

Hickam PJ wins top MAC Pacific honors

A1C Scott B. Hursh, a pararescueman with the 76th ARRS at Hickam, recently was named the MAC Pacific First Term Airman of the quarter ending March 31, 1975.

Hursh is an excellent example of a professional airman. He has received two Air Force Commendation Medals since coming to Hickam in June last year.

His first recommendation came after he parachuted to a ship in the middle of the Pacific and provided emergency medical treatment to a seaman who had sustain a fractured skull and facial wounds.

Hursh's second commendation came as a result of his actions that saved a fellow "PJ" in high seas at night, and treatment of an injured Spanish sailor.

Hursh pulled his supervisor, SMSgt. Kerry Kelly, to safety through 15-foot seas at night in the midst of a tropical storm some 1,300 miles from Oahu.

After the recovery, both PJ's provided treatment for the badly burned seaman from the **Marques de Bolarque**, a Spanish bulk carrier, on its way to Japan.

Lt. Col. James L. Butera, Commander, 76th ARRS, called Hursh an "Impeccable example of a professional airman. He avails himself of every opportunity to advance in knowledge and military potential.

"His unselfish actions and concern for personal harmony along with his eagerness to accept responsibility adds to his potential as a pararescue team leader."

Hursh worked as a hospital orderly during the day and attended college classes in the evenings prior to enlisting in the Air Force in October, 1972.

He is currently studying pre-med at the University of Hawaii during off duty hours.

Hursh is being reassigned to Holoman AFB, N.M. next month as the 76th deactivates.



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