

# 201st RHS Alumni



## Hoof Prints

### **Vol #1 – March 2008 Editor's Note:**

Hoof Prints is a periodical publication published by the 201<sup>st</sup> RED HORSE Alumni Association. Opinions and articles appearing herein do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the 201<sup>st</sup> RHS, the PaANG, or the USAF. This publication is intended to help keep 201<sup>st</sup> RHS alumni informed and is for informational purposes only. This is not an "OFFICIAL" military publication.

### **Hoof Prints "Re-born" – Duke Munford**

Alumni of the 201<sup>st</sup> RED HORSE have expressed a desire to get more information concerning unit activities to help them bond with their RED HORSE brothers and sisters. They also expressed a desire to read articles and information that may help them network with current and retired 201<sup>st</sup> RHS members. "Hoof Prints" originated sometime in the early years of the 201<sup>st</sup> RHF (1972-73) and was published until sometime in 1991. The editor of Hoof Prints for many years was MSgt Dicko Dolan. MSgt (Ret) Dicko Dolan passed away in January 2008; therefore, it is only fitting that this first "re-born" Hoof Prints volume be dedicated to the memory of MSgt (Ret) Dicko Dolan and all other deceased RED HORSE personnel.

### **201<sup>st</sup> RED HORSE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

#### **Rick Eisenhauer**

Greetings Comrades. . . This is to announce the official beginning of the 201<sup>st</sup> RED HORSE Alumni Association. A group of dedicated "Old Timers" has been meeting on a monthly basis since Dec 07 to get this group started. Our goal is to act as a communication tool between "ALL" RED HORSE Members, Past, Present, and Future. We aim to publish a Hoof Prints newsletter every six months giving updates as to what is currently happening at the Unit, and to assist and advise on Veterans and Retirees benefits available to unit members past and present. We currently have over 225 retirees and interested

former members, some of whom we have lost contact with. By way of this newsletter, and your help, we will be able to locate these members and regain contact. One of the biggest goals of this alumni association will be hosting an annual picnic for all members. Listed below is more information on this year's planned picnic. It will be a great time to renew long lost friendships and memories. REMEMBER: WHAT HAPPENED ON TDY STAYS ON TDY!!!! Thanks for your dedication to the service of your country and your loyalty to RED HORSE. If you would prefer to receive future newsletters by e-mail, please e-mail me at: ricknpeggy@comcast.net and I will gladly add your name to our e-mail list. It will help defray the cost of postage. Also, if you are interested in attending our next Association breakfast, we will be meeting at 0730 hours (that's 7:30 AM for those who can't remember military time) on 8 Apr 07 at the Farmer's Wife in Ono. We would be more than happy to see you.

### **201<sup>st</sup> RED HORSE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PICNIC**

- **When:** 26 APRIL 2008, 1000 TO 1900, RAIN OR SHINE
- **Where:** AREA 1 (REC CENTER – known as "the Club")
- **Who:** ALL FORMER MEMBERS OF THE 201<sup>ST</sup> RED HORSE AND THEIR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS ARE INVITED.
- **What:** Bring along pictures/stories of past deployments you wish to share.
- **Please RSVP** to one of the following personnel:  
Rick Eisenhauer: ricknpeggy@comcast.net- 717-273-9886  
Duke Munford: dmunford@verizon.net - 717-865-4391  
Chip Koons: chip.koons@paharr.ang.af.mil - 717-861-1037
- We need a good RSVP count for food, beverages, etc.
- This is NOT a drill weekend for RED HORSE. We have exclusive use of the facilities.
- A separate flyer will be sent giving final details of this grand event!! Please plan on attending.

## Web-sites of Interest

The following websites may be of interest and help to RED HORSE alumni. They provide news articles, magazines, and (in many cases) “official” up-to-date information concerning your military benefits (pay, medical, travel, discounts, etc.) along with additional links to other very informative sites:

**Air Force Association:**

<http://www.afa.org>

**Air Force Sergeants’ Association:**

<http://www.afsahq.org>

**Armed Forces Vacation Club:**

<http://www.afvclub.com>

**Military Information Website:**

<http://www.military.com>

**National Guard Association:**

<http://www.ngaus.org>

**National Guard Enlisted Association:**

<http://www.memberconnections.com/eangus/>

**RED HORSE Association:**

<http://www.redhorseassociation.org>

**Retired Pay Website:**

<https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>

**TRICARE Website:**

<http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit>

**Express Scripts (TRICARE Mail-order Prescriptions):**

<https://member.express-scripts.com/web/member/loginreg/loginStart.do>

If you use website “favorites”, not listed above, that can help other RED HORSE alumni in obtaining the benefits you’re earned by being in the military; please e-mail them to Duke Munford, [dmunford@verizon.net](mailto:dmunford@verizon.net) so we can list them in our next Hoof Prints publication.

