

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
(SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

TO

RICKY D. HINDMAN

Airman First Class Ricky D. Hindman distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight over the South China Sea on 23 February 1968. On that date, Airman Hindman was instrumental in the successful rescue of two United States pilots. These were the first successful night water rescues made by an HH-3E helicopter crew. Airman Hindman, twice, without hesitation, plunged into the dark, shark-infested waters within small arms range of a hostile coastline to effect the recoveries. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Airman Hindman reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
(THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

TO

RICKY D. HINDMAN

Airman First Class Ricky D. Hindman distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight as Rescue Specialist aboard an HH-3E Rescue Helicopter in Southeast Asia on 13 March 1968. On that date, Airman Hindman penetrated an extremely hostile area to effect the recovery of a downed pilot. Airman Hindman returned hostile antiaircraft fire during approach to and from the pickup area. No escort aircraft were available and Airman Hindman provided covering fire during the pickup. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Airman Hindman reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
(FIFTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

TO

RICKY D. HINDMAN

Staff Sergeant Ricky D. Hindman distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight as a Pararescue Specialist on an HH-3E helicopter at the scene of a maritime disaster two hundred and seventy-five miles southeast of Okinawa on 1 December 1971. On that date, Sergeant Hindman was instrumental in saving the lives of eight crewmen from a sunken cargo ship. While the helicopter hovered above the violent sea, Sergeant Hindman was lowered into the shark infested waters five times. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Hindman placed each survivor on the rescue penetrator and expedited their recovery. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Hindman reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.





THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AUTHORIZED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, MAY 11, 1942
HAS AWARDED

THE AIR MEDAL

TO

AIRMAN FIRST CLASS RICKY D. HINDMAN
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

FOR

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT
WHILE PARTICIPATING IN AERIAL FLIGHT

SOUTHEAST ASIA, AUGUST 21, 1967 TO NOVEMBER 8, 1967 AND JANUARY 13, 1968 TO JULY 19, 1968

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND

THIS 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 1967

Charles A. Gabriel

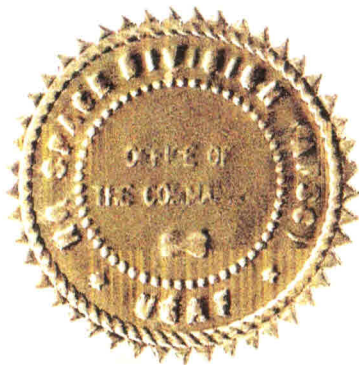


CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL
(SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

TO

RICKY D. HINDMAN

Technical Sergeant Ricky D. Hindman distinguished himself by meritorious service as a Pararescue Technician, 6594th Test Group, Air Force Systems Command, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, from 28 March 1977 to 29 February 1980. During this period, Sergeant Hindman's outstanding professional skill and leadership were significant contributions to the successful recovery of nationally important aerospace systems. His efforts in numerous search-and-rescue missions were credited with saving two lives. The distinctive accomplishments of Sergeant Hindman reflect credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL
(FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

TO

RICKY D. HINDMAN

Staff Sergeant Ricky D. Hindman distinguished himself by outstanding achievement as a Pararescue Technician near Honolulu, Hawaii, on 18 February 1979. On that date, Sergeant Hindman contributed to the successful air-evacuation of a critically ill Russian seaman. His efforts resulted in saving the seaman's life. The distinctive accomplishments of Sergeant Hindman reflect credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL WITH ONE OAK LEAF
CLUSTER
HAS BEEN AWARDED TO
STAFF SERGEANT RICKY D. HINDMAN
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

FOR
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
FROM DECEMBER 6, 1976 TO DECEMBER 9, 1976 AND MARCH 28, 1977 TO FEBRUARY 29, 1980

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 1987


CHIEF OF STAFF



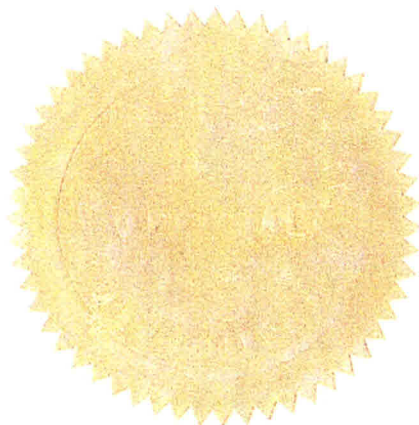

SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL

TO

RICKY D. HINDMAN

Staff Sergeant Ricky D. Hindman distinguished himself by outstanding achievement as a Pararescue Specialist while assigned to the 55th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, Military Airlift Command, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, from 6 December 1976 to 9 December 1976. During this period, Sergeant Hindman's outstanding professional skill and knowledge aided immeasurably in saving the Air Force time and money by assisting to raise a communications cable from the floor of Choctawhatchee Bay. The distinctive accomplishments of Sergeant Hindman reflect credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.





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