



Distinguished Flying Cross  
Recipient:

Birth: May 12, 1940

Death: September 16, 2005

## Garland Murry Rice

Branch: U.S. Air Force

Theatre: Vietnam

*(National has no Citation) Research Information:* Technical Sergeant Garland M. Rice distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as an AC-47D Aerial Gunner at Ben Het, Republic of Vietnam on 3 March 1969. On that date, Sergeant Rice's gunship was diverted from airborne alert to give concentrated close air support to Ben Het Special Forces Camp, which was under intense rocket, mortar and ground attack by an unknown size hostile force. Working in a blacked out, tightly maneuvered aircraft, Sergeant Rice expertly repaired malfunctioning and overheated guns to enable the gunship to neutralize the hostile attack and save the outpost. The professional competence, aerial skill and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Rice reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.