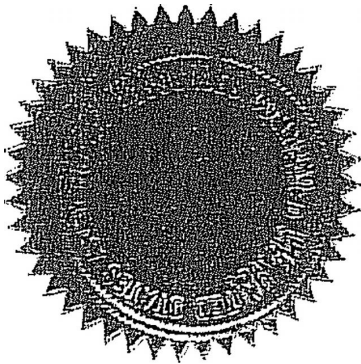




The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, 9 July 1918 (amended by act of 25 July 1963), has awarded the **SILVER STAR** to

**SERGEANT THOMAS R. GDOVIN**  
**502D INFANTRY REGIMENT, 2D BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)**

**For Gallantry:** in action on 8 March 1968, while serving as Squad Leader with 1st Platoon, Company D, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry Regiment, 2d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) in support of operations in the Republic of Vietnam. Sergeant Gdovin's squad had become the company's lead element during an attack on enemy forces when they received intense automatic weapons and rocket fire. The lead Soldier in the formation was severely wounded and was unable to move in an area open to enemy fire. Sergeant Gdovin placed the squad into defensive positions and suppressed the enemy fire. He then left the defensive position and with complete disregard for his own personal safety and advanced across open terrain toward the wounded Soldier, exposing himself to intense enemy fire. Sergeant Gdovin then reached the wounded Soldier and under continued fire, brought him back to the safety of the squad's position, where he was further evacuated. Sergeant Gdovin's actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) and the United States Army.





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