

Enlisted Hero Walk Lackland AFB



Airman Second Class John J. Dagneau III



Silver Star

Vietnam

Airman Second Class John J. Dagneau III distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force over North Vietnam on 10 May 1966. On that date, Airman Dagneau proceeded deep into hostile territory to rescue an American pilot whose aircraft had been downed by hostile ground fire. Airman Dagneau was instrumental in directing the rescue helicopter around some tall trees towards the position of the survivor. After departing the area with the survivor, Airman Dagneau's aircraft was attacked by hostile aircraft, Airman Dagneau was ready to defend the rescue helicopter with the only weapons available, an M-16 rifle. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Airman Dagneau has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force