BEEF) name, I intend to correct it now and I apologize, Robert. Thank you for bringing that error to my attention. Greg

This will be our last mass mailed newsletter. We are soon going to post the Charging Charlie Flier on our web site in a MEMBERS ONLY forum. This will solve several problems that recently came to our attention.

- 1) Based on results of a recent random survey, of the 70 plus respondents, 40% said that they have had trouble getting their newsletter, 17% of those said they have never gotten a newsletter. Needless to say this was very disturbing.
- 2) Posting it on our web site will get the information out to our members faster and we'll be able to follow it up with an occasional Bulletin as necessary.
- 3) Posting on the web will allow us the flexibility of keeping past issues for your convenience.
- 4) Will save approx \$5,000.00 annually, as each issue costs just about \$1,134.00 to put in your hand.

If you do not have access to a computer and still want to receive the CCF, we will mail you a copy of the latest issue, however, it will be your responsibility to keep your address up to date in our system. **(if we do not hear from you we will assume you do not wish to receive the newsletter in the mail).**

Respond with your name, address, and membership # to:

REDHORSE Association Newsletter office, P O Box 936, Midway, GA 31320

Our intent is not to leave anyone out but to keep everyone informed.

Feel free to contact me with your questions or concerns.

To the HORSE

Greg MacDougal, President

REDHORSE Association.

Address above or

president@redhorseassociation.org

Very soon **all RHA dues current members** will be receiving a letter and Board of Director Nomination form. This is being sent to all so that those that wish can nominate themselves for election to the next Board of Directors which will be voted on by the entire general membership. The nomination form must be returned **NLT June 11, 2007.**

Please note: IAW RHA By Law 9-4,(a) Nominees must be members in good standing. Greg

by Tech. Sgt. Sonny Cohrs
Joint Task Force-Bravo Public Affairs

2/16/2007 - **SANTA TERESA, Nicaragua (AFNEWS)** -- The opening ceremony for New Horizons Nicaragua was held here Feb. 15, marking a new beginning for the citizens of this small village in the Carazo District. New Horizons is a U.S. Southern Command-sponsored readiness training exercise.

The town will now have a new school and medical clinic, thanks to the work of 58 members of the 820th Red Horse Squadron deployed here from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

The 820th is the lead unit for this project, but people from the Army, Marine Corps and reserve components also will play a large role in construction and base support.

"Our mission is about our friends, the people of Nicaragua," said Lt. Col. Aaron Young, commander of the 820th Expeditionary Red Horse Squadron, during the opening ceremony near the town square. "We have continually experienced the hospitalities of Nicaragua, and I'd like to thank everyone for the warm welcome."

One of the objectives of New Horizons is to establish and nurture relationships with host nation counterparts in order to develop trust and confidence, pursue mutually beneficial programs, and assist them in developing military forces that support democratic institutions.

These projects also provide realistic joint and combined training for military engineers, medical personnel and support troops.

Master Sgt. Adam DeLeon is the project liaison who is deployed to Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras. He is responsible for coordinating supplies and support to his unit, some 350 miles away.

"I've made about three road trips to deliver MREs, sand bags, and even two AAFES employees," he said. "It's very mountainous in Honduras, but when you get into Managua (Nicaragua), it starts to level out," he said regarding the 10-hour road trip.

Sergeant DeLeon said the entire team is proud of the work they're able to do here, noting that they will make a difference in the lives of these people.

"We're making a huge impact," he said. "For Red Horse, that's our business, we do full-up construction. Once we leave Nicaragua, we'll definitely impact the community and leave permanent structures that will benefit them for many years to come. Everybody is proud of being able to contribute and work together."

Working with the locals also is an important aspect of the mission, said Sergeant DeLeon, adding that there are "quite a few" bilingual people on the team.

"You do bring bilinguals with you, for purchasing items downtown and working with contracts."

The construction crews will pour the foundation for the school house first. They also will contract to dig a well, providing fresh water for the town.

