



Distinguished Flying Cross
Recipient:

Birth: November 10, 1933

Death: July 21, 2012

John Noel Oman

Branch: U.S. Air Force

Theatre: Vietnam

Citation: T/Sgt John N. Oman distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as a C-130A Flight Engineer near a classified area on the night of 18 January 1969. On that night, while engaged on a strike/Control/reconnaissance mission, T/Sgt Oman and his crew were tasked with providing flare illumination for friendly ground forces that were under heavy attack. Due to the imminent threat of the friendly position being overrun, T/Sgt Oman and his crew were forced to shut down two of their engines to conserve fuel in order to enable them to remain in the area. Despite heavy and accurate antiaircraft fire, T/Sgt Oman and his crew flared for the friendly troops throughout the night and were directly responsible for preventing the loss of a friendly position from hostile attack. The professional competence, aerial skill and devotion to duty displayed by T/Sgt Oman reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.