

Staff Sergeant Lester C. Werner distinguished himself by extraordinary accomplishment and demonstrating exceptional bravery in the protection of life and property.

On 14 June 1981, Sergeant Werner came upon the scene of an automobile accident on a fogbound roadway in Jackson Township, Pennsylvania. He found two persons trapped in an overturned vehicle. The poor visibility could have prevented an oncoming vehicle from seeing the disabled car in the middle of the road. Disregarding his own personal safety, he freed the driver and his young son from the overturned vehicle and took them safety.

While taking the driver to safety, Sergeant Werner was told that another child was in the vehicle. He returned to the car to search for the other child and during the search, the car was struck by a passing vehicle, resulting in serious injuries to Sergeant Werner.

Sergeant Werner's exceptional actions, despite obvious risks to himself, exemplify the ideals that characterize the citizen-airman's concern for others. The singularly exceptional valor of Sergeant Werner in risking his own safety for the protection of others reflects the highest credit upon himself, the Pennsylvania Air National Guard and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and warrants his induction into the Pennsylvania Air National Guard Hall of Fame for his extraordinary accomplishment.