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HOW TO SAVE A LIFE



VOL 2

**It is my duty as
a pararescueman
to save life and
to aid the injured.
I will be prepared
at all times
to perform
my assigned duties
quickly and efficiently,
placing these duties
before personal desires
and comforts.
These things we do,**

That Others May Live...







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Based at Patrick Air Force Base, in Cocoa Beach, Fla., the **920th Rescue Wing** is an **Air Force Reserve Command** combat search-and-rescue unit composed of 1,800+ Citizen Airmen. Its mission is to provide rescue and medical treatment of personnel in humanitarian and combat environments in distress or imminent danger.

Air Force Pararescuemen, also known as PJs, are the Department of Defense's only elite combat forces specifically organized, trained, equipped and postured to conduct full-spectrum personnel recovery, to include both conventional and unconventional combat-rescue operations. They are the most highly trained and versatile personnel recovery specialists in the world and are the nation's force of choice to execute the most perilous, demanding and extreme rescue missions around the world.

In addition to combat rescue, the 920th also provides worldwide humanitarian relief, supporting rescue efforts in the aftermath of natural disasters such as hurricanes, floods and earthquakes. The wing also supports all launches from Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. In fact, 920th Airmen have been the primary rescue unit charged to provide medical support for astronauts during NASA manned-spaceflight missions for the last 50 years—up until the space transportation system ended in July 2011. Rescue Wing Airmen continue to work closely with the 45th Space Wing, NASA, the Naval Ordnance Test Unit and civilian space agencies providing safety and security on the Eastern Range during all Space Coast rocket launches.

History

The 920th Rescue Wing was activated in 1956, becoming the Air Force Reserve's first—and only—rescue squadron. The unit was based at Miami International Airport and made its first rescue in January 1957. Three years later, the unit relocated to Homestead Air Force Base, Miami, and the following year provided rescue-contingency operations for the first Mercury launch, beginning a long relationship with NASA and the U.S. space program.

In 1992, the unit relocated once more to Patrick Air Force Base. Wing Airmen were among the first into Iraq when Operation Iraqi Freedom kicked off in 2003, making 26 combat rescues.

The wing mobilized to Afghanistan in 2005 for Operation Enduring Freedom, making 54 combat rescues, including Navy SEAL Marcus Luttrell, who documented his ordeal in the best-selling novel and major Hollywood motion picture, "Lone Survivor."

The rescue wing has also been a mainstay in humanitarian relief, rescuing 137 South Florida residents during the 18 days following Hurricane Andrew; rescuing more than 200 people after Hurricane Floyd; pulling 1,049 people from ravaged New Orleans and the Gulf Coast after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; saving 17 lives from the aftermath of Hurricane Ike in Texas; evacuating more than 200 people after multiple avalanches hit northern Afghanistan; and most recently, as part of the Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa, Rescue Wing Airmen have been part of many successful search-and-rescue missions in the region, to include anti-piracy activities as well.

Quick Facts

- **Missions:** Combat and civilian search and rescue in any type of environment, i.e. desert, urban, mountain, water; rocket launch support; and worldwide humanitarian relief.
- **Assigned:** 1,800+ Citizen Airmen in one headquarters and 24 subordinate groups, squadrons and flights, including three geographically separated units—the 94th Rescue Group at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.; the 304th Rescue Squadron at Portland International Airport, Ore.; and the 920th Aerospace Medicine Flight at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
- **Citizen Airmen:** Airmen hold civilian jobs in their communities and simultaneously serve their country.
- **Taxpayer savings:** 920th Rescue Wing performs 23% of the Air Force's personnel recovery mission at 4% of the cost.
- **Aircraft:** Six HC-130P/N King long-range refueling aircraft and fifteen HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters.
- **Pararescuemen:** Three squadrons of elite special-operations Airmen with high-level training in mountaineering, endurance swimming, survival and evasion techniques, special-operations weapons and tactics, demolitions and trauma emergency medicine.
- **Refueling capacity:** The HH-60G Pave Hawk is one of the few military rescue helicopters capable of in-flight refueling, giving 920th crews a virtually unlimited range to conduct rescues.
- **Peacetime rescues:** More than 3,000 lives saved since 1956, including 1,049 during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.
- **Combat rescues:** More than 2,215 medical evacuations and more than 850 lives saved.







