

Certificate to Accompany the Award of the



Air Commando Hall of Fame

Selected on September 25th, 2021 to

Daniel E. Turney

Major Daniel E. “Dan” Turney, USAF, Retired, has served our nation with honor for over 34 years, as an enlisted and commissioned airmen and civil servant. He distinguished himself during 22 years with the Air Force Special Operations Command in squadron, wing, and headquarters positions. He epitomizes the definition of the ‘Send Me’ Air Commando. Major Turney was an MH-60 initial cadre pilot in the 55th SOS, the first H-60 unit in the USAF. He played a critical role for the squadron by developing aircrew qualification courseware and tactics, techniques, and procedures. He was the first MH-60G special mission planner for the 1st Special Operations Wing and Joint Special Operations Command. He deployed as an MH-60G Combat Search and Rescue mission manager during Operations JUST CAUSE and DESERT STORM, coordinating over 40 combat missions. Dan was selected as AFSOC’s Rotary Wing Test Manager for the Operational Test and Evaluation of the CV-22, MH-53, and MH-60. As a mission manager during Operation UPHOLD DEMOCRACY, he coordinated logistics and air refueling for MH-60s deployed on a ship. As a 6th SOS Combat Aviation Advisor he maintained instructor status in four different helicopters. During Operation ENDURING FREEDOM he flew the first coalition support missions in the Jordanian Super Pumas, Uzbek Mi-17s, and Pakistani Pumas. After retirement, Dan served as an AFSOC operations analyst and developed the first formal Aviation Foreign Internal Defense Concept of Operations and Roadmap for the 2006 and 2009 Quadrennial Defense Reviews. His efforts resulted in growth of the 6th SOS and the unit becoming an intergraul part into the 492nd Special Operations Wing. The singularly distinctive accomplishments of Major Turney reflect great credit upon himself, Air Force Special Operations Command, and Air Commandos of every generation.