



Distinguished Flying Cross  
Recipient:

Birth: November 4, 1934

Death: February 18, 2002

**Dale Harold Erickson**

Branch: U.S. Air Force

Theatre: Vietnam

**Citation:** Captain Dale H. Erickson distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as a C-7A Aircraft Commander in the An Lao Valley, Republic of Vietnam on 12 February 1967. On that date, Captain Erickson was assigned the mission of dropping 4500 pounds of explosive leaflet bundles with 33-second fuses in the An Lao Valley in support of the First Cavalry Division engaged in Operation Pershing. The cargo was inherently dangerous and even more so with the additional hazard of intense ground fire that existed in the valley. However, because of his outstanding skill and courage, and in spite of the hazards of intense ground fire and adverse weather, the mission was completed without damage to the aircraft or any personal injury to the crewmembers. The professional competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Captain Erickson reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.