



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE SILVER STAR
TO
STAFF SERGEANT ROGER J. POWELL

Staff Sergeant Roger J. Powell distinguished himself by gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States on 11 September 2018. On that day, while on an objective as the Primary Medic and Recovery Specialist for a Joint Task Force in support of overseas contingency operations, Sergeant Powell's element was ambushed by a remote controlled improvised explosive device, small arms, and heavy machine gun fire from four enemy positions, resulting in multiple friendly casualties. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Powell exposed himself to withering enemy fire, maneuvering forty-five meters across open terrain and directly into enemy contact in order to provide life-saving medical care to a critically wounded Soldier. With enemy rounds impacting around his exposed position, Sergeant Powell treated the wounded Soldier and carried him fifty meters to cover. While treating the first patient and still receiving effective enemy fire, Sergeant Powell received and treated a second casualty. Sergeant Powell directed the use of an improvised litter to carry the first patient, and subsequently carried the second wounded soldier one hundred meters to safety under continuous enemy fire. Furthermore, his direction and initiative were crucial to galvanizing a disoriented partner force and enabling their maneuver to the extraction point. Once at the extraction point, Sergeant Powell continued treating both casualties for over an hour until the force was finally extracted. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Staff Sergeant Powell reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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