

# Enlisted Hero Walk Lackland AFB



## Senior Master Sergeant Leif E. Arvidson

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### Silver Star

### *Vietnam*

The President of the United States takes Pleasure in presenting the Silver Star Medal to Leif E. Arvidson, Airman First Class, U.S. Air Force, for gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force as a Pararescue Specialist near Vinh Thanh, Republic of Vietnam, on 11 December 1968. On that date, Airman Arvidson skillfully accomplished the combat extraction of eight critically injured survivors from a helicopter crash during a day/night operation in rugged mountainous, jungle covered terrain in a hostile area. Airman Arvidson's calm and

professional performance of his duties in the face of intense hostile fire was of primary importance in the successful accomplishment of the mission. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Airman Arvidson has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.