

Medal Winners

✓ Major Awarded AF Cross

SHEPPARD AFB, Tex. — Maj. Travis Wofford, a UH-1 helicopter instructor pilot with the 3630th Flying Training Wg., recently became the first person to receive the Air Force Cross at this Air Training Command base. Lt. Gen. George B. Simler made the presentation during his first trip to Sheppard since becoming ATC commander in September.

Major Wofford was given the award for his efforts in the attempted rescue of a downed Army helicopter crew near Dak Nay Puey, Vietnam, last April. Wounded in an earlier try, the major chose to continue rescue operations until his damaged chopper lost power and crashed.

Ignoring his injuries, Wofford freed himself from the wreckage and extinguished the flames which had engulfed some of his crew members. He then dragged them to a safer site from which they were rescued.