

Biographical Submission
Robert B. Workman III
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Road to the Horse Wildcard 2013

Married in 1980, Joan and Bob Workman have been in a licensed horse business since his retirement from the **US Army Chemical Corps** in July 1997. They relocated to Lexington, Kentucky from Leavenworth, Kansas after numerous assignments in Washington, North Carolina, Alabama, Kansas, Germany, and Saudi Arabia. Bob has an MBA (Finance) and has taught adult education classes as well as run Junior Army ROTC curriculum programs in the high school. He presently supports the stockpile maintenance and eventual destruction efforts of Chemical Warfare munitions held at the Bluegrass Army Depot.

In 2005, Bob Workman established **The Horseman's Retreat LLC** offering troubled horses the serenity of a secluded atmosphere to develop their foundation skills in an engaging, productive manner. Conveniently located on 80 acres of varied terrain, the facilities include boarding pastures, hay fields, woods, creek, bluff, trails with natural obstacles, round pens, square [Picadero] pen, high tie, tack building with shower, "play ground," and indoor/outdoor riding areas. Select horses in training may also have access to cattle, roping, other facilities, and riding in personal studies Bob may attend.

Horses in training have included the problem/challenging, re-start, and foundation efforts across a variety of disciplines and breeds. Those destined for the track, dressage world, ranch work, and competitive western careers as well as for recreational owners have all passed successfully through the Horseman's Retreat. Breeds have included American Mustang, Quarter Horse, Paint, Appaloosa, Thoroughbred, Standardbred, Arabian, Connemara, Rocky Mountain, Pony, and a couple uniquely bred Warm Blood/Draft crosses (Hanoverian, Percheron, Trakehner, Morgan). While most are a few months' effort, some customers are satisfied with thirty days training: foundation work for notable future high school dressage competitors has customers investing eighteen plus months in Bob's care. The Horseman's Retreat is always advancing to deliver exceptional training, and develop the soft, confident, versatile horse that proves to be a winner on the trail, ranch, arena, or track.

From 2004 thru 2005, Bob served as **Personal Executive Assistant to Pat/Linda Parelli** of Parelli Natural Horsemanship. This experience provided an excellent position to directly interact with tremendous horsemen, venues, and students from around the world in a variety of disciplines and US/Canadian locations. Bob was rewarded immensely with the opportunity to benefit from the last best years of the Parelli organization; the Parelli University level of studies in horsemanship initially made available in this relationship; the exposure to Corporate management in their multimillion dollar business; and the stunning marketing efforts for an array of Parelli products, productions, and education camps.

From 1997 thru 2004, **Deer Run Stables LLC** was successfully owned and operated to provide the Lexington, Kentucky area communities and local tourism with public trail rides, lessons, boarding facilities, and group functions throughout the year. Practicing the evolving natural horsemanship concepts brought personal and professional development for the Workman family, loyal customers, and the 45-string horses involved in the trail/lesson/boarding business. Bob Workman treasured the relationship with Eastern Kentucky University for the privilege of conducting an ongoing group lesson program, and the Richmond Kentucky Chamber of Commerce for recognizing him as Small Business of the Year.

Personal Studies Under:

- Joe Wolter – True Master, understudy Bill/Tom Dorrance, Ray Hunt
- Mark Russell – Classic Academic/Enlightened Horsemanship, Author
- Buster McLaury – West Texas Stockman, Clinician, Author
- Theron McGarry – 4th generation rancher, McGarry Ranches, Idaho
- Pat Parelli – Founder Natural Horse-Man-Ship
- Carol Coppinger – 5-Star Parelli Instructor
- Dave Ellis – 5 Star Parelli Instructor
- Jack Brainard – Trainer, Judge, Leader, Teacher
- Craig Johnson – Trainer, Clinician, NRHA World Champion

Special Experiences:

- Extreme Mustang Makeover – Clemson, South Carolina 2012
- Internship w/ Joe Wolter – Aspermont, Texas 2010
- World Equestrian Games – Lexington, Kentucky 2010
- Ray Hunt Memorial Clinic – Dallas Ft. Worth, Texas 2010
- DVD Featured Participant w/ Mustang – Natural Solutions for Spooky Horses [Parelli]
- King Fadh Secret Mounted Infantry Unit - Riyadh, Saudi Arabia 1992
- Spanish Riding School – Vienna, Austria 1992
- Horse Cavalry Det., 1st Cav Div (Buffalo Soldier Monument) – Leavenworth, Kansas

Key Audited Workshops:

- Richard Winters – Winner Road to the Horse, NRCHA World Champion
- Craig Cameron – Entertainer
- Dennis Reis – TV Host, Clinician
- Curt Pate – Author, Clinician, *Effective Stockmanship*
- Buck Brannaman – Roping to Bridle Horse, Advisor Horse Whisperer
- Karen/David O’Conner – Eventing, Olympic & Pan American Medalist
- Dave Stuart – Australia & United Kingdom *Foundation Horsemanship*
- Dr. Robert M. Miller – Author, Imprint Training, Horse Behavior

Bob Workman is the recipient of numerous awards. Military decorations include the Southwest Asia Service Medal w/ Bronze Star, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3x), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, and Parachutist/Air Assault Badges. Graduate of Florida Southern College (BS Chemistry); St. Martin’s College (MBA Finance); Army Command & General Staff College; and the Logistics Executives Leadership, Combat Developers, and Material Acquisition Manager Courses. Recognized with Commission as Kentucky Colonel, graduate Leadership Madison County, Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year, Kentucky State Teaching Certificate, Kentucky State Business Licenses, and Livestock Brand registration certificate.

Current interests include academic horsemanship, British Murder Mysteries, learning pencil drawing and watercolor, and improving the home ranch facilities.

As Bob’s wife of 32 years, Joan Workman oversees the Richmond Housing Authority as Executive Director following several years as the finance officer managing a variety of funding sources and expenditures. The eldest son Thomas is also employed at the Bluegrass Army Depot, and with his wife Candice has a five year old daughter Madison – who all clearly loves these horses! Scott Workman is a PhD Candidate within the University of Kentucky College of Engineering enjoying full scholarship studies and research in the field of Computer Vision.