



The United States Navy  
story and interpretation at the root of his life above and beyond the call of duty, as  
commander of a helicopter support team, attached to Helicopter Support  
operations against enemy submarines. Launched shortly after midnight  
attempt the rescue of 2 downed aviators. Lt. (jg.) Lassen skillfully piloted his  
aircraft over unknown and hostile terrain to a steep, tree-covered hill on which the survivors had been  
located. Although enemy fire was being directed at the helicopter, he initially landed  
near the base of the hill, but, due to the dense undergrowth, the survivors could not  
be reached. Lt. Lassen successfully accomplished a hover over the trees  
at the survivors' position. He then, as the last of his fuel was  
expended, and the helicopter's rotor speed was dropping, he executed a  
aircraft and maneuvered it to a steep descent. Despite the heavy  
attempt; and even though the helicopter was significantly damaged, he launched  
another unsuccessful attempt. After his aircraft  
significantly damaged, he launched another approach in the face of the continuing  
enemy opposition. When flare illumination was again lost, Lt. Lassen, fully aware of the dangers in  
stealthily revealing his position to the enemy, turned on his landing lights and completed the landing. On  
this attempt, the survivors were able to make their way to the helicopter. In  
encountered and successfully evaded enemy fire and, with only minutes  
of flight remaining, landed safely about 100 yards from the survivors. Lt. Lassen's extraordinary  
heroism at the root of his life above and beyond the call of duty, as in the  
traditions of the military service and the highest traditions of the United States Navy.



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