

# Certificate to Accompany the Award of the



## Air Commando Hall of Fame

*Selected on September 25th, 2021 to*

*James B. Lackey*

Senior Master Sergeant James Bertrand “JB” Lackey distinguished himself through selfless service and sustained superior performance during a career that culminated as the 8th Special Operations Squadron Superintendent. His outstanding professionalism and personal leadership were vital to building the readiness of the 8th SOS, Air Force Special Operations Command’s first operational CV-22B squadron, and prosecuting the squadron’s mission during the global war on terrorism. From 1992-2006, SMSgt Lackey served with distinction as an Instructor and Flight Examiner for the MH-53 Pave Low Models J/M. JB’s focused leadership, courage, and superior airmanship were evident during Operations PROVIDE PROMISE, UPHOLD DEMOCRACY, BEVEL EDGE, ALLIED FORCE, ENDURING FREEDOM, and IRAQI FREEDOM. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism as well as the Meritorious Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster) and Air Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters). With the MH-53 Pave Low drawn down apparent, in 2007 he was selected as one of five enlisted airmen to become CV-22 Initial Operational Cadre team members. He excelled as a CV-22 flight engineer during combat deployments supporting Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM. JB selflessly gave his last full measure on 9 April 2010 during a combat mission in Afghanistan. His selfless service, heroism, and sacrifice are revered to this day. The singularly distinctive accomplishments of SMSgt Lackey reflect great credit upon himself, Air Force Special Operations Command, and Air Commandos of every generation.