

1 HELICOPTER SQUADRON



MISSION

The 1 HS operates 17 UH-1N and provided local airlift for the Executive Department, high-ranking dignitaries, and distinguished visitors; support for emergency evacuation of key government officials; search and rescue; and emergency medical evacuation. In addition, they also support the national search and rescue plan and are responsive to military and civilian emergency medical evacuation request.

LINEAGE

1 Fighter Reconnaissance Squadron constituted, 11 Apr 1944

Activated, 20 Apr 1944

Redesignated 1 Fighter Squadron, Commando, 2 Jun 1944

Inactivated, 12 Nov 1945

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

1 Helicopter Squadron constituted, 9 May 1969

Activated, 1 Jul 1969

1 Fighter Squadron, Commando reconstituted and consolidated with the 1 Helicopter Squadron, 19 Sep 1985. Consolidated squadron retains 1 Helicopter Squadron designation.

STATIONS

Lakeland AAFld, Florida, 20 Apr 1944

Cross City AAFld, Florida, 12 Jun 1944

Alachua AAFld, Florida, 21 Jun 1944

Drew Field, Florida, 17 Aug 1944

Lakeland AAFld, Florida, 22 Aug–23 Oct 1944

Kalaikunda, India, 14 Dec 1944
Cox's Bazaar, India, 13 Feb 1945
Kalaikunda, India, 10 May–22 Oct 1945
Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, 11–12 Nov 1945
Andrews AFB, Maryland, 1 Jul 1969

ASSIGNMENTS

Third Air Force, 20 Apr 1944
2 Air Commando Group, 22 Apr 1944–12 Nov 1945
1 Composite Wing, 1 Jul 1969
89 Military Airlift Wing, Special Mission (later, 89th Military Airlift Group
89 Military Airlift Wing), 1 Jul 1976
89 Operations Group, 12 Jul 1991

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-51, 1944
F-6D, 1945
CH-21, 1969
TH-1, 1969
UH-1, 1969
CH-3, 1970
VH-1N

COMMANDERS

Lt Col William E. Buxton

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Central Burma

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation
Bangkok, Thailand, 15 Mar 1945

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1976–31 Jan 1977
1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989
1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1991

1 Jul 1991–30 Jun 1992
1 Jul 1992-30 Jun 1994
1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1996
1 Jul 1996-30 Jun 1998
1 Jul 1998-30 Jun 2000
1 Jul 2000-30 Jun 2002
1 Jul 2002-30 Jun 2004
1 Jul 2004-30 Jun 2005
1 Jul 2005-22 Jun 2006
1 Jan 2011-31 Dec 2012
1 Oct 2013-30 Sep 2015
1 Jan 2017-31 Dec 2018

EMBLEM



On a Blue disc edged Yellow within a pattern of five Yellow stars forming a pentagon the White silhouette of the Washington Monument rising from a Green mound in base, the Monument surmounted by a Gray silhouetted helicopter fesswise. (Approved, 25 Feb 1970)

MOTTO

FIRST AND FOREMOST

OPERATIONS

On 1 July 1976, the 89th MAW picked up the 1 Helicopter Squadron, a 156 -man unit. There were 10 UH-1Ns and four CH-3Es, all assigned to Andrews AFB, Maryland.

28 Sep 1987, marked the end of another flying era for the 1 Helicopter Squadron, when the unit's four CH-3E took off in unison for their last flight together. Maintenance and aircrews watched as the four helicopters flew by and peeled off one at a time before landing and taking their final bow. The first CH-3E arrived 17 years ago at Andrews AFB to replace the then-aging CH-21. To replace the aging CH-3Es, the squadron gained 13 UH-1Ns. Along with the UH-1Ns came 98 additional people to

fly and maintain them. The unit had 199 people assigned, when the phase-in period was over. The first CH-3E left on 3 Oct 1987, the last two left in Dec 1987 and Jan 1988.

A UH-1N Huey assigned to the 1 Helicopter Squadron at JB Andrews, Md., made a precautionary landing on a field next to William Ramsay Elementary School in Alexandria, Va., just before 11 a.m. Thursday. The aircraft landed safely and all seven personnel on board were uninjured. "Following the illumination of a transmission warning light, standard operations and training call for rotary wing crews to 'land now and investigate later,' in response to situations that may prove to be serious," said Lt. Col. Scott Yeatman, 811th Operations Group deputy commander, in an April 30 release. "This crew's timely and appropriate response assured no damage to aircraft, personnel, or property." According to Alexandria Schools Twitter page, a physical education class went out to look at the aircraft and got a "spontaneous lesson" from the crew. Air Force maintenance crews arrived on scene to assess the situation and the helicopter was back in the air just after 2 p.m., according to the Alexandria Police Department's Twitter page. The 1 Helicopter Squadron is tasked with providing airlift to White House, cabinet, congressional, and Defense Department leadership following a national security incident. 2015

Leaders turned the first shovel on the construction of a \$22 million helicopter operations facility at JB Andrews, Md., Nov. 2. The building will bring the 1 Helicopter Squadron and the 811th Operations Support Squadron, both based at Andrews, under the same roof. "This project will make our airmen more efficient at a job they already excel at," 11th Wing Commander Col. Brad Hoagland. "Pooling all of our resources and personnel for the 811th [Operations Group] just makes sense," he added. The future two-story, 66,000 square-foot facility will include combined administrative offices, planning and briefing rooms, flight simulators, a fitness center, and other amenities, stated building contractor Haskell. Construction was slated to begin earlier this summer and wrap up at the end of 2016. The 1 HS, which is primarily tasked with executive airlift in and around the National Capital Region, flies the UH-1N helicopter.2015





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