



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS  
TO  
STAFF SERGEANT TOM L. BAUSMAN

Staff Sergeant Tom L. Bausman distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight as an aircrew member near Al Qaim, Iraq on 22 January 1991. On that date, while serving as Pararescueman of an MH-53J helicopter, Sergeant Bausman assisted in the aircraft's deep covert penetration into enemy airspace to attempt the rescue of a downed F-15 pilot and weapon systems operator. Despite poor terrain definition and near moonless illumination, the aircrew skillfully evaded enemy surface-to-air threats through the use of extreme low-level altitude maneuvering and, infrared and electronic countermeasures. Once in the area of the survivors last reported position, the aircraft made repeated run-in attempts only to be driven back by massive anti-aircraft artillery barrages. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Bausman reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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