



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
(SIXTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER)
TO
TECHNICAL SERGEANT EUGENE L. NARDI

Technical Sergeant Eugene L. Nardi distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as a Pararescue Technician on an HH-53 Rescue Helicopter, deep within North Vietnam, on 23 March 1971. On that date, Sergeant Nardi's outstanding airmanship and sound technical skill displayed under extremely hazardous conditions, contributed significantly to the rescue of two United States Air Force aircrewmen from certain death or capture by hostile armed forces. While flying cover for the prime recovery helicopter and with disregard for his own personal safety, braving the threat of anti-aircraft artillery, surface to air missiles, and fighter interceptor aircraft, in penetrating into North Vietnam, Sergeant Nardi exposed himself to man his gun position throughout the rescue effort. The professional competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Nardi reflect great upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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