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RONALD H. KELLERMAN

Senior Master Sergeant Ronald H. Kellerman distinguished himself in the service of his country for over 26 years. Throughout his career, he epitomized the professional airman: an outstanding special operator, communications specialist, weather technician and above all, a tremendous leader of men. Although he had many notable achievements during his career, it was during his assignment with the 39th Special Operations Wing that Ron contributed most as an Air Commando. While deployed to the United Arab Emirates during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, he single-handedly built the largest ever weather network. Traveling across the AOR, Ron managed the flow of time-sensitive data from all special operation, Air Force, Army, Joint and Coalition weather teams: an astonishing 23 teams. Using HF radios, he configured his network to ensure the smooth and timely reporting of several thousand weather observations, forecasts, surf zone observations and pilot reports. Without Ron's network, it would have been impossible to provide timely and accurate weather information to combat units spread across the AOR. More than anyone else in the AOR, Ron ensured commanders and mission planners had the environmental intelligence where and when they needed it. Among his many decorations and awards are the Meritorious Service Medal with 1OLC, AF Commendation Medal with 1OLC, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal and a host of other significant awards. Senior Master Sergeant Kellermans outstanding contributions reflect great credit upon himself, Air Force Special Operations and the United States Air Force.