



# MEDIA RELEASE

**18th Air Support Operations Group**

1414 Reilly Rd, Bldg. 539  
Pope AAF, NC 28308  
Phone: 910-394-4813

Release No. 161101-01

Nov. 1, 2016

**Media Contact:**

Christina Douglas, Fort Bragg Garrison Public Affairs  
Phone: 910-643-9829  
Email: fortbraggpublicaffairs@gmail.com

---

## RETIRED 18TH ASOG AIRMAN TO RECEIVE SILVER STAR

FORT BRAGG, N.C. – Airman 1st Class Benjamin Hutchins, a Tactical Air Control Party Airman who was previously assigned to the 14th Air Support Operations Squadron here, will receive the Silver Star during a ceremony on Friday, Nov. 4, at 10 a.m. in the 18th Air Support Operations Group headquarters on Pope Army Airfield.

Maj. Gen. Thomas H. Deale, Air Combat Command director of operations, will present the medal for Hutchins' actions during a three-day period through Nov. 6, 2009, while supporting the Army's 82nd Airborne Division, 4th Brigade Combat Team, during combat operations in Afghanistan. The Silver Star is the third highest military decoration for valor in the United States Armed Forces.

*FOR MEDIA: Media wishing to cover the ceremony must contact the Fort Bragg Garrison Public Affairs Office at 910-643-9829 or via email at fortbraggpublicaffairs@gmail.com by Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. Media should provide after-hours contact information, to include e-mail addresses in case of any changes to the program schedule.*

*Please provide the number of news team members, video/still photographers, satellite trucks and other special equipment you plan to bring to the ceremony. Special needs or interview requests should be submitted at this time as well.*

*Media should meet representatives from the Fort Bragg PA office at 9:15 a.m. at Stryker Golf Course, which is located off of Bragg Blvd.*