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KOREN KOLLIGIAN, JR. TROPHY

Major David M. Peters distinguished himself by exceptional airmanship in coping with a complex multiple-engine emergency situation in an SR-71A aircraft on 28 April 1979.

During descent from an overseas operational sortie, the right engine was shut down because of an engine system malfunction. Upon reaching traffic pattern altitude, the left engine oil pressure began to fluctuate and the oil quantity started to deplete. Major Peters immediately restarted the right engine and set up for a visual approach to the airfield. The right engine provided little additional thrust because of its continued erratic performance. Upon approaching the airfield, it became necessary to shut down the left engine. By exceptional aerial skill, Major Peters was able to successfully land his crippled SR-71A aircraft with only one partially operating engine.

The professional competence, timely and decisive actions, and superior airmanship exhibited by Major Peters saved a valuable reconnaissance aircraft and reflect great credit upon himself, the Strategic Air Command, and the United States Air Force.