

Enlisted Hero Walk Lackland AFB



Airmen 2nd Class Allen Roy Stanek

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Silver Star

Vietnam

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 8, 1918 (amended by act of July 25, 1963), takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Airman Second Class Allen R. Stanek, United States Air Force, for gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force near Polei Djerang, Republic of Vietnam on 28 October 1966. On that date, Airman Stanek was the Pararescue Specialist on an HH-43F helicopter that entered an area of known hostile action for the night hoist recovery of four critically wounded Army personnel.

Shortly after Airman Stanek was lowered to the ground to assist in the hoist operation, the immediate area came under heavy hostile fire, at which time the helicopter was shot down. He assisted in freeing the pilots from the wreckage, taking care of other Army wounded and returned small arms fire through the night. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Airman Stanek has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.