

41 RESCUE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

41 Air Rescue Squadron constituted, 17 Oct 1952
Activated, 14 Nov 1952
Discontinued, 18 Mar 1960
Activated, 29 Dec 1961
Organized, 8 Jan 1962
Redesignated 41 Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, 8 Jan 1966
Inactivated, 30 Sep 1987
Activated, 1 Mar 1989
Redesignated 41 Air Rescue Squadron, 1 Jun 1989
Redesignated 41 Rescue Squadron, 1 Feb 1993

STATIONS

Hamilton AFB, CA, 14 Nov 1952-18 Mar 1960
Hamilton AFB, CA, 8 Jan 1962
McClellan AFB, CA, 1 Aug 1973-30 Sep 1987
Patrick AFB, FL, 1 Mar 1989
Moody AFB, GA, 1 Apr 1997

ASSIGNMENTS

4 Air Rescue Group, 14 Nov 1952
Air Rescue and Recovery Service, 8 Dec 1956-18 Mar 1960
Military Air Transport Service, 29 Dec 1961
Air (later, Aerospace) Rescue and Recovery Service, 8 Jan 1962
39 Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Wing, 1 Jan 1970
41 Rescue and Weather Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Sep 1975-30 Sep 1987
41 Rescue and Weather Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Mar 1989
Air Rescue Service, 1 Aug 1989
1 Operations Group, 1 Feb 1993
1 Rescue Group, 14 Jun 1995
347 Operations (later, 347 Rescue) Group, 1 Apr 1997–.

ATTACHMENTS

Eastern Space and Missile Center for operational control, 1 Mar 1989

WEAPON SYSTEMS

SB-17, 1952-1953
C-82, 1952-1953
H-5, 1952-1953
SA-16, 1953-1960
SH-19, 1953-1960
SA/HU-16, 1962-1968
SH/HH-19, 1962-1963
HH-43, 1963
HC-130, 1966-1987
CH/HH-53, 1971-1973
HH-3, 1973-1976
HH-53, 1976-1987
CH/HH-3, 1989

COMMANDERS

Maj Thomas L. Shockley, 14 Nov 1952
Lt Col Frank H. Dreher, Sep 1953
Lt Col Robert L. Boardman, 6 Aug 1954
Maj William M. McDonald, 7 Nov 1955-Unk
Lt Col Felix G. Brenner, Unkn-11 Mar 1958
Maj John H. Mork, 11 Mar 1958-Unkn
Lt Col Robert A. Stribling, Unkn
Lt Col John H. Mork, Unkn
Lt Col Robert A. Stribling, Unkn-18 Mar 1960
Maj Robert E. Freshwater, 8 Jan 1962
Lt Col Edward Krafka, 6 Feb 1962
Lt Col Donald F. Karshner, 28 Sep 1964
Lt Col Cortez C. Brown, 5 Sep 1965

Lt Col Leslie E. Gamble, 27 May 1967 (Acting)
Lt Col Maynard R. Rhoades, 10 Jul 1967
Lt Col Joseph P. Leonelli, 20 Jun 1968
Lt Col Noble L. Webster Jr., 7 Nov 1969
Lt Col William H. Hatfield, 1 Jun 1971
Lt Col Philip S. Prince, 15 May 1972
Lt Col James Davis, 2 Jul 1973
Lt Col Charles E. Trapp Jr., 1 Mar 1976
Lt Col Richard W. Nelson, 5 Jun 1977
Lt Col Jack V. Butler, 29 May 1978
Lt Col Jon P. Woods, 16 Jun 1980
Lt Col Harold O. Jones, 7 Jul 1982
Lt Col James E. Mcardle Jr., 7 Aug 1984
Lt Col Allan W. Rowe, 30 Jun 1986-30 Sep 1987
Lt Col John K. Rehkop, 1 Mar 1989
Lt Col J. Michael Bergstresser, Aug 1991
Lt Col Robert H. Holliway, 19 Aug 1993
Lt Col J. Michael Scannell, 15 Sep 1995
Lt Col John P. Grimes Jr., 22 May 1997
Lt Col John D. Nelson, 7 May 1999
Lt Col Michael F. Korcheck, 22 Nov 2000
Lt Col Lee K. De Palo, 22 Aug 2002
Lt Col Lee J. Pera, 18 Jun 2004
Lt Col John V. Dallin Iii, Jun 2006
Lt Col Edward J. Lengel, 18 Jul 2008
Lt Col Thomas E. Kunkel, 30 Jul 2009
Lt Col Jeremey D. Turner, 17 Jun 2011
Lt Col William M. Lowe, May 2012

