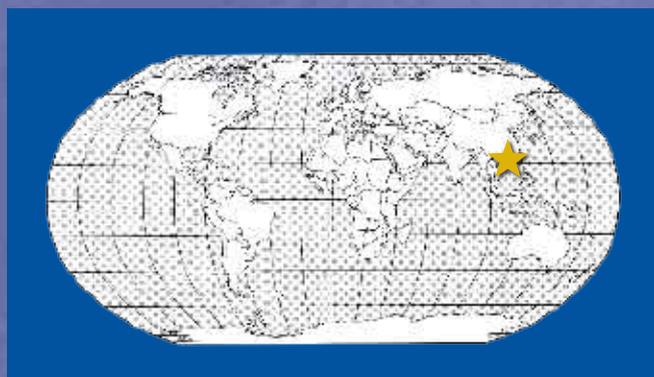




**Lance A. Eagan**

Lieutenant  
Class of 1962



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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting  
the Silver Star to  
Lieutenant Lance A. Eagan  
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For service as set forth in the following Citation:

Lieutenant Lance A. Eagan distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force as Rescue Crew Commander of an HH-3E helicopter in Southeast Asia on 2 July 1968. On that date, Lieutenant Eagan penetrated a heavily defended area of North Vietnam to attempt the rescue of an injured downed pilot after three helicopters had previously been severely damaged and driven off by the intense, hostile ground fire. Despite intense accurately directed hostile anti-aircraft fire, Lieutenant Eagan, with undaunted determination, indomitable courage and professional skill established a hover and deployed a pararescueman to assist the injured airman. Disregarding the fusillade of hostile fire that originated from beneath his hovering helicopter, Lieutenant Eagan maintained a stable hover until the downed pilot and pararescueman were safely recovered from the hostile area. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Lieutenant Eagan reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Coast Guard.

Lieutenant Eagan retired at the rank of Captain.

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