



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

TO

TECHNICAL SERGEANT ROBERT G. WHEELER

Technical Sergeant Robert G. Wheeler distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as an HU-53 Pararescue and Recovery Technician in Southeast Asia on 21 December 1970. On that date, Sergeant Wheeler flew an extremely hazardous mission in an effort to rescue an American pilot, downed deep within hostile territory. Sergeant Wheeler spotted the survivor, and then gave vital and accurate directions to the aircraft commander on the exact location and distance to the survivor, enabling the crew to make an expeditious recovery, and departure from the area. While exiting the area, Sergeant Wheeler's aircraft received intense ground fire, which he accurately suppressed with his mini-gun from his extremely exposed position on the tail ramp. The professional competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Wheeler reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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