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## Staff Sergeant Dale C. Young



*Silver Star*

*Global War on Terror*

While conducting operation SIEGE ENGINE, Sergeant Young's element came under immediate and continuous enemy fire from the moment of infiltration and continued for the next 94 hours. Taliban insurgents maintained stiff resistance from as close as 150 meters from Sergeant Young's position. During the fighting, the enemy effectively utilized direct small arms fire, rocket propelled grenades and 107 millimeter rockets. Sergeant Young assumed great risk as he controlled up to 11 coalition aircraft and ensured safe and effective fires were placed on the enemy positions, while he simultaneously mitigated collateral damage. In fact, on numerous occasions enemy small arms and rocket fire impacted within ten meters of Sergeant Young's position. Sergeant Young's calm demeanor under fire, leadership in the face of great danger and ability to simultaneously conduct precision attacks utilizing all forms of coalition aircraft in the chaotic environment, undoubtedly saved the

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lives of numerous personnel and the destruction of a black tar opium cache valued at more than one billion dollars. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Sergeant Young has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.