



Distinguished Flying Cross Award Citation

Major William A. Kehler distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as an AC-130 Gunship Pilot over Southeast Asia on 7 June 1973. On that date, while on a Mekong River convoy escort mission, his actions led to the destruction of two hostile shore artillery batteries. Under the threat of antiaircraft artillery fire, he succeeded in escorting the river convoy to Phnom Penh, thereby bringing much needed supplies and ammunition to the beleaguered city. The professional competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Major Kehler reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

Branch of Service: U. S. Air Force * Theatre for DFC: Vietnam * Aircraft: AC-130 Gunship