

Project White Horse: The Website

Angels Twenty
 Combat Spread...
 Push it out
 Fight's on



The second edition of [Project White Horse 084640](#) is now on line.

The first edition of the website featured Dr. Chet Richards' adaptation and amplification of John Boyd's Observe-Orient-Decide-Act loop. Given its stated focus on time critical decision making in crisis, presentation and discussion stemming from Boyd's overarching work, "A Discourse on Winning and Losing," provides a significant departure point for this website. Boyd's Air Force career and experience as a fighter pilot underpins all, but his beginning as a military and competitive strategist, the basis for "A Discourse on Winning and Losing" and his ultimate legacy in history all launch from the 1976 publication of the paper "Destruction and Creation." This abstract treatise describes how an interplay of analysis and synthesis destroys and creates our mental images of the external world - disorder turns into order which turns into disorder in a never ending cycle. To survive in a complex world on our own terms - to improve our capacity for independent action -- we must understand how to "*comprehend, shape, adapt to, and in turn be shaped by an unfolding, evolving reality that is uncertain, ever changing, unpredictable.*"

No better beginning for Project White Horse 084640, as a forum on decision-making than John Boyd's "Destruction and Creation" with hyper links to commentary by one of Boyd's closest friends, Chuck Spinney.

Also as part of this edition, I take particular pride in announcing to all the names of those who have agreed to be advisors:

- Sheriff Bob Brooks (Ventura County, Ca)
- Lt. General Frederic Brown (USA, Ret)
- Rear Admiral Lew Chatham (USN, Ret)
- Battalion Chief Ranger Dorn (Ventura County Fire Department)
- Rear Admiral Irish Flynn (USN, Ret)
- Captain Jim Hickerson (USN, Ret)
- Captain Charley Minema (Special Services Tacoma Wa. Police Department)
- Rear Admiral Pat Moneymaker (USN, Ret)
- Dr. Chet Richards, Ph.D. (USAFR, Ret)
- Dr. Stan Supinski, Ph.D. (USAF, Ret)
- Vice Admiral Jerry Tuttle (USN, Ret)
- Dr. Dag von Lubitz, Ph.D., M.D.(Sc) (RN, Ret)

And finally, with a note of sadness, I must announce the passing of Charanjit Lohara, President of EMP Edge and lecturer at the University of Southern California. His forthcoming book *The Edge of Excellence; A New Generation of Enterprise Management* will be published later this year. Charan had taken special interest in White Horse and his keen insight will be missed.

His work can continue to be found at <http://www.empedge.com/index.html>