



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIRMAN'S MEDAL

TO

TECHNICAL SERGEANT ARSENIO S. HERLIHY

Technical Sergeant Arsenio S. Herlihy distinguished himself by heroism involving voluntary risk of life at Baguio City, Republic of Philippines, from 16 July 1990 to 31 July 1990. During this time, he deployed to an area in northern Luzon, Republic of the Philippines, that had been totally debilitated by a devastating earthquake. With complete disregard for his own life, he repeatedly and unhesitatingly crawled into structurally unsound buildings, where a subsequent tremor could have caused the building to crush down upon him, in order to save the lives of several Filipinos trapped inside. Within hours after the initial earthquake struck, Sergeant Herlihy arrived in a blacked-out city where he found himself surrounded by catastrophic destruction and death. Undeterred, he sifted through the wreckage of major buildings, in the Baguio area, searching for survivors and risking his own life to find victims alive beneath the rubble. By his courageous action and humanitarian regard for his fellowman, Sergeant Herlihy has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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