



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
(THIRD 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 Third Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a Fourth 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 of an HH-3E Helicopter in Southeast Asia on 21 April 1968. On that date, Sergeant Northern was instrumental in the rescue of four crewmembers of two United States Army helicopter gunships shot down by intense hostile ground fire. With unwavering calmness and courage, Sergeant Northern manned the machine gun on the left side of the rescue helicopter. 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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