



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS  
(THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

TO

STAFF SERGEANT DUANE D. HACKNEY

The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting a Third Oak Leaf Cluster of the Distinguished Flying Cross to Staff Sergeant Duane D. Hackney, United States Air Force, for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as a Pararescue Technician on an HH-53 Rescue Helicopter near DaNang Airfield, Republic of Vietnam, on 7 June 1970. On that date, Sergeant Hackney's outstanding airmanship and sound technical skill, displayed under the hazardous conditions of making a pick-up in a known hostile area, culminated in the rescue of a United States Marine aviator from probable death or capture by hostile armed forces. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Sergeant Hackney exposed himself manning his gun position throughout the rescue effort, thus ensuring the success of the mission. The professional competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Hackney reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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