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**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT**

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AUTHORIZED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, MAY 11, 1942  
HAS AWARDED**

**THE AIR MEDAL**

**TO**

**CAPTAIN KAIALII KAHELE**

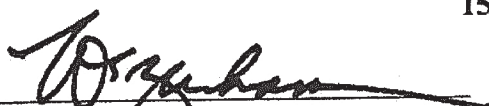
**FOR**

**MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT  
WHILE PARTICIPATING IN AERIAL FLIGHT**

Captain Kaialii Kahele distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial flight as C-130H Copilot, 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, 376th Expeditionary Operations Group, 376th Air Expeditionary Wing, Manas Air Base, Kyrgyz Republic, from 17 September 2005 to 17 October 2005. During this period, Captain Kahele directly contributed to national security objectives by flying missions in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and the war on terrorism in Afghanistan. The airmanship and courage of Captain Kahele were instrumental in the safe completion of 14 combat missions flown into austere combat airfields. Many of these missions were conducted at night under the threat of hostile fire, with minimal navigation aids and in inclement weather. His superior ability in the face of these dangerous conditions was key to safe delivery of combat equipment, supplies and troops, which contributed to the swift defeat of Al Qaeda and Taliban forces. The professional ability and outstanding aerial accomplishments of Captain Kahele reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND**

**15 FEBRUARY 2006**

  
**WALTER E. BUCHANAN III**  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
Commander, USCENTAF



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