



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE SILVER STAR  
(FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

TO

TECHNICAL SERGEANT JON H. YOUNG

Technical Sergeant Jon H. Young distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force in Southeast Asia on 2 March 1972. On that date, Sergeant Young, Pararescue Technician on an HH-53C helicopter, repeatedly volunteered to fly into an extremely hostile area in the rescue of a downed airman. Sergeant Young, fully exposed at his rear gun position, continuously suppressed hostile ground fire and was indispensable in aiding the pilot in maneuvering the aircraft to a safe area by locating the hostile gun positions. Sergeant Young's alertness, while under intense ground fire, was instrumental in spotting the survivor's position and directing the pilot over the survivor which saved valuable minutes in this vulnerable helicopter environment. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Sergeant Young has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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