



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS  
TO  
STAFF SERGEANT JOHN E. WILSON

Staff Sergeant John E. Wilson distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight as an HH-53 Rescue Crewmember on 6 October 1969. On that date, Sergeant Wilson courageously participated in the successful extraction of five downed American aircrew members and forty-six indigenous Army troops from an **area** under direct attack from hostile forces. He provided suppressive fire to protect both his fellow crewmembers and the survivors, and voluntarily exposed himself to heavy ground fire while helping the survivors to board the helicopter as mortars were impacting within **fifteen** yards of their position. The outstanding heroism **and** selfless devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Wilson reflect great credit upon himself and the United **States** **Air** Force.

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