

8th AIR RESCUE GROUP

LINEAGE

STATIONS

Norton AFB, CA, 19 Sep 1957-30 Jun 1958

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The 8 ERS arrived in China in May of 1945 with R-6 helicopters and C-47 search support aircraft. Designed for land rescue, the 8 ERS completed 43 saves in difficult, mountainous terrain that more than proved the value of the vertical lift R-6s.

The 8th Emergency Rescue Squadron, was activated and, on October 21, 1950, assigned to the 3904th Composite Wing (SAC) at Camp Carson, Colorado. 8th ARSq assumed responsibility for the rescue of SAC crews if and when extended missions over the polar region into the Soviet Union or

across the Pacific against Communist China were required. Helicopters, limited in range, had no role in this kind of rescue operation. The 8th Air Rescue Squadron flew SC-47s specially equipped with detachable skis for landing in the icy polar regions or the flat snow-covered expanses of the central Eurasian landmass.

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.

511029	C-47D	45-1123	8ARS		Peterson Field, CO	TAC	Williams, Charles F.	Peterson Field
511029	C-47D	42-49508	8ARS		Peterson Field, CO	TAC	parked	Peterson Field
511228	C-47A	43-15345	8ARS		Peterson Field, CO	LACMF	Wolfe, Vernon L.	Peterson Field

511023	C-47A	42-93086	8ARS		Peterson Field, CO	LACMF	Burge, William M.	Peterson Field
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