

NOMINATION FOR AWARD

AWARD 2017 NCOA Vanguard Award	CATEGORY (If Applicable)	AWARD PERIOD 1 Jan - 31 Dec 16
RANK/NAME OF NOMINEE (First, Middle Initial, Last) SSgt Jeffrey Luong	MAJCOM, FOA, OR DRU AMC	
DAFSC/DUTY TITLE 2A675/Aircraft Hydraulic Craftsman.		
UNIT/OFFICE SYMBOL/STREET ADDRESS/BASE/STATE/ZIP CODE 912th Air Refueling Squadron/MXAA/1865 Graeber St. Bldg 429/March ARB/CA/92518		

SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Use single-spaced, bullet format)

DISTINGUISHED ACCOMPLISHMENT:

- SSgt Luong distinguished himself by heroism; epitomized AF Core Values--saved seizure victim/15 residents
- Integrity First; veh crashed into apartment bldg--w/out hesitation rushed down smoke-filled stairs/assess scene
- Service Before Self; first responder to dangerous situation--placed anonymous lives ahead of his own safety
- Excellence In All We Do; carried victim 15 ft from wreckage/initiated SABC/CPR--evac'd bldg/saved lives

EVENT TIMELINE:

- Tuesday/31 May '16; investigated loud crash outside residence--ID'd smoke billowing from lower level foyer
- Selfless reaction; raced downstairs w/no hesitation--instantly faced scene full of smoke/exhaust fumes/debris
- Assessed situation; van wedged into bldg/engine still roaring--vehicle fully accelerated slamming against bldg
- Scene more dangerous than expected; van continued to ram/shake bldg--bricks/roof debris rained from above
- Disregarded own safety; quickly eval'd severe damage to balcony spt pillars--rushed to aid unconscious driver
- Spotted elderly man convulsing; veh lunged fwd striking Luong's leg--unphased/cont efforts to reach victim
- Attempted to aid victim shaking/spitting intensely; eng still rev'ing at high RPMs--discovered all doors locked
- Quick decision to break window; unlocked door/shifted gear to park/shut eng off--directed neighbor call 911
- Debris continued to fall from roof; determined bldg unstable/risk of collapse--began SABCs to extract victim
- Instructed bystander to support victim's neck; extracted injured driver from van--safely carried victim 15-ft
- Luong ordered lady to grab AED; simultaneously initiated CPR--victim gained consciousness & became irate
- Situation worsened; victim would not cooperate--loss consciousness, another seizure & foamed from mouth
- Urgently rolled victim on side to avoid choking; earlier 911 call was crucial--Police/Fire Dept/EMTs arrived
- Responders tended to victim; Luong updated officer on events--paramedics rushed victim to emergency room
- Medics noticed Luong's injuries; swollen hand, bruised knee & bleeding feet--requested to hospitalize Luong
- Service Before Self; Luong declined medical treatment--insisted he support firefighters to safe the crash scene
- Inspectors concluded structural eval; primary/secondary support pillars damaged--bldg deemed unsafe to enter
- Firefighters honored Luong; praised for saving life/disabling vehicle--confirmed "bldg would have collapsed"
- A true American hero! Saved seizure victim/15 residents/\$400K bldg--reflected credit upon himself & USAF

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER ASSOCIATION VANGUARD AWARD FOR 2017
TO
JEFFERY LUONG

Staff Sergeant Jeffery Luong distinguished himself by heroism involving voluntary risk of life as a first responder to a vehicle accident in Rancho Cucamonga, CA on 31 May 2016, while stationed at March Air Reserve Base. Sergeant Luong showed total disregard for personal safety while responding to an individual experiencing a seizure after he crashed into Sergeant Luong's apartment building. With the vehicle continually accelerating into the building, Sergeant Luong broke through a car window, disabled the vehicle, and pulled the driver to safety where he began administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation. By taking immediate action and administering lifesaving techniques, he successfully saved the life of the victim. The exemplary leadership, courage, and heroism displayed by Sergeant Luong reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.