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Staff Sergeant Charles L. Schaub



Air Force Cross

Vietnam War

Staff Sergeant Charles L. Schaub distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in military operations against an opposing armed force as a C-130E Loadmaster for the 776th Tactical Airlift Squadron at An Loc Republic of Vietnam, on 15 April 1972. On that date, while accomplishing a tactical emergency low level airdrop of critically needed ammunition to a besieged concentration of allied forces, Sergeant Schaub's aircraft was severely damaged by hostile anti-aircraft fire. The explosive cargo was ignited, starting an intense fuselage fire. Realizing the immediate danger to the aircraft and crew, Sergeant Schaub risked his own life to jettison the burning cargo seconds before it exploded and to extinguish a raging fuselage fire, sustaining severe burns on his face, neck and hands in the process. By these actions, Sergeant Schaub saved the lives of his fellow crew members and prevented the loss of his aircraft. Through

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his extraordinary heroism, superb airmanship, and aggressiveness in the face of the enemy, Sergeant Shaub reflected the highest credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.