



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE SILVER STAR
TO
AIRMAN FIRST CLASS CHARLES D. KING

Airman First Class Charles D. King distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force as an HH-3E Pararescue Specialist in Southeast Asia on 17 September 1968. On that date, while under heavy ground fire, Airman King voluntarily descended on the rescue hoist to recover a seriously injured Air Force pilot. While he was on the ground his aircraft again came under heavy fire, but Airman King continued cutting the pilot loose from his parachute harness and immobilizing his fractured limbs until he could drag the inert pilot to the forest penetrator and have him hoisted to safety. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Airman King has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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