Front cover photo: Lt. Col. Aaron Young, Commander of the 820th Expeditionary RED HORSE Squadron, thanks the people of Nicaragua for their hospitality during the opening ceremony for New Horizons in Santa Teresa, Nicaragua, February 15, 2007. The 820th ERHS along with members from other branches of the US Armed Forces will build a new school and Medical clinic for the people there. (USAF photo/ Tech. Sgt. Sonny Cohrs)

REDHORSE Association
National Convention
October 28-1 November 2007
Ramada Plaza Beach Resort
Ft. Walton Beach, Florida
1-800-472-1790

Make reservations directly with the Hotel, be sure to mention the RHA Convention to receive our special rate, no checks will be accepted (hotel policy), room rates start at \$80.00 and must be made NLT September 28, 2007. (see note 4 on page 5)

Registration is \$40.00 per person and must be received NLT September 28, 2007. (For those early birds see note 1 on page 5) Includes special registration kit, welcome packets, all refreshments, snacks, meat, cheese and vegetable trays, ice, soft drinks throughout week and all other convention requirements IE: meeting rooms, required equipment, etc. (your registration fee **will not be used for the purchase of any alcoholic beverages**).

Banquet buffet is \$38.00 per person. **The Tempting Hoof, Hook and Hatch buffet** includes roast round of beef, baked amberjack (fish) with caper sauce, oven baked chicken, roasted or au gratin potatoes, chef's choice of two vegetables, mixed green salad, pasta salad, fresh cucumber and tomato salad, assorted rolls and butter, fruit trifle or fruit cobbler, coffee/tea, hot/iced.

Don't hesitate to contact Paul Sattler, Tom Gallagher or myself if you should have any questions what so ever.

OCTOBER 28, 2007 Sunday

Check in and register - 12:00 - 5:00pm
 Welcome meet and greet in the hospitality room (oasis room) - 2:00 - until
 Liquid and light refreshments

OCTOBER 29, 2007 Monday (Ambassador Room)

President's welcome and general membership meeting 8:30 - 11:30 pm
 President's report
 Secretary/Treasurers report
 Membership Directors report
 Committee Reports
 Election of Board of Directors for the new term
 Installation of Board of Directors
 Lunch on own - Dinner on own
 Free time for General membership
 Board of Directors meeting 1:00-3:00pm (Senators Room)
 Social hour at the Oasis - 3:00- until pm
 Karaoke at the Oasis starts at 7:00-10:30 pm
 (If you have karaoke cd-g format please feel free to bring them)

OCTOBER 30, 2007 Tuesday (Ambassador Room)

How goes it Presentation 8:30 - 11:30
 Regional Activities
 Status of Forces and current activities
 AFCESA
 RED HORSE
 PRIME BEEF
 AFRC
 ANG
 Range of deployments
 Lunch on Own
 Meeting with special guests and VIP's 1:00- 3:00 pm (Ambassador Room)
 Gen Meredith's Book signing 1:00 - 2:30pm (Senator's Room)
 Free time

Banquet and awards festivities (Empire Room) Dress: Business Casual

Reception/Social Hour with cash bar 5:00-6:00pm
 Dinner (Buffet Style) 6:00-7:00pm
 Toasts and Guest speaker 7:00pm (MG Del Eulberg- The USAF Civil Engineer)
 Awards and special presentations 8:00-9:00pm
 Rap up 9:00pm

OCTOBER 31, 2007 Wednesday

Workshops and meetings (Senators Room)
 Morning session 9:00-11:30pm (Specifics will be posted)
 Lunch on own
 Afternoon session 1:00-3:00 (Specifics will be posted)
 Free time
 Social hour at the Oasis room 3:00-6:00 pm

Letter to the Editor...

