



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIRMAN'S MEDAL

TO

SENIOR AIRMAN CHAD N. CLARK

Senior Airman Chad N. Clark distinguished himself by heroism involving voluntary risk of life at Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina, on 23 March 1994. On that date, he observed an F-16 crash directly into the ramp area. Responding to the scene in less than four minutes, he ran through toxic fumes and burning aircraft wreckage with no regard for his personal safety to a group of injured soldiers. Quickly assessing the injuries of seven soldiers, he began life saving protocols on a burn victim. Oblivious to the unexpended 20 millimeter rounds cooking off near him, he inserted an oralphangel airway, started intravenous fluids, and directed a nearby soldier to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation until on duty Emergency Medical Service personnel arrived. He then applied a battle dressing to a soldier blinded by burning jet fuel and escorted him to a military vehicle for transport to Womack Medical Center. Airman Clark then administered oxygen, intravenous fluids, and loaded a soldier on a stretcher who had sustained burns over eighty percent of his body. His selfless act of heroism gave soldiers the opportunity for survival during the critical initial moments of a trauma situation. By his courageous action and humanitarian regard for his fellowman, Airman Clark has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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