



Distinguished Flying Cross Award Citation

On April 8, 1952, First Lieutenant Robert Davis Childre Displayed extraordinary skill, devotion to Duty and inspirational leadership, while participating in aerial flight. As pilot of an unarmed unescorted C-47 cargo type aircraft, he flew a night intelligence deep penetration mission of extreme importance to the United Nations effort in Korea. His target lay in northeast Korea, directly under surveillance of an enemy radar screen known to be operating in that area. In order to complete his mission, it was necessary to navigate on a radar steer over the ocean above an undercast and up and down valleys using the mountains as defense against radar detection. He then proceeded back over hazardous route of entry to his home base. His superior flying skill and devotion to duty enabled him to carry forward to accomplish this extremely difficult and dangerous mission. Lieutenant Childre's leadership and devotion to duty has brought great credit upon himself, the military service and the United States Air Force