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CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
TO
LELAND H. SORENSEN

Airman First Class Leland H. Sorensen distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight as an HH-3E Pararescue Specialist in Southeast Asia on 28 February 1969. On that date, Airman Sorensen voluntarily penetrated an area of intense automatic weapons and small arms fire, deliberately stood in the open doorway of his rescue helicopter, defending it and his fellow crewmembers as they hovered over an injured Air Force crewmember. Disregarding a hail of ground fire, he selflessly maintained his vulnerable position and provided suppressive fire until the stricken survivor was safely hoisted aboard. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Airman Sorensen reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.