



## Distinguished Flying Cross Award Citation

Technical Sergeant William H. Wheeler distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as a C-130E Flight Engineer at Quang Tri Air Base, Republic of Vietnam, on 15 April 1971. On that date, Sergeant Wheeler and his crew were selected to deliver critically needed medical supplies to friendly forces operating in the area. In spite of extremely poor weather and reported hostile troop concentrations, the crew completed three successful sorties to this remote outpost. Using his extensive knowledge of the aircraft, Sergeant Wheeler correctly analyzed a suspected engine problem as non-critical, thus contributing greatly to the completion of the mission. The professional competence, aerial skill and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Wheeler reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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