



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS  
(FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

TO

AIRMAN SECOND CLASS DUANE D. HACKNEY

The President of the United States of America, takes pleasure in presenting an Oak Leaf Cluster of the Distinguished Flying Cross with Combat "V" to Airman Second Class Duane D. Hackney, United States Air Force, for heroism while participating in aerial flight as Rescue Specialist on an HH-3E in the Demilitarized Zone of South Vietnam on 13 March 1967. On that date, Airman Hackney assisted in the successful rescue of a seriously injured crewmember, whose aircraft had been downed by ground fire in hostile territory. Fighter aircraft attempted to reduce hostile action, but because of the number of unfriendly troops in the area, strong opposition was never completely suppressed. In view of the seriousness of the survivor's injuries and with nightfall rapidly approaching when rescue would be impossible, Airman Hackney, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, assisted in retrieving the crew member and provided life saving medical treatment despite intense ground fire which rendered inoperative several vital systems of his helicopter. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Airman Hackney reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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