



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIRMAN'S MEDAL

TO

MASTER SERGEANT COLE E. PANNING

Master Sergeant Cole E. Panning distinguished himself by heroism involving voluntary risk of life at Las Vegas, Nevada, on 2 June 1980. On that date, Sergeant Panning arrived at the scene of two separate accidents during a one-hour period. With complete disregard for his own safety, and despite the hazard of ruptured and leaking gasoline tanks, Sergeant Panning unhesitatingly entered the wrecked vehicles to give medical aid. In all, Sergeant Panning gave medical treatment to six victims, with three surviving primarily because of his assistance. By his courageous action and humanitarian regard for his fellowman, Sergeant Panning has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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