



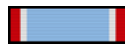
## SENIOR AIRMAN DUSTIN H. TEMPLE

### AIR FORCE CROSS

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Title 10, Section 8742, U.S.C, awards the Air Force Cross to Senior Airman Dustin H. Temple for extraordinary heroism in military operations against an armed enemy of the United States in Helmand Province, Afghanistan from 27 to 29 September 2014. On these days, while attached to a United States Special Forces team, Airman Temple displayed extraordinary bravery and complete disregard for his own life as he and his teammates assaulted an insurgent safe haven.

As overwhelming hostile fire continually suppressed his team, Airman Temple broke the assault on many occasions with danger close air support from F-16s, AH-1s, AC-130s and an MQ-1. Following a teammate being gravely wounded by a sniper, he put himself directly in the line of fire, and dragged his wounded teammate from the rooftop. With the evacuation helicopter inbound, Airman Temple again risked his own life to save his teammate, by carrying him across one hundred meters of open terrain. Despite overwhelming and accurate enemy machine gun fire, he remained on the open landing zone, providing covering fire while his teammates pulled back. After he returned to the compound, enemy fighters surged within 40 meters after intercepted communications stated, "Take the Americans alive." Airman Temple immediately directed F-16s in danger close strafing runs, killing one insurgent and repelling the assault. As supplies dwindled, he braved open terrain again to retrieve critical ammunition from a resupply helicopter. With continuous machine gun fire, he and a teammate sprinted into the open and dragged the supplies off the aircraft; however, unable to carry the entire load, they withdrew back to cover. Airman Temple called in danger close fires from F-16s to cover his team as they went out to retrieve the remaining ammunition. Despite the continuous machine gun fire, Airman Temple and two teammates again ran into open terrain to retrieve the remainder of the supplies for a second time. At the end of the 48-hour engagement, he controlled 28 attack helicopters and 20 fixed wing assets for a total of 26 engagements while safely employing munitions at danger close range 75 times. Airman Temple's heroic and selfless actions directly resulted in confirmed 10 enemy fighters killed, and another eight estimated killed, while saving the lives of 38 friendly forces. Through his extraordinary heroism, superb Airmanship, and aggressiveness in the face of the enemy, Airman Temple has reflected the highest credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

## AIR FORCE CROSS



The Air Force Cross is awarded to a person who, while serving in any capacity with the Air Force, distinguishes himself by extraordinary heroism not justifying the award of a medal of honor while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States; while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.





## TECHNICAL SERGEANT MATTHEW J. GREINER

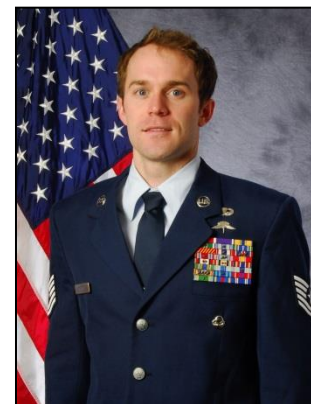
### SILVER STAR MEDAL

The President of the United States of America Authorized by Act of Congress, awards the Silver Star Medal to Matthew J. Greiner for gallantry in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Helmand Province, Afghanistan from 27 to 29 September 2014. On these days, while attached to a United States Special Forces team, Sergeant Greiner displayed extraordinary bravery and complete disregard for his own safety as he and his teammates assaulted an insurgent safe haven.

Within minutes of landing on target, Sergeant Greiner used available aircraft sensors to locate groups of insurgents maneuvering through villages to engage A-10s and AH-64s and eliminate six advancing fighters before they could establish defensible positions. After destroying a massive weapons cache overnight, coalition forces came under heavy fire from an overwhelming force. With rocket-propelled grenades and machine gun fire erupting from all directions, Sergeant Greiner immediately began defensive strikes supporting the three embattled positions. He controlled multiple aircraft conducting simultaneous strikes on two radio networks, while braving heavy barrages of machine gun fire in order to maintain situational awareness of three friendly positions and over 20 enemy positions. With two observation posts in danger of being overrun by insurgents within 40 meters of their position, Sergeant Greiner focused all efforts on halting the enemy advance. He immediately destroyed two compounds housing an insurgent machine gun position and enemy strongpoints, one danger close to friendly positions, with four 500-pound bombs from a pair of F-16s. Insurgents continued to advance on friendly positions, again reaching within 40 meters. The enemy had coalition forces pinned down with machine gun fire while fighters crept through the adjacent corn fields. The enemy surged in a coordinated attack after intercepted communications stated, "Take the Americans alive." As the enemy neared grenade range, Sergeant Greiner confirmed all friendly locations and engaged at danger close distance with three Hellfires and multiple strafing runs from AH-64s. At one point, Sergeant Greiner identified six fighters with weapons approaching friendly forces on motorcycles, and he engaged with an AC-130 to decimate the enemy and stop the potential suicide attack. After 48 hours of intense fighting, 21 insurgents were eliminated, thanks to his employment of aerial assets in nine danger close engagements. Without Sergeant Greiner's expertise and skillful execution, there was no doubt in his teammates' minds that their positions would have been overrun by hostile forces on multiple occasions. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Sergeant Greiner has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

### SILVER STAR

The Silver Star is awarded to a person who, while serving in any capacity with the United States Armed Forces, is cited for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party. The required gallantry, while of a lesser degree than that required for the Air Force Cross, must nevertheless have been performed with marked distinction.







## SENIOR AIRMAN GOODIE J. GOODMAN SILVER STAR MEDAL

The President of the United States of America Authorized by Act of Congress, awards the Silver Star Medal to Goodie J. Goodman for gallantry in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Helmand Province, Afghanistan from 27 to 29 September 2014. On these days, while attached to a U.S. Special Forces team, Airman Goodman displayed extraordinary bravery and complete disregard for his own life as he and his teammates assaulted an insurgent safe haven.

Throughout the first day of the operation, coalition forces came under heavy fire from an overwhelming force in which he directly engaged the enemy while coordinating with other combat controllers for close air support from F-16s and AH-64s. While enemy machine gun fire impacted a wall within six inches of his head, he held his rooftop position in order to repel the overwhelming insurgent force. Airman Goodman and the team heroically repelled the assault after fierce fighting within 40 meters of his position, but soon after, a massive barrage of heavy machine gun, rocket propelled grenade, and sniper fire erupted from six enemy locations. With friendly forces taking fire from within 200 meters, he immediately directed AH-64 attack helicopters in multiple strikes on the closest threats while simultaneously coordinating and de-conflicting danger close mortar fire on another maneuvering enemy 300 meters away. He maintained a steady flow of fires through a choreographed alternation of aerial strikes and mortar fire, subduing the enemy attack for hours. At one point, Goodman drew the enemy out by instructing the loud, low-flying AC-130 to remain outside of audible range. When the enemy initiated a massive attack, Goodman controlled both aerial fires from the AC-130 and mortar fires from friendly ground forces until they retreated. After 48 hours of intense combat, Airman Goodman controlled 28 attack helicopters and 20 fixed wing assets for a total of 26 engagements; six at danger close range, 45 times with mortars, resulting in seven enemies killed. He also removed their ability to maneuver and fight by destroying five buildings, 14 vehicles, and nine fighting positions. Without a doubt, Airman Goodman's actions saved the lives of coalition soldiers on the ground by combining air and ground fires to repel multiple enemy attempts to overrun and capture friendly positions. By his heroic actions and unselfish dedication to duty, Airman Goodman has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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