

New Members,

Hello and welcome to the new Military Rodeo Cowboys Association (MRCA). During my 22 year career in the United States Air Force, I never had the opportunity to be involved with the original MRCA; it wasn't until after retirement that I was introduced to military rodeo associations. I competed for over 4 years in these associations as well as serving on their board for three of those years. Military people have always been some of the best folks you could ever be around, and it isn't just one branch, it spanned all of the branches, where I was able to build new relationships with military members that also loved the Western way of life and the rodeo world. This was why when given the opportunity with Adam Pollard to renew this association, I couldn't help but jump at the chance. A chance to build something extremely special to me, an association that looks to not only give military cowboys and cowgirls a place to rodeo and get to know each other as well, and also find ways of offering clinics with some of the best rodeo athletes in the world to help further your rodeo ambitions.

Our goal is to create opportunities for our Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, Honorably Discharged, and Retired military cowboys and cowgirls to compete against each other. All while promoting an environment of comradery amongst our brothers and sisters. We are continuing the spirit of service to our country while carrying on our western way of life. This is the foundation of our membership requirements.

The men and woman who have volunteered to serve on our Executive Board of Directors and help build the Association are some of the best I know. Experienced in rodeo and business, the Board is dedicated to making the MRCA something to be proud of. We have had you the competitor in mind since we first started.

We as a group have put together some hefty goals for our association, giving you the competitors opportunities in both Sanctioned, and Co-Sanctioned events around this great country we live in, to win prizes, money, and above all, earn points to qualify for the end of year World Finals Rodeo (WFR). The new MRCA will continue to build on the Legacy of the Original MRA and MRCA that were started over 25 years ago, combining two of the greatest things I can think of; the American Soldier and the American Cowboy. I personally do not think it gets much better than that. We are excited to have you as part of our association, as we build what will go down in history, as the absolute best military rodeo association there will ever be. Always keeping you the competitor in mind, and always; *"...continuing the tradition."*

Respectfully,

*Dan*

Dan Stewart  
MRCA Vice-President