



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
(SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER)
TO
STAFF SERGEANT JOHN E. WILSON

Staff Sergeant John E. Wilson distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as an HH-53 Pararescue Specialist, 40th Aerospace. Rescue and Recovery Squadron, Udorn Royal Thai. Air Force Base, Thailand, on 8 August 1969. On that date, Sergeant Wilson flew an extremely hazardous mission through adverse weather conditions to rescue two American airmen downed deep in hostile territory. Although under the constant threat of hostile ground fire, Sgt Wilson descended to the ground, voluntarily, to splint the broken leg of one of the survivors and assist him on board the aircraft. Through his personal bravery and energetic application of his knowledge and skill, he significantly contributed to the successful accomplishment of this dangerous mission. The professional competence aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Wilson reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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