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FW: DFC/Silver Star Decorations for Shootdown of Stinger 41 AC-119 Gunship on 2 May 1972 Operation in Vietnam

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Good Morning Sir,

Here is a synopsis of the email traffic regarding the Award status.

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AFSOC,

Unfortunately, AFPC does not provide status checks on these cases. Once AFPC receives and reviews the documents, the request is sent to the DAF Decorations Board for adjudication. Once the DAF Decorations Board receives, they will conduct research with the Historical Research Agency (or other agencies) and the time to process could take months. Although understand the desire to know where this request is in the process, **weekly status checks are unrealistic to provide**. If needed, below is the process:

- 1) Next of kin requests consideration of the MoH to a Member of Congress (Ref: Title 10 U.S.C, Section 1130).
- 2) Member of Congress refers to the Air Force through SAF/LL.
- 3) SAF/LL refers to Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC).
- 4) AFPC will do a viability check on the package to ensure it is ripe for adjudication and meets all the requirements in AFMAN 36-2806. This includes a recommendation from someone with first-hand knowledge and other requirements.
- 5) Recommendation is referred to the Air Force Decorations Board (Joint Base Andrews). Decorations Board perform their own viability check to make sure the package meets all the requirements for adjudication (For example, will check to make

sure that the proposed citation complies with formatting (e.g., margins and number of lines); will check to make sure a complete military personnel record is available, to include the special orders of any decoration bestowed where an upgrade is sought. If there are any issues with the package, will circle back with the originator through the Air Force Personnel Center).

6) If Decorations Board declare the recommendation viable, will seek an advisory from Air Force Historical Research Agency. Circumstances could dictate the need for additional advisories.

7) Once all advisories are received, decorations board will prep Board consideration.

8) Board will then review for adjudication.

9) Once board adjudicates, will advise AFPC of determination

10) AFPC will then notify the congressional office of the decision and if approved, provide the award elements (ie., certificate, citation, medal/ribbon)

Hope this helps, however as stated, a weekly status check is unrealistic as due to the timeframe of the act/period of service/achievement, **the request could be 4-6 months to adjudicate** (last one received from the act/period of service/achievement in the 1990s time frame initiated by Gen Rand took 6-months from submission to completion).

Standing by for any further questions/concerns.

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Good day Gentlemen,

BLUF: Seeking AFPC POC in which I can contact to provide weekly updates regarding the status of the DFC and Silver Star recommendations for the AC-119 Gunship crew.

BACKGROUND: Lt Gen (Ret) Steve Wood has reached out to Lt Gen Slife for assistance in the processing of the above mentioned awards as the AC-119 Gunship Association was hoping to make presentations of these medal this year during the 50th Anniversary of the event. Lt Gen Slife is aware that AFPC does have the award packages and these submissions must go through a detailed historical review prior to submitting the packages to CSAF for approval. And due to the validation process and the agencies involved, these awards may not be approved and processed prior to 2 May 2022. The AFSOC/A1 has asked that I reach out and establish an information flow with an AFPC POC and provide the AFSOC/A1 with weekly updates of where the packages are in the review/approval process. Could you please advise a POC I can contact each Friday for status updates?

Any assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

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