

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE SILVER STAR
(FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

TO

STEVE M. NORTHERN

Airman Second Class Steve M. Northern distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force as a Rescue Specialist over North Vietnam on 23 August 1967. On that date, Airman Northern volunteered to be lowered from his HH-3E helicopter to aid an immobilized survivor located in a position completely surrounded by hostile troops and gun positions. Airman Northern carried the survivor to the hoist and shielded him with his own body as they were brought into the helicopter. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Airman Northern has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.