



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
TO
STAFF SERGEANT DON A. BEASLEY

Staff Sergeant Don A. Beasley distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight as an HH-3E Pararescue Specialist in North Vietnam, on 1 September 1968. On that date, Sergeant Beasley successfully recovered an injured Air Force pilot downed in the midst of a hostile bivouac area only yards from a heavily defended major highway. Despite the high concentration of anti-aircraft weapons and unfriendly soldiers who were directing small arms fire at him, Sergeant Beasley continually exposed himself in the open doorway, first to search for the downed airman and then to protect the vulnerable helicopter as the downed airman was being hoisted to safety. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Beasley reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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