

I have been busy helping a guy with his tribute page to the guys in the USMC who flew the HRS, later redesignated the H-19. Obviously his page is more about the USMC and their helicopters, but I have reopened my old H-19 files and started work on the USN and USMC machines. There were approx 15 USAF machines that were transferred to the USN, most in the mid 50's, although the last two were transferred at Keflavik, Iceland in June 1961.

Another on going project, is trying to find out where all those H-19's went, after they entered the Military Aid Programme. USAF records for each aircraft simply list "MAP" with no clue as to the recipient country. Sikorsky built quite a few S-55's for direct sales to military air arms around the world, but I am trying to locate the ones that went to other countries after USAF service.

Just for the record you may be interested to know that ex USAF machines went to

- 2 to Argentina
- 4 to Bolivia
- 2 to Cambodia
- 7 to Ecuador
- 11 to Greece
- 3 to Guatemala
- 4 to Honduras
- 19 to Indo China, which I know about
- 4 to South Korea
- 4 to Laos
- 2 to Pakistan
- 5 to the Philippines
- 5 to Spain
- 5 to Taiwan
- 2 to Thailand
- 14 to Turkey
- and of course 14 to Vietnam

These are only the H-19A and B's, discounting the ex USN and Army machines, so the old girls soldiered on for quite some time.

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