**“Saving a life takes
extensive training,
day-in and day-out,
trying to do the
best you can do.”**

MASTER SGT. CHRIS SEINKNER
920TH Pararescueman



As a PJ, standing in the door on a rescue mission, you realize you have become 'that guy.' *It's both an exhilarating and scary feeling at the same time,* because 'that guy' either ends up on the front page of the paper or the back."

SENIOR MASTER SGT. CRAIG KENNEDY
Former 920TH Pararescueman







“Once you become
a **rescue warrior**,
you never want
to do any other
mission in the
military.”

LT. COL. ANTONIO CUNHA
920TH Chief of Safety







“There should be no greater sense of accomplishment or pride than to know ***you made a difference*** and allowed another person to continue walking on this earth for at least another day.”

MASTER SGT. STEVE KIGHTLINGER
920th Aircrew Flight Equipment Craftsman

“No man is worth his salt
who is not ready at all times
to risk *his well-being*, to risk
his body, to risk *his life*,
in a great cause.”

THEODORE ROOSEVELT
26TH U.S. President









“The men and women of the 920th Rescue Wing display a *true sense of courage* rarely found.”

COL. ROBERT AMENT
920TH Vice Commander









“Saving a life is a
rare and great reward.”

LT. COL. ROBERT HASTON
920TH HH-60G Pave Hawk Pilot







“The time, place and conditions are not always to our choosing. But ***the job must still be done.***”

STAFF SGT. BRANDON FORSHAW
920TH Pararescueman







“It means doing things,
by any means necessary,
to allow a husband, wife, dad,
mom, brother, sister, son or
daughter to come home.”

TECH SGT. JOSHUA YARBROUGH
920TH Aircrew Flight Equipment Technician



“There is no enterprise in our service more focused on risking life and limb so that others may live. Whether rescuing downed Airmen, engaging in humanitarian relief or supporting our NASA space mission, ***our Airmen from the 920th Rescue Wing are true heroes in action.”***

MAJ. GEN. FRANK PADILLA
Deputy Inspector General of the Air Force









“To save a life requires *selflessness*.”

TECH SGT. FRANCINE TORRES
920TH Knowledge Operations Manager

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BEHIND THE SCENES



AMBULATORY







“It’s not about you.
**It’s about those boys and getting them
home to their families.”**

