



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS  
(FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

TO

AIRMAN SECOND CLASS STEVE M. NORTHERN

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 2, 1926, takes pleasure in presenting a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a Second Award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to Airman Second Class Steve Michael Northern (AFSN: AF-18724833), United States Air Force, for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as an HH-3E Rescue Specialist in Southeast Asia on 30 August 1967. On that date, Airman Northern rescued a downed fighter pilot from the water in close proximity to a hostile coastline. While under fire from hostile shore artillery batteries, Airman Northern voluntarily dove into the shark-infested sea as the aircraft landed and swam to the pilot to cut him loose from his equipment and assisted him back to the aircraft. The professional competence, aerial skill and devotion to duty displayed by Airman Northern reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force

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