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3rd ARRGp earns Presidential Unit Citation

TAN SON NHUT AB, RVN -- The Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism was presented to the 3rd Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group. It was the third Presidential Unit Citation awarded the 3rd ARRGp for service in the Republic of Vietnam.

Gen. John W. Vogt, commander, Seventh Air Force, made the presentation of the award which covered the period of Feb. 1, 1969 to April 30, 1970.

The citation stated that "during this period, aircrews of the 3rd ARRGp daily risked their lives by exposing themselves to intense hostile fire to rescue other downed crewmembers. Their selfless courage and dedicated professionalism resulted in the rescue and recovery of 714 American and allied personnel. Of these personnel, 516 were saved from almost certain death or capture by enemy forces."

The citation further noted "the profound impact on the morale of combat aircrew members serving throughout Southeast Asia."

The following units share in the award for the same period unless otherwise indicated: 37th, 38th, 39th and 40th ARRSqs; Detachments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 of the 38th; and Detachment 1 of the 40th. Det. 10 of the 38th received the award for the period Feb. 1, 1969 to Dec. 27, 1969.

The Department of the Air Force Special Order GB-162 is dated March 24, 1972.

In addition to the Presidential citations, the group has received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with V device and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm for its service in Vietnam.

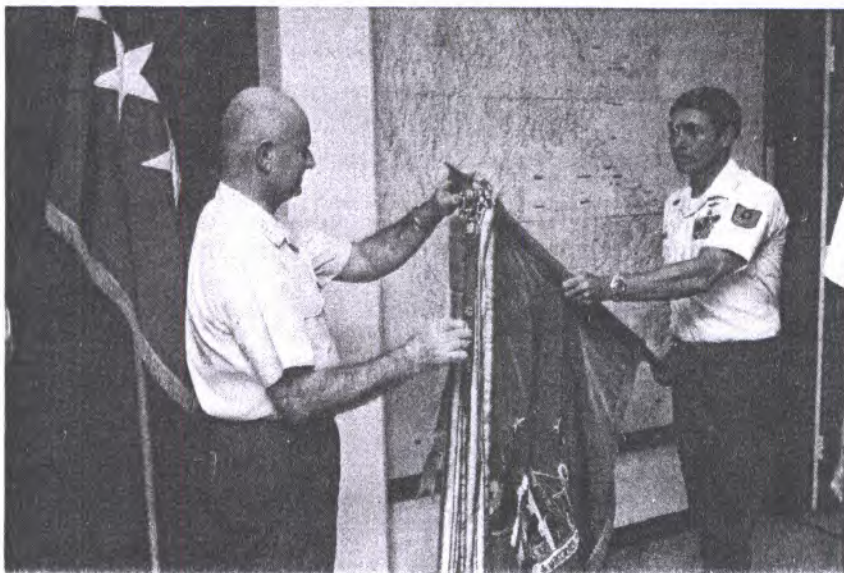
A strange pet?

DA NANG AFLD, RVN -- The pararescue-man stands perfectly still as an Indian Rock Python slowly wraps itself around his neck.

A frightening experience in the jungle?

Not really, it is just an average day at the 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron's pararescue ready room.

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THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION for extraordinary heroism is presented to the 3rd Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group by Gen. John W. Vogt, commander, Seventh Air Force. General Vogt places the streamer signifying the third Presidential Unit Citation on the group's streamer-laden flag. MSgt. Aaron D. Farrior holds the unit's flag.

Units win Commanders Trophies

TAN SON NHUT AB, RVN -- The 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron and Det. 5, both of the 3rd Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group, have been named the outstanding rescue units of 1971 by the Military Airlift Command.

Gen. Jack J. Catton, commander, MAC, presented the Commanders Trophies to the units at a ceremony held at the 3rd ARRGp's headquarters.

The 37th ARRSq performs search and rescue operations out of Da Nang AflD, while Detachment 5 is responsible for base rescue operations at Udorn RTAFB, Thailand.

The 37th was cited for saving 118 men from either death or certain capture by the enemy. Last year, its HH-53 Super Jolly Green Giant and HH-43 Pedro helicopters flew 5,721 combat hours.

It was pointed out that the 37th preserved a perfect safety record last year while operating out of one of the most congested areas of the Republic of Vietnam without a flying accident.

Last year, men assigned to the 37th earned 12 Silver Stars, 99 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 8 Bronze Stars, 395 Air Medals, 100 Air Force Commendation Medals and 17 Purple Hearts.

In the three years the ARRS Commanders Trophy has been presented, this is the second time a 3rd ARRGp squadron has received the award.

Detachment 5 became the first unit to ever receive the new Commanders Trophy for units of its type.

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