

NEW KAMAN RESCUE PINS

Additional Recognition For Multi-Award Holders

MISSION REPORT

Date of rescue or mission of mercy: _____
 FIRST name, MIDDLE initial, LAST name, RANK of rescue pilot and crew members:
 PILOT: _____ CO-PILOT: _____

CREWMEN: _____ Time: _____

Name and location of activity: _____

Location of rescue: _____

Day or night: _____ Visibility: _____ Wind velocity: _____

Sea state or description of terrain _____

Altitude: _____ Air temp: _____ No. of personnel rescued: _____

Water temp: _____ Names and ranks: _____

Other weather conditions: _____

Distance flown to and from rescue: _____

Military or civilian: _____

Detailed narrative description of rescue or mission of mercy, paying particular attention to any condition which makes this rescue outstanding, or "other-than-routine." (USE ADDITIONAL PAGES IF REQUIRED)

Report prepared by: _____

Names: _____

Activity: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

Mail Report To:
 Director of Customer Service
 Kaman Aircraft Corp.
 Old Windsor Road
 Bloomfield, Conn. 06002

A new policy has been initiated regarding the lapel rescue pins now being issued with Kaman Scroll of Honor and Mission Awards.* Beginning January 1, 1967, as a means of providing special identification for "multi-award" recipients, a gold-star will be added to the pin for the fifth Scroll of Honor, a silver star for the tenth, and a silver star with a ruby inset for the twentieth. The same policy will apply to the Mission Award pins. Under this new policy, lapel rescue pins will be presented only for the first, fifth, tenth and twentieth missions. As in the past, either Scroll of Honor plaques or Mission Award certificates will be issued for each mission accomplished that meets the criteria. The new policy was adopted because the number of life-saving or mercy missions being performed by Kaman helicopter crews in many parts of the world is growing rapidly. Some pilots and crewmen have already received several of the awards with their accompanying pins. It is logical to give special recognition to those who amass five, ten and twenty Scroll of Honor or Mission Awards.

Of the more than 800 individuals who have earned the Kaman Scroll of Honor, there are 19 eligible for either

the gold or silver-starred pin, or both; and of the more than 1000 rescue personnel who have received Missions Awards, 24 are eligible for either, or both, of these pins. Our records do not indicate anyone eligible for the twentieth award rescue pin at this time. Those who qualify for the new pins are invited to send their current address to the Director of Customer Service, Kaman Aircraft Corporation, Old Windsor Road, Bloomfield, Conn. 06002, and we will be happy to forward the new pin. It is not necessary to return the rescue pins received in the past.

The award program is indicative of Kaman Aircraft's pride in the accomplishments of those who man helicopters produced by the company; however, the continued success of the program depends on you. Only by receiving reports of your missions do we have the information upon which to base these awards. For this purpose, 8-1/2 x 11 Mission Report forms can be obtained from the Director of Customer Service or the local Kaman Service Representative. It is not an absolute necessity to use the Mission Report — a comprehensive write-up listing dates, organization, crew members, and a detailed narrative account of the mission is generally sufficient — but use of the report form assures that essential information will not be omitted.

According to our records, more than 700 lives have been saved by Kaman helicopters, and undoubtedly there are many more life-saving missions which were not reported to the company. Because of this, we have not had the opportunity to honor these crews for their efforts, but they are certainly included in our congratulations to all who have utilized Kaman-produced helicopters in their humanitarian work.

William H. Weaver
Awards Administrator

*A description of the KAC rescue award program appeared in the August-September, 1964 issue of Rotor Tips. Reprints may be obtained, upon request, from the Director of Customer Service.



LIFE-SAVING MISSION—The crew of an HH-43B from Det 4, AARRC(MAC), Ramstein AB, Germany, proudly displays Kaman Scrolls of Honor awarded for the hazardous evacuation of a seriously injured soldier from the bottom of a deep ravine. Left to right are Capt Leonard N. Buck, RCC; Col Edward J. Shea, commander, 86th Air Div Tactical Hospital; Col Donald W. Matthews, commander, AARRC; SSgt Ronald W. Chapman, medical technician; and SSgt John H. Balfour, crew chief. Colonel Shea presented Sergeant Chapman's Scroll and the other received their Scrolls from Colonel Matthews. (USAF photo)