



Distinguished Flying Cross Award Citation

Lieutenant Colonel Jack R. McCollum distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as an AC-130A Gunship Aircraft Commander over Southeast Asia on 5 March 1972. On that date, while on a night armed reconnaissance mission, his actions led to the damage or destruction of ten hostile supply vehicles and the ignition of eight secondary fires and explosions. Putting aside his concern for personal safety in the face of 362 rounds of hostile antiaircraft fire, he succeeded in destroying large amounts of supplies and munitions destined for use against friendly forces. The professional competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Colonel McCollum reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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