



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
(FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER)
TO
SERGEANT GRADY F. ALLEN

Sergeant Grady F. Allen distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight as an HH-53 Pararescue Specialist in Southeast Asia on 12 November 1969. On that date, Sergeant Allen was a crew-member aboard an air rescue helicopter during the successful rescue of an injured airman who had been shot down in the midst of a heavily defended, hostile stronghold. During the two attempts required to reach the downed pilot, Sergeant Allen exposed himself to hostile ground forces while providing suppressive fire to protect the hovering helicopter. Despite the intensity of the opposing fire, he continued to fire at the advancing troops and his undaunted courage aided greatly in the success of the mission. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Allen reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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