

Enlisted Hero Walk Lackland AFB



Staff Sergeant Jon D. Harston



Air Force Cross

Vietnam

Staff Sergeant Jon D. Harston distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in military operations against an opposing armed force as a flight mechanic of a CH-53 helicopter on 15 May 1975. On that date, while engaged in the rescue of the crew and recovery of the SS MAYAGUEZ, the helicopter encountered extremely heavy hostile fire and crashed at the shoreline of Koh Tang Island. Sergeant Harston, although wounded in the leg, braved hostile fire to ensure fellow crewmembers and the United States Marine landing forces were removed to safety. Through his extraordinary heroism and willpower, in the face of the enemy, Sergeant Harston reflected the highest credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.