



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE SILVER STAR

TO

TECHNICAL SERGEANT LAWRENCE WELLINGTON

Technical Sergeant Lawrence Wellington distinguished himself by gallantry in action in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United States during the Prisoner of War search and rescue operation at Son Tay, North Vietnam, on 21 November 1970. On that date, Sergeant Wellington, as a Paramedic 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. During the return, he was a vital crew member in the pickup of a downed fighter pilot. The personal skill and extreme courage displayed by Sergeant Wellington in this very hazardous rescue attempt contributed immeasurably to the ultimate effectiveness and success of the mission. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Sergeant Wellington has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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