MAJ. PATRICIA HAYDEN
920TH Flight Nurse







**"How important it is for us to recognize
and celebrate our *heroes* and *she-roes*."**

MAYA ANGELOU
Poet / Activist



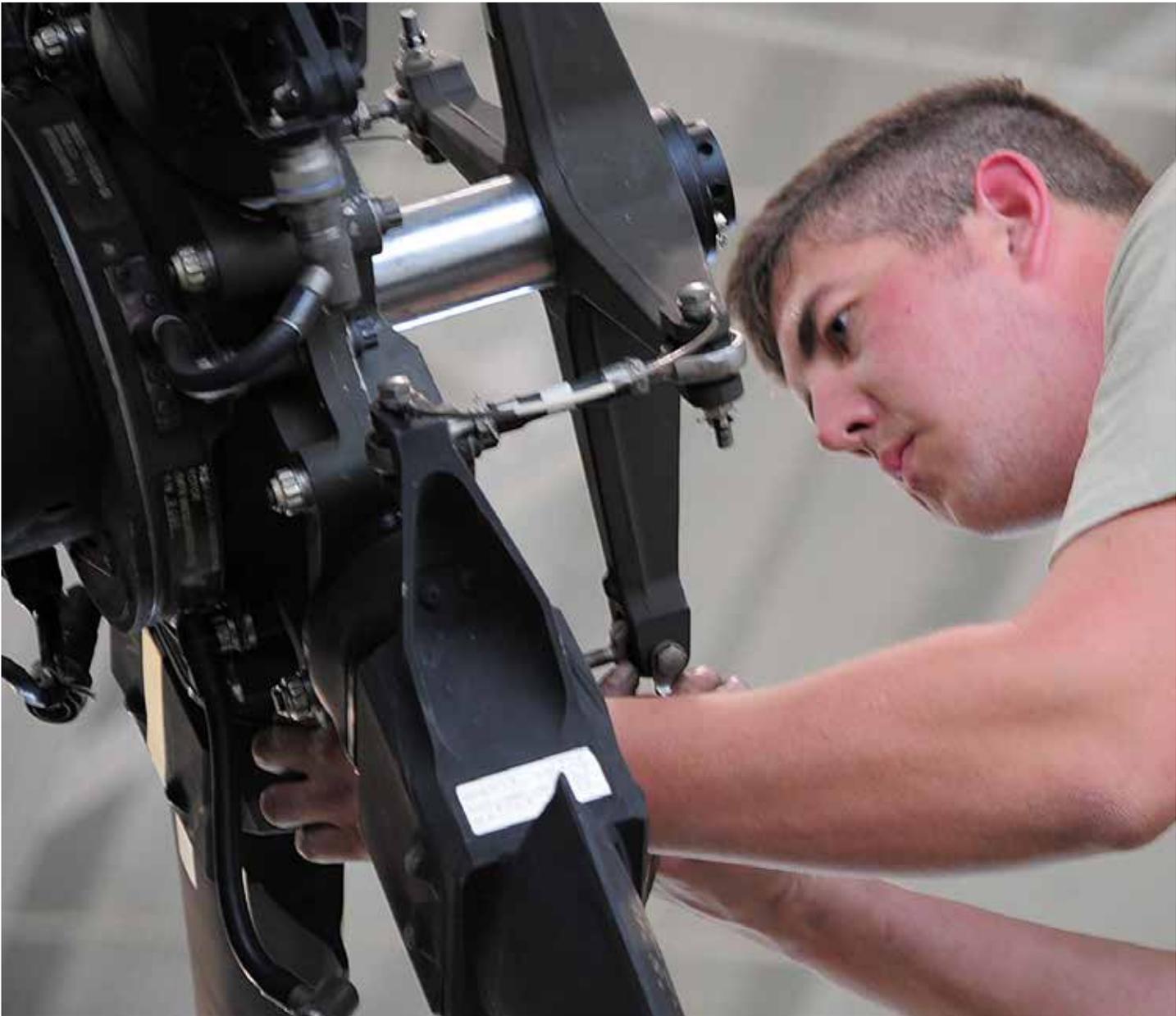






“The ***smallest piece*** of equipment can be the difference between ***saving a life*** or ***losing*** one.”

- STAFF SGT. GREGORY LEE
920TH Electrical & Environmental
Aircraft Systems Technician











“They saved my life. I will be forever in their debt.”

MARCUS LUTTRELL

Former Navy SEAL rescued by the 920th Rescue Wing in Afghanistan. Luttrell documented his ordeal in the New York Times bestseller, “Lone Survivor,” which was later made into a blockbuster Hollywood movie of the same name.







“Bravery is the capacity
to perform properly
even when ***scared***
***half to death.*”**

ARMY GEN. OMAR BRADLEY
Commander of Normandy D-Day Invasion



“Rescue is *the difference* between going to a *funeral* or going to a *celebration*.”

CHIEF MASTER SGT. GERALD DELEBREAU
Former 920TH Command Chief









"Start finding me, boys."

LT. COL. DAVID GOLDFEIN
*Air Force F-16 Pilot shot down over Serbia
and subsequently rescued by 920th Airmen
The quote is a radio transmission
Colonel Goldfein made just prior to
ejecting from his aircraft.*







"It means everything to me.
It has become a part of me
and always will be."

STAFF SGT. MASON HARRIS
920TH Pararescueman











“When lives are at stake, Rescue Airmen are driven to do ***everything within their power*** to save that life, whether in peacetime or combat, day or night, good weather or bad.”

COL. JEFFREY L. MACRANDER
920TH Rescue Wing Commander





“You can argue all day about whether or not it’s a good idea to go to war. But ***it’s never a bad idea to save someone’s life.***”

CHIEF MASTER SGT. PETE CALLINA
Retired 920TH Pararescueman

“It is the apex of achievement—***putting yourself on the line for another.***”

CHIEF MASTER SGT. DOUGLAS KESTRANEK
920TH Pararescueman





“To every man,
there comes,
in his lifetime,
that ***special moment***
when he is tapped
on the shoulder and
offered a chance to do
a very special thing;
unique, and fitted
to his talents.
What a tragedy,
if that moment finds
him unprepared and
unqualified for the
work that would be
his finest hour.”

