

# Certificate to Accompany the Award of the



## Air Commando Hall of Fame

*Selected on September 25th, 2021 to*

*William C. Markham*

For his legacy of selfless service and absolute commitment to mission accomplishment, Chief Master Sergeant William C. “Charlie Mike” Markham is hereby inducted into the Air Commando Hall of Fame. During his storied 30-year career, he directly impacted multiple national security taskings, and served as the senior enlisted leader at the squadron, group, wing and center level within Air Force Special Operations Command. He served as the senior enlisted leader of a Joint Special Operations Air Detachment and Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component in combat. As a young NCO and combat controller, he was the first US Airman on the ground in Afghanistan a mere 5 weeks after 11 September 2001. Then- Sergeant Markham controlled close air support that decimated the ranks of the Taliban, and ultimately liberated Bagram Air Base and Kabul International Airport, and returned the US Embassy to American control. For gallantry in action he received the Silver Star. As an AFSOC Command Chief, he led the growth and re-missioning of the 352 Special Operations Group integrating the MC-130J and CV-22B weapons systems. Chief Markham’s resolute commitment to the well-being of veterans and families of the fallen and wounded continues to be the standard that others emulate. From fund-raising events to executive leadership of established and start-up charities, Chief Markham personally enabled hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarship funding and pro-bono legal support to America’s warriors and families. With charismatic leadership and passion for continuous improvement, Chief Markham has prepared generations of Air Commandos for the challenges that lie ahead. The singularly distinctive accomplishments of Chief Markham reflect great credit upon himself, Air Force Special Operations Command, and Air Commandos of every generation.