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ARRS MEMORIAL ESTABLISHED

A Memorial Park dedicated to the rescue airmen who gave their lives while carrying out their missions has been established by the Jolly Green Pilot's Association outside the headquarters of the Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service (ARRS) at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

The oval shaped park, landscaped with shrubbery and flowers, consists of a circular walkway around a granite monument. A bronze plaque on the monument reads "Rescue Memorial Park Dedicated to the Airmen Who Gave Their Lives That Others May Live."

The ARRS is credited with saving more than 15,000 lives since its formation in 1946, but

it has also lost 278 airmen in the line of duty. The Jolly Green Pilot's Association was formed in 1969 by the pilots of Sikorsky-built HH-3 Jolly Green Glant and HH-53 Super Jolly Green Glant helicopters who participated in rescue missions in Southeast Asia.

The Park was dedicated Sept. 27 by Gen. Paul K. Carlton, USAF, Commander of the Military Airlift Command.

