



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIR MEDAL

TO

SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT DANA M. BEACH

Senior Master Sergeant Dana M. Beach distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight on a search and rescue mission with the 301st Rescue Squadron, Eastern North Carolina, from 19 September 1999 to 24 September 1999. During this period, the distinctive airmanship and courage displayed by Sergeant Beach resulted in the successful accomplishment of life-saving, critical rescue missions under extreme, chaotic, and constantly changing conditions. He participated in an unprecedented, major command waiver, extending crew duty time during aerial conditions of total blackness with unlit obstacles, towers, and ever-changing terrain and cultural features, which rendered the current charts and maps useless. His outstanding airmanship and devotion to duty during the successful rescue effort of the hurricane and flood ravaged people of eastern North Carolina resulted in over 200 lives saved. The professional skill and airmanship displayed by Sergeant Beach reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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