

Robert E. Long
Lieutenant
Class of 1967



The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Flying Cross to Lieutenant Robert E. Long UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

For service as set forth in the following Citation:

Lieutenant Robert E. Long distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight as an Aircraft Commander of an HH-53C Rescue Helicopter at Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand on 27 December 1972. On that date, Lieutenant Long voluntarily flew into a highly hostile and heavily defended area of North Vietnam to attempt the rescue of a downed American airman. When his wingman's aircraft was severely damaged during the rescue attempt, Lieutenant Long provided invaluable assistance in locating a crash landing site and then landed and recovered the entire crew of the downed helicopter. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Long reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Coast Guard.

Lieutenant Long retired at the rank of Commander.