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An HH-43B rescue helicopter from Det 8, 38ARRS, responds to an F-4C emergency at Cam Ranh Bay RVN.

On 14 February 1969, a battle damaged F-4C landed with its right main gear up, rupturing and exploding the right wing tank upon touchdown. The local base rescue HH-43 "Pedro", deployed the fire suppression kit, discharged one one pararescueman and two fire fighters at the scene and established a hover at the burning aircraft. The rotor down-wash from the helicopter blew out the fire from the burning fuel tank. One fireman activated the fire suppression kit and laid a foam path to the aircraft, while the other fireman and the pararescue man assisted the pilots in evacuating the stricken F-4C.