

ARRS celebrates 30th anniversary

A framed oil painting portraying the Sikorsky helicopters used by the U.S. Air Force for rescue work since 1943 has been presented to the Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service (ARRS) to help commemorate its 30th anniversary.

The painting was presented to Major General Ralph S. Saunders, commander of the ARRS, by Sikorsky President Gerald J. Tobias, during a ceremony on April 2 at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., headquarters of the rescue service.

Also on hand for the ceremony were General William V. McBride, deputy chief of staff, U.S. Air Force, and General Paul K. Carlton, commander of the Military Airlift Command (MAC).

The painting, by Sikorsky artist Andrew C. Whyte, depicts seven Sikorsky helicopters, including the R-4A, the world's first production helicopter, the H-5, which became a workhorse of the rescue service following the service's creation in 1946, the famous HH-3 Jolly Green Giant, and the HH-53 Super Jolly Green Giant. Also shown are the H-19, the R-6A and the CH-3B.

A small plaque mounted on the bottom of the frame is inscribed with the words, "That Others May Live," motto of the ARRS.

In his remarks, Tobias said Sikorsky is proud that the Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service has put Sikorsky helicopters to "what we believe is their finest use... the saving of lives."

"Of all the records and achievements of the helicopter, this is the one that gives us the most satisfaction," Tobias said.

Sikorsky Aircraft has supplied the Air Force with nearly 1,000 helicopters since 1943.

Painting of Sikorsky helicopters used by the U.S. Air Force was presented to the service at ARRS anniversary celebration by Sikorsky President G. J. Tobias.

