

United States Air Force Lineage and Honors History

57 Rescue Squadron (USAFE)

Lineage. Constituted as 57 Air Rescue Squadron on 17 Oct 1952. Activated on 14 Nov 1952. Redesignated as: 57 Air Recovery Squadron on 1 Jul 1965; 57 Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron on 8 Jan 1966. Inactivated on 1 Dec 1972. Redesignated as 57 Rescue Squadron on 5 Feb 2015. Activated on 18 Feb 2015.

Assignments. 7 Air Rescue Group, 14 Nov 1952 (attached to Commander in Chief, USAFE, 14 Nov 1952; Atlantic Division, Military Air Transport Service, 1 Aug 1954-7 Sep 1955); 9 Air Rescue Group, 8 Sep 1955; Air Rescue (later, Aerospace Rescue & Recovery) Service, 24 Jun 1958; Atlantic Aerospace Rescue & Recovery Center, 1 Apr 1967; 40 Aerospace Rescue & Recovery Wing, 7 Feb 1969-1 Dec 1972. 48 Operations Group, 18 Feb 2015; 31 Operations Group, 1 Jul 2018-.

Stations. Lajes Field, Azores, 14 Nov 1952-1 Dec 1972. RAF Lakenheath, UK, 18 Feb 2015; Aviano AB, Italy, 1 Jul 2018-.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

Decorations. Meritorious Unit Award: 1 Mar 2015-29 Feb 2016. Navy Meritorious Unit Citation: 1 Jul 1967-26 Jul 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jun 1959-31 Dec 1963;

1 Jul 1965-30 Jun 1967; 8 Feb 1969-30 Apr 1970; 1 May 1971-30 Apr 1972; [18 Feb 2015]-31 Dec 2015; 1 Jan 2017-31 Dec 2018; 1 Jan 2020-31 Dec 2021. Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Jan 2022-31 Dec 2023.

Lineage, Assignments, Stations, and Honors through 10 Sep 2025.

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