

## CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE SILVER STAR

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## AIRMAN SECOND CLASS ROBERT B. WILLIAMSON

Airman Second Class Robert B. Williamson distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force in Southeast Asia on 22 May 1966. On that date, Airman Williamson, while flying as a Pararescue Specialist on an unarmed HH-3E rescue helicopter, assisted in recovering an American pilot whose aircraft was shot down over hostile territory. Disregarding his own safety, Airman Williamson voluntarily flew through heavy flak and automatic weapons fire to reach the injured survivor before the hostile forces could capture the downed pilot. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Airman Williamson has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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