

# ***50 Years of Can Do, Will Do!***

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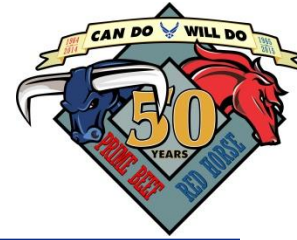
# Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force (BEEF) History, 1964-2014





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# Origins



- Pre-1964, no Air Force organic civil engineering contingency capability
- Prime BEEF program established October 1964
  - Base-Level CE contingency mission/mobile teams
  - Recovery
  - Contingency
  - Flyaway
  - Missile



Lt Col Tom Meredith



Brig Gen Oran Price

# Early Deployments

- First deployments
- Santo Domingo
- Vietnam
  - Overcrowded bases
  - Built revetments (August 1965)
  - 50 Prime BEEF teams 1965-69
- Combat Fox - Korea
- ANG/Reserve teams
- Women in Prime BEEF





# *Natural Disaster Recovery*

- **Welcome sight**
  - **Hurricanes:**
    - **Betsy in 1965, Agnes in 1972, Andrew in 1992, and Katrina in 2005**
  - **Alaska flooding in 1967**
  - **Rapid City flash flood in 1972**
  - **Haiti earthquake in 2010**



# *Humanitarian Support*

- **Humanitarian Support**
  - **Pacific Trust Territories in 1970**
  - **Operation Provide Comfort in 1991**
  - **New Horizons in 2001**
  - **Continuing Promise in 2008**
  - **Afghan Provincial Reconstruction Teams**

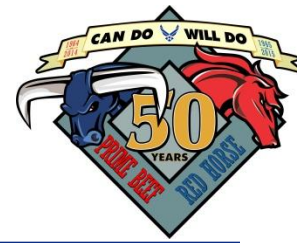






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# Operations Desert Shield/ Desert Storm



- **Deployments to SWA**
  - Initially two sites
  - Grew to 30
- **3,000 Prime BEEF**
  - Bedded down 55,000 people & 1,200 aircraft
  - Erected 5,000 tents
  - Constructed 300,000 sq. ft. of buildings
- **Al Kharj AB**



## *The Busy '90s*

- **Provide Comfort**
  - Northern Watch
- **Joint Endeavor**
  - Bosnia
  - Hungary
- **Allied Force**
  - Kosovo







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# Operations Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom



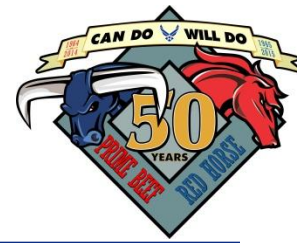
- Enduring Freedom
  - Deployment to “stans”
- Iraqi Freedom
  - Record of Achievement
  - EOD role
- Expeditionary Prime BEEF group/squadrons



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# ***The Cost of Freedom***

**23 CEs Killed in Action since 9/11**

**First American casualty in OEF Prime BEEF**

**Master Sgt. Evander Andrews**

**Maj. Rodolfo Rodriguez**

**Tech. Sgt. Phillip A. Myers**

**Staff Sgt. Bryan D. Berky**

**Tech. Sgt. Anthony C. Campbell, Jr.**

**Tech. Sgt. Adam Kenneth Ginett**

**Senior Airman Michael J. Buras**

**Senior Airman Daniel Johnson**

**Tech. Sgt. Kristoffer Solesbee**

**Staff Sgt. Joseph Hamski**

**Tech. Sgt. Daniel L. Douville**

**Senior Airman Bryan R. Bell**

**Tech. Sgt. Matthew S. Schwartz**

**Airman 1st Class Matthew R. Seidler**

**Staff Sgt. Ray Rangel**

**Tech. Sgt. Walter Moss, Jr.**

**Master Sgt. Brad A. Clemmons**

**Capt. Kermit Evans**

**Tech. Sgt. Timothy R. Weiner**

**Senior Airman Elizabeth A. Loncki**

**Senior Airman Daniel B. Miller Jr**

**William N. Newman**

**Tech. Sgt. Anthony Capra**





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