

Certificate to Accompany the Award of the



Air Commando Hall of Fame

Selected on September 25th, 2021 to

William A. Schroeder

Lieutenant Colonel William “Bill” A. Schroeder distinguished himself as an Air Commando through selfless leadership and superior performance throughout his special operations career. As an officer-in-charge and then commander of the Special Operations Weather detachment at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, his steadfast leadership of low-density, high-demand Special Operations Weather Team (SOWT) operators was critical in ensuring premier weather support to the 3rd and 7th Special Forces Groups as they deployed during Operations ENDURING and IRAQI FREEDOM. At Special Operations Command – Europe, Colonel Schroeder was responsible for standing-up specialized weather support across Africa, uniquely enabling the stand-up of Special Operations Command – Africa. As commander of the 10th Combat Weather Squadron, Colonel Schroeder oversaw the continuous deployment of SOWT operators across the globe. Bill also managed the integration of SOWT forces and equipment into the Special Tactics Squadrons. He later led the herculean effort to modernize the Battlefield Airman training program and played a pivotal role in establishing the Special Warfare Training Wing, paving the way for a new era in the selection and training of Air Force special operations ground combat forces. In a final act of devotion and bravery, Colonel Schroeder laid down his life after confronting an armed assailant determined to inflict harm to the men and women under his charge. He was posthumously awarded the Airman’s Medal and honored by the Air Force Portraits in Courage for his valor and selfless sacrifice. Lieutenant Colonel Schroeder’s extraordinary dedication and commitment to the special operations mission and bravery in the face of certain peril reflect great credit upon himself, Air Force Special Operations, and Air Commandos of every generation.