Dear sir,
 I'd appreciate it if you could help me get disability from the VA. I was assigned as a machinist to RED HORSE in Vietnam at Bien Hoa. A bomb dump exploded and sent me hurtling into a locker handle, causing a scar on my back. I have back pain in this area and would like to hear from anyone who witnessed this during the 1967-1968 year period. I was assigned to the 823rd RHS then and I'm a life member of the RHA. JM, Florida

Ed note: JM Thanks, regretfully, the RHA does not have a Service Officer (SO) on Board, however, it is a priority that we are working on. The American Legion, VFW and DAV all offer this service and it's available whether you are a member of these great organizations or not.

If another member can help JM contact me and I will put you in touch. JM is a life member of the RHA. Greg

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Halloween costume party and dance (Empire Room) Dress: Costumes encouraged

Cash bar 7:30-10:00pm

Dance with live 20 piece orchestra (Playground Swing) 8:00-10:00pm

Light refreshments throughout evening

Door prizes will be given throughout evening

(You will need to show your PAID registration ticket at the door for this event)

NOVEMBER 1, 2007 Thursday

Free Day to tour Ft Walton, and surrounding area.

Lunch and Dinner on Own

Visit Armament museum at Eglin AFB

NOVEMBER 2, Friday

Check out and depart hotel -11:30am

Notes:

- 1) **Early Bird Registration** paid in full and postmarked **NLT Aug 15, 2007** will receive a convention t-shirt. (see registration form for sizes).
- 2) Some times and events may change slightly and we thank you for your understanding and patience.
- 3) REDHORSE Association will provide a van for the convince of our members that choose to fly in to the Okaloosa County Airport, please be sure you fill out your flight information on the registration form. **(note the number to call should your flight get delayed)**
- 4) Room rates have been reduced this year by \$15.00
- 5) The extra free day has been requested by the majority of the members to afford time to visit local attractions, fishing, and beach time etc.
- 6) If you are a RHA member please put your **Membership number** on the registration form.
- 7) If you will be on TDY orders please state that on the registration form.

To the HORSE

Greg MacDougal, President

REDHORSE Association

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(Regresteration form on next page)



Prime RIBS

Dayton OH- Prime Readiness In Base Services exhibit at the National museum of the United States Air Force.
(U.S. Air Force photo)

RED HORSE exhibit missing

By Greg MacDougal

The National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson AFB, near Dayton Ohio is a thrill for most visitors, as they can relate to an event or exhibit that reminds them of their service or the service of a loved one, to this great nation. However, when that feeling of PRIDE is taken away the visitor feels the loss, hurt and emptiness of their part of history.

That has happened to our RED HORSE exhibit that was on display. When members of the RED HORSE units recently took their family and friends to show them part of their RED HORSE history, it was gone.

The RHA is supporting a major effort to get that issue corrected.

We have appointed **James "Andy" Gilliland** RHA life member, as our liaison to the National Museum of the USAF.

Andy and RHA life member **George Eyestone** (both past members of the 554th RHS), recently met with **Col Neal B. McElhannon**, Vice Wing Commander of the 88th Air Base Wing at WPAFB to solicit his support in reestablishing a RED HORSE exhibit... Oh, I forgot to mention, that Col McElhannon was also prior 554th RED HORSE... (He spent 4 years in the HORSE) . We are asking for at least a space with a TV monitor and some chairs where we can at show our RED HORSE Video and play the RED HORSE March with some pictures on display, until the future expansion of a new building is completed, at which time a much larger and permanent exhibit, will be in place.

Great start Gentlemen, and thank you all for sacrificing your time and resources in support of this effort, including all of you that sent letters and emails. In addition to the set of patches, compliments of Dan Raske, Andy presented the Col with a 554th RHS hat.



L-R George Eyestone, Col McElhannon and Andy Gilliland presenting Col McElhannon a complete set of RED HORSE Patches, compliment of Dan Raske. (USAF Photo/Valerie Holler)

(Cut this form out and mail it in)

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF THE FORM BEFORE MAILING

Registration Procedures (please read carefully)

- Do not include hotel deposit or reservations with convention registration.
- Membership number (3 digits) must be included (if you are a member) on this form.
- Only one registration form needed for each Member and Family registering.
- Early bird registration must be postmarked no later than **AUGUST 15, 2007**.
- All other registrations must be postmarked no later than **SEPTEMBER 28, 2007**.
- Registration kits and welcome packets will be available at the convention registration station on October 28.

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1500 Miracle strip park way
Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548
Room Rates start at \$80.00
Mention RHA Convention
1-800-472-1790



CONVENTION 2007
October 28-1 November

Registrant Information (please print)

Name _____ Name on the badge _____
 Spouse name _____ Name on the badge _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Day time phone # _____ E-mail _____
 Membership # _____ Active Duty Yes No Rank _____ Are you on TDY orders Yes No Unit _____
 Spouse's membership # (if applicable) _____
 → Check here if you are flying in: Date of arrival _____ Date of departure _____
 Flight information: (if you require transportation) flight # _____ est. time arrival _____ # pieces of luggage _____
NOTE: Call 800-472-1790 (Ramada hotel desk) if your flight gets delayed.
 flight # _____ est. time of departure _____ # pieces of luggage _____
 Check here if you are driving an RV and require setup etc _____
 Check here if you require any special assistance/needs (describe) _____

Registration Fees

Early Bird Registration - If your registration is **paid in full and postmarked** no later than **August 15, 2007** you will receive a **convention T-Shirt** for you and your spouse (if applicable). # _____ medium # _____ large # _____ x-large # _____ xx-large # _____ xxx-large.
 (T-shirts are in adult sizes only).

Convention Fees:

Registration fee per person is \$40.00 x number of persons _____ = \$ _____
 Tuesday night banquet is \$38.00 (price includes all taxes and Gratuity's) x number of persons _____ = \$ _____
Tempting Hoof, Hatch and Hook Buffet includes: Roast round of beef, baked amberjack w/caper sauce, oven baked chicken, roast red or au gratin potatoes, chef's choice of two vegetables, mixed green salad, pasta salad, fresh cucumber and tomato salad, assorted rolls and butter, fruit trifle or fruit cobbler, coffee and tea (hot/iced) Total: \$ _____

(Seating is limited to 300 persons only, register early)

(Dress is business casual)

Method of Payment

If mailing in form: Please make all checks or money orders payable to REDHORSE Association. A confirmation will be sent to you.
If paying on line using our secure Pay pal service: You must have payment in full by **AUGUST 15, 2007** in order to receive the convention T-shirt.

Cancellation Policy

Persons cancelling convention registrations on or before August 15, 2007 will receive a full refund of fees paid and thirty (30) days prior to the start of the convention (October 28, 2007) will receive a refund of all fees paid, less a processing fee of \$25.00 per person. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)** Persons cancelling convention registrations less than seven (7) days prior to the start of the convention (October 28, 2007) will receive **NO REFUND. (NO EXCEPTIONS)** "NO SHOWS" will not be refunded. Due to guarantees required for food and other functions no refund will be made on the banquet meal after **OCTOBER 13, 2007. (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

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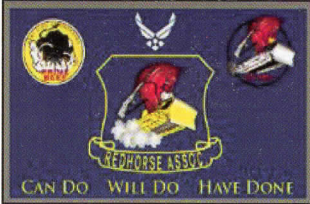
Mail by deadline; **Early Bird August 15, 2007** or final date **September 28, 2007** to:
 REDHORSE Association, P O Box 8, Westminster, CO 80036-0008

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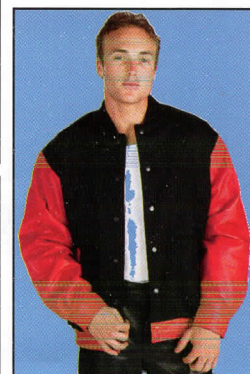
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REDHORSE Association items for sale

To order any of the below listed items. Specify the item you wish to order with size if applicable, and mail your check or money order to: REDHORSE Association, P O Box 8, Westminster, CO 80036-0008 or to save postage use our secure pay pal service on the web site. www.redhorseassociation.org



REDHORSE Association Flag – \$99.50 (includes S/H)
3'x5', may be flown outside in clear weather, is a nylon type material, and is color fast. We have an "I want one list" with a required deposit of \$50.00 the balance due prior to shipping. Once we get 6 names on the list we'll place the order. This keeps us from tying up RHA funds having several flags on hand.



REDHORSE Association Jacket - \$86.00 (includes S/H) Back by popular demand.

Black wool front and back, Real leather sleeves, snaps, two outside pockets and one inside pocket. REDHORSE Association logo will be embroidered on the back with room for your unit patch on the front. (Unit patches are available from Dan Raske, contact me at the newsletter office address for his info). When placing order state your desired size (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL). Delivery aprox 2 weeks.



REDHORSE Association Hat - \$16.00 (includes S/H)

Ball cap design, net back, adjustable strap one size fits all with the RHA 2 -1/2"x 2-3/4" logo embroidered on the front. We have some with USAF official "Gen Scrambled eggs" and some with "Col Scrambled eggs". We aim to please.

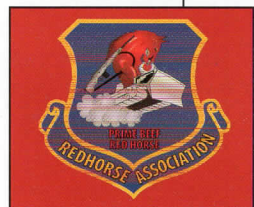


REDHORSE Association RED Horse Statue-\$15.00 (includes S/H)

10" tall rearing horse made of durable resin compound, would make a fine addition to any ones mantel or desk collection. Unfortunately, we only have a limited supply of these and replacements are unpredictable at best. We will however, continue to try to keep ordering replacements as available. (So get um now)

REDHORSE Association Challenge Coin - \$11.00 (includes S/H)

Our very first Challenge Coin, and all that worked on this project are very proud of the outcome. This would make a fine addition to your collection and they have been selling like "Hot Cakes". Made of attractive polished silver metal, diamond cut edge, 2" dia, 3mm thick with sequential numbering.



REDHORSE Association Patch - \$5.39 (includes S/H)

Our redesigned RHA patch is aprox 3-1/2" x 3", with Prime BEEF and RED HORSE embedded in the center in RED. The white dozer is to allow us to remember those proud HORSEMEN and BEEF'ers that have gone on to their highest calling, thus enabling our patch to truly represent ALL RH and PB members.

REDHORSE Association Hat/Lapel Pin - \$5.75 (includes S/H)

This is NEW, it's made of soft enamel cloisonné polished silver metal, with an epoxy dome, 1-1/4" long by 1" wide, two 8mm posts with butterfly clutch's. As with the Challenge coin, this will make a fine addition to your lapel and hat pin collection.



REDHORSE Association Prime BEEF Hat/Lapel Pin - \$5.75 (includes S/H)

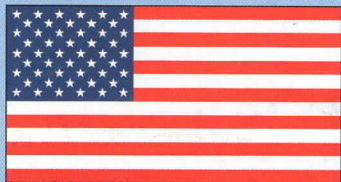
This is the NEWEST addition to our lapel/hat pin collection. Like the RHA Pin above this too is of soft enamel cloisonné metal with an epoxy dome, two 8mm posts with butterfly clutches and 1" in Dia. This was specifically made for our members that were in a Prime BEEF unit as we are not aware of any other Prime BEEF pin available. We aim to please...

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Memorial Day
FLAG DAY
JULY 4th

“Hold high
this flag and keep
it’s promise bright
for in it lies hope for all
and in GOD WE trust “.

Thank you, for continuing to support our troops !

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Our REDHORSE Association logo, framed and added to the wall of other Veterans Organizations at the **Tampa Bay, FL VA Hospital**. RHA member, Gary Green, standing in the photo and Tom Gallagher , RHA Executive VP, had it made, framed and mounted. Fine job, Gentlemen, we are indeed proud of our presence EVERY WHERE! Greg (Photo by Tom Gallagher)