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL
Former U.K. Prime Minister





***“We do something no one in the military does.
And the fact that we are reservists speaks
volumes. We are true Citizen Airmen.”***

COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SGT. TIMOTHY BIANCHI
920th Rescue Wing Senior-Ranking Airman

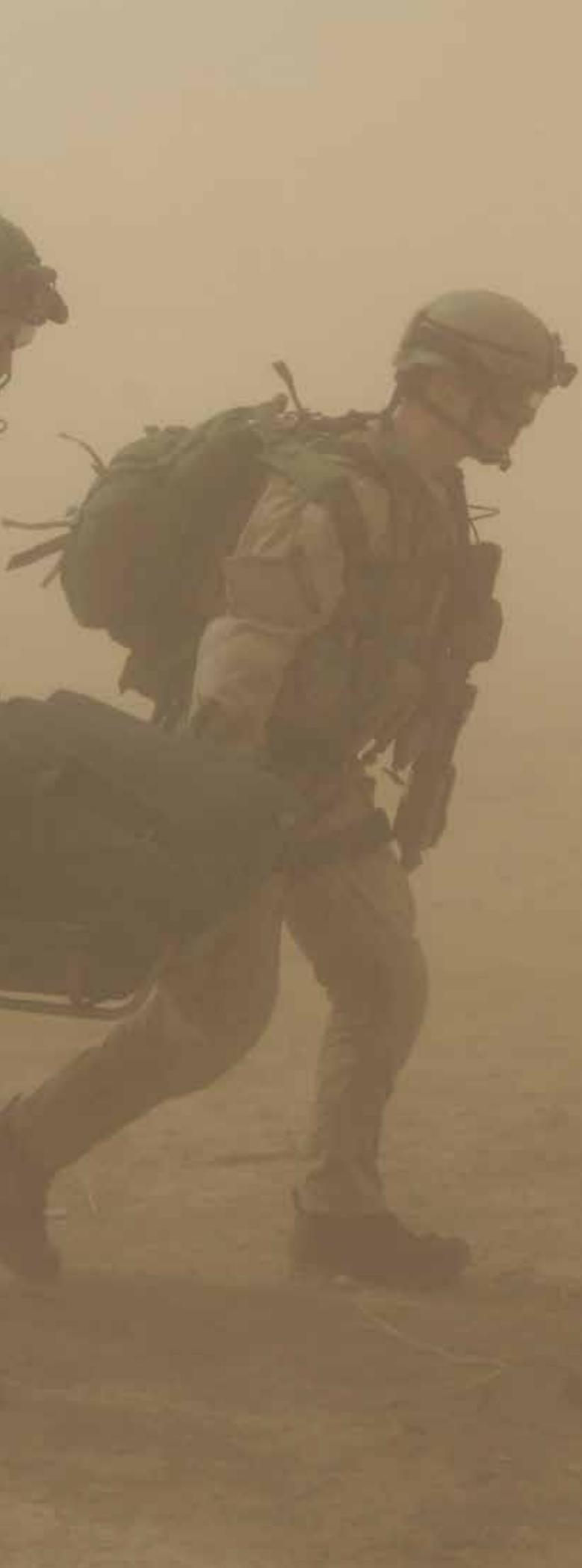












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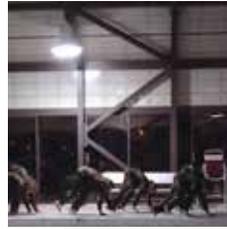
BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq - Pararescuemen from the 920th Rescue Wing deploy from an Air Force HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter May 15, 2004. While deployed, the PJs were members of the 64th Air Expeditionary Rescue Squadron. (photo/Staff Sgt. Aaron Allmon II)



PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. - Tech. Sgt. Patrick Dunne, a former Air Force Reserve pararescueman here, fills the mask of Staff Sgt. Christopher Driscoll, a PJ trainee, during a swim practice session Dec. 23, 2009. Part of the training is getting the PJ hopefuls comfortable in all aspects of the water. (photo/Staff Sgt. Leslie Forshaw)



PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. - Pararescueman Staff Sgt. Dan Warren rose from the Banana River here during a training exercise Feb. 12, 2009. (photo/Staff Sgt. Bennie Davis III)



LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - U.S. Air Force pararescue trainees bear crawl to their next physical task of underwater training after undergoing 21 hours of nonstop physical training during their extended training day at the Medina Base here April 6, 2006. The course prepares them to become Air Force pararescuemen. (photo/Tech. Sgt. Cecilio Ricardo Jr.)



