

# Certificate to Accompany the Award of the



## Air Commando Hall of Fame

Inducted on this Day of October 26th, 2019 to

*Edward T. Reed*

Lieutenant Colonel Edward T. Reed distinguished himself through outstanding service to the nation and Air Force Special Operations Forces throughout his military career. Lt Col Reed's remarkable career included extensive operations as a Pave Low pilot including Operation Honey Badger when US special operations forces came into their own as a joint organization in the early days of modern SOF. He is Pave Low pilot #21 and was qualified in the HH-53C NRS, MH-53H, and MH-53J Pave Low helicopters while serving in the 20th SOS and 1st Special Operations Wing. Following his assignment to Hurlburt Field he was stationed at Military Airlift Command headquarters and later at the Pentagon where he dramatically reshaped the force with aggressive modifications efforts including the MH-53J, MH-60G, MC-130P Combat Shadow, C-141 SOLL II, and EC-130J. His ability and reputation to find money, execute quickly, and produce real value for combat aircrews is well known and highly respected. Additionally, Lt Col Reed served at the 58 Special Operations Wing where he envisioned and fielded the most sophisticated mission rehearsal, simulation, and training architecture in the entire Department of Defense. His vision of fully networked simulators flying in congruent data bases, with full interoperability, while employing realistic terrain following and masking, utilizing space-based intelligence and highly detailed data bases of actual enemy targets and target areas was unparalleled. Lt Col Ed Reed selection is testimony of his clear vision, unwavering commitment, and tremendous creativity in many roles worthy of emulation. The distinctive accomplishments of Lt Col Edward T. Reed highlight a distinguished career in the service of his country and reflect great credit upon himself, Air Force Special Operations and all Air Commandos of every generation.