

**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL**

**TO**

**LELAND B. BOHANNON**

Lieutenant Colonel Leland B. Bohannon distinguished himself by meritorious service as Commander, 379th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, 379th Expeditionary Operations Group, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, while supporting ground and air operations against the enemy at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar from 12 June 2009 to 12 June 2010. During this period, Colonel Bohannon provided courageous leadership to the more than 120 Airmen of his squadron, directing support to over 19,000 combat and combat support missions employing over 680 precision-guided munitions, transporting over 294,000 Coalition warfighters, and offloading 420 million pounds of fuel to over 34,000 receivers as part of Operations ENDURING and IRAQI FREEDOM. Colonel Bohannon oversaw the implementation of 210 million dollars in airfield construction, collaborating with a host of wing agencies to translate the wing commander's strategic base plan into reality. His direction proved vital in the formulation of Al Udeid's first set of Combined Operating Procedures; a new collection of directives providing a blueprint for combined Coalition operations on the airfield. As a focal point for all interaction with the Qatar Emiri Air Force's Operations Wing, he successfully forged a path for the relocation of host nation aircraft to Al Udeid. Colonel Bohannon was also a lead planner in multiple theater contingency plans. His comprehensive coordination with the Combined Air Operations Center made the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing and Al Udeid Air Base the focal point for Central Command's defense of the Arabian Gulf. The exemplary leadership, personal endeavor, and devotion to duty displayed by Colonel Bohannon in this responsible position reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

