



## Distinguished Flying Cross Award Citation

For heroism while participating in aerial flight evidenced by voluntary actions above and beyond the call of duty: On 14 December 1970, Warrant Officer Timothy J. Murphy distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions while serving as a Pilot of a cargo helicopter supporting an Allied divisional unit. While en route to his scheduled mission, notification of an emergency movement of troops was received and he immediately broke from his mission and proceeded to the area. While en route, he discovered that the area was under intense enemy mortar and small arms fire and there would be no gunship cover for at least one hour. While in continuous radio contact with the ground element, this man piloted his aircraft directly into the hot landing zone. The area was being hit very heavily by mortar rounds, but the need for the replacement personnel and medical evacuation was of primo importance. An extremely rapid approach and departure were essential to complete the mission safely and expeditiously. During the off loading period, rounds impacted within danger limits of the aircraft. Due to the professional ability, calm thinking and devotion to duty he contributed immeasurably to the successful completion of the mission. Warrant Officer Murphy's outstanding flying ability and devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.

Branch of Service: U. S. Army \* Theatre for DFC: Vietnam \* Aircraft: CH-47 Chinook