

THE SILVER STAR

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THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
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Captain John B. Kneen distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as Rescue Crew Commander near Quang Tri, Republic of Vietnam on 30 October 1965. On that date, Captain Kneen scrambled his flight of two rescue helicopters in only one minute to answer a distress call from a downed helicopter; then flying in marginal weather and over known hostile troop concentrations, he arrived at the site and elected to land to speed the evacuation of the downed personnel from this unsecured area. With precise airmanship Captain Kneen maneuvered his helicopter into an extremely confined area, then utilizing the aircraft's maximum performance he airlifted three persons to a secured area. The professional competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Captain Kneen reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Forces.