

Certificate to Accompany the Award of the



Air Commando Hall of Fame

Inducted on this Day of October 26th, 2019 to

Ira D. Williams Jr.

Colonel Ira D. “Donnie” Williams Jr. distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service to the United States, Air Force Special Operations Command, and Special Operations for over 25 years. During his service, Colonel Williams served in a myriad of operational, aircraft maintenance and logistics assignments culminating as the Deputy Director of Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection for Headquarters, Air Force Special Operations Command. As a line pilot on HC-130Ps Colonel Williams was hand-picked for several classified missions with national level impacts. After suffering a near-fatal medical emergency, he returned as an Air Commando Maintainer in the 55th Special Operations Squadron garnering an “Excellent” rating during the ORI and generated 100% of his assets to support simultaneous joint training and operational plans in EUCOM, CENTCOM, and SOUTHCOM. He was hand-picked to be the Director of Logistics for a data-masked unit leading the logistics effort for six perfectly executed National Command Authority contingencies. After two conventional assignments, Colonel Williams returned as the 16th Aircraft Generation Squadron Commander, AFSOC’s largest squadron, just months prior to September 11. He led the unit to new heights earning four AFSOC and one Air Force level Maintenance Effectiveness Award as the best maintenance unit in the command and the Air Force. Upon completion of highly successful deployments in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM, Col Williams retired from active duty. In 2007, he rejoined the HQ AFSOC team where he continues to serve Air Commandos today. The distinctive accomplishments of Colonel Ira D. Williams reflect great credit upon himself, Air Force Special Operations Command and Air Commandos of every generation.