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ARRSq departs Udorn

NAKHON PHANOM RTAFB, Thailand — The 40th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, organized at Udorn in March 1968, has moved to Nakhon Phanom RTAFB.

Commanded since June by Lt. Col. John H. I. Morse, the 40th flies HH-53 Super Jolly Green Giant helicopters in carrying out its mission of providing search and rescue support for U.S. aircraft operating in Southeast Asia.

The move of the unit to Nakhon Phanom was made to consolidate rescue and recovery helicopters and ground support facilities at one location.

In contributing to the motto of its service, "That Others May Live," the 40th has established an outstanding reputation since its formation as a component of the 3d Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group, headquartered at Tan Son Nhut AB. The squadron has been credited with 130 "saves" since it was established.

Units of the worldwide Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service, parent organization of the 40th, support Air Force and other U.S. agencies conducting global air and space operations. They also provide air recovery forces for manned space flights in support of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's aerospace operations.

Colonel Morse, commander of the 40th, came to Thailand from Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, where he was assigned to the Air Force Systems Command's Flight Test Directorate. A command pilot, he flew B-17 bombers in World War II.

"The 40th is happy to be here," Colonel Morse says, "to consolidate our historical association with the 'Sandies.' We have received fine support here and we appreciate the cooperation of everyone who pitched in and helped us."