

## 203<sup>rd</sup> RED HORSE FLIGHT



### **MISSION**

The 203<sup>rd</sup> RED HORSE Squadron (Civil Engineer). Formed in 1985, the 203 RHS is capable of mobilizing anywhere in the world on short notice to build roads, repair runways, construct buildings, dig wells and provide facility support for deployed U.S. forces. The 203 RHS is based at the State Military Reservation, Virginia Beach.

### **LINEAGE**

203<sup>rd</sup> RED HORSE Squadron

203<sup>rd</sup> RED HORSE Flight

Activated, 1985

### **STATIONS**

Virginia Beach, VA

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

### **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

### **EMBLEM**

On a blue disc, a scarlet horse head affronts couped, charged on the forehead with a yellow

lightning flash and snorting yellow steam, emerging from behind a green castle issuing from base between three yellow stars arching along the borders to the left and one large yellow star between the horse and three yellow stars arching along the border to the right; all within an ultramarine blue border. Attached above the disc a yellow scroll edged with a narrow ultramarine blue border. Attached below the disc a yellow scroll edged with an ultramarine blue border inscribed RED HORSE in scarlet letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Blue and yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The 202d RED HORSE Squadron and the 203d RED HORSE Flight (Activated and federally recognized in January 1985) represents the seventh "RED HORSE" Squadron in the Air Force. The stars symbolize the seven RED HORSE units. The horse with lightning bolt and steam indicates a visible expenditure of energy and power. The castle, an established and historic symbol for engineers throughout the uniformed services, alludes to the engineering mission of the Squadron.

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

In January 1985, the ANG activated the 202nd RHS at Camp Blanding in Starke, FL. Three weeks later, the 203rd RHF was activated at Virginia Beach, VA. The 202<sup>nd</sup> helped defeat wildfires in Florida in the spring of 1998, and supported hurricane recovery efforts in their area that fall. In 1999, members of the 203rd deployed in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH in Southwest Asia and participated in Exercise Northern Viking in Iceland. In April 2003 the combined squadron was federally activated for the first time in its history when it was deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. In 2004, the 202nd and 203rd responded to provide assistance to bases in Florida in the wake of three disastrous hurricanes, Charley, Frances, Ivan.

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