



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE SILVER STAR  
TO  
SERGEANT CHARLES D. McGRATH

Sergeant Charles D. McGrath distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force in Southeast Asia from 26 April 1972 to 27 April 1972. During this period, Sergeant McGrath, a Pararescue recovery specialist on an HH-53C Super Jolly Green Rescue Helicopter, penetrated deep into an extremely hostile and heavily defended area to effect the rescue of a downed American airman. His professional skill in providing the accurate and effective ground suppression fire required throughout the mission and his willingness, at great risk to his own life, to expose himself to hostile ground forces from his open mini gun position, was instrumental in the successful completion of this most hazardous mission. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Sergeant McGrath has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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