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SSgt. GARY OSBORNE

PJ GETS SILVER STAR FOR VIETNAM HEROISM

ANDERSEN AFB, Guam — SSgt. Gary T. Osborne of the 79th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron has been decorated with the Silver Star for gallantry in Military operations in the Republic of Vietnam.

Sergeant Osborne was also presented his second award of the Distinguished Flying Cross and second through seventh oak leaf clusters to the Air Medal by Lt. Gen Sam. J. Byerley, Eighth Air Force commander, during ceremonies here.

The pararescue specialist earned the Silver Star for distinguishing himself during a rescue mission near Dak Nay Puey, April 15.

He was aboard an HH-3E Jolly Green Giant providing cover for another helicopter attempting a rescue when the first helicopter was shot down.

The sergeant quickly descended to the crash site, courageously disregarding the presence of enemy troops and ex-ammunition from the crashed helicopter. He succeeded in rescuing the three crewmen, who were burned and wounded, saving them from possible death or capture.