# **53 AIR RESCUE SQUADRON**



#### MISSION

## LINEAGE

53 Air Rescue Squadron

## **STATIONS**

Keflavik Airport, Iceland, 14 Nov 1952-24 Mar 1960

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

SH-19

H-19

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers** 

**Campaign Streamers** 

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers** 

**Decorations** 

**EMBLEM** 

#### **MOTTO**

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27 Aug 57 An H-19 from the 53d AR Squadron rescued 22 seamen from a Norwegian ship, the Polarbjoern, trapped in ice near Greenland.

8 Aug 58 An SH-19 assigned to the 53d AR Squadron made a night pickup from the atomic submarine Nautilus after it had successfully completed a crossing under the polar ice pack.

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