

# Enlisted Hero Walk Lackland AFB



## Senior Airman Jason D. Cunningham



*Air Force Cross*

*Afghanistan*

While serving as the primary Air Force Combat Search and Rescue medic assigned to a Quick Reaction Force near the village of Marzak in the Paktia Province of Afghanistan on 4 March 2002, Airman Cunningham was tasked with the recovery of two American servicemen evading capture in terrain occupied by massed Al Qaeda and Taliban forces. Shortly before landing, Cunningham's helicopter received rocket-propelled grenade and small arms fire, disabling the aircraft and causing a crash landing. Despite the intense gunfire from the enemy, Cunningham remained in the burning fuselage to treat the wounded. Cunningham then began to brave the gunfire, moving the wounded to a more secure location. In the end, Cunningham's distinct efforts led to the successful delivery of ten gravely wounded American's to lifesaving treatment.