

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT # 28

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS  
(FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

TO

EUGENE L. NARDI

Staff Sergeant Eugene L. Nardi distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight as a Rescue Specialist on an HH-3E near Danang, Republic of Vietnam on 24 March 1969. On that date, Sergeant Nardi's aircraft penetrated a hostile environment to attempt the rescue of a downed airman, despite groundfire which had driven off the helicopter attempting the rescue initially. While maintaining a hover, his aircraft was subjected to continuous groundfire, however the rescue effort was continued and after a prolonged hover the injured survivor was rescued. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Nardi reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.