

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE SILVER STAR

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SERGEANT WILLIAM D. BRINSON

Sergeant William D. Brinson distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force as a Pararescue Specialist near Tchepone, Laos on 13 April 1972. On that date, Sergeant Brinson was participating in the daring rescue of a downed American pilot. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, he stood on the ramp of his rescue helicopter and though wounded, continued to defend his vulnerable aircraft. This courageous action aided immeasurably in the successful completion of this very dangerous rescue mission. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Sergeant Brinson reflected Great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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