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## To Our Fallen RED HORSE Comrades

TSgt Leroy Shambach  
SSgt Lloyd Mann Jr.  
SMSgt George Heblow  
Daniel Knabb III  
TSgt Dale Rudy  
TSgt Larry Bond  
MSgt Elvin Fulton Jr.  
TSgt Robert Fulk  
SSgt Robert Pannebaker  
MSgt Paul Heisey  
TSgt William Wagner  
MSgt John Messner  
TSgt Tom Runkel

SSgt Michael Kost  
TSgt Andrew Panko  
MSgt Michael Patt  
William Myers  
Gary Edris  
SSgt Peter Bickford  
MSgt Earl Peterman  
MSgt Frank Reichard  
MSgt Jonas Harman  
MSgt Morris Gaucker  
TSgt Sonny Rohrer  
MSgt Dicko Dolan  
MSgt Stephen Richards  
Col Scoop Withers



**They’ve moved on to greener pastures. . .  
May They Always Be Remembered. . .**



## RED HORSE Association Visit

*The Officers and Board of Directors of the National REDHORSE Association are very honored by your invitation to join in at your organizational picnic. We are indeed looking forward to the opportunity to meet each of you and answer any questions you may have about the national RHA. To the HORSE!*

*Greg MacDougal,*

*President, National REDHORSE Association.*

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## ATTENTION:

### **OPERATIONS ENDURING FREEDOM And IRAQI FREEDOM VETERANS**

- Do you have questions about your Federal benefits to which you are entitled?
- Are you enrolled in the VA healthcare Network?
- Since being home, has anyone said you have changed?
- Do you feel anxious or uncomfortable in public settings?
- Do you think that nobody out there could possibly know what you’re going through?

**Now is your opportunity to get some answers.**

Please contact the Harrisburg Veterans’ Center, which is located at 1500 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Riley Streets. **If you have any specific questions, please call Mike Volz at 717-782-3954.**

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**RETIREEES “FREE” EYEGLASSES – Duke Munford**  
**If you are retired military and eligible for other medical services, you are authorized to receive one pair of “free” eyeglasses per year.** The Navy Ophthalmic Support & Training Activity (NOSTRA) provides this service. As with anything that’s “free” there are detailed instructions you must follow. Please visit the NOSTRA website: <http://nostra.norfolk.navy.mil> to get the necessary benefit information. I personally haven’t tried to get this retirement benefit yet, because my eye-exam is not due for another few months; however, I have visited the website and the instructions seem relatively simple. Give it a try and let me know if you’re successful. I’ll do the same and follow-up in the next Hoof Prints

## Original “Charter Members” – Duke Munford

The 201<sup>st</sup> RED HORSE was activated on 14 September 1971. There were sixty-two “Charter Members” assigned to the 201<sup>st</sup> Civil Engineering Flight (HR) on 14 Sep 71 and the unit had a total authorized strength of six (6) officers and two-hundred and two (202) airmen. The “charter members” were:

AB Robert Adams	A1C Brian Backenstose	TSgt James Barnes
AB Michael Bashore	SSgt Roy Betz	SSgt Peter Bickford
SSgt Robert Butzer	AB James Chamberlain	Sgt Richard Clay
AB Charles Eyerly Jr.	SSgt Kenneth Finch	MSgt Jay Fishkin
MSgt George Floyd	SSgt Elvin Fulton	TSgt Morris Gauker
TSgt Jay Gindlesberger	Sgt William Gorman	Amn David Grider
MSgt Jonas Harman	TSgt William Hassler	Sgt Terry Heckman
TSgt Paul Heisey	AB Alan Hoffman	TSgt Ronald Keeney
SSgt Gary Kile	Amn Paul Kirsch Jr. Jr.	SSgt Edward Klinger Jr.
AB George Kruger	AB William Kunkle	Amn Thomas Lawler
Amn George Levan Jr	TSgt Ronald Levan Sr.	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Paul Long
SSgt Robert Masalle	Sgt Dennis Mateer	MSgt Ralph McNaughton
Capt Marshall Messimer Jr.	SSgt Howard Miller Jr.	SSgt Kenneth Murray
SSgt William Myers	Sgt Jerome O’Leary	TSgt Andrew Panko
SSgt David Pawling	SSgt Thomas Pines III	TSgt Edward Poltonavage
SSgt Thomas Reifsnnyder Jr.	Amn Stephen Richards	TSgt Gerald Rishel
Sgt Harold Ruhland	A1C Franklin Schoch	AB David Shollenberger
A1C David Smoker	MSgt Raymond Soliday	MSgt Richard Stichter
SSgt Terry Stoner	A1C Michael Tiazkun	MSgt William Trusty
Amn Dennis Wagner	AB Larry Wagner	AB Larry Wimmer
Lt Col Clarence L. Withers Jr.		TSgt Richard Zimmerman

