

Enlisted Hero Walk Lackland AFB



Technical Sergeant John A. Chapman



Medal of Honor

Afghanistan

On 4 March 2002, Sergeant Chapman was operating in a reconnaissance and time-sensitive targeting close-air support mission when his aircraft came under heavy machine gun and sustained a direct impact from a rocket-propelled grenade causing a United States Navy sea-air-land team member to fall from the aircraft. Heavily damaged, their aircraft made an emergency landing, allowing Sergeant Chapman to establish communication with AC-130 gunship, securing his location and providing close-air support coverage for the entire team. Sergeant Chapman volunteered to rescue his missing teammate from an enemy stronghold. After insertion, Sergeant Chapman made contact and killed two enemy personnel, advancing to a second enemy position. At this time, the rescue team came under effective enemy fire from three directions. Sergeant Chapman engaged with enemy personnel at close range until succumbing to his wounds.