



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
HEADQUARTERS, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC
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In the name of the President of the United States, the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific takes pleasure in presenting the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS to

FIRST LIEUTENANT ALLEN EDWARD CATES

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for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For heroism and extraordinary achievement in aerial flight as Pilot of a UH-34D helicopter attached to and serving with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 365 in the Republic of Vietnam. On 24 July 1965 First Lieutenant CATES displayed exceptional aeronautical ability in the successful helicopter rescue of two United States Navy pilots who had safely ejected from their stricken aircraft after it was shot down by hostile ground fire deep in enemy held territory. Flying over rugged terrain in extremely hazardous weather conditions, which in some areas necessitated flying through mountain passages at only fifty feet of elevation, First Lieutenant CATES' aircraft was forced to return in order to refuel after only a brief time in the general area. Having refueled, he again courageously pressed on to the objective. Locating the two men on the edge of a clearing, he fearlessly exposed himself to enemy fire as he skillfully maneuvered into the landing zone and extricated one of the pilots while his companion aircraft picked up the other. First Lieutenant CATES' courageous actions, inspiring devotion to duty and exceptional aeronautical ability were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

FOR THE PRESIDENT,

A. R. KIER
MAJOR GENERAL, U. S. MARINE CORPS
ACTING COMMANDING GENERAL

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