



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS  
(FOURTH 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 Fourth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a Fifth 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 in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force as a Rescue Specialist on a HH-3E rescue helicopter northwest of the A Shau Valley on 9 June 1968. On that date, Sergeant Northern displayed outstanding aerial competence and courageous professionalism in the aggressive pursuance and acquisition of the assigned targets. The tenacity of this airman to attain the objective against formidable defenses is in accord with the highest military objectives. 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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