



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS  
(SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

TO

AIRMAN SECOND CLASS DUANE D. HACKNEY

The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting a Second Oak Leaf Cluster of the Distinguished Flying Cross to Airman Second Class Duane D. Hackney, United States Air Force, for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 22 February 1967. On that date, Airman Hackney, as Rescue Specialist of an HH-3E helicopter, participated in a night SAR effort on two downed airmen near Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand. This mission, conducted during the hours of darkness and under adverse weather conditions, was made more hazardous by the constant possibility of mid-air collision with descending inert flares being dropped from above. Upon locating the survivor and landing in his vicinity, Airman Hackney ran to the downed pilot and assisted the injured man on board and then administered first aid. The professional competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Airman Hackney reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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