

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
(FOURTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

TO

DOUGLAS L. HORKA

Sergeant Douglas L. Horka distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight as an HH-53 Pararescue Specialist in Southeast Asia on 21 March 1970. On that date, Sergeant Horka flew an extremely hazardous mission into one of the most heavily defended hostile areas in Southeast Asia in an attempt to rescue a downed American airman. Although subjected to intense and accurate hostile ground fire, Sergeant Horka provided continuous suppressive fire with only a hand-held weapon for defense of his exposed position. When one of the other crewmembers became seriously wounded, Sergeant Horka provided immediate medical attention to his fellow rescueman and maintained his efforts until the airman was safely in the hands of a physician. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Horka reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