### **Commanders’ Updates/Comments:**

#### **201<sup>st</sup> RED HORSE - First Commander Clarence L. “Scoop” Withers Jr**

Col (Retired) Scoop Withers was Commander of the 201<sup>st</sup> RED HORSE from September 1971 until his retirement in September 1978. It is with deep sorrow that I tell you Scoop died on December 30, 2007 in Phoebe Berks Health Care Center, Wernersville, PA where he resided since April 2006. He was pre-deceased by his wife Catharine and is survived by a son - Scott Withers and grandchildren - Steven and Colleen Withers, Doylestown, PA, daughter - Kathleen Withers, Allison Park, PA, and brother - Howard Withers, Muhlenberg Township, PA. Scoop enlisted in the Army Air Corps in June 1941. He served in both the African and European theatre of operations during World War II and received the prestigious Bronze Star for his WW II service. He subsequently enlisted in the 148<sup>th</sup> Fighter Interceptor Squadron, PaANG, at Spaatz Field, Reading, PA, where he was ultimately commissioned a second lieutenant and assigned chief of armament. He was recalled to Active Duty During the Korean War and moved with the unit to Dover AFB, DE. He later (cont’d next Column – Scoop Withers)

#### **(Scoop Withers – Cont’d)**

moved with the unit to the 193<sup>rd</sup> Special Operations Group Middletown, PA, and served as the Combat Support Squadron Commander. Ultimately, Scoop became the first 201<sup>st</sup> RED HORSE Flight Commander when the unit was formed on 14 September 1971. He retired in September 1978 after 37 years in the military. For all the RED HORSE men and women who knew him, we can never forget his “work hard/play hard mentality” and his final deployment to the 140<sup>th</sup> AC&W Sq, Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, commonly known as: “Scoop’s last erection”! He is surely missed by all those who’s lives he touched.

#### **Col (Retired) Bill “Whiskey Delta” Dellicker**

Greetings REDHORSE vets and family from Whiskey Delta. It has been a few years since I sat down to write a Commander's Column for the Hoof Prints. It was a chore, but always something I looked forward to before each drill from 1987 to 1995. There was usually either a big event coming up or a big one just completed to write about. Inspections, deployments, ORIs, Desert Storm, natural disasters; all were events that we prepared for, then when the missions were completed, called for praise for jobs well done. (cont’d Page 4 – Whiskey Delta)

### **(Whiskey Delta – Cont'd)**

There was always an outstanding airman or NCO in the 201st who brought pride and success to the reputation of the HORSE to write about.

One of the many outstanding memories I'll always remember about serving in the 201st REDHORSE was the work hard/play hard culture you all brought to every UTA and deployment. I've never come across another organization with such a strong commitment for mission and brotherhood than what was shared in the 201st.

Our first commander Col. Scoop Withers fostered the successful work hard/play hard culture we enjoyed in the 201st. Scoop had a knack for rallying his NCOs and airmen to take on any difficult mission and then had fun doing it, usually doing much more than the original scope called for. Scoop was a true leader, effective, tough, compassionate and fair. Many of us, as we go through life's experiences, take traits from leaders we admire, to build our own leadership personality. Scoop was one of those leaders who affected many of us, a model of good old-fashioned inspirational leadership. Now Scoop is in that eternal Happy Hour paving the way for the rest of us to live forever. I'm sure there was a crowd of his friends waiting at the golden gates to greet Scoop.

