

DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY . . . General of the Army Douglas MacArthur said these words teach a man ". . . not to substitute words for action; not to seek the path of comfort, but to face the stress and spur of difficulty and challenge." It's doubtful if A1C Charles R. Ingulli, pararescueman with Det. 6, 38th ARRS, Bien Hoa AB, thought of these words as he received his country's Silver Star for gallantry in action. But he does personify them. For within hours after being decorated by the Air Force Chief of Staff, General John P. McConnell, Airman Ingulli was back on duty, not in a crew lounge, or coffee shack, but in the thick of a rescue effort that saved two downed Army helicopter crewmen. So, while the 25-year-old airman may not have thought the words, his deeds make him what General MacArthur called the "American man-at-arms . . . one of the world's noblest figures; not only as one of the finest military characters, but also as one of the most stainless."

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