



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIR MEDAL
(TENTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER)
TO
SERGEANT JOHN W. STEPHENS

Sergeant John W. Stephens distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as a Pararescue Specialist on an HH-53C Rescue Helicopter near Stoeng Treang, Cambodian Republic, on 26 May 1973. On that date, Sergeant Stephens participated in the successful rescue from possible enemy capture of two downed American aircrew members in a hostile portion of Cambodia. He provided instructions which aided his aircraft commander in keeping the helicopter clear of surrounding obstacles while hovering to make the pick-up, and treated both injured survivors during the return flight to a friendly base. The professional skill and airmanship displayed by Sergeant Stephens reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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