

# 1730 PARARESCUE SQUADRON



## MISSION

## LINEAGE

1730 Pararescue Squadron

## STATIONS

## ASSIGNMENTS

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## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

1 Aug 1987 The 1730th Pararescue Squadron (PRS) activated at Eglin AFB, Florida.

4 July 1987 to 31 October 1990: 1730 Pararescue Squadron (PRS), Activated. The sole active-duty rescue function to provide full-time air and surface rescue capabilities to support U.S. Air Force operations during Just Cause and Desert Shield. HQ ARS deactivated unit while most of its forces were deployed in support of Southwest Asia combat operations. However, the former 1730 PRS pararescue teams remained in place and continued to render rescue and recovery services for the duration of the war.

Availability and capability of dedicated Air Force CSAR aircraft limited. Situation required tasking pararescue capability separate from dedicated rescue-coded aircraft in order to accomplish air rescue objectives. Pararescue teams accomplish combat and humanitarian missions from any available DOD aircraft, i.e., Air Force C-141s, C-130s; Coast Guard and U.S. Marine C-130s and helicopters; and Army and Navy helicopters.

1 Oct 87 1730<sup>th</sup> Pararescue Squadron assigned to the 1720th Special Tactics Group.

1 Aug 89 Seventeen Thirtieth Pararescue Squadron moved, minus personnel and equipment, from Eglin AFB, Florida, to McClellan AFB, California, and was reassigned from the 1720th Special Tactics Group to the Air Rescue Service.

14 Jan 89 Element of the 21st Special Operations Squadron, 67th Special Operations Squadron, 56th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, and 1730<sup>th</sup> Pararescue Squadron, together with maintenance support from 667th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, rescued 32

persons from a distressed Cypriot cargo vessel, located 360 nautical miles northwest of Shannon, Ireland.

The 1730th PRS merited the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award on 15 November 1989. The accompanying citation award identifies that this pararescue squadron and its nine separately located units distinguished itself by · exceptionally meritorious service from 1 August 1987 to 31 July 1989.

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