



Distinguished Flying Cross  
Recipient:

Birth: November 12, 1930

Death: December 22, 2011

**Duane Evert Vandenberg**

Branch: U.S. Air Force

Theatre: Vietnam

**Citation(s):** Major Duane E. Vandenberg is awarded the *Distinguished Flying Cross* for heroism while participating in aerial flight as a RF-4C Navigator over North Vietnam, on 21 May 1968. On that date, Major Vandenberg's skill and persistence were paramount in obtaining the assigned military objective in the presence of hostile action. To successfully accomplish the objective, he was subjected to continuous hostile anti-aircraft, missile and MIG threats through the most heavily defended area yet encountered in aerial combat. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Major Vandenberg reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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Major Duane E. Vandenberg is awarded the *Distinguished Flying Cross* for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as a RF-4C Navigator over North Vietnam, on 7 July 1968. On that date, Major Vandenberg's skill and persistence were paramount in obtaining the assigned military objective in the presence of hostile action. To successfully accomplish the objective, he was subjected to continuous hostile anti-aircraft, missile and MIG threats through the most heavily defended area yet encountered in aerial combat. The professional competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Major Vandenberg reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.