COCOA BEACH, Fla. - A 920th Rescue Wing pararescueman from Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., parachutes into the Atlantic Ocean Sept. 11, 2009 during a water rescue demonstration as part of Air Force Week, a culmination of recruiting magnificence that happens only twice a year at select locations. (photo/Master Sgt. Rob Grande)



LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - Two pararescue trainees run through an obstacle course after a full day of physical training during the Pararescue Indoctrination Course at Medina Base here April 6, 2006. (photo/Tech. Sgt. Cecilio Ricardo Jr.)



PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. - Pilots from the 920th Rescue Wing prepare to support a night launch of the Space Shuttle Discovery Dec. 9, 2006. (photo/Tech. Sgt. Rob Grande)



PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. - A pararescueman from the 308th Rescue Squadron here fast-ropes down 10 feet from an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter Mar. 9, 2009. (photo/Staff Sgt. Bennie Davis III)



DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. - Military and civilian applicants take part in the 306th Rescue Squadron pararescue screening that includes sit-ups and hoisting a wooden log while lying in a mud pit April 21, 2006. (photo/Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce)



PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. - Staff Sgt. Richard Boyd and fellow pararescuemen from the 920th Rescue Wing conduct rescue-training exercises with HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters and aircrew Mar. 9, 2009 in preparation for an upcoming space shuttle launch. (photo/Staff Sgt. Bennie Davis III)



LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - Tom Newman inspects 24 U.S. Air Force pararescue trainees during the pararescue indoctrination-training course at Medina Base here April 6, 2006. This is the first hurdle of intense physical and mental training for pararescue trainees. (photo/Tech. Sgt. Cecilio M. Ricardo Jr.)



BAGHDAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Iraq - Senior Master Sgt. Matt Ramp, a pararescueman assigned to the 304th Rescue Squadron, Portland International Airport, Ore., rappels from an air traffic control tower July 14, 2003. Members of the 304th RQS were deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom's initial stages. (photo by Master Sgt. James M. Bowman)



LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - Airman Basic Matthew Bernard is suited with a water-filled mask while performing 1,000 flutter kicks after 20 hours of nonstop physical training during an extended training day at the Pararescue Indoctrination Course training center at the Medina Base here April 6, 2006. The course prepares trainees seeking to become U.S. Air Force pararescuemen. (photo/Tech. Sgt. Cecilio Ricardo Jr.)



FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. - Reservists from the 943rd Rescue Group, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., and the 304th Rescue Squadron, Portland International Airport, Ore., transfer mock casualties from the HH-60G Pave Hawk to a waiting C-130 June 16, 2008. The pararescue units teamed up for Patriot Angel, a combat-search-and-rescue exercise June 13 - 31. (photo/Master Sgt. Paul Flipse)



PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. - Pararescuemen compete in the "Patrick Challenge," a triathlon pitting four teams in a two-mile run, one-mile swim and a two-mile open-ocean rafting race Jan. 1, 1999. (Courtesy photo)



TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq - Pararescuemen from the 304th Rescue Squadron fast rope from an HH-60G Pave Hawk April 18, 2003 during Operation Iraqi Freedom. (photo/Staff Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo)



PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. - Air Force Reservists from the 920th Rescue Wing prepare to rescue a boater who was missing and afloat for 18 hours in the Atlantic Ocean just off the coast of Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 1, 2006. (Courtesy photo)



PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. - Pararescuemen from the 920th Rescue Wing undergo evacuate a simulated casualty from the icy rapids of New River Gorge, W. Va., Jan. 19, 2006. The exercise was part of the Swiftwater Rescue Technician Course. The victim riding in the litter was Lt. Col. Coy Speer, who was commander of the 920th's pararescue squadron at the time. (Courtesy photo)



MOUNT HOOD, Ore. - Pararescuemen from the 920th Rescue Wing during a mission Sept. 8, 2007 to recover the bodies of two climbers killed in a fierce snowstorm high on the mountain. A team of six pararescuemen and one SERE (search evasion resistance escape) specialist from the 920th were part of the large, multi-agency search effort. (Courtesy photo)



MOUNT HOOD, Ore. - Master Sgt. Eric Giacchino uses walking poles to climb Mount Hood while searching for two lost climbers during a search and rescue Sept. 8, 2007. Giacchino is a pararescueman with Air Force Reserve Command's 304th Rescue Squadron, Portland International Airport, Ore. (photo/Master Sgt. Ruby Zarzyczny)



DJIBOUTI, Africa - Air Force Reservists from the 920th Rescue Wing land an HC-130P/N King aircraft on a dry lake bed during a search-and-rescue exercise April 23, 2009. The exercise consisted of transporting pararescuemen, aerial refueling, assault landing on an unimproved runway and transloading a simulated survivor from a CH-53E helicopter. (photo/Staff Sgt. Joseph L. Swafford Jr.)



TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq - Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Curl, a Pararescueman from the 308th Rescue Squadron, packs his parachute, after jumping from a C-130 aircraft May 1, 2003. The 308th Rescue Squadron was deployed here from Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. (photo/Staff Sgt. Quinton T. Burris)



PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. - Some tools of the pararescue trade include those used for underwater rescue operations. Reservists from the 920th Rescue Wing are charged with performing personnel recovery operations in all types of terrain and weather, in peacetime and war. (photo/Staff Sgt. Paul Flipse)



KEY WEST, Fla. - Air Force Reserve pararescuemen from the 920th Rescue Wing, along with Canadian search-and-rescue (SAR) technicians from the 435th Transport and Rescue Squadron, Winnipeg, Canada, work together during a joint SAR exercise in the Florida Keys Dec. 12, 2010. (photo/Staff Sgt. Leslie Forshaw)



PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. - A 920th Rescue Wing HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter here gets a fresh tank of gas during a recent search and rescue mission over Bimini, the small trio of islands that sit 50 miles from Miami Nov. 19, 2007. The tanker doing the refueling is also a 920th asset, an HC-130P/N King. (photo/Staff Sgt. Paul Flipse)



PORTLAND, Ore. - Pararescuemen and local law enforcement officers from the Portland Bureau of Police's Special Emergency Reaction Team participated in a joint training exercise April 20, 2006 in the Willamette River. (photo/Ruby Zarzyczny)



BALAD AIR FORCE THEATER HOSPITAL, Iraq - Maj. Laurie Turner takes a blood pressure reading for Army Pfc. David Kendrick, 2nd Infantry Division, 361st Cavalry Mar. 1, 2007. Kendrick is deployed here from Fort Carson, Colo. Turner, an Air Force Reservist deployed from the 920th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. (photo/Airman 1st Class Nathan Doza)



BALAD AIR FORCE THEATER HOSPITAL, Iraq - Capt. Laura Reitz, deployed from the Air Force Reserve's 920th Aeromedical Staging Squadron at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., takes care of wounded patients Feb. 27, 2007 at the 332nd Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility Reitz helps transport patients to Germany for further treatment. (photo/Airman 1st Class Nathan Doza)



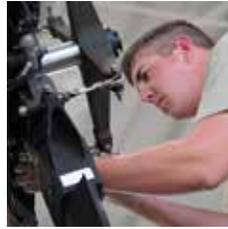
BALAD AIR FORCE THEATER HOSPITAL, Iraq - U.S. Air Force Reserve Capt. John Davis troubleshoots an intravenous pump as Senior Airman Samantha Brunner checks the IV tubing for occlusions at the Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility Nov. 27, 2008. Both Airmen are from the 920th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. (photo/Airman 1st Class Jason Epley)



PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. - Air Force Reservist Senior Airman David Shaw, 920th Rescue Wing Maintenance Squadron, secures one of two HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters onto a C-5 Galaxy cargo aircraft July 13, 2008 that will airlift the helicopters overseas for life-saving operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. (photo/Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Allen)



RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany - Air Force Reserve members of the 435th Aeromedical Squadron move wounded military members off an aeromedical evacuation flight July 31, 2008. The patients were taken to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany for further treatment. (photo/Airman 1st Class Kenny Holston)



DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. - Staff Sgt. Anthony Hemenway, a crew chief with the 943rd Rescue Group, focuses on reassembling an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter after shipment on an Air Force Reserve C-17 Globemaster III aircraft Mar. 7, 2009. (photo/Staff Sgt. Heather Kelly)



PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. - Air Force Reserve security forces Airmen of the 920th Rescue Wing wear chemical warfare suits while swarming a building in search of enemy combatants during a one-day field exercise at the Malabar Annex nearby May 3, 2008. (photo/Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Allen)



TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq - A pararescueman from the 304th Rescue Squadron, Portland International Airport, Ore., rappels from an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter here during Operation Iraqi Freedom April 18, 2003. (photo/Staff Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo)



PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. - Senior Airman Diane Lopes from the 920th Rescue Wing Security Forces puts the finishing touches on her weapon Aug. 17, 2007 as she and 12 fellow Airmen prepared to deploy to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq. The crew was deployed for 179 days. Senior Airman Lopes ultimately was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries she sustained while deployed. (photo/Master Sgt. Chance Babin)



TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq - An Air Force Reserve HH-60G Pave Hawk search and rescue helicopter assigned to the 301st Rescue Squadron, conducts in-flight refueling May 5, 2003 with a Air Force Reserve Command HC-130 Hercules tanker aircraft from the 39th Rescue Squadron, during a mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (photo/Staff Sgt. Shane Cuomo)



PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. - U.S. Air Force pararescuemen from the 920th Rescue Wing inventory their ammunition at a forward-deployed location in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. (photo/Staff Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo)



BAGHDAD, Iraq - Master Sgt. Jon Swails, a Pararescueman with the 304th Rescue Squadron, Portland International Airport, Ore., takes up a security posture while his team extracts a simulated survivor from wreckage near Baghdad International Airport here in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. (photo/Master Sgt. James M. Bowman)



TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq - Pararescuemen from the 920th Rescue Wing, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., talk with a member of the 101st Airborne Division at a forward deployed location in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom April 6, 2003. OIF was a multi-national coalition effort to liberate the Iraqi people. (photo/Staff Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo)



OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan - Pararescuemen from the 920th Rescue Wing, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., pull a villager from floodwaters in rural Afghanistan Mar. 19, 1997. (Courtesy photo)



JACKSON, Miss. - HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter aircrews from the 920th Rescue Wing continue to fly search-and-rescue missions Sept. 7, 2005 hoping to find stranded victims of Hurricane Katrina's devastating aftermath. The 920th saved more than 1,000 lives during their humanitarian mission in the Gulf. (photo/Master Sgt. Efrain Gonzalez)



BAGHDAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Iraq. - A U.S. Air Force HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter from the 301st Rescue Squadron, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., flies a mission over Baghdad April 24, 2003. The combat-search-and-rescue unit deployed here in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. (photo/Staff Sgt. Cherie Thurlby)



TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq - A U.S. Air Force pararescueman assigned to the 304th Rescue Squadron, Portland International Airport, Ore., armed with a 5.56mm M4 carbine, pulls rear security as other members of his unit conduct a walk-through rescue training scenario using their HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter April 13, 2003 during Operation Iraqi Freedom. (photo/Staff Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo)



TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq - U.S. Air Force pararescuemen assigned to the 920th Rescue Wing, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., conduct a walk through rescue training scenario using their HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter April 13, 2003 during Operation Iraqi Freedom. (photo/Staff Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo)



OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM - Pararescuemen with the 301st Rescue Squadron return with a downed pilot from a successful rescue mission April 8, 2003 at a forward deployed location in southern Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. (photo/Staff Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo)



PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. - A maintenance crew chief from the 920th Rescue Wing directs this HC-130P/N King refueling aircraft crew as they prepare to take flight Mar. 6, 2011. The entire fleet of six HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters and three Kings also took flight. (photo/Capt. Cathleen Snow)



OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM - An Air Force Reservist from the 301st Rescue Squadron prepares for a mission aboard one of the squadron's HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters April 8, 2003 at a forward-deployed location in Southern Iraq. Pave Hawk mission equipment includes two crew-served 7.62mm machine guns and a cargo hook with an 8,000-pound capacity. (photo/Staff Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo)



OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM - A Pararescueman and an HH-60G helicopter Engineer from the 301st Rescue Squadron prepare to go on a mission April 8, 2003 at a forward-deployed location in southern Iraq. (photo/Staff Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo)



TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq - U.S. Air Force pararescuemen assigned to the 920th Rescue Wing, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., prepare to board an Air Force Reserve Command C-130 Hercules aircraft in preparation for a static line jump May 1, 2003 during Operation Iraqi Freedom. (photo/Staff Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo)



BAGHDAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Iraq - An Air Force Reserve pararescueman assigned to the 304th Rescue Squadron, Portland International Airport, Ore., performs a rappelling exercise from the air traffic control tower here July 13, 2003. (photo/Master Sgt. James M. Bowman)



MOUNT HOOD, Ore. - Reservists from the 304th Rescue Squadron, Portland International Airport, Ore., arrive and set up camp at 9,500 ft. during a mission Sept. 8, 2007 to recover the bodies of two climbers killed in a fierce snowstorm high on the mountain. A team of six pararescuemen and one SERE (search evasion resistance escape) specialist from the 920th were part of the large, multi-agency search effort. (Courtesy photo)



