



200th RED HORSE

2015 Camp Ravenna Joint Paving Operation



For the third year in a row the 200th RED HORSE Squadron (RHS) took part in a road improvement effort at the Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center from 13-24 July 2015. This annual training exercise includes members from the 200 RHS as well as the Ohio Army National Guard 112th Engineering Battalion.

This effort engages mostly Airfields Section members, however in the past both Vehicle Maintenance and Engineering Section members have been involved. Typically 5-10 RHS members are on site with 30-40 Army personnel.

The incredible reputation of the 200 RHS opened the door three years ago for this Joint project. The Army contacted the 200 RHS to help train their personnel on paving operations as well as enhance the road network at Camp Ravenna. The three year training plan has been set up in a “Crawl, Walk, Run” development scheme. In 2013 all of the equipment utilized was 200 RHS equipment. RHS personnel took the lead on project management, and training development as they paved almost two miles of roadway. Throughout this exercise, Army personnel were trained on equipment and brought into the mix of project management.

In 2014 increased integration of Army equipment, and personnel in operations and project management further improved training. While the majority of the equipment was provided by the RHS; the Army was able to integrate their equipment and personnel at a much earlier phase in the training. Over one mile of road was paved during this two week mission.

In 2015, due to continued equipment acquisition the RHS brought only minimal equipment, and a small team to continue to train the Army, as well as younger RHS Airmen. Again, over one mile of road was paved during this exercise.

Over the three years of Joint paving training more than 9,000 tons of asphalt at a cost of \$700K has been laid. And personnel were trained on multiple pieces of equipment including; asphalt paver, skid



loader, roller, dump truck, tractor trailers, bituminous distributor, water distributor, and smaller powered equipment.

The incredible contributions by both the 200 RHS and 112th Engineering Battalion ensured this great opportunity provided exceptional Joint project management, communication, and hands-on paving training. As a total force we continue to improve the Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center, and further develop our horizontal construction teams by incorporating today's real world military contingency strategies of operating in a Joint capacity to ensure mission success.

The partnership between the 200th RHS and the 112th Engineering Battalion in asphalt paving operations will continue to grow well into the future. A one mile road improvement project has already been discussed for fiscal year 2016, with plans to enhance the training by incorporating RHS special capabilities into the mix. The 200 RHS requires members to be trained in pavement milling operations in conjunction with paving operations. By incorporating milling machines into the scope of work RHS members can further improve their special capability training; and simultaneously enhance the 112th Engineering Battalions capabilities while improving the roadway conditions at Camp Ravenna one mile at a time.



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