

USAAF Emergency Rescue Boat Squadrons(ERBS): 8th, 10th, 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th operated in WWII and Deactivated in March of 1946

The 22nd Crash Rescue Boat Squadron operated during the Korean War

The **ARS** was Redesignated **ARRS** (Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service) in January 1966

39th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron

HC-130Ps Air Refueler/Command and Control Aircraft Insignia for the 39th ARRS

callsign = "CROWN"

Constituted 39th Air Rescue Squadron on 17 Oct 1952; Activated on 14 Nov 1952; Inactivated on 24 Nov 1957

Redesignated 39th ARRS and Activated January 16, 1967 at Udorn RTAFB, Thailand absorbing the assets of DET-1, 37th ARRS(5 or 6 HC-130s)

Organized January 18, 1967

39th ARRS transferred to Tuy Hoa AB, Vietnam, RVN June 8, 1967

(Squadron had C-130P Command and Control/Air Refueling aircraft at Tuy Hoa)

39th ARRS with 11 x HC-130P transferred to Cam Ranh AB September 16, 1970

39th ARRS transferred to Korat RTAFB, Thailand in March 1972

39th ARRS inactivated and assets to Det 4, 3rd ARRG April 1, 1972

Inactivated April 30, 1972

Redesignated 39th Air Rescue Squadron October 10, 1990; Activated 1 Jan 1992

Redesignated 39th Rescue Squadron 1 Feb 1993; Inactivated 1 Aug 1994

Activated in the Reserve 15 Apr 1997

Assignments

3rd Air Rescue Group 14 Nov 1952

2nd Air Rescue Group 18 Jun - 24 Nov 1957

3rd Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group 18 Jan 1967 - 30 Apr 1972

Air Rescue Service 1 Jan 1992

432 Operations Group 1 Feb 1993 - 1 Aug 1994

920 Rescue Group 15 Apr 1997 -

Stations

Ashiya AB, Japan, 14 Nov 1952-24 Nov 1957

Udorn RTAFB, Thailand, 18 Jan 1967

Tuy Hoa AB, South Vietnam, 8 Jun 1967

Cam Ranh Bay AB, South Vietnam, 16 Sep 1970-30 Apr 1972

Misawa AB, Japan, 1 Jan 1992-1 Aug 1994. Patrick AFB, FL, 15 Apr 1997 -

Aircraft

SA-16, SC-47, and SH-19 1952 - 1957

HC-130P 1967-1972

Operations

Search, Rescue, and Recovery missions in SEA January 1967 - April 1972

missions included refueling rescue helicopters and performing airborne command, control, and communications functions during combat rescue operations.

40th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron,

callsign JACK

partial History

"JACK" was the callsign for the "sub-Rescue Command and Control Center at NKP. This activity assisted in the Son Tay Raid.

Active at Udorn RTAFB, Thailand 1968 - 1975

40th ARRS worked for the 3rd ARRGp

partial History

40th ARRS active in Thailand from 1967 until January 31, 1976 when it was de-activated

Participated in the Embassy evacuations and the Rescue of the SS Mayaguez

41st Air Rescue Service

(emblem approved 1954)

41st ARRS Jolly Green

partial History

Activated on 14 Nov 1952; Discontinued on 18 Mar 1960; ReActivated on 29 Dec 1961 and Organized on 8 Jan 1962; Redesignated 41st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron on 8 Jan 1966

Assigned: 4th Air Rescue Group, 14 Nov 1952; Air Rescue and Recovery Service, 8 Dec 1956-18 Mar 1960;

Military Air Transport Service, 29 Dec 1961; Air (later, Aerospace) Rescue and Recovery Service, 8 Jan 1962;

39th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Wing, 1 Jan 1970;

Stationed: Hamilton AFB, CA, 14 Nov 1952-18 Mar 1960; Hamilton AFB, CA, 8 Jan 1962;

McClellan AFB, CA, 1 Aug 1973-30 Sep 1987

Aircraft

SB-17, 1952-c. 1953; C-82, 1952-1953; H-5, 1952-c. 1953; SA-16, 1953-c. 1960; SH-19, c. 1953-c. 1960; SA/HU-16, 1962-1968; SH/HH-19, 1962-1963; HH-43, 1963; HC-130, 1966-1987; CH/HH-53, 1971-1973; HH-3, 1973-1976; HH-53, 1976-1987

Operations

Search and rescue: 1952-1960, 1962-1987, 1989- ?; Recovered high-altitude atmospheric-sampling devices 1962-1987

56th ARRS

The 'K' under the Crown = callsign "KING"

(used for C-130P(HC-130) C&C/Refueler fixed-wing aircraft)

partial History

Lineage

Constituted 56th Air Rescue Squadron on 17 Oct 1952. Activated on 14 Nov 1952. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 18 Mar 1960.

