



HOMESTEAD AFB, FL — A woman and her newly born child are alive and well today thanks to the efforts of the above rescue crew from Detachment 1, 39th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Wing here. Det 1 was notified Nov. 13 by the Miami Coast Guard through the 301st ARRSq. of the need for medivac assistance of a pregnant woman with a ruptured uterus. Save 63, a UH-1N helicopter, was scrambled and landed near a football field where Mrs. Judith Stewart was transferred from an ambulance to the chopper. She was then flown to the

Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. As fate would have it, Dr. (Maj.) Richard C. Neilson was at Det. 1 to ride on a training flight for currency requirements. He offered to go along when the notification came for the emergency mission. The crew members included, left to right: Sgt. Thomas R. Gleisberg, pararescue specialist (now separated); Dr. Neilson; 1st Lt. Howard Stevens, pilot; and 1st Lt. Gwenn C. Nye, pilot. A crew member not shown was Sgt. Robert G. Pyle, flight mechanic. (U.S. Air Force Photo by TSgt. Paul Bauman)

Viet vet wins silver star medal

PLATTSBURGH AFB, NY — TSgt. Charles F. Salome, a pararescue/recovery technician with Detachment 18, 43rd Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron here, was presented the Silver Star medal and his twentieth oak leaf cluster to the Air Medal recently.

Sergeant Salome earned the medals for meritorious achievement and gallantry under combat conditions in Laos during 1972 and 1973.

He won the coveted Silver Star for "gallantry in connection with military operations...near Ban Ban,

Laos (Dec. 20, 1972.)...Having participated in the rescue of three survivors, Sergeant Salome, with total disregard for his own safety volunteered to descend to the jungle floor...to search for a missing and seriously injured airman, even though hostile activity and ground fire had been encountered...Knowing the possibility of being left..., he continued his thorough search for over 40 minutes."

Sergeant Salome is serving as the NCO-in charge of Det. 18's pararescue section.