

Certificate to Accompany the Award of the



Air Commando Hall of Fame

Inducted on this Day of October 15th, 2022 to

Stephen A. Clark

Major General Stephen A. Clark (retired), United States Air Force, distinguished himself by exceptionally dedicated service to the Air Force and Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) from March 1987 to September 2018. Maj Gen Clark made extraordinary contributions at the tactical, operational and strategic levels. In addition to flying combat missions in Somalia, Bosnia, and Haiti he served in leadership positions in Afghanistan and Iraq. His legacy includes an unparalleled development of future AFSOC leaders, combat leadership during the opening salvo of the Global War on Terror, and a strategic vision in building the SOF force structure of the future at AFSOC, Joint Special Operations Command and United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM). He served as Operations Officer and Commander of the 4th Special Operations Squadron from 2002 through 2005. This was a particularly challenging and historical time in the AC-130U unit's history. He commanded the Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component-Iraq from July 2006 through August 2007. There he commanded all SOF aviation assets during this brutal period of fighting in Iraq. This period included insurgency against Coalition forces and a fully-fledged Iraqi Civil War. He is credited by many for bringing the Air Commando's Voice to the front of the table. From 2009 to 2011, Maj Gen Clark served as the second AFSOC commander of Cannon AFB. Under his leadership, the wing more than doubled in size and grew to more than 5,000 personnel and 84 aircraft. The singularly distinctive accomplishments of Major General Stephen Clark reflect great credit upon himself, Air Force Special Operations Command, and Air Commandos of every generation.