*Whiskey Delta*

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### **The 201<sup>st</sup> RED HORSE 4<sup>th</sup> Commander Col (Retired) H Dewey Perkins**

First off let me say thank you to Chief Munford, MSgt Rick Eisenhauer, and members of the 201<sup>st</sup> full-time staff for all the work they did to get “Hoof Prints” going again for the RED HORSE alumni and leading the way to organize some functions for the alumni.

It has been quite a while since I had an opportunity to address the retired 201<sup>st</sup> Horsemen. As many of you may remember, I was a 201<sup>st</sup> Horsemen from 1972 to 2001 and served as commander from 1994 to 2001. I actually left the 201<sup>st</sup> to take command of our sister Squadron, the 200<sup>th</sup> RED HORSE, in Ohio and served as commander their until December of 2006. I just moved back to Pennsylvania in November 2007 and like a lot of you I am now retired.

Since all retirees of the 201<sup>st</sup> shared in making the Squadron what it is today, I'd like to share a little recent RED HORSE history with you, mainly 2002 to 2005.

(cont'd next column - H Dewey Perkins)

### **(H Dewey Perkins – Cont'd)**

The reason is I want to tell you what a great Squadron the 201<sup>st</sup> and the 200<sup>th</sup> has become. During most of our RED HORSE carrier we all spent our time perfecting our construction capability, construction management and improving our military survival skills. According to our unit inspection history we were always considered one of the best-trained RED HORSE Squadrons in the Air Force.

In 2002 we got a chance to show the Air Force our real capability, all members of the 200<sup>th</sup> and 201<sup>st</sup> were called to Active Duty for Operation Enduring Freedom. Many were on orders for most of 2002. We performed extremely well and at our period of peak workload had construction/ design teams in 7 different countries simultaneously. I cannot express how proud I was to serve with such a dedicated group of professionals. We performed so well that the Air Force activated us again in 2004 to serve in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

So after being home and off orders for less than 2 years our entire Squadron was activated for almost a year and served in Iraq for 6 months. This time an additional 150 Air Force Prime Beef Airmen were assigned to us. We were dual tasked with an Army mission as well as the Air Force mission. Five hundred and fifty of us went through a month of Army training and then deployed to Iraq. Again, our Airmen displayed talent, professionalism and busted their humps to accomplish every task we were given. Again, we exceeded the expectations of our superiors.

At the end of our tour in Iraq, the 823rd RED HORSE Squadron replaced us. Their Commander in his address to his incoming Squadron said these words. “These 200<sup>th</sup>/201<sup>st</sup> Horsemen have done an amazing amount of quality work. They have raised the bar and redefined what a RED HORSE Squadron is capable of”. One of my proudest moments as a Horseman! Hopefully in future volume's of this newsletter I can provide you with some details of the unbelievable accomplishments.

As you can see our 201<sup>st</sup> RED HORSE Squadron airman these past 6 years have been in demand! They are projected to deploy again in the near future. This is a great time for us “retired” Horsemen to step up and offer our assistance to the 201<sup>st</sup> members and families when they are called to duty. Please join me and get involved with this 201<sup>st</sup> RED HORSE Alumni Association. We old guys still have a lot to offer and can continue to serve the HORSE!

*H Dewey Perkins*

### **Former First Sergeant - Pete Fludovich**

Dear Fellow Former 201<sup>st</sup> RED HORSE Members, I just wanted to take a minute and say hi and to extend a personal invitation to attend a gathering of former RED HORSE unit members on April 26, 2008, 100 – 1900, at the 201<sup>st</sup> RHS, Area #1, Fort Indiantown Gap. Over the years, some retirees have met at unit functions during special occasions such as Christmas and summer picnics; however, this is the first “official” 201<sup>st</sup> RED HORSE Alumni Association Picnic specifically for former 201<sup>st</sup> RED HORSE members. I certainly hope you’ll come and spend time with the rest of us old geezers, and hash over all the good (and some not so good!) times.

For those of you who don’t know me, I was on active duty in the Navy from Aug 68-Jul 72, then came to RED HORSE and spent a few years (Aug 78-Dec 00) in the A/C and plumbing shops, moved over to Disaster Preparedness (DP), and then had the honor and privilege to serve the unit as the First Sergeant my last six years.

Please keep April 26, 2008 in mind and the date open so we see you in at the Alumni Picnic. Take care and God Bless!

