



Distinguished Flying Cross Award Citation

Master Sergeant Billy G. Gilmore distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as an AC-130 Gunship Flight Engineer over Southeast Asia on 16 June 1972. On that date, while on a night armed reconnaissance mission, his actions led to the damage or destruction of ten hostile supply vehicles and the ignition of 18 secondary fires and explosions. Putting aside his concern for personal safety in the face of 376 rounds of hostile antiaircraft 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 Gilmore 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