



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL
(THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER)
TO
TECHNICAL SERGEANT ROBERT LAPOINTE

Technical Sergeant Robert L. LaPointe distinguished himself by outstanding achievement near Tongduchon, Republic of Korea, on 18 and 19 May 1980. On these dates, while participating in a search and rescue mission as a Pararescue specialist, Sergeant LaPointe led a rescue team which climbed totally unfamiliar rugged mountainous terrain at night to provide vital medical assistance to an injured Army mountain climber. Sergeant LaPointe's professionalism under demanding conditions resulted in the saving of the climber's life. By his prompt action and humanitarian regard for his fellowman, Sergeant LaPointe has reflected credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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