



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS  
TO  
AIRMAN FIRST CLASS GRADY F. ALLEN

Airman First Class Grady F. Allen distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight as an HH-53 rescue crew member on 4 September 1969. On that date, Airman Allen courageously participated in, and added immeasurably, to the successful rescue of a downed allied pilot from a heavily defended hostile area. Completely exposed in a hovering helicopter, and under heavy ground fire from belligerent forces which were inflicting severe damage to his aircraft, Airman Allen voluntarily and valiantly stood silhouetted in the open door of the aircraft and provided suppressive fire against the hostile forces while the rescue was made. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Airman Allen reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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