



Distinguished Flying Cross  
Recipient:

Birth: March 4, 1936

Death: May 21, 2010

**Gerald Richard Ray Paulsen**

Branch: U.S. Air Force

Theatre: Vietnam

**Citation:** Staff Sergeant Gerald R. R. Paulson distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as C-130 skyhook Flight Engineer on 17 January 1967. On that date, Sergeant Paulsen was flying a critical combat mission in support of unconventional warfare operations in Southeast Asia. With great determination and superior airmanship, Sergeant Paulson completed the mission successfully though faced with extremely adverse weather conditions and the penetration of highly sophisticated hostile weapon systems. The professional competence, aerial skill and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Paulsen reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.