



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER
TO
STAFF SERGEANT COLE E. PANNING

Staff Sergeant Cole E. Panning distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight as a Pararescue Specialist of an HH-53C Rescue Helicopter at Quang Tri City, Republic of Vietnam, on 1 May 1972. On that date, while serving as a Pararescue Specialist on an HH-53 helicopter, Sergeant Panning participated in the successful rescue of one hundred twenty-nine American and Vietnamese Army personnel from the surrounded and besieged Citadel at Quang Tri. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Panning reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

[BACK TO DFC's](#)

[BACK TO MEDALS
HOMEPAGE](#)

[BACK TO HISTORY
HOMEPAGE](#)