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Kosovo

Air Campaign

Afghanistan

Consolidation I

Consolidation II

Consolidation III

Iraq

Iraqi Surge

Iraqi National Resolution
Iraqi Governance

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device
1 Sep-31 Dec 1999

Meritorious Unit Awards

1 Jun 2006-31 May 2007

1 Jun 2008-31 May 2010

1 Jun 2010-31 May 2012

Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation

29 Mar 1972-30 Jan 1973.

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

22-28 Dec 1955

1 Apr 1968-31 Mar 1970

1 Jul 1972-30 Jun 1974

1 Sep 1975-1 May 1977

16 Jul 1977-16 Jul 1979

17 Jul 1979-15 Jun 1981

1 Apr 1984-31 Mar 1986

1 Apr-[30 Sep 1987]

1 Feb 1993-30 Apr 1994

1 Jun 2002-31 May 2003

1 Oct 2003-31 Oct 2004

1 Nov 2004-31 Jul 2006

EMBLEM



41 Air Rescue Squadron emblem

On a Black bordered White disc, extending to border a Red curvilinear suspension bridge with Black outlined truss spanning a stylized expanse of Dark Blue water with wide White caps at top and narrower White caps toward base, the tatter half concealing a downed White plane all outlined Black. Overall above plane and Blue area of water, a stylized swooping Light Blue hawk, eyed White and with Yellow beak, feet and end of tail feathers, and with elevated wings. (Approved, 24 May 1954)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Search and rescue, 1952-1960, 1962-1987; and 1989.

22 Dec-28 Dec 1955 The 41 AR Squadron used SA-16s and SH-19s to evacuate more than 500 persons from flooded areas of northern California, particularly Yuba City, Eureka, and Maryville. Some of these people were stranded on rooftops, automobiles, or clinging to debris.

The mission of the 41 Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron was to provide the Air Force with air rescue coverage and recovery of aerospace hardware such as instrumented space packages and manned capsules, the Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service has squadrons strategically positioned around the globe. The 41 ARRS at Hamilton is one such unit. The primary area of operations of the 41 is Western North America extending some 1000 miles into the Pacific. Missions flown out of Hamilton AFB are precautionary in nature. These missions orbit a preplanned point roughly one quarter of the distance between California and Hawaii to provide navigational aid, relay position reports and other assistance to fighter and other single

engine aircraft crossing the Pacific. The most renowned element in the squadron is the Pararescue Section. Pararescuemen are skilled parachutists specially trained as medical technicians, SCUBA divers, survival specialists, and in the use of specialized equipment. Pararescuemen of the 41 are deployed to strategic locations around the world for every manned space shot. Their training has proven invaluable in the recovery of downed pilots in Southeast Asia.

Recovered high-altitude atmospheric-sampling devices, 1962-1987.

20 Oct-21 Nov 1961 ARS participated in the Cuban Crisis by deploying HH-43, HC-54, and HU-16 aircraft to various bases in Florida. During the one month period ARS forces flew 935 hours in support of United States contingency operations in the Caribbean area. These resources were from the Eastern, Central, and Western ARCs and the 54th, 55th, 41, and 48th AR Squadrons. Reserve forces from the 301st AR Squadron also participated.

HH-43 59-1590 27 Jun 69 41 ARRS Phan Rang SVN Pedro 92 J. Gammon W. Mcoll Pomerpleu H. Jones. Crashed during SAR for BLADE 04, F-100D, Capt J. Casper pilot recovered, white flash from helicopter, possibly due to ground fire. Minimal injuries to crew.

When the communist offensive stalled in late summer, the reduction of rescue forces resumed. Reduced rescue resources prompted a streamlining of the organization. On August 20, 1972, the entire 3d Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group became part of the 41 Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Wing at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, with the 37th, 40th, and 56th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadrons, the 3d Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group and its local base rescue detachments (including Detachment 14 with the temporarily assigned HH-3Es) coming under the command of the wing. The local base rescue units were detached from the 3d Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group and placed under the 40th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron. In spite of the reorganization, operational control remained with Headquarters, 3d Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group at Tan Son Nhut.

Beginning in Mar 1989, provided prelaunch security and safety surveillance of NASA launches and recovery or medical evacuation for Space Shuttle crewmembers.

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