

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
(SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER)
TO
JON H. YOUNG

Technical Sergeant Jon H. Young distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight as a Pararescue Technician on an HH-53 Rescue Helicopter near Phum Kampong Thma, Cambodia, on 29 November 1971. On that date, Sergeant Young's outstanding airmanship, sound judgment, and exemplary leadership, displayed under the extremely hazardous conditions of making a pick up in a known hostile area, culminated in the rescue of a United States Air Force Pilot from certain death or capture by hostile armed forces. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, and despite the threat of intense small arms and anti-aircraft artillery fire, Sergeant Young exposed himself in the open window of the helicopter to man his defensive gun position throughout the rescue of the survivor. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Young reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.