



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
TO
SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT WILLIAM F. SINE

Senior Master Sergeant William F. Sine distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight as Pararescue Team Leader, 38th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron, 438th Air Expeditionary Wing on 16 February 2002. While flying airborne alert on the HC-130, Sergeant Sine and his team responded to an incident site to assist a coalition force member who had suffered multiple life threatening injuries from an exploding land mine. Expertly assessing the situation and completely disregarding his personal safety in an attempt to provide his patient the best chance of survival, Sergeant Sine led his team on the first ever, pararescue combat free fall parachute deployment to a patient. Despite the pitch black night, complete lack of ground wind indications, and an active mine field less than 50 meters away from the landing site, he flawlessly orchestrated the daring jump operation, and skillfully maneuvered his team to land safely at the dangerous locale. Once on the ground, Sergeant Sine aggressively commanded the scene and assessed the patient who was positioned only 30 feet from the minefield. He established a critical intravenous line and masterfully prepared the victim for helicopter evacuation, drastically reducing transfer time. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Sine reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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