Activated on 8 Jul 1972. Redesignated 56th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron on 10 Jul 1972. Inactivated on 15 Oct 1975.

Activated on 1 May 1988. Redesignated: 56th Air Rescue Squadron on 1 Jun 1989; 56th Rescue Squadron on 1 Feb 1993. 56TH RESCUE SQ

Assignments

7th Air Rescue Group, 14 Nov 1952 (attached for operational control to 5th Air Division, 14 Nov 1952-28 Feb 1953); 12th Air Rescue Group, 8 Dec 1956; Air Rescue Service, 18 Feb 1958-18 Mar 1960 (attached to Detachment 3, 8th Air Rescue Group [European Rescue Operations Center], 18 Feb 1958- 18 Mar 1959 and to Detachment 3, Air Rescue Service [European Recovery Operations Center], 18 Mar 1959-18 Mar 1960). 3d Aerospace rescue and Recovery Group, 8 Jul 1972; 41st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery (later, 41st Rescue and Weather Reconnaissance) Wing (attached to 3d Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group) 20 Aug 1972-15 Oct 1975. 39th Special Operations Wing, 1 May 1988; 41st Rescue and Weather Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Apr 1989; Air Rescue Service, 1 Aug 1989; Air Forces Iceland, 1 Feb 1993; 35th Operations Group, 31 May 1993; 85th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1994; 85th Group, 1 Jul 1995-.

Stations

Sidi Slimane, French Morocco, 14 Nov 1952-18 Mar 1960. Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 8 Jul 1972-15 Oct 1975. Keflavik, Iceland, 1 May 1988-.

Aircraft

H-5, 1952-1953; SA-16, 1952-1960; SC-47, 1953-1956; SH-19, 1953- 1960. HC-130, 1972-1975; HH-43, 1972-1975

Operations

Flew search and rescue, and medical evacuation, in North Africa and southern European area, Nov 1952-Mar 1960. Combat in Southeast Asia, 10 Jul 1972- 15 Aug 1973, to include search and rescue, airborne mission control, and aerial refueling; and local search and rescue until Feb 1975.

129th Rescue Squadron

301st Air Rescue Squadron

partial History

Lineage

Constituted 301 Air Rescue Squadron on 9 Mar 1956; Activated in the Reserve on 18 Aug 1956

Redesignated: 301st ARRS 18 Jan 1966; 301 ARS 1 Apr 1990; 301 Rescue SQ 1 Feb 1992

Assignments

2585 Air Reserve Flying Training Center, 18 Aug 1956; 2586 Air Reserve Flying Training Center, 2 Jun 1958; Fourteenth Air Force, 25 Jun 1960; Third Air Force Reserve Region, 15 Jul 1960; Eastern Air Force Reserve Region, 31 Dec 1969; Western Air Force Reserve Region, 1 Jan 1972; 403 Aerospace Rescue and Recovery (later, 403 Rescue and Weather Reconnaissance) Wing, 15 Mar 1976; 939 Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group (later, 939 Air Rescue Wing; 939 Rescue Wing), 1 Oct 1987; 939 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992; 920 Rescue Group, 15 Apr 1997-.

Stations

Miami Intl Aprt, FL, 18 Aug 1956; Homestead AFB, FL, 1 Aug 1960 (operated out of Tamiami Aprt and Patrick AFB, FL, Aug-Dec 1992); Patrick AFB, FL, Jan 1993-.

Aircraft

SA(later, HU)-16, 1956-1973; HH-34, 1971-1974, 1975; HH-1, 1973-1979; HH-3, 1974-1991; HC-130, 1979-1997; CH-3, 1987-1991; HH-60, 1991-.

Operations

Trained for combat search and rescue capability. Performed search and rescue (SAR) and medical evacuation missions primarily over land areas of and water areas off Florida. Between 1979 and 1997, had helicopter air refueling capability. Provided rescue coverage for space shuttle launches, 1981-, and launch support at the Eastern Test Range, 1993-. Deployed crews to provide SAR coverage worldwide, including to Keflavik, Iceland, during and after the Gulf War, and to the Gulf War area, 1993-.

