

HERITAGE TODAY



## CE: Leading the Way

When we were kids, we spent our days outside, running around...building things. Thankfully, no one ever told us we had to stop—not that we would have if they tried. Of course, now instead of tree houses and bike ramps, we build bases and runways and pretty much anything else you can think of. When President Truman first signed this air force into existence, we were given the job of building it into the most dominant air force in the world. Done. For over 70 years, we've been leading the way, putting a roof over every Airman's head...and every billion-dollar bomber. What we build will last for 50 or 100 years, so we have to get it right. And if something does break, you can bet we're the ones they call to fix it. In fact, if it's inside The fence line, it's our responsibility. If there's a fire, we're there to put it out. If Mother Nature pays us a visit, we clean up after her. And if one of our enemies makes the ill-advised Attempt to attack our base, we make sure they wasted their time. It doesn't matter when the Call comes, we grab our gear and go to work. You see, the defense of this country doesn't Follow normal business hours, so neither do we. Give us a day, and we'll turn a barren patch of land into an operating base...in *any* environment. If a hurricane takes out a country, we'll be the first to raise our hands to go in and get it up and running again. That's what we do. We're civil engineers. We're RED HORSE and Prime BEEF. Firefighters, EOD techs and Emergency Managers. We're military and civilian. We're a lot of things, but we all took the same oath. So, no matter what uniform we wear, the mission comes first. If there's a problem, we figure out how to solve it. A lot of people don't know our names, but I guarantee you they know when we've been there. Because at the end of the day, whatever wasn't working is. Yeah, we may run into a lot of challenges out there on the construction site, but what you'll never hear us say is, "We can't." If this Air Force can think it, we can build it.