



Distinguished Flying Cross Award Citation

Captain Edward J. Petlak, Jr., distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as a C-130B Aircraft Commander at Ban Don, Republic of Vietnam, on 22 May 1970. On that date, Captain Petlak flew an important combat-essential resupply mission to the Ban Don airstrip. Overcoming the obstacle of extremely poor weather, Captain Petlak delivered the sorely needed cargo of helicopter fuel to the United States Special Forces. The professional competence, aerial skill and devotion to duty displayed by Captain Petlak reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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