

72nd AIR RESCUE SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

72nd Air Rescue Squadron

STATIONS

Elmendorf AFB, AK, 14 Nov 1952-21 Sep 1953

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

10th Air Rescue Squadron was activated 1 April 1946 at Elmendorf Field, and Lt. Col. Edward E. Cunningham served as its first commander. Col. Bernt Balchen, assumed command in November 1948 and retained this position until October 1950. The 10th Air Rescue Squadron remained under

AAC control until 1 July 1950, when it was transferred to the Air Rescue Service. During the 1940s and early 1950s, the 10th was equipped with OA-10s, SB-17s, C-45s, L-5s, and R-5 helicopters.

Detachments were maintained at Elmendorf AFB, Ladd AFB, and Adak Naval Station. The 10th was redesignated as a group on 4 November 1952. At the same time, the detachments were upgraded to squadrons, which resulted in the assignment of the 71st and 72nd Air Rescue Squadrons to Elmendorf AFB, the 73rd Air Rescue Squadron to Adak Naval Station, and the 74th Air Rescue Squadron to Ladd AFB. The 72nd Air Rescue Squadron was inactivated on 8 December 1957, and the 10th Air Rescue Group on 8 January 1958.

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