

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
USSOCOM MG SHACHNOW GRATEFUL NATION AWARD  
TO  
ZACHERY W. SHERWOOD

Technical Sergeant Zachery W. Sherwood distinguished himself by outstanding achievement as the Detachment Assistant Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Detachment 1, 17th Special Tactics Squadron, 720th Special Tactics Group, 24th Special Operations Wing, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. Sergeant Sherwood deployed to Afghanistan as lead Joint Terminal Attack Controller where he controlled 230 hours of close air support and airlift assets during 29 high-risk raids in support of Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL. Additionally, he directed 23 air-to-ground engagements that resulted in 38 enemy fighters killed in action. Finally, Sergeant Sherwood controlled four helicopter medical evacuations under heavy enemy contact, saving the lives of five United States and Afghanistan Soldiers. The distinctive accomplishments of Sergeant Sherwood reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.