



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE SILVER STAR

TO

AIRMAN FIRST CLASS DENNIS C. PALMER

Airman First Class Dennis C. Palmer distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force as Pararescue Specialist on an HH-3E helicopter in Southeast Asia on 11 May 1969. On that date, Airman Palmer descended under special ordnance into one of the most heavily defended areas of Southeast Asia to attempt the rescue of a downed Marine pilot who could no longer help himself. Although under continuous hostile fire, Airman Palmer had himself lowered from a hovering helicopter to the injured pilot so he could attach the injured pilot to the recovery penetrator and successfully hoist him aboard the helicopter. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Airman Palmer has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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