



## Distinguished Flying Cross Award Citation

First Lieutenant Warren E. J. Petritsch is awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as C-130E Navigator near Qui Nhon, Republic of Vietnam on 5 September 1967. On that date, Lieutenant Petritsch was flying a vital combat support mission against an armed unfriendly ground force. While airborne his crew was notified that a United States Army Otter aircraft was hopelessly lost and extremely low on fuel. With great determination and superior airmanship, Lieutenant Petritsch directed his aircraft and crew around mountainous terrain through marginal weather to locate the lost Army aircraft and led it safely back to its home base. He thus saved a valuable aircraft and the lives of its crew. The professional competence, aerial skill and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Petritsch reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

First Lieutenant Warren E. J. Petritsch is awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as a C-130E Navigator in Southeast Asia on 11 January 1968. On that date, Lieutenant Petritsch was at Song Be in support of Operation "San Angelo" when a mortar attack commenced. With total disregard for his own safety in the face of hostile fire, he assisted in the evacuation of his aircraft from the field, saving it and its cargo from damage or destruction. The professional competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by lieutenant Petritsch reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.