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JAMES R. LANGEVIN

SECOND DISTRICT, RHODE ISLAND

Award of Silver Star

Bowen James B CW2

20 March 1971

*Narrative of Action for Silver Star:

For gallantry in action while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in Laos. Chief Warrant Officer Bowen distinguished himself on 20 March 1971 while serving as aircraft commander of an AH-1G armed helicopter during combat operations in support of the army of the Republic of Vietnam troops in eastern Laos. When the two-lead aircraft were downed, he rushed to their aid engaging the enemy position with devastating suppressing fire. He continued to make low level attacks, destroying enemy positions and allowing the extraction to continue. When the command and control helicopter was shot down and visibility at the extraction site became extremely poor, he coordinated with lift and armed helicopters in order to direct them into the pickup zone and complete the extraction. Chief Warrant Officer Bowen's gallantry in action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

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