

82nd EXPEDITIONARY RESCUE SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

82nd Air Rescue Squadron constituted, 12 Aug 1952

Activated, 1 Sep 1952

Inactivated, 21 Sep 1953

Redesignated 82nd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron and converted to provisional status, 14 Apr 2003

STATIONS

Palm Beach International Airport, FL, 1 Sep-20 Oct 1952

Bordeaux, France, 30 Oct 1952-21 Sep 1953

ASSIGNMENTS

12th Air Rescue Group, 1 Sep 1952-21 Sep 1953

Air Combat Command to activate or inactivate at any time on or after 14 Apr 2003

United States Air Forces in Europe to activate or inactivate at any time on or after 1 Oct 2008

ATTACHMENTS

Twelfth Air Force, 30 Oct 1952-21 Sep 1953

WEAPON SYSTEMS

SA-16, 1952-1953

C-47, 1952-1953

SA-16

H-19B

C-47B

COMMANDERS

Maj William C. Thatcher, 1 Sep 1952

Maj Donald C. Carlson, 4 May-1 Jul 1953

None (not manned), 2 Jul-21 Sep 1953

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

None

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NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Prepared for overseas deployment, Sep-Oct 1952. Trained to meet rescue requirements in southeastern Europe; conducted search missions, overwater coverage for fighter movement and emergency air evacuation of ill and injured personnel, Nov 1952-Jul 1953.

3 Feb 53 During floods in the Netherlands, 12 aircraft (SA-16s, H-19s, C-47s, and C-82s) of the 66th, 68th, 69th, 82d, and 83d AR Squadrons flew 198 sorties, evacuating 161 persons and delivering 32,900 pounds of relief supplies.

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.

1 Jul 1953, ceased to function; all personnel transferred to 81 Air Rescue Squadron.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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