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Air Force Cross Award Citation

SSgt Jon D. Harston

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Section 8742, Title 10, United States Code, awards the Air Force Cross to Staff Sergeant Jon D. Harston as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For extraordinary heroism in military operations against an opposing armed force as Flight Mechanic of a CH-53 helicopter on 15 May 1975. On that date, while engaged in the rescue of the crew and recovery of the SS Mayaguez, the helicopter encountered extremely heavy hostile fire and crashed at the shoreline of Koh Tang Island. Sergeant Harston, although wounded, braved hostile fire to insure fellow crewmembers and the United States Marine landing force passengers were removed to safety. Through his extraordinary heroism, superb airmanship, and aggressiveness in the face of an opposing armed force, Sergeant Harston reflected the highest credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.