



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE SILVER STAR
TO
STAFF SERGEANT ANGUS W. SOWELL

Staff Sergeant Angus W. Sowell distinguished himself by gallantry in the all-volunteer Joint Chiefs of Staff-directed United States Army and Air Force military operation against an opposing armed force during the Prisoner of War Search and Rescue Operation at Son Tay, North Vietnam, on 21 November 1970. On that date, Sergeant Sowell, as a Paramedic-Gunner prepared to evacuate the ground rescue party and freed prisoners, flew deep into the heart of enemy territory in a bold night attempt to rescue American Prisoners of War. Throughout the entire mission, he manned his position with bravery and aggressiveness while maintaining the critical fire discipline necessary for properly conducting this humanitarian operation. Upon leaving the area, he provided warnings and evasion assistance to the aircraft commander in order to avoid surface-to-air missiles fired at the aircraft. The personal skill and extreme courage displayed by Sergeant Sowell in this very hazardous rescue attempt contributed immeasurably to the ultimate effectiveness and tactical success of the mission. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Sergeant Sowell has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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