

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

TO

LARRY D. NICHOLSON

Airman First Class Larry D. Nicholson distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as a HH-43F Helicopter Pararescueman near Binh Thuy, Republic of Vietnam on 10 March 1968. On that date, Airman Nicholson was flying a combat rescue mission in which his superior airmanship saved the life of a United States Navy personnel. With great accuracy Airman Nicholson directed the helicopter over a small River Patrol Boat and then made a precision stokes litter hoist pickup of the critically injured seaman while the boat was underway at a speed of fifteen knots. The exceptional rescue was further hampered by hostile ground fire and lack of visual references due to night time conditions. With great determination and courage Airman Nicholson overcame the hazards involved and skillfully effected the vital recovery. The professional competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Airman Nicholson reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

