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CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF THE

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS TO JAMES D. ADAMS

Staff Sergeant James D. Adams distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as a CH-3E Helicopter Flight Engineer, in Southeast Asia on 14 February 1969. On that date, Sergeant Adams was responsible for the rescue of two survivors of a Long Range Reconnaissance Team. His duties required him to stand in the open doorway of his helicopter, fully exposed to hostile ground fire, during the approach and while hovering to hoist the two survivors aboard. Although the helicopter sustained multiple hits from the hostile ground fire, Sergeant Adams remained at his position, directing the pilots into their hover over the survivors and operating the rescue hoist. He then rendered first aid to the wounded soldiers, as the helicopter withdrew from the hostile area. The professional competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Adams reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