MOUNT ST. HELENS, Wash. - A UH-1N Iroquois helicopter from the 304th Rescue Squadron, Portland International Airport, Ore., flies near the steam rising from the crater July 1, 1980 several days after a large eruption. (photo/Master Sgt. Robert Leach)



MOUNT HOOD, Ore. - Pararescuemen from the 304th Rescue Squadron hike up a glacier June 27, 2012. The pararescuemen, stationed at Portland International Airport, practiced survival skills and search-and-rescue techniques during their weeklong training on the mountain. (photo/Staff Sgt. Anna-Marie Wyant)



CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. - NASA astronauts wait to be lowered into the choppy Atlantic Ocean, where pararescuemen from the 920th Rescue Wing, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., participate in a Mode VIII emergency exercise May 31, 2007. The exercise is one of eight possible space shuttle emergency scenarios for which rescue crews train. (photo/Staff Sgt. Paul Flipse)



PACIFIC OCEAN - Pararescueman Lt. Clancy Hatleberg closes the Apollo 11 spacecraft hatch as astronauts Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Buzz Aldrin Jr. await helicopter pickup from their life raft. They splashed down at 12:50 p.m. EDT July 24, 1969, 900 miles southwest of Hawaii after a successful lunar landing mission. (photo/NASA)



PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. - 920th Rescue Wing pararescuemen train Feb. 13, 2007 for an emergency landing of NASA astronauts. PJs are specifically trained to locate, recover and treat the astronauts in case of an emergency landing. (photo/Capt. Cathleen Snow)



PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. - Pararescuemen from the 38th Rescue Squadron, Moody Air Force Base, Ga., familiarize themselves with the Advanced Crew Escape Suit Nov. 13, 2008 at the 920th Rescue Wing here in preparation for a shuttle launch. PJs have provided medical contingency response for all manned NASA launches since the space program began. (photo/Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Allen)



PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. - The crew of a 920th Rescue Wing HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter conduct post-flight operations after supporting a NASA Delta II rocket launch from Kennedy Space Center just before 5:30 a.m. Aug. 4, 2007. The lazy twist of smoke in the early-morning sky is all that remains from the trail left by the rocket. (photo/Tech. Sgt. Paul Flipse)



NEW ORLEANS - Pararescueman Tech. Sgt. Andrew Canfield and a Hurricane Katrina survivor are hoisted up to an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter hovering over a flooded neighborhood Sept. 7, 2005. (photo/Master Sgt. Bill Huntington)



NEW ORLEANS - Senior Master Sgt. Omar Rivera, flight engineer with the 920th Rescue Wing, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., flies in an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter to keep an eye out for hurricane survivors in homes flooded by toxic waters here Sept. 11, 2005. (photo/Mr. Craig Rubabux)



NEDERLAND, Texas - Pararescuemen from the 920th Rescue Wing, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., saved 17 people from floodwaters in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike Sept. 13, 2008. With his family safely on one of the wing's HH-60G Pave Hawk rescue helicopters, a homeowner gathers the last of his belongings before being hoisted up. (photo/Tech. Sgt. Paul Flipse)



PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Ore. - An Air Force Reserve pararescueman from the 304th Rescue Squadron guides a patient up a cliff during a simulated cliff-side rescue mission Jan. 12, 2012, at Riley, Ore. This is one of many exercises that were conducted during a two-week period to enhance the readiness of Airmen from the 304th and the Air National Guard's 142nd Security Forces Squadron collocated here. (photo/Staff Sgt. Daniel Delgado)



TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq - Air Force Reserve pararescuemen from the 301st Rescue Squadron perform a high-altitude, low-opening parachute jump during Operation Iraqi Freedom May 1, 2003. (photo/Staff Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo)



PLAYAS, N.M. - During a mass casualty exercise at an urban training facility here, pararescuemen from the 304th Rescue Squadron, Portland International Airport, Ore., carry a stokes litter to provide backup support. The mass casualty exercise is part of exercise Angel Thunder, a combat search-and-rescue exercise designed to provide realistic CSAR Task Force training. (photo/Senior Airman Christina D. Ponte)



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PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. - Search and rescue Aircrew Airmen from the 920th Rescue Wing, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., pilot an HC-130P/N King aircraft to serve as a jump platform for pararescue Airmen during jump camp training. (photo/Capt. Cathleen Snow)





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