



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE SILVER STAR
TO
STAFF SERGEANT JAMES SOUZA

Staff Sergeant James Souza distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force in Southeast Asia on 16 November 1966. On that date, Sergeant Souza, with complete disregard for his own safety, successfully retrieved two downed American pilots under hazardous combat conditions. Although his helicopter sustained numerous hits disrupting several major components of the aircraft, he courageously continued his mission to complete the rescue operation. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Sergeant Souza has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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