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Travis Henry Scott , Jr.

Date of birth: 29-Apr-43

Date of death: April 15, 1970

Place of Birth: Alabama, Montgomery

Home of record: Montgomery Alabama

Status: KIA

Major Travis Wofford who was with Captain Scott on this mission, survived the helicopter crash and was also awarded the Air Force Cross for his own heroism in this rescue effort.

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Air Force Cross

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The President of the United States of America, authorized by Title 10, Section 8742, United States Code, takes pride in presenting the Air Force Cross (Posthumously) to Captain Travis Henry Scott, Jr. (AFSN: 0-3170857), United States Air Force, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force as an HH-53C Aircraft Commander of the 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, 3d Air Rescue and Recovery Group, DaNang Air Base, Vietnam, in action near Dak Nay Puey, Republic of Vietnam, on 15 April 1970. On that date, Captain Scott was engaged in the rescue of a crew of a United States Army helicopter which was shot down by enemy ground fire. With display of great skill and professional airmanship, Captain Scott made two earlier attempts to position his helicopter, but each time he was driven off by heavy ground fire, which inflicted damage to his helicopter. After assessing the damage to his helicopter, and assuring that his crew was able to continue with the mission, Captain Scott requested and received permission to make a third rescue attempt. In this attempt, the helicopter was severely damaged by an intense burst of heavy automatic weapons fire. Captain Scott heroically struggled to keep his crippled helicopter airborne and, with sheer determination and a deep concern for his fellow men, he crash landed his helicopter in order to save the lives of his crew and passengers. Through his extraordinary heroism, superb airmanship and aggressiveness in the face of an opposing armed force, and in the dedication of his service to his Country, Captain Scott reflected the highest credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

Action Date: 15-Apr-70

Service: [Air Force](#)

Rank: Captain

Company: 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron

Regiment: 3d Air Rescue and Recovery Group

Division: DaNang Air Base, Vietnam



Distinguished Flying Cross
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The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 2, 1926, takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Flying Cross (Posthumously) to Captain Travis Henry Scott, Jr. (AFSN: 0-3170857), United States Air Force, for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as a rescue helicopter Co-Pilot near DaNang, Republic of Vietnam, on 5 April 1970. On that date, Captain Scott's exemplary knowledge and outstanding airmanship, displayed under extremely hazardous conditions, culminated in the rescue of nine United States Marines and their Allies. Captain Scott's calm assistance, and the accuracy of the data he provided, enabled his helicopter to hover and successfully complete the pickup, even though the previous helicopter had crashed while attempting the pickup. The professional competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Captain Scott in the dedication of his service to his country reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

Action Date: April 5, 1970

Service: [Air Force](#)

Rank: Captain

Company: 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron

Regiment: 3d Air Rescue and Recovery Group

Division: DaNang Air Base, Vietnam

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