



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
(SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER)
TO
SERGEANT STEVE M. NORTHERN

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 2, 1926, takes pleasure in presenting a Second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a Third Award of the Distinguished Flying Cross with Combat "V" to Sergeant Steve Michael Northern (AFSN: AF-18724833), United States Air Force, for heroism while participating in aerial flight as Rescue Specialist aboard an HH-3E Helicopter near Hue, Republic of Vietnam on 14 March 1968. On that date, Sergeant Northern, after his helicopter had been hit and driven off in one rescue effort, attempted the rescue of a downed pilot who was completely surrounded by hostile forces. Sergeant Northern persisted in the rescue effort, under intense hostile fire, until his aircraft was disabled and on fire as a result of the fierce opposition. Sergeant Northern continued to return the hostile fire until the helicopter was clear of the hostile area. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Northern reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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