

34 WEAPONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

34 Air Rescue Squadron constituted, 17 Oct 1952
Activated, 14 Nov 1952
Inactivated, 8 Sep 1954
Redesignated 34 Weapons Squadron, 24 Jan 2003
Activated, 3 Feb 2003

STATIONS

Kadena AB, Okinawa, 14 Nov 1952-8 Sep 1954
Nellis AFB, NV, 3 Feb 2003

ASSIGNMENTS

2 Air Rescue Group, 14 Nov 1952-8 Sep 1954
USAF Weapons School, 3 Feb 2003

ATTACHMENTS

Twentieth Air Force, 1 Jun 1953-31 Jul 1954

WEAPON SYSTEMS

SB-29, 1952-1954
H-5, 1952-1954
H-19, 1952-1953
SC/C-47, 1952-1954

COMMANDERS

Maj Gilbert H. Callaway, by Dec 1952

Maj Monroe W. Graham, by Jun 1953

Lt Col Robert W. Soderburg, 23 Jul 1953

Maj Harold E. Lanning, Mar 1954

1st Lt Howard W. Woodford (additional duty), Jun 1954-unkn

HONORS

Service Streamers

Korean Service

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



34th Weapons Squadron emblem: On a disc Azure, a moon decrescent Argent, charged with a pair of footprints in bend sinister Vert, surmounted by a hawk, volant Sable, detailed white, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "34TH WEAPONS SQUADRON" in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The crescent moon signifies the vast sky and the day and night capability of the unit's rescue forces. The feet represent the tradition of the combat rescue mission. The black hawk represents air power and combat rescue aircraft. The combination of all the elements represent the combat search and rescue training mission that has evolved from

observation and rescue in 1953, to combat search and rescue in 2003 and into the future.
(Approved, 5 Aug 2003)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Replaced Flight D, 2nd Air Rescue Squadron. Provided strike force rescue escort for Okinawa-based B-29s flying combat missions to Korea, Nov 1952-Jul 1953 and search and rescue missions in the Okinawa area. Not operational, Mar-Sep 1954.

Another mercy mission was completed in June by the 34th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Portland, Ore., International Airport. This two day search ended successfully with the rescue of a mother and her two-month-old daughter.

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Sources

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