

# CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

1<sup>ST</sup> LIEUTENANT LEVI K. CHOATE



The Greater Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce and City of Grass Valley City Council take great pleasure in recognizing 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Levi K. Choate as the winner of the 2024, Lieutenant Commander Louis "Lou" Conter Military Ambassador Award. The award recognizes individuals that embody Commander Conter's outstanding leadership and selfless commitment to the United States of America through both military and community service. Commander Conter's distinguished military career spans more than three decades and includes him honorably serving in WWII, The Korean War, and The Vietnam Conflict. Additionally, Commander Conter has dedicated countless hours engaged in a vast array of community service endeavors.

Leading an 18-member flight across six Air Force Specialties, Levi K. Choate achieved a remarkable 99.9% uptime for a critical \$30M communications network, facilitating 10 named missions and the successful rescue of a U.S. citizen. His diplomatic efforts resulted in enhanced Congressional understanding of West Africa and regional stability during a visit facilitated for a House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee member.

Levi K. Choate's leadership in Communications Security training and resolution of 1.3K IT incidents ensured critical network access and garnered recognition as the ANG's Cyberspace Outstanding CGOY. His meticulous management of the IT Asset Management Program powered secure communications across West Africa and maintained 100% accountability of \$1.8M in assets. Levi K. Choate's innovative initiatives, including spearheading the first-ever Starlink terminal in Niger, significantly enhanced operational capabilities and efficiency. He demonstrated a steadfast commitment to team well-being through morale events, resiliency exercises, and spearheading initiatives to prepare incoming combat warriors.

Acknowledging Levi K. Choate's steadfast commitment, relentless efforts, and pursuit of excellence, he is lauded for his significant contributions to both the United States Air National Guard and his local community.

Therefore, the City of Grass Valley City Council takes great pleasure in recognizing and thanking 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Levi K. Choate as the winner of the 2024, Lieutenant Commander Louis "Lou" Conter Military Ambassador Award.

**Dated** this 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of April 2024

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