

Enlisted Hero Walk Lackland AFB



Airman 2nd Class David W. Sliger

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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 David W. Sliger, United States Air Force, for gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force in Southeast Asia on 16 February 1967. On that date, Airman Sliger, as Pararescueman of an unarmed HH-3E

helicopter, flew deep into hostile territory on a mission to rescue a downed pilot. Airman Sliger's aircraft was committed as primary rescue vehicle when their companion helicopter suffered battle damage and was forced into a box canyon heavily defended by automatic weapons and small arms. Airman Sliger continually exposed himself to hostile gunners as he searched for the survivor and stood ready to deliver suppressive fire. When the survivor was sighted, Airman Sliger's weapon protected the vulnerable helicopter as the recovery was made under fire. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Airman Sliger has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.