

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
TO
JAMES D. SCOTT

Master Sergeant James D. Scott distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight as Pararescue Technician of an HH-53C helicopter near Quang Tri, Republic of Vietnam, on 11 July 1970. On that date, while engaged in the rescue of a downed United States Marine pilot, Sergeant Scott's helicopter came under intense hostile groundfire. He exposed himself to provide extremely accurate suppressive fire, completely silencing one weapon, greatly contributing to the safe return of the helicopter and crew and to the successful rescue of a fellow airman, preventing his certain death or capture. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Scott reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.