Emblem: Approved December 2, 1963

304th Air Rescue Service (ARS)

partial History

Constituted 304 Air Rescue Squadron on 24 Oct 1957. Activated in the Reserve on 16 Nov 1957. Redesignated: 304 Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron on 18 Jan 1966; 304 Air Rescue Squadron on 1 Apr 1990; 304 Rescue Squadron on 1 Feb 1992.

Assignments

2343 Air Reserve Flying Center, 16 Nov 1957; 2346 Air Reserve Flying Center, 1 Dec 1957; 2345 Air Reserve Flying Center, 8 Apr 1958; Fourth Air Force, 8 Apr 1960; Sixth Air Force Reserve Region, 1 Sep 1960; Western Air Force Reserve Region, 31 Dec 1969; 403 Aerospace Rescue and Recovery (later, 403 Rescue and Weather Reconnaissance) Wing, 15 Mar 1976; 939 Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group (later, 939 Air Rescue Wing; 939 Rescue Wing), 8 Apr 1985; 939 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992-.

Stations: Portland Intl Apt (later, ANGB), OR, 16 Nov 1957-.

Aircraft

SA(later, HU)-16, 1958-1971; HH-34, 1971-1976; HH-1, 1976-1991; UH-1, 1979-1987; HC-130, 1985-1997; HH-3, 1986-1992; CH-3, 1987-1992; MH-60, 1991-1992; UH-60, 1991-1993; HH-60, 1992-.

Operations

Trained for combat search and rescue capability. Performed search, rescue, and medical evacuation missions primarily in the northwestern United States, including over 100 missions immediately following the Mt. St. Helens (Washington) volcanic eruption in May 1980. Maintained helicopter air refueling capability, 1985-1997. Deployed crews to provide SAR coverage worldwide, including to Keflavik, Iceland, during and after the Gulf War and to the Gulf War area, 1993-. Occasionally provided support for space shuttle launches and to the USAF Fighter Weapons School.

305th Aerospace Rescue & Recovery Squadron

partial History

Constituted 305th ARS 16 Jan 1958; Activated in the Reserve 8 Feb 1958

Redesignated 305th ARRS 18 Jan 1966; Ordered to Active Service 26 Jan 1968; Relieved from Active Duty 19 Jun 1969
Redesignated: 305 Air Rescue Squadron on 1 Apr 1990; 305 Rescue Squadron on 1 Feb 1992

Inactivated 1 Sep 1992; Activated in the Reserves 1 Oct 1993

Assignments

2242 Air Reserve Flying Center, 8 Feb 1958; Tenth Air Force, 8 Apr 1958; 2467 Air Reserve Flying Center, 1 Jun 1958; Tenth Air Force, 20 May 1960; Fifth Air Force Reserve Region, 1 Sep 1960; Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service, 26 Jan 1968; Fifth Air Force Reserve Region, 19 Jun 1969; Central Air Force Reserve Region, 31 Dec 1969; Eastern Air Force Reserve Region, 1 Jul 1971; Western Air Force Reserve Region, 1 Jan 1972; 403 Aerospace Rescue and Recovery (later, 403 Aerospace Rescue and Weather Reconnaissance) Wing, 15 Mar 1976; 939 Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group (later, 939 Air Rescue Wing), 1 Oct 1987; 939 Operations Group, 1 Aug-1 Sep 1992. 939 Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993-.

Stations

Selfridge AFB (later ANGB), MI, 8 Feb 1958-1 Sep 1992. Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1 Oct 1993-.

Aircraft

SA(later, HU)-16, 1958-1965; HC-97, 1965-1972; HC-130, 1972-1992;

CH-3, 1976-1980, 1987-1992; HH-3, 1976-1992. HH-60, 1993-.

Operations

Trained for and performed search and rescue operations primarily in the upper mid-western U.S., 1958-1992. Deployed personnel worldwide to support active duty forces, including to the Far East following the USS Pueblo incident, Jan 1968-Jun 1969, to Keflavik, Iceland, during and after the Gulf War. Maintained helicopter refueling capability, 1972-1992. Trained for combat search and rescue and performed SAR operations primarily in the southwestern U.S., 1993-. Provided support in counterdrug operations to U.S. civilian agencies, 1994-.

Decorations

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm for service 26 Jan 1968 - 18 Jun 1969