



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIRMAN'S MEDAL

TO

STAFF SERGEANT ANTHONY R. GARGANO

Staff Sergeant Anthony R. Gargano distinguished himself by heroism involving voluntary risk of life in the Zagras Mountain Range of Iran on 30 January 1962. On that date, as part of a two-man Pararescue team, Sergeant Gargano, with complete disregard for his own safety, parachuted into an extremely hazardous area under adverse weather conditions in an attempt to bring aid and relief to five survivors of a light plane crash who were trapped at 13,000 feet and near death from exposure. By his courageous action and humanitarian regard for his fellow man, Sergeant Gargano reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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