



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE SILVER STAR

TO

AIRMAN SECOND CLASS LUTHER EUGENE DAVIS

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Airman Second Class Luther Eugene Davis, United States Air Force, for gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force as a Pararescue Specialist over North Vietnam, on 11 June 1967. On that date, Airman Davis flew as a rescue mission to recover two friendly pilots downed deep in hostile territory. Voluntarily descending on the rescue hoist, Airman Davis dangled hundreds of feet over dense bamboo jungle, which was heavily infested with hostile forces to cut the first survivor loose from his entangled parachute harness. As the helicopter encountered intense and accurate ground fire while hovering over the second survivor, Airman Davis responded immediately by delivering automatic weapon fire into unfriendly gun positions, thereby deterring the hostile forces and allowing the rescue effort to continue. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Airman Davis has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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