



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE SILVER STAR
TO
STAFF SERGEANT KENNETH J. MUSNICKI

Staff Sergeant Kenneth J. Musnicki distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force in Southeast Asia on 27 June 1972. On that date, Sergeant Musnicki, a Pararescue Recovery Specialist on an HH-53C Rescue Helicopter, voluntarily penetrated deep into North Vietnam to effect the daring aerial rescue of a downed Air Force pilot. For over one hour, he manned an unprotected minigun position and willingly subjected himself to continual groundfire to provide protective cover for his vulnerable aircraft. His professional performance, at great risk to his own life, was instrumental in the recovery of this imperiled airman virtually from the hands of his would be captors. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Sergeant Musnicki has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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