



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE SILVER STAR  
TO  
AIRMAN FIRST CLASS RICKY D. HINDMAN

Airman First Class Ricky D. Hindman distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force as a Rescue Specialist on an HH-3E helicopter in Southeast Asia on 9 June 1968. On that date, Airman Hindman attempted the rescue of a downed pilot from one of the most heavily defended areas in Southeast Asia. With complete disregard for his own safety, Airman Hindman volunteered to be deployed into the hostile area to assist the downed airman in his rescue. Despite intense hostile ground fire, Airman Hindman stood in the open doorway ready for immediate deployment, until repeated attempts to hover over the downed pilot, the aircraft was forced to withdraw due to a low fuel state. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Airman Hindman has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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