

Certificate to Accompany the Award of the



Air Commando Hall of Fame

Inducted on this Day of October 26th, 2019 to

David H. Sammons

Colonel David H. Sammons distinguished himself through superior service as an Air Commando throughout his 28-year career. He commanded at the group, squadron and detachment level. A Master Navigator with over 4,600 hours in MC-130E/H, C-130 E/H & EC-130H aircraft, Col Sammons commanded the 15th Special Operations Squadron at the onset of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. During OEF, he oversaw the first joint/combined SOF combat assault missions and the first MC-130H airfield seizure establishing a Forward Area Refueling and Rearming Point operation and executing a dry lakebed landing in combat. Under Col Sammons' command, the 15th SOS valiantly flew daring combat missions, setting the conditions which hastened the end of Taliban rule. His 15th SOS tenure was punctuated with award of the Gallant Unit Citation and recognition as AFSOC's 2001 Squadron of the Year. Additionally, Col Sammons earned the Bronze Star Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross and won USSOCOM's 2001 Special Operations Low Intensity Conflict Achievement Award for significant contributions to the special operations mission. As a member of the 7th Special Operations Squadron, Col Sammons served as mission commander on the USAF's 1998 USAF Lt Gen William Tunner Award-winning mission delivering EUCOM in-extremis forces to stem American bloodshed in Liberia. Also with the 7th SOS, Col Sammons orchestrated the largest, most successful psychological operations campaign since WWII during Operation ALLIED FORCE, delivering over 100 million leaflets to 81 Serbian targets in the former Republic of Yugoslavia from altitudes as high as 30,000 feet, drop altitudes heretofore not used by AFSOC aircraft and aircrews. He personally executed 11OAF leaflet psyop missions, earning the Air Medal. The singularly distinctive accomplishments of Colonel David H. Sammons reflect great credit upon himself, Air Force Special Operations, and Air Commandos of every generation.