



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE SILVER STAR  
TO  
MASTER SERGEANT MAURICE F. TASKER

Master Sergeant Maurice F. Tasker distinguished himself by gallantry in the all-volunteer Joint Chiefs of Staff directed United States Army and Air Force 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 Tasker, as a Paramedic-Gunner, 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. The personal skill and extreme courage displayed by Sergeant Tasker 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 Tasker has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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