

58 RESCUE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

58 Air Rescue Squadron constituted, 17 Oct 1952
Activated, 14 Nov 1952
Discontinued, 18 Sep 1960
Organized, 18 Jun 1961
Redesignated 58 Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, 8 Jan 1966
Inactivated, 15 Feb 1970
Redesignated 58 Rescue Squadron, 30 May 2002
Activated, 14 Jun 2002

STATIONS

Wheelus Field (later, AB), Libya, 14 Nov 1952-18 Sep 1960
Wheelus AB, Libya, 18 Jun 1961-14 Feb 1970
Nellis AFB, Nevada, 14 Jun 2002

ASSIGNMENTS

7 Air Rescue Group, 14 Nov 1952
12 Air Rescue Group, 8 Dec 1956
Air Rescue Service, 18 Feb 1958-18 Sep 1960
Air Rescue (later, Aerospace Rescue and Recovery) Service, 18 Jun 1961

Atlantic Rescue and Recovery Center (later, 40 Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Wing), 1 Apr
1967-15 Feb 1970
57 Operations Group, 14 Jun 2002

ATTACHMENTS

Hq USAFE, 14 Nov 1952-15 Nov 1953
Seventeenth Air Force, 15 Nov 1953-1 Aug 1954
Hq USAFE, 1 Aug 1954-unkn

WEAPON SYSTEMS

H-5, 1952-1953
SA-16, 1952-1960
C-82, 1952-1953
C-47, 1953-1956
H-19, 1953-1960
SC-54, 1957-1960
SH(later HH)-19, 1961-1963
SA(later HU)-16, 1961-1968
C/SC(later HC)-54, 1961-1964
HH-43, 1963-1970
KC-97, 1964
HC-97, 1964-1966, 1968
HC-130, 1966-1967
HH-3, 1968-1969

COMMANDERS

Maj Edmund B. Barry Iii, 14 Nov 1952
Maj John I. Kimberlin, 9 Jun 1953
Lt Col John S. Sparks Jr., Feb 1955
Lt Col Marcellus R. Wooles, 2 Aug 1955
Lt Col Thomas L. Burson, 7 Oct 1955
Col Karl N. Retzer, 20 May 1956
Lt Col Robert S. Walker Jr., 4 Sep 1957
Lt Col Jack Knight, 21 Oct 1957
Capt Clement J. Theis, 18 Mar-18 Sep 1960
Lt Col William M. Mcdonald, By Jan 1962
Lt Col James F.Williams, 15 Jun 1964
Lt Col Jerry W. Noble, 7 Apr 1965
Col Thomas R. Aaron, 7 Jul 1965
Lt Col Jerry W. Noble, 3 Jun 1966
Lt Col William A. Bright Jr., 20 Sep 1966
Maj Edwin A. Henningson (Interim), 15 Jul 1968
Lt Col William A. Lyell, 7 Aug 1968-Feb 1970

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1958-[18 Sep 1960 and 18 Jun 1961]-1 Aug 1961

20-28 Nov 1964

1 Jul 1965-30 Jun 1967

5-10 Jun 1967

8 Feb 1969-14 Feb 1970

Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation

1 Jul 1967-26 Jul 1969

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OPERATIONS

Search and rescue in parts of the mid-East, Africa, southwest Asia, and southern Europe, especially at the El Uotia gunnery range in Libya, 1952-1960 and 1961-1970. Also stood downrange alert during manned space missions, performed some overwater escort, and provided humanitarian assistance during natural disasters.

Detachments.

Det 1 Aviano AB, Italy: 1 Oct 1961-8 Jan 1963

Det 2 Incirlik AB, Turkey: 1 Oct 1961-8 Jan 1963



58 Air Rescue Squadron H-19.

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