



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIR MEDAL
TO
SERGEANT JAMES D. TRANCHINA

Sergeant James D. Tranchina distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as a Pararescue Specialist 500 miles northeast of Clark Air Base, Republic of the Philippines on 2 December 1972. Despite the thirty foot waves, turbulent winds and the ever present dangers associated with night over water hoists, Sergeant Tranchina demonstrated superior skill and inexhaustible coverage while affecting the rescue of ten Filipino seamen. The professional ability and outstanding aerial accomplishments of Sergeant Tranchina reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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