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THE SILVER STAR

TO

AIRMAN FIRST CLASS KENNETH W. CAKEBREAD

Airman First Class Kenneth W. Cakebread distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force in Southeast Asia on 2 June 1972. On that date, Airman Cakebread, a Pararescue Recovery Specialist on an HH-53C rescue helicopter, voluntarily penetrated an extremely hostile and heavily defended area of North Vietnam to effect the rescue of a downed American airman. At great risk to his own life, he willingly manned his exposed minigun position to suppress intense groundfire being directed at his vulnerable aircraft. Airman Cakebread's professional performance under very adverse conditions was instrumental in the successful recovery of the downed airman. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Airman Cakebread has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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