



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIR MEDAL
TO
STAFF SERGEANT JOHN F. CASSIDY

Staff Sergeant John F. Cassidy distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight at Mount McKinley, Alaska, on 28 July 1979. On that date, Sergeant Cassidy served as a Pararescue Specialist aboard a United States Army rescue helicopter that recovered a stranded, semiconscious climber from the 16,400-foot level of the mountain. Sergeant Cassidy's performance of duties and emergency intercom out procedures contributed directly to the successful completion of the mission and safety of the crew during the helicopter hover and hoist recovery. His judgment, precise attention to detail, as well as his timely and accurate medical treatment were the factors directly responsible for saving the climber's life. The professional skill and airmanship displayed by Sergeant Cassidy reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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