

April 22, 1969

Dear General Brooks:

This letter is written in response to a telephone request of Mr. Alford of your headquarters. Mr. Alford said effort was being made to determine the origin of the Code and Motto of Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service.

I wrote the Code of Air Rescue Service a short time after I had been assigned to Command. At that time, Air Rescue Service was composed of small Detachments and 1 Squadron covering the United States. In making my first Command visits to these units, I was so impressed with the dedication to duty and devotion to mission of the young officers and men, who were operating with limited guidance and left over World War II equipment, that I felt moved to put their attitude and performance to words. I had the code printed up in small pocket cards for each man to have and had scrolls made for the Commander's offices.

Some time later, while Col. Hammerle was Vice Commander and Col. John Belchak was Chief of Staff, work was begun on an emblem.

Primary effort on the emblem was carried out by Col. Belchak. The emblem was designed and we decided that the last line of the "Code of an Air Rescueman" would serve as a fitting motto and it was placed on the emblem.

Very truly yours,

Richard T. Kight
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THE EMBLEM OF THE AEROSPACE RESCUE AND RECOVERY SERVICE¹

Official Description

On a shield sky blue, a beam of light yellow, extending throughout the shield in a vertical position, thereover an angel, proper, robed red, wings white, clasping a sphere azure, longitude and latitude lines yellow.

Motto

That Others May Live

Blazon

On a shield azure, a beam of light, or, issuing from the chief, throughout in pale, surmounted by an angel, proper, crined or, wings expanded argent, robe, gules, clasping in her arms a globe azure, with longitude and latitude lines or.

Significance

The angel holding the globe is emblematic of protection and rescue from danger. The red robe is significant of the valor with which the Air Rescue Service [now the Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service] carries on its humanitarian mission. The blue shield is indicative of the sky, which is the field of operation, and the golden light represents a ray of hope for those in need of the Air Rescue Service [Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service].

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1. 2d Ind, Lt Col J.L. Gregory, Jr., C/Uniform & Personal Equipment Br, Dir Research & Dvlpmt, Ofc DCS/Dvlpmt, Hq USAF, 3 Jun 52, to ltr, Hq ARRS to Hq USAF (AFIRD-EQ-4), subj: Proposed Air Rescue Service Emblem, 21 May 52.



AEROSPACE RESCUE AND RECOVERY SERVICE

OFFICIAL EMBLEM OF ARRS

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Letter fr Hq Air Rescue Service to HQ USAF dtd 21 May 52, subj: Proposed Air Rescue Service Emblem

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Dept of the Air Force, Hq USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commander, Military Air Transport Service
Andrews Air Force Base, Washington 25, D. C.

1. In accordance with Air Force Regulation 900-7, 24 July 1950, the following emblem for the Air Rescue Service is approved:

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MOTTO: That Others May Live.

SIGNIFICANCE: The angel holding the globe is emblematic of protection and rescue from danger. The red robe is significant of the valor with which the Air Rescue Service carries on its humanitarian mission. The blue shield is indicative of the sky which is the field of operation and the golden light represents a ray of hope for those in need of the Air Rescue Service.

2. Inclosed is the official colored painting of the approved emblem, together with a manufacturer's diagram of the Air Force flag with the approved emblem of the Air Rescue Service in the shield space and the designation on the scroll below.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

- 3. Incls *[Signature]*
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- Added 2 Incls
- 2. Manufacturer's Diagram
- 3. Emblem Painting

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