

81st AEROSPACE RESCUE AND RECOVERY SQUADRON

LINEAGE

STATIONS

Bordeaux-Merignac, France

ASSIGNMENTS

12th Air Rescue Group

WEAPON SYSTEMS

SA-16

H-19B

C-47D

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

SA-16

51-473

51-475

51-476

C-47D

43-16376

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

CALL SIGN

OPERATIONS

The 12th Air Rescue and Recovery Service Group stationed the 81st, 82d and 83d ARRS Squadrons at Bordeaux-Merignac from 1952 to 1955. These squadrons operated SA-16 amphibians and H-19B air rescue helicopters. They practiced pilot recoveries at Lake Cazaux near Arcachon. The lake was ideal for water rescue training during the summer months.

Air Force Order of Battle

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