# 88<sup>th</sup> TEST AND EVALUATION SQUADRON

#### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

HH-60G Combined Test Force Flight constituted, 21 Aug 2002 Activated, 1 Oct 2002 Redesignated 88<sup>th</sup> Test and Evaluation Squadron, 30 Dec 2009

**STATIONS** Nellis AFB, NV, 1 Oct 2002

#### ASSIGNMENTS

53<sup>rd</sup> Test and Evaluation Group, 1 Oct 2002 18<sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron, 1 Oct 2003 53<sup>rd</sup> Test and Evaluation Group, 3 Apr 2006

#### COMMANDERS

HONORS Service Streamers None

Campaign Streamers None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers None

## Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards [1 Oct] 2002-31 May 2004 1 Jun 2004-31 May 2006

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### **OPERATIONS**

New Rescue Vehicles Arrive at Nellis for Testing The first set of Guardian Angel Air-Deployable Rescue Vehicles to enter the Air Force's inventory last week arrived at Nellis AFB, Nev., for testing by the 88th Test and Evaluation Squadron. GAARV operational testing is scheduled to start in March to gauge the vehicle's suitability and effectiveness, according to Nellis' Nov. 15 release. "This delivery marks the first vehicles delivered for operational testing of a new combat search and rescue capability that ultimately may enhance the Air Force's personnel recovery core function," said MSgt. Michael Butler, the squadron's Guardian Angel test division section chief. The GAARV is designed to give pararescuemen a robust means of moving in rugged, difficult terrain to recover isolated military personnel. These vehicles could also support humanitarian-assistance and disaster-relief activities by transporting survivors and rescue equipment, states the release. 2013

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