



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIRMAN'S MEDAL
TO
AIRMAN FIRST CLASS DUANE D. HACKNEY

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress takes pleasure in presenting the Airman's Medal to Airman First Class Duane D. Hackney, United States Air Force, for heroism involving voluntary risk of life while serving as a Pararescue Specialist with the 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, 3rd Air Rescue and Recovery Group, DaNang Air Base, Vietnam, near Hue, Vietnam, on 15 November 1966. On that date, a successful rescue recovery was accomplished on a United States Navy sailor after his ship had capsized in extremely heavy seas and near gale force winds. With complete disregard for his own safety, Airman Hackney unhesitatingly lowered himself into the churning surf and persevered in his humanitarian efforts until the sailor was retrieved. The exemplary courage and heroism displayed by Airman Hackney reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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