

Lee Ash

U.S. Air Force - Major



Force Navigator Badge

	Distinguished Flying Cross	Meritorious Service Medal
Air Medal	Air Force Commendation Medal	Army Commendation Medal
Army Achievement Medal	Joint Meritorious Unit Award	Outstanding Unit Award

Organizational Excellence Award	Combat Readiness Medal	National Defense Service Medal
Southwest Asia Service Award	Kosova Campaign Medal	Overseas Service Short Tour
Overseas Service Long Tour	Longevity Service Award Ribbon	Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
Air Force Training Ribbon	NATO Medal	Kuwait Liberation Medal (Emirate of Kuwait)
	Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia)	

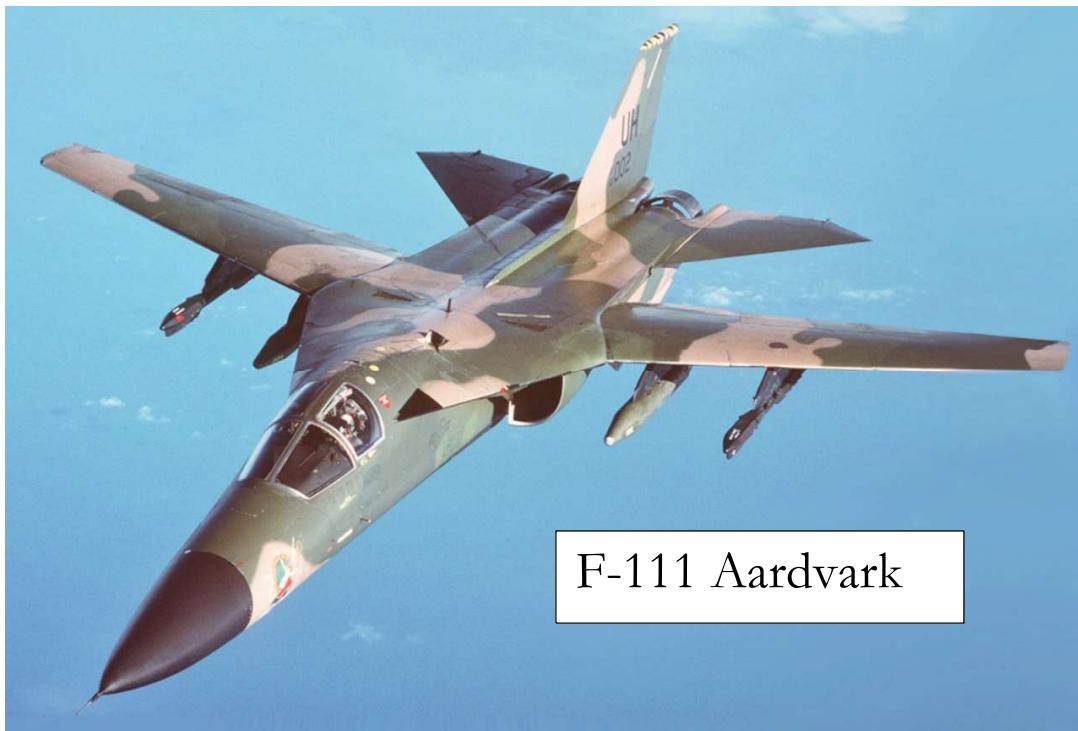


CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
TO
LEE J. ASH

Captain Lee J. Ash distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight as a weapon systems officer in a four-ship, night-attack mission against the Irbil Airfield Military Maintenance Complex, Iraq, on 27 January 1991, while operating from the 7440th Combat Wing (Provisional), Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. Captain Ash's leadership, dedication, and professionalism under continuous hostile enemy fire directly contributed to the destruction of this facility. Shortly after crossing the Iraqi border, the flight observed a heavy curtain of antiaircraft fire along their route and heard the preceding flight aborting their attack. Captain Ash elected to deviate from his planned route and navigate to the target despite a ferocious antiaircraft artillery barrage. Bomb damage assessment subsequently confirmed the accuracy of his efforts--total destruction of the maintenance complex and associated support buildings at Irbil Airfield, Iraq. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Captain Ash reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.



Distinguished Flying Cross



F-111 Aardvark