



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE SILVER STAR  
TO  
SERGEANT CHARLES B. McQUOID

Sergeant Charles B. McQuoid II distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force in Southeast Asia on 2 June 1972. On that date, Sergeant McQuoid, a Pararescue Recovery Specialist on an HH-53C rescue helicopter, voluntarily penetrated an extremely hostile and heavily defended area of North Vietnam to effect the rescue of a downed American airman. At great risk to his own life, he willingly manned his exposed minigun position to suppress the intense ground fire being directed at his vulnerable aircraft. Sergeant McQuoid's professional performance under very adverse conditions was instrumental in the successful recovery of the airman. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Sergeant McQuoid has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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