

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE WILLIAM A. DAVIDSON AWARD FOR 2016

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ERIC C. DISS

Captain Eric C. Diss distinguished himself as Operations Officer, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Detachment 522, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016. Captain Diss led counterintelligence activities and operations in support of four Combatant Commands and five North Atlantic Treaty Organization allied countries. He designed 14 operations and published 188 intelligence reports on the increasing threats to coalition forces operating in southeast Turkey. During the host nation coup attempt, Captain Diss spearheaded the safe recovery of a special operations officer with the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force Syria. He was also the catalyst for information sharing amongst United States, coalition, and host nation forces. Additionally, he responded to an indirect fire incident at a geographically separated unit, and provided critical training and supplies to local forces so they could respond in the event of another attack. Moreover, he ensured the wing commander was armed with the local threat picture which influenced over 49 million dollars in security upgrades to the installation. Captain Diss' actions ultimately enabled the safe launch of over 10,000 combat sorties with 6,000 Islamic State of Iraq and Syria targets destroyed. Finally, he provided the highest level of strategic counterintelligence information attained in theater, which directly influenced national security decisions and protected 345 billion dollars in assets. The distinctive accomplishments of Captain Diss reflect credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.