

# **42<sup>nd</sup> AIR RESCUE SQUADRON**

## **LINEAGE**

## **STATIONS**

March AFB, CA, 14 Nov 1952-8 Dec 1956

## **DEPLOYED STATIONS**

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **ATTACHMENTS**

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

## **ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS**

## **ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES**

## **UNIT COLORS**

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## OPERATIONS

In September 1954 the 8th ARG was established to perform the mission of Strategic Air Command aircrew recovery in the polar region and Pacific Ocean. As part of the global rescue concept made viable during the 1950s, SA-16As provided coverage for air transport and tactical fighter units during the Lebanon and Formosa crises in 1958. Other early USAF units that operated the Albatross abroad included the 31st ARS at Clark AB, Philippines, the 33rd ARS at Naha Air Station, Okinawa, the 36th ARS at Tachikawa, Japan, the 55th ARS at Thule AB, Greenland, the 79th ARS at Guam, and the 95th Strategic Wing at Goose Bay, Labrador. Stateside units assigned Albatrosses included the 10th ARS at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, the 41st at Hamilton AFB, California, the 42nd ARS at March AFB, California, the 71st ARS in Alaska, the 74th ARS at Ladd AFB, Alaska, and the 48th ARS at Eglin AFB, Florida, where Albatross training was conducted from 1964 to 1968.

24 January 1952

Grumman SA-16A Albatross, *51-001*, of the 580th Air Resupply Squadron on cross-country flight from Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, to San Diego, California, suffers failure of port engine over Death Valley, crew of six successfully bails out at 1830 hrs. with no injuries, walks some 14 miles to Furnace Creek, California where they are picked up the following day by an SA-16 from the 42d Air Rescue Squadron, March AFB, California. The abandoned SA-16 crashes into Towne Summit mountain ridge of the Panamint Range W of Stovepipe Wells with starboard engine still running. Wreckage is still there.

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