



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE SILVER STAR
(POSTHUMOUS)

TO

MASTER SERGEANT PAUL L. JENKINS

Master Sergeant Paul L. Jenkins distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force in Southeast Asia on 30 June 1970. On that date, Sergeant Jenkins, an HH-53C Pararescue/Recovery Technician, twice penetrated an area of known hostile concentration in a valiant effort to rescue an injured American pilot. Undaunted, after being repelled during the first attempt, and with complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Jenkins elected to make a second attempt. As the helicopter positioned itself near the downed airman, it sustained severe battle damage resulting in an uncontrollable fire. Despite the hazards involved, Sergeant Jenkins bravely returned the hostile fire, and continued firing in an effort to save the life of his fellowman. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, in the dedication of his service to his country, Sergeant Jenkins has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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