

Enlisted Hero Walk Lackland AFB



Technical Sergeant John R. Carlson

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Silver Star

Vietnam

The President of the United States takes Pleasure in presenting the Silver Star Medal to John R. Carlson, Technical Sergeant, U.S. Air Force, for gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force near Hanoi, North Vietnam on 27 December 1972. On that date, Sergeant Carlson, a Pararescue Technician on an HH-53C Rescue Helicopter, voluntarily flew into a highly hostile area to attempt the rescue of a downed American airman. Utilizing a handheld automatic weapon when his minigun malfunctioned, Sergeant Carlson deliberately stood in the open to defend

his hovering helicopter against ground fire so that a position above the survivor could be maintained. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Sergeant Carlson has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.