Thank you for awarding me the scholarship.  I am very honored to have received it on July 4th.  I know that I am very fortunate to have my grandfather return from his service in Vietnam, as many families were not as blessed.

My Grandfather, Eugene Martinelli, was a medic during the war.  While my grandfather has spared me from some of the more difficult aspects of the war, he often talks about the people he served with while in Vietnam.  They are his best friends, and his time of service for our country was very influential in how he lives his life now.  He has taught me to live life to the fullest and appreciate every day that we are given.  I plan to utilize this scholarship to continue my education in Aerospace Engineering, while I also pursue my pilot's license.

Syrah Martinelli, granddaughter of Eugene Martinelli, 37th Med, KIA dedication to Joseph Robert Weaver Jr., I Trp, 2/14/1968