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THE KOREN KOLLIGIAN, JR., TROPHY

Major Jon R. Alexander, United States Air Force, distinguished himself by an outstanding act of airmanship while participating in aerial flight as an F-4E aircraft commander at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina, during a unit transatlantic deployment on 5 September 1983.

Major Alexander's aircraft experienced an engine failure at heavy gross weight which rendered the aircraft incapable of maintaining high altitude flight. While 520 nautical miles from land, he was faced with a number of serious problems, including critical fuel state for him and his wingman, as well as the need for extended air refueling while flying with a failed engine at low altitude. Major Alexander calmly assessed the situation and flawlessly acted to save a valuable combat aircraft and perhaps loss of an aircrew. His professionalism and outstanding ability in this dire situation, are indicative of determination and strength as an aviator.

The professional skill, superb airmanship, and tremendous courage of Major Alexander reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.