

# **39<sup>th</sup> AIR RESCUE SQUADRON**

**LINEAGE**

**STATIONS**

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**WEAPON SYSTEMS**

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**Decorations**

**EMBLEM**

**EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

**MOTTO**

**NICKNAME**

**OPERATIONS**

22 Feb 57 A C-124 with 155 persons aboard crashed on a sandbar in the Han

River, 12 miles northeast of Kimpo Airfield, near Seoul, Korea. The 39th AR Squadron rescued 26 survivors, and other Army and Air Force units recovered an additional 111 persons.

17 Mar 57 In the Philippines a plane carrying President Ramon Magsaysay and a party of 26 persons crashed near Cebu City. The 31st AR Squadron participated in the ensuing SAR mission. Only one person survived.

When it absorbed assets of the 39th ARRS, Detachment 4 of the 3rd ARRG temporarily became the largest local base rescue unit in the world until 8 July 1972, when it was redesignated the 56th ARRS. Air Rescue forces were further streamlined on 20 August 1972 with the 3rd ARRG, plus the 37th, 40th and 56th squadrons assigned to the 41st ARRW at Hickam AFB, Hawaii. Some HH-43s were assigned to local base rescue duty in the U.S., while others went to the Royal Thai Air Force to fulfill military assistance agreements.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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