



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIR MEDAL
TO
TECHNICAL SERGEANT ROBERT L. LAPOINTE

Technical Sergeant Robert L. LaPointe distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as a Pararescue Specialist near Newtok, Alaska, on 22 and 23 March 1979. On those dates, in marginal weather at night, Sergeant LaPointe parachuted into a remote native village to provide vital medical assistance to four adults and a 3-month-old child injured in an aircraft accident. Sergeant LaPointe's professionalism under the most demanding conditions resulted in the saving of five lives. The professional ability and outstanding aerial accomplishments of Sergeant LaPointe reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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