



Distinguished Flying Cross Award Citation

Captain Newbern D. Smith is awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force as a C-130 aircraft Pilot in Southeast Asia on 2 September 1967. On that date, Captain Smith flew an emergency air evacuation mission from Dong Ha Marine Base. Despite landing difficulties compounded by a damaged runway, abandoned tower facilities, and hostile mortar and rocket attack, Captain Smith continued on his assigned mission. Notwithstanding a resumption of hostile firing shortly after forty-eight battle casualties were on board, Captain Smith and his crew manned their flight positions and made an immediate take-off. The conduct of Captain Smith was marked by intrepidity and excellent crew coordination in the face of great personal danger. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Captain Smith reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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