



Distinguished Flying Cross Award Citation

For heroism while participating in aerial flight: Chief Warrant Officer Monette distinguished himself by heroic/action on 29 June 1972 while serving as Aircraft Commander of an AH-1G Cobra gunship in support of a combat assault mission into An Loc, Republic of Vietnam, which covered a period of six days and saw an entire Division air lifted in to replace the Division which had held on at An Loc for over three months. CW2 Monette escorted each flight of UH-1's into the landing zone at An Loc, would circle low above the flight while they were on the ground, then escort each flight back out again. Although exposed to heavy .51 cal and small arms fire going in and coming out of the landing zone, and constant indirect 81mm and 105mm fire on the landing zone itself, CW2 Monette continually exposed himself to these fires in order to provide cover for the lift ships. His actions enabled the combat assault to be completed without the loss of life of a single American pilot or ARVN soldier. Chief Warrant Officer Monette's heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Branch of Service: U.S. Army * Theatre for DFC: Vietnam * Aircraft: AH-1G COBRA