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Major Raymond D. Fowler distinguished himself by exceptional airmanship on 28 March 1978 when he successfully recovered a valuable combat aircraft despite a severe and partially incapacitating injury.

Major Fowler received serious injury to his right eye and face following the shattering of the plexiglass canopy on his F-5E aircraft while flying at supersonic speed. Although experiencing severe trauma and shock from the injury and the deafening high wind in the cockpit, he regained control of the aircraft.

With exceptional skill, courage, and determination, and in spite of severe pain, loss of blood, and loss of vision in one eye, Major Fowler returned to the airfield and successfully landed his damaged aircraft.

The superb airmanship and professional competence of Major Fowler, under extreme physical stress, saved a valuable weapon system and reflect great credit upon himself, the Tactical Air Command, and the United States Air Force.