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600TH ARRS SAVE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

The Air Force's Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service recorded its 600th world-wide save during 1966 on Christmas eve in Vietnam.

ARRS claims a save when a survivor is removed from an environment where death or capture is imminent. Its 1966 total jumped from 599 to 612 on one mission, December 24th, civilian CL-44 crashed into a Vietnamese village and burst into flames. Two Rescue HH-43F helicopters rushed in, removed 13 injured Vietnamese villagers from the burning crash site to a Marine Field Hospital for treatment.

Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service, headquartered at Orlando AFB, Florida, is a major sub-command of the Military Airlift Command. Commanded by Colonel Allison C. Brooks, it is the Air Force's primary search, rescue and recovery force. Of its ⁶¹⁵~~600~~ rescues during 1966, more than ⁴⁰³~~400~~ have been saves in combat conditions.

Crewmembers for the Christmas eve mission were 1st Lt David R. Steveson, Denver, Colorado; 1st Lt Alfred R. Jacox, Jr., Thousand Island Park, N. Y.; A1C Wayne L. Boteler, New Orleans, La. and A1C Russell W. Price, Goldsboro, N. C. on the primary aircraft. Crewing the second helicopter were Captain Lawrence F. Marcom, Somerset, Ky.; 1st Lt Donald B. Sams, Hermiston, Oregon, SSgt Hubert O. Marsh, Frankfurt, Indiana and A1C John F. Tobes, Gilbertsville, N. Y.