

Enlisted Hero Walk Lackland AFB



Staff Sergeant William D. Brinson

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Silver Star

Vietnam

The President of the United States takes Pleasure in presenting the Silver Star Medal to William D. Brinson, Sergeant, U.S. Air Force, for gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force as a Pararescue Specialist near Tchepone, Laos on 13 April 1972. On that date, Sergeant Brinson was participating in the daring rescue of a downed American pilot. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, he stood on the ramp of his rescue helicopter and though

wounded, continued to defend his vulnerable aircraft. This courageous action aided immeasurably in the successful completion of this very dangerous rescue mission. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Sergeant Brinson reflected Great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.