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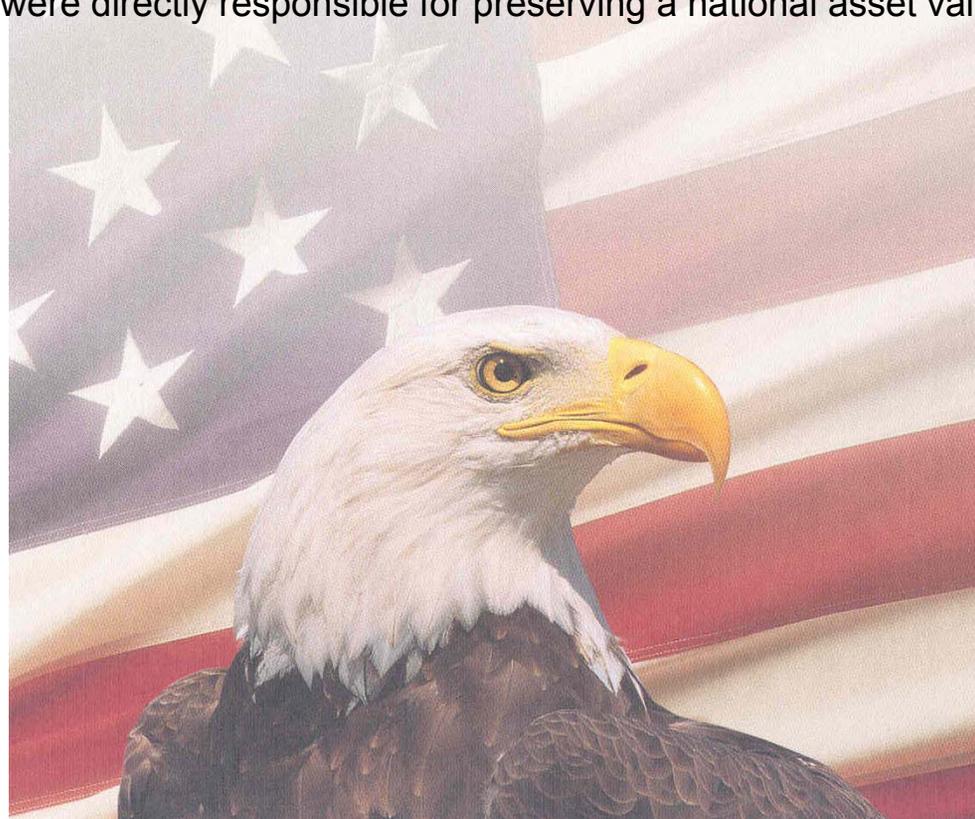
Crew Chief Safety Award of Distinction

SrA John P. Moore

On March 21, 2002, while performing aircraft recovery assist duties at a temporary duty location in support of Operation NOBLE EAGLE, SrA John Moore heard a loud “bang” from an adjacent row of aircraft. Looking across the flightline, he saw smoke billowing from the jet fuel starter area underneath a host unit F-15C. He immediately dashed across the ramp to assess the situation and without hesitation told the positioned crew chief to have the pilot shut down his engines right away. SrA Moore grabbed the HALON fire extinguisher and promptly put out the flames. Parked directly across from the incident aircraft were 10 F-15C aircraft fully loaded with live munitions. SrA Moore’s quick thinking and decisive actions averted a full-scale response and evacuation of the area and were directly responsible for preserving a national asset valued in excess of \$30 million.



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