



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
TO
STAFF SERGEANT DANIEL E. GALDE

Staff Sergeant Daniel E. Galde distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as an HH-53B Pararescue/ Recovery Specialist in Southeast Asia on 18 January 1969. On that date, Sergeant Galde assisted in the rescue of a helicopter aircrew downed in a heavily fortified hostile area. Although the other aircraft had landed in the center of a strong troop concentration, Sergeant Galde unhesitatingly exposed himself to hazardous ground fire and ran over broken terrain from his helicopter to the downed aircraft in order to assist in the evacuation of the survivors. When the rescue helicopter departed the area, it received direct ground fire which was immediately returned by Sergeant Galde from his exposed gun position on the helicopter ramp and which effectively silenced the position at the known loss of three hostile troops. The professional competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Galde reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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