

# **254<sup>th</sup> CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON**

## **LINEAGE**

### **STATIONS**

Andersen AFB, Guam

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

### **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

### **EMBLEM**

### **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

RED HORSE squadrons from around the globe are combining forces at Osan AB to improve the quality of life for military members and safety conditions for Airmen and aircraft in South Korea. Engineers from Osan's 554th RHS have worked closely with Guard, Reserve and active duty units from the 307th RHS at Barksdale Air Force Base, La.; 555th RHS and 820th RHS at Nellis AFB, Nev.; and the 254th CES from Andersen AFB, Guam, on several construction projects since April. "In total, we have about 170 HORSE brothers and sisters supporting us and rotating through Korea from April through September (this year)," said CMSgt Jeff Slocum, 554th RHS operations chief. "Some are just doing their two-week annual tours, while others are staying on for a while, which helps provide additional continuity on the jobs." "RED HORSE is all about diversity. Although considered a civil engineer unit, only two-thirds of the squadron personnel carry a (civil engineer) AFSC," said Lt Col Richard Sloop Jr., commander of the 554th RHS. "The remainder makes up the support element that allows RED HORSE to be a self-sufficient operation. With our Reserve and Guard component, we also pick up contracting, security forces and medical personnel." Completed projects across the peninsula include construction at air bases at Kimhae, Wonju,

Suwon, Kunsan and Osan. “(At Kunsan), we replaced old expeditionary aircraft arresting systems,” said CMSgt Slocum. “We (also) built access roads, drainage culverts and buildings to house the arresting engines. The new system is motor-driven and provides for a smoother, more controlled engagement. Basically, it improves operational safety for any aircraft with barrier engagement capability, which better protects the aircraft and pilot during a barrier engagement.” One of RED HORSE’s primary wartime responsibilities is to provide aircraft launch and recovery capabilities wherever the Air Force needs it, said Osan project engineer 1Lt Theresa White. “It was great that we (had) the chance to upgrade Kunsan’s barrier system. We got to hone our skills for war, and the ‘Wolf Pack’ [knows] they have a better system in place to more safely support sortie take off and landing operations.” Some of the many projects included two steel arch warehouse buildings at Kimhae that will provide security and weather protection for RED HORSE and war reserve materiel; 30 contingency cabins at Kunsan to support air expeditionary force rotations, joint exercises, and operations; and a shower, latrine and laundry facility at Suwon which improves quality of life for deployed forces. “It’s great to have such tremendous support from each of these units. We called for help, and they came running,” CMSgt Slocum said. “The RED HORSE community is a very tight-knit family. The camaraderie among the people from all the units is fantastic. They work together, play together, and just blend very well to get the job done. Having all of us working together is definitely a production and morale booster.”2006

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