*Pete Fludovich*

MSgt (Retired)

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### **Former First Sergeant - Ray Keath**

To all, it’s great to know that all unit members returned safely from the deployments they were on at the time of my retirement. My thoughts were, honestly, with all of you. I’d also like to commend the persons involved in the formulation of the 201<sup>st</sup> Red Horse Alumni Association. I’ve attended 2 meetings but haven’t been able to attend any more to date. At the first meeting a date of 26 April 2008 was announced for the picnic. As it turns out, my wife and I will be in Pittsburg for the entire weekend so I guess I’ll have to wait until next year to attend. As for my stint as first sergeant in the 201<sup>st</sup>, it’s was a proud experience. There were ups and downs, but for the most part it was rewarding. I want to thank all the unit members who supported me and the 1 or 2 who didn’t. All the best as members of the 201<sup>st</sup> Red Horse Squadron, it’s still the number 1 Red Horse unit in the world! Thanks Again,

*Ray Keath*

MSgt (Retired)

### **201<sup>st</sup> RHS First Sergeant – MSgt David Godin**

I read once that we are the sum total of our experiences. This is certainly true for our RED HORSE Unit. The men and women of the 201<sup>st</sup> have worn tan uniforms; then green pickle suits during the cold war; then the battle dress uniforms (BDUs); and most recently desert camos during Iraqi Freedom. It is the sum of the experiences and countless travels of all the airmen who wore the red hat that completes our unit. It is for that reason that I am very glad to see the start of the 201<sup>st</sup> RED HORSE Alumni Association. With this Association we have the opportunity to retrieve a heritage that was lost and gain back the experience that has made us what we are today.

A while back we decided to renovate the Recreation Center so we took all of the photos and paraphernalia off the walls. Not long afterward a unit member came to me and asked about a blue pennant that had hung on the wall. Some of you may recall the pennant, which had Beach Club displayed in gold letters. He told me a story that involved a late night liberation and subsequent redeployment of the pennant to the RED HORSE. He asked if we were going to put it back up because it meant something to him and if we didn’t want it, he sure did. The conversation made me wonder about all of the other objects in the old club, and what stories may be behind them. Some of the stories were lost when members either left or retired from the Horse and we should recover those stories for the future. Our RED HORSE alumni know the stories and have worn the uniform. Most of all, our alumni bring with them a sense of our heritage, a sense of what it really means to wear the red hat, and our Horsemen will benefit from association with them.

*David Godin*, MSgt

First Sergeant, 201<sup>st</sup> RHS

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### **RED HORSE – Worldwide - The “new look” of RED HORSE – Duke Munford**

ACC recently announced some significant changes to RED HORSE. These changes are required to keep up with today’s mission challenges. There are new units, new locations, and new growth that affect the Active Duty, AF Reserve, and Air National Guard. **Please see Page 7 for a Worldwide map view** (info provided by ACC) of the new look of RED HORSE . . . Change details will be briefed at the Alumni Picnic.

**RED HORSE Area Master Plan Update - Chip Koons**

Hello RED HORSE Alumni. We will have quite a bit of construction on-going in the near future. The Facilities Office oversees all construction and maintenance of FTIG AGS and State College AGS. Below is a list of projects:

**State College AGS - AOS Facility (ANG)**

USPF&O, NGB and GANFLEC have been working on a solution for this project. We are now in possession of a good working floor plan and cost estimate that brings the project within scope. NGB/A7 stated that this project has the utmost priority and that they will support this package with re-design funding. Capt Sattazahn (BCE) will be submitting a type A design package for their formal approval.

**RED HORSE Operations Facility (ANG)**

As a result of great congressional support, this project has now been officially accelerated into the FY2008 MILCON program. We are anticipating a notice to advertise this project once funding is received by NGB/A7. The A/E and the RED HORSE design team are actively working on building modifications to ensure bidding success. These changes will be incorporated into the contract documents used for the solicitation. We are anticipating an acceptable product by 1 Apr 08. +/- 19,000 Sq. Ft. Building

**Air Support Operations Squadron Facility (ANG)**

100% design documents have been received. We are anti- (Cont'd next Column – RH Master Plan Update)

**RH Master Plan Update (Cont'd)**

icipating authority to advertise this project by 1 April 2008. +/-19,000 Sq. Ft. Building

**FTIG Troop Camp / Dormitory (ANG)**

**NEW PROJECT** - Based on State Senior Leadership support, this project has now been included into the FYDP and will be in position for a FY2009 acceleration. I have been told from NGB/A7 that we should receive a design instruction for this project in the next two weeks.

**Regional Training Site Infrastructure (ANG)**

This project is about 90% complete. The main item remaining on this contract is the electrical switchgear.

**GIS Common Installation Picture (ANG)**

This item is known complete with exception of some user input required at base level. This project will be closed by mid-March.

**REOTS / RTS Schoolhouse Facility (ANG)**

This project is about 95% complete. The only work remaining is equipment startup and punch list items.

**Lightning Force Schoolhouse Facility (ANG)**

This project is about 95% complete. Punch list items are currently being worked.

**Vehicle Operations Parking Shed (ANG)**

Approved 2009 Project (LKLW052002). A project book has been reviewed and returned to the A/E for modifications. Notice to proceed has been sent to the A/E firm for type A2 services. The A2 submittal is expected by 1 March 2008.

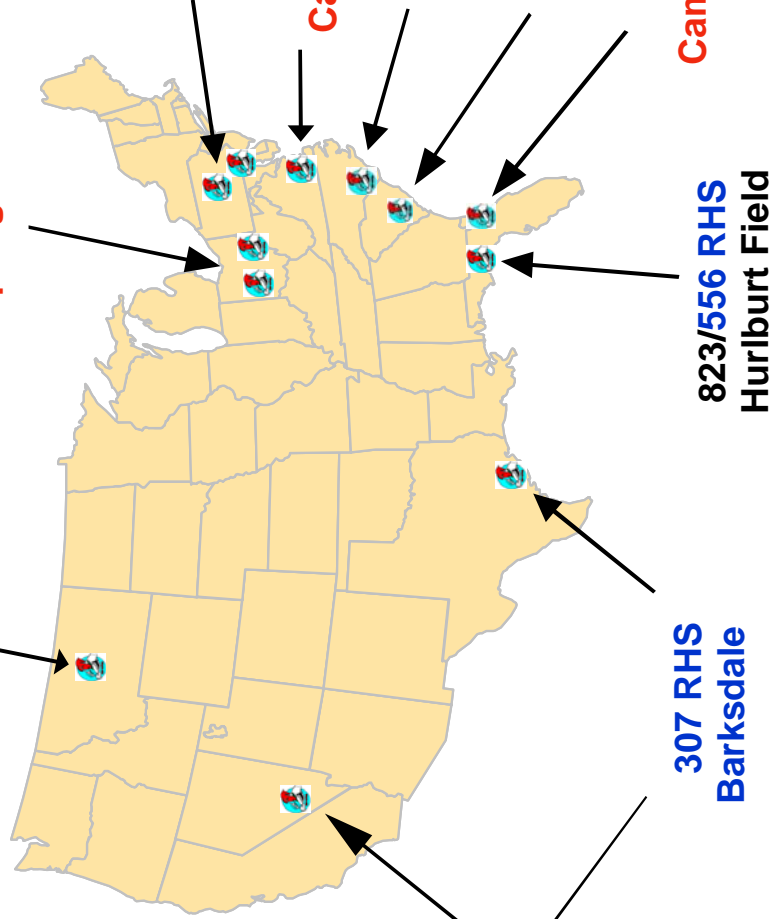


**THE NEW LOOK OF RED HORSE – WORLDWIDE**  
**201<sup>ST</sup> RHS and 200<sup>th</sup> RHS grow to 404 personnel.**

**Active Duty (~4)**  
**Air National Guard (3 +)**  
**AF Reserve (2+)**



**557 ERHS & 1ERHG**  
**Al Udeid, Qatar**



**200 RHS**  
**Camp Perry, Springfield**

**201 RHS**  
**Ft Indiantown Gap, Willow Grove**

**203 RHS**  
**Camp Pendleton**

**567 RHS?**  
**Seymour Johnson**

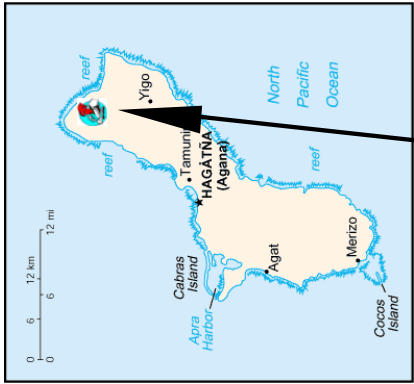
**560 RHS?**  
**JB Charleston**

**202 RHS**  
**Camp Blanding**

**823/556 RHS**  
**Hurlburt Field**

**819/219 RHS**  
**Malmstrom**

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