



## Distinguished Flying Cross Award Citation

Technical Sergeant James E. Daugherty distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as an AC-130 Gunship Flight Engineer over Laos on 18 December 1972. On that date, while on an armed reconnaissance mission over heavily defended hostile supply routes, his actions led to the destruction of three antiaircraft artillery emplacements and five hostile supply vehicles and the ignition of numerous secondary fires and explosions. In the face of more than 200 rounds of accurate antiaircraft artillery fire, he succeeded in destroying large amounts of supplies and munitions destined for use against friendly forces. The professional competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Daugherty reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

Branch of Service: U. S. Air Force \* Theatre for DFC: Vietnam \* Aircraft: AC-130 Gunship