



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
TO
SERGEANT WILLIAM M. JENNINGS

Sergeant William M. Jennings distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight as Rescue Specialist on an HH-3E helicopter in Southeast Asia on 22 January 1969. On that date, Sergeant Jennings penetrated the hostile area 15 miles southwest of Hue Phu Bai, Republic of Vietnam, to attempt the recovery of a downed Marine pilot. Sergeant Jennings, unhesitatingly, volunteered to be deployed to recover the lifeless pilot. Sergeant Jennings secured the fatally injured pilot on the penetrator with himself and requested to be hoisted. When he was approximately 30-feet from the ground the aircraft received heavy battle damage and the hoist was sheared. Sergeant Jennings maintained his calm in this perilous situation and directed another helicopter over his position for his successful recovery. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Jennings reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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