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TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF THE
KOREN KOLLIGIAN, JR. TROPHY

The Koren Kolligian, Jr. Trophy is awarded to Captain Raymond M. Ross in recognition of his professional skills in coping with a serious inflight emergency.

During the conduct of a night combat strike mission, on 19 March 1971, two surface-to-air missiles detonated in close proximity to his F-4, inflicting serious damage to the aircraft. The utility hydraulic system and one primary flight control system were disabled. Since friendly forces were known to be in the area, Captain Ross withheld jettison of his heavy bomb load until he had made his way over open ocean. Despite increased aircraft control difficulties encountered after the landing gear was lowered by emergency methods, he effected a successful approach-and barrier engagement at his recovery base.

Captain Ross' outstanding feat of professional airmanship in preventing the loss of a costly aircraft and averting injury or loss of life to others, reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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