

1May72 DFC Panning

Staff Sergeant Cole E. Panning distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight at Quang Tri City, Republic of Vietnam, on 1 May 1972. On that date, while serving as a Pararescue Specialist on an HH-53 helicopter, Sergeant Panning participated in the successful rescue of one hundred twenty-nine American and Vietnamese Army personnel from the surrounded and besieged Citadel at Quang Tri. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Panning reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

Note: All enlisted aircrew were put in for DFC's. Officers were put in for Silver Stars