



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE SILVER STAR
TO
AIRMAN FIRST CLASS LEROY W. KELSAY

Airman First Class Leroy W. Kelsay, Jr. distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force over North Vietnam as a Paramedical Technician on an HH-3C helicopter on 19 Feb 1966. On that date, demonstrating an extraordinary degree of courage, together with a complete disregard for the dangers to which he would be exposed, Airman Kelsay proceeded to a hostile area well known for its heavy and accurate anti-aircraft defenses in search of a downed USAF pilot. With grim determination and acutely conscious of the grave importance of his mission, Airman Kelsay braved heavy ground fire, which damaged the aircraft, to assist in the successful hoist pickup of the downed airman. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Airman Kelsay has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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