# UNSUNG HEROES Of The Industry

## REGGIE



**HOME BARN**Blue Willow Riding
Academy

TRAINERS

Julie Kaufman /

Andrea Bratcher

REGISTERED NAME
Rocky Mountain
Memories
BREEDING
Desert Supreme
Memories x That
Wonderful Girl
AGE 20

### HOW DID HE BECOME A PART OF YOUR LESSON PROGRAM?

He was bred by Virgil and Sandy Helm and belonged to one of their customers who was looking for a five-gaited horse. They showed him gaited as a junior horse and then park pleasure a few times the next year. He really wasn't what the owner was looking for so Virgil called Gayle Lampe. At the time Lampe's program at William Woods was overflowing and she suggested Midway College's program. He was donated to the Midway where their program is only western and hunt seats. Reggie didn't quite fit the mold. He was too nice to dial down and still needed a little finishing. Blue Willow was looking for lesson horses and Julie Kaufman had heard about Reggie. She decided to give him a try in 2012 and the rest is history!

## DESCRIBE A TYPICAL WEEK IN THE LIFE OF REGGIE:

Lessons, lessons and more lessons. He also shows at the winter tournaments and in academy during show season.

#### WHAT ARE HIS GREATEST ATTRIBUTES FOR BEING AN UNSUNG HERO IN YOUR PROGRAM?

Reggie is a great teacher. He has the best personality. He is easy for students to groom and tack and is a love in the stall. At 20 he is still game. He is so smart and knows when he has a more skilled rider to step up and with a little one he will dial it way back.

#### ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

When he isn't giving lessons or at a show, he makes visits to the local assisted living facilities. He also gives the pony rides at the Lexington Junior League Horse Show and the meet and greet at the Kentucky State Fair World's Championship Horse Show. For all of his work outside the barn and show ring, Reggie has been designated as an ASR Diplomat of the Breed.