

# Certificate to Accompany the Award of the



## Air Commando Hall of Fame

*Selected on September 25th, 2021 to*

*Timothy L. Hale*

Colonel Timothy L. Hale distinguished himself as an Air Commando, a veteran's advocate, civilian instructor, and minister over 4 decades of service to God, his nation, and his fellow Americans. Colonel Hale excelled as an MC-130E/H crew commander and instructor/evaluator and an AC/MC-130J instructor. From his first combat mission as an MC-130E pilot in the lead aircraft over Point Salinas, Grenada, Colonel Hale led from the front with professionalism, courage, a keen sense of humor, and respect. He excelled as a staff officer enhancing SOF capabilities at HQs Military Airlift Command and supported the Commander's strategic engagement at US Special Operations Command. The onset of the Global War on Terrorism resulted in multiple deployments to the US Central Command's area of responsibility, where he served on a Joint Special Operations Task Force destroying Al Qaeda safe havens. He commanded an Expeditionary Group and Wing, flying missions and riding resupply convoys during Operation IRAQ FREEDOM. As 16th SOW Vice Commander he forged unity between Hurlburt Field and local communities while executing multi-million-dollar recovery operations following Hurricane Ivan. Upon retirement, he continued to serve Air Commandos as an aircrew accession instructor with the 58 Special Operations Wing. Handpicked by New Mexico's Governor, he served 4 years as the state's Department of Veteran's Services Secretary then returned to instructing SOF aircrews. He was ordained as a minister and dedicated his service to America's veterans. Following 40-years of direct service to SOF airmen, he continues ministering to military personnel, veterans, and those recovering from natural disasters. The singularly distinctive accomplishments of Colonel Hale reflect great credit upon himself, Air Force Special Operations Command, and Air Commandos of every generation.