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J. DAVID NOAH

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First Lieutenant J. David Noah, 162d Tactical Fighter Group, Air National Guard, Tucson, Arizona, distinguished himself by his outstanding airmanship while participating in aerial flight as an F-16 pilot on 28 November 1989.

Lieutenant Noah was flying a two-ship "B" course solo conversion mission. He was on his second solo mission when his aircraft experienced a sudden uncommanded pitchup which lