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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the
Distinguished Flying Cross to

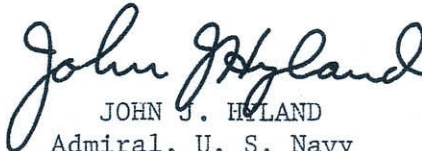
ALAN KENNETH NOBLES
AVIATION ANTISUBMARINE WARFARE TECHNICIAN THIRD CLASS
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For heroism and extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as a helicopter combat rescue aircrewman while attached to Helicopter Combat Support Squadron SEVEN, Detachment ONE HUNDRED TEN, embarked in USS YORKTOWN (CVS 10). On 8 May 1968, Petty Officer NOBLES assisted in the timely rescue of a downed aviator deep within North Vietnam territory. Despite heavy enemy ground fire in the area, Petty Officer NOBLES spotted the survivor and expertly directed the pilot into a hover over the high dense jungle canopy. His calm, professional action in directing the hovering helicopter, hoisting the survivor and conducting suppressive fire directly led to the efficient and timely rescue of the survivor from the group of nearby enemy troops. Petty Officer NOBLES' heroic actions in the face of intense hostile fire were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President



JOHN J. HYLAND
Admiral, U. S. Navy

Commander in Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet