



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
(FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER)
TO
MASTER SERGEANT JAMES D. SCOTT

Master Sergeant James D. Scott distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight as a Pararescue Technician on an HH-53 Rescue Helicopter, near Tchepone, Laos, on 13 March 1971. On that date, Sergeant Scott attempted the rescue of a wounded United States Navy pilot from certain death or capture by hostile armed forces. With full knowledge that two other helicopters had been driven off by ground fire, and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Sergeant Scott continued to expose himself manning his gun position after being wounded, until withering ground fire crippled the helicopter and wounded another crew member, making continued rescue attempts impossible. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Scott reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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