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**The Greer Foundation Honors Branden Gatioan with
WILLIAM “CHIEF” CARLSON TOMAHAWK MEDAL
*Award is a Prestigious Honor for Outstanding Youth***

Eastman, GA – The Greer Foundation today announced it has awarded the WILLIAM “CHIEF” CARLSON TOMAHAWK MEDAL, an honor presented in recognition of exceptional leadership, dedication, and toughness in memory of a fallen warrior, to Army JROTC Cadet Branden Gatioan of Waimea, HI.

Established in 2005, the award is presented to individuals who exemplify the characteristics of Master Sergeant William "Chief" Carlson – fearlessness, mental and physical toughness, and dedication to his mates.



In 2003, Chief retired from the US Army. Chief had every right to retire peacefully and enjoy his family. Instead, a deep sense of duty and patriotism called him to return to the same unforgiving mountains of Afghanistan to hunt Osama Bin Laden and the Al Qaeda network. Chief died doing what he loved and what his nation trained him to do. Chief was killed in action by terrorists on October 25, 2003. He was serving as a member of a joint Central Intelligence Agency/Special Operations clandestine operations team tasked with tracking those responsible for 9/11.

Dr. Greer served with Chief in Ranger and Special Forces units. “His impeccable service as an Airborne Ranger, Green Beret, and Delta Force operator marked Chief as a genuine irreplaceable warrior. Those who were privileged to serve with Chief knew he was one of a kind” said Dr. Steven Greer, founder of The Greer Foundation.

“Recipients of the WILLIAM “CHIEF” CARLSON TOMAHAWK MEDAL are leaders of the highest caliber” Dr. Greer said.

For more information about The Greer Foundation visit their web site at www.greerfoundation.org

The Greer Foundation focuses on promoting the values of America's Soldiers - loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. Each year, the

Foundation's programs help inspire hundreds of exceptionally promising individuals to emerge as leaders in America's Armed Forces and other professional disciplines.

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