



Distinguished Flying Cross Award Citation

Captain James D. Boles distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as a C-130E Pilot with the 15th Special Operations Squadron, Republic of Vietnam, on 31 March 1970. On that date, Captain Boles overcame severe environmental hazards on a night combat airdrop mission over territory controlled by unfriendly forces. He penetrated active hostile defenses, marginal weather conditions, and rugged mountainous terrain to deliver the drop load successfully. The professional competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Captain Boles reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

Branch of Service: U. S. Air Force * Theatre for DFC: Vietnam * Aircraft: C-130E