





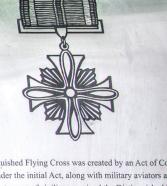
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Over the decades, DFCs have been awarded during World War II,

Korea, Vietnam and the post-Vietnam era. The Distinguished
Flying Cross has also been awarded to military aviators and/or

their crew for civilian rescues during emergencies and natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina.

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