

Wanted: Did you know Captain Thomas G. Bonser, Gombey or Nail (1965 – 66)?

His family would like very much to talk to you. Tom has terminal cancer. He flew O-1s for the 23rd TASS and won a Silver Star for action he took 18 to 20 February 1966. Below is a picture and a copy of his Silver Star Citation. Tom is the fellow on the left with his hands on his hips. According to his logbook, he flew a number of missions over Laos. (Wanted-200811)

If this stirs a memory of Tom, please email Mary Bonser mcbonser@outlook.com



Capt. Tom Bonser

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CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE SILVER STAR

TO

THOMAS G. BONSER

Captain Thomas G. Bonser distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force from 18 February to 20 February 1966. During this period, Captain Bonser was continuously subjected to intense hostile ground fire as he flew out of a remote friendly site deep in unfriendly territory. Under extremely hazardous conditions, he directed close air support during the siege of the friendly site and the withdrawal of the friendly forces from the site. As a result of this close air support, more than one thousand hostile troops were killed or wounded during the successful withdrawal of the friendly forces. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Captain Bonser has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.