



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIRMAN'S MEDAL

TO

TECHNICAL SERGEANT LARRY M. WILLIAMS

Technical Sergeant Larry M. Williams distinguished himself by heroism involving voluntary risk of life at Deep Creek, Alaska, on 6 July 1985. On that date, Sergeant Williams responded to a United States Park Service request to attempt the rescue of five people whose boat had capsized in Cook Inlet. With complete disregard for his own safety, and despite extremely hazardous sea conditions, Sergeant Williams unhesitatingly made an attempt to rescue the personnel from the frigid Alaskan waters. His assistance in launching the fifteen and one-half foot boat from the beach into four to five foot breakers on the beach and helping physically recover the one survivor in eight to ten foot seas offshore was instrumental in the success of the recovery. The expert medical treatment performed by Sergeant Williams once back on shore was crucial to the full recovery of the survivor. By his courageous action and humanitarian regard for his fellow man, Sergeant Williams has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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