



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE SILVER STAR
TO
STAFF SERGEANT ANTHONY J. MARZILLI

Staff Sergeant Anthony J. Marzilli distinguished himself by gallantry in action while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an armed force as a Pararescueman for Joint Task Force from 8 March 2020 to 9 March 2020. During combat operations against a determined enemy, Sergeant Marzilli's actions directly led to the successful recovery of two United States Special Operations Forces personnel, isolated in exposed terrain directly in front of an enemy fighting position. Sergeant Marzilli and his team conducted a five-hundred-meter tactical movement over demanding terrain in demonstrated hostile territory. During the recovery of the first wounded United States Special Operations Forces member, Sergeant Marzilli exposed himself to the enemy position, moving directly in line with enemy fields of fire to pull a United States service member to cover. During the recovery of the second wounded United States Special Operations Forces member, Sergeant Marzilli exposed himself to a barricaded enemy position, fields of fire, and in proximity to an enemy combatant as he detonated a suicide vest. The blast from the suicide vest threw members of Sergeant Marzilli's team from the ledge and nearly twenty feet down the ravine. Without regard for personal safety, Sergeant Marzilli quickly moved to assess the injured personnel for serious injury and then continued his recovery of the United States Special Operations Forces member. Despite enemy actions and sustaining two additional friendly casualties, Sergeant Marzilli and his team recovered all United States Special Operation Forces personnel. Finally, Sergeant Marzilli established the plan to extract all casualties within meters of the enemy position. Through his action, Sergeant Marzilli prevented further United States and coalition casualties and demonstrated heroism and valor. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Sergeant Marzilli reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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