

Enlisted Hero Walk Lackland AFB



Technical Sergeant Timothy A. Wilkinson



Air Force Cross

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When Timothy Wilkinson earned the Air Force Cross he became the first enlisted man to earn the award since 1975. His mission was supporting Task Force Ranger during a 15-hour firefight, the longest sustained firefight by U.S. forces since the Vietnam War, and a battle that was subsequently made into the movie "Blackhawk Down." Two Army Special Forces Soldiers, Randall Shughart and Gary Gordon, were posthumously awarded Medals of Honor for this mission, and more than 40 Silver Stars were awarded for heroism in that same action.