

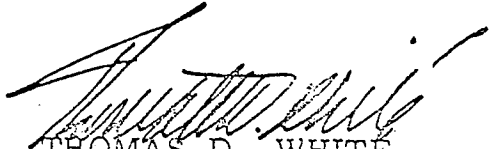
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CITATION FOR THE AWARD OF
THE KOREN KOLLIGIAN, JR. TROPHY

The KOREN KOLLIGIAN, JR. TROPHY is awarded to Captain Jerome F. King, United States Air Force, in recognition of his accomplishment of an outstanding feat of airmanship.

Captain King distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight on 24 October 1960. Captain King was Aircraft Commander of a C-124 carrying four passengers and a crew of six and heavily loaded with high explosives. At take-off from Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts, with Lages Air Base as destination, the aircraft was at maximum gross weight of 185,000 pounds. After less than one hour flying through thunderstorm, icing and turbulent conditions, it became necessary to feather number one and two engines. An emergency was declared and Quonset Point Naval Air Station selected as the most suitable landing field. A ground-controlled approach penetration was initiated while maintaining maximum possible altitude. During the ground-controlled approach the number 4 engine became erratic and would produce only minimum power. The aircraft was successfully landed despite adverse conditions caused by a 70 degree crosswind with gusts of 33 knots, a runway surface covered with sleet and rain, a critical load and little power. Captain King, displaying outstanding piloting technique, brought the aircraft to a safe stop on the runway. By this outstanding achievement, he saved his aircraft, and its crew, passengers and cargo. In overcoming almost insurmountable obstacles and averting a major aircraft accident which could have had catastrophic results, killing an untold number of individuals and doing an inestimable amount of property damage, Captain King has brought great credit upon himself, the Military Air Transport Service and the United States Air Force.

Captain King's outstanding feat of airmanship in coping with an airborne emergency situation conforms to the high standards established for the KOREN KOLLIGIAN, JR. TROPHY and reflects great credit upon himself, the Military Air Transport Service, and the United States Air Force.


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