

Enlisted Hero Walk Lackland AFB



Staff Sergeant James Souza

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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 Staff Sergeant James E. Souza, United States Air Force, for gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force in Southeast Asia on 16 November 1966. On that date, Sergeant Souza, with complete disregard for his own safety, successfully retrieved two downed American pilots under hazardous combat

conditions. Although his helicopter sustained numerous hits disrupting several major components of the aircraft, he courageously continued his mission to complete the rescue operation. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Sergeant Souza has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.