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CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE SILVER STAR
TO
CHARLES D. KING

Airman First Class Charles D. King distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force as an HH-3E Pararescue Specialist in Southeast Asia on 17 September 1968. On that date, while under heavy ground fire, Airman King voluntarily descended on the rescue hoist to recover a seriously injured Air Force pilot. While he was on the ground his aircraft again came under heavy fire, but Airman King continued cutting the man loose from his harness and immobilizing his fractured limbs until he could drag the inert pilot to the forest penetrator and have him hoisted to safety. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Airman King has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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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.