



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE SILVER STAR

TO

AIRMAN FIRST CLASS STEVEN C. RHODY

Airman First Class Steven C. Rhody distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force near Tchepone, Laos, on 13 March 1971. On that date, Airman Rhody was a Pararescue Specialist on an HH-53 Rescue Helicopter that twice attempted the rescue of a wounded United States Navy pilot from certain death or capture by hostile fire in the area, and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Airman Rhody twice exposed himself on the rescue hoist outside the door of the helicopter to descend to help the wounded survivor on the ground, until withering ground fire crippled the helicopter and wounded two crew members, making continued rescue attempts impossible. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Airman Rhody has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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