



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL  
TO  
MASTER SERGEANT ROBERT S. LOUD

Master Sergeant Robert S. Loud distinguished himself by outstanding achievement as the Pararescue team leader, parachuting to a ship in the Pacific Ocean, six hundred miles west of Newport, Oregon from 16 May 1971 to 18 May 1971, while assigned to the 41<sup>st</sup> Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Hamilton Air Force Base, California. On these dates Sergeant Loud was a member of a pararescue team which provided emergency medical treatment to a crewmember on board the freighter M/V World Pride, enroute to Astoria, Oregon. The injured seaman would not have survived without the expert medical aid administered by Sergeant Loud. By his prompt action and humanitarian regard for his fellowman, Sergeant Loud has reflected credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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