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20 September 1977

MC GRAW, RODERICK D. [REDACTED] 103d Consolidated Maintenance Squadron, CTANG,  
Windsor Locks, CT, 06096

The following award is announced.

Award: State of Connecticut Medal of Valor

Dates of Period of Service: 17 April 1977


Authority: Section 27-72, State of Connecticut General Statutes

Reason: Technical Sergeant Roderick D. McGraw, [REDACTED], displaying great  
courageous action, and at extreme personal risk, rescued six of the seven  
frightened, and drowning people when their 14-foot outboard motor boat sank  
in Rainbow Reservoir, Windsor, Connecticut, on 17 April 1977.

Sergeant McGraw, without regard for his own personal safety, launched a canoe  
and paddled to the area of the sinking boat to precariously pull four children  
into the canoe and had two adults hold the canoe and head for shore with the  
assistance of a passing fisherman who had, by then, arrived at the scene.  
For his courageous, level-headed, quick reaction to a crisis, Sergeant McGraw  
is awarded the State of Connecticut Medal of Valor.

Sergeant McGraw's action reflects great credit upon himself, his organization  
and the Connecticut Air National Guard.  
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