

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE GENERAL LEW ALLEN JR., TROPHY FOR 2016

TO

JESSICA H. STEWART

Major Jessica H. Stewart has been selected to receive the General Lew Allen, Jr., Trophy for 2016 in recognition of her outstanding contributions to mission execution while assigned as Director of Operations, 724th Special Tactics Support Squadron, 724th Special Tactics Group, Pope Army Airfield, North Carolina. During this time, Major Stewart was selected to fill the Squadron Commander role for nearly two months where she led 90 Airmen from 16 unique career fields to support a 618-member elite Special Tactics Group, continuously engaged in combat operations. She also deployed as the lead logistician for Operation INHERENT RESOLVE's forward-most logistics cell, devising and executing improvised ground and air combat sustainment missions that delivered 1.93 million pounds of equipment to Special Operations Forces in Syria and underpinned two successful counter-Islamic State offensives. While deployed, she executed an emergency resupply mission to an isolated American outpost after extremists severed the main supply route. This resulted in the delivery of 344 lifesaving munitions within 12 hours, ensuring the survivability of American forces. Additionally, Major Stewart established new ground lines of communications and resupply lines and processes for two forward operating positions and 50 Special Operators within Syria, providing combat power and reach to the extreme forward line of troops. Finally, Major Stewart drove a 9.2 million dollar fiscal year spend plan that realized 1.8 million dollars in efficiencies, while sustaining the squadron's no-fail support to 16 major exercises and 203 temporary duty rotations. The outstanding contributions of Major Stewart reflect credit upon herself, the Air Force Special Operations Command and the United States Air Force.