



**101st Airborne Division Association
The Screaming Eagles**

Proclamation

WHEREAS Richard Hamilton a lifetime resident of Brattleboro, Vermont, was drafted into the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942 serving in the European Theater, and attained the rank of Tech Sergeant; and

WHEREAS He served as a Radio Operator, Mechanic and Gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress assigned to 401st Bomb Squadron, 91st Bomb Group, 8th Air Force at Basingbourn Air Base, England conducting bombing raids from the skies over Germany; and

WHEREAS Over Germany, his aircraft was shot down, losing four members of its crew, and Hamilton and four other crew bailed out over Germany from the stricken aircraft; and

WHEREAS Richard Hamilton parachuted down behind enemy lines, and was captured by German Forces; and

WHEREAS He served as a Prisoner of War at Stalag Luft IV, Gros Tychow, Pomerania, Poland for ten months until liberated by forces of the Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS He and other prisoners marched for 77 days in the winter with little clothing, food or water to their freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Erik Lind, President, 101st Airborne Division Association proclaim, having jumped into combat surrounded by enemy, served with honor as a Prisoner of War, and marched through the frozen winter with little comforts, T-SGT Richard Hamilton is to be an Honorary Paratrooper of the 101st Airborne.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of The 101st Airborne Division Association to be affixed. Done at Fort Campbell, Kentucky on this 18th day of June, in the year 2024.

Erik Lind
President
101st Airborne Division Association

