



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIRMAN'S MEDAL

TO

MASTER SERGEANT WILLIAM F. SINE

Master Sergeant William F. Sine distinguished himself by heroism involving voluntary risk of life at King Abdul Aziz Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 25 June 1996. On that date, a powerful terrorist bomb blast destroyed the building housing Sergeant Sine and smashed him to the floor. Freeing himself from the rubble, Sergeant Sine escaped the devastated building, questioned bystanders, and determined that people were still trapped inside. Despite his nearly useless right arm, badly injured leg, and numerous lacerations, he immediately leaped into action and reentered the building to assist survivors. Undaunted by the perils of the crumbling structure and the threat of further explosions, Sergeant Sine showed absolutely no concern for his own personal safety as he repeatedly risked his own life to lead six badly wounded and disoriented airmen to safety. Ignoring his own traumatic injuries, Sergeant Sine maintained his composure and rendered lifesaving medical treatment to blast victims until he finally succumbed to his own injuries and was evacuated to a hospital. His leadership, abilities and decisive actions in the face of danger saved multiple lives and contributed significantly to the successful medical treatment and transport of over 200 wounded Americans. The exemplary courage and heroism displayed by Sergeant Sine reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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