

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
TO
CHARLES D. KING

Airman First Class Charles D. King distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight as an HH-3E Pararescue Specialist in Southeast Asia, on 6 December 1968. On that date, Airman King penetrated heavy anti-aircraft flak to successfully rescue a downed Air Force pilot. When automatic weapons fire pierced his helicopter, Airman King remained in his exposed crew position providing suppressive firepower which enabled his helicopter to locate and retrieve the pilot then return to safety. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Airman King reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

