



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
(SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER)
TO
AIRMAN FIRST CLASS RICKY D. HINDMAN

Airman First Class Ricky D. Hindman distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight over the South China Sea on 23 February 1968. On the date, Airman Hindman was instrumental in the successful night water rescues pilots. These were the first successful night water rescues made by an HH-3E helicopter crew. Airman Hindman, twice, without hesitation, plunged into the dark, shark-infested waters within small arms range of a hostile coastline to effect the recoveries. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Airman Hindman reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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