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## **Technical Sergeant Clint T. Campbell**



*Silver Star*

*Global War on Terror*

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918 (amended by an act of July 25, 1963), takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Technical Sergeant Clint T. Campbell, United States Air Force, for gallantry in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United States near Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, on 4 August 2010. On that date, while serving as a Joint Terminal Attack Controller of the 23d Special Tactics Squadron, attached to an Army Special Forces detachment, Sergeant Campbell, his team, and their Afghan partners conducted a 10 hour clearance operation in the village of Zharif Kheyl, Afghanistan. Throughout the day they were continuously harassed by enemy fire while Sergeant Campbell directed 22 airstrikes, including multiple danger close employments, resulting in 13 enemies killed. When the friendly force departed the village, they were ambushed by 45 insurgents with effective machine gun and rocket-propelled grenade fire. With the entire force pinned down and with reports of three urgent casualties at the southern position, Sergeant Campbell took decisive action. Without regard for his own safety, he ran 300 meters through a

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gauntlet of enemy fire. As rocket-propelled grenades exploded just feet away and tracer rounds passed within inches, Sergeant Campbell engaged enemy fighters with his rifle and killed one insurgent with a hand grenade at a distance of 15 feet. Upon arriving at the casualty collection point, he exposed himself to enemy fire to mark insurgent positions with a 40 millimeter smoke grenade and directed an F-16 strafing run to neutralize the threat and enable evacuation of the wounded. He then directed the decimation of the enemy with 10 strikes from OH-58 aircraft while coordinating with other air assets to vector the friendly force out of the kill zone. Sergeant Campbell's bravery in the face of withering enemy fire turned the tide of the battle, defeated the ambush, saved three teammates' lives, and prevented certain additional casualties. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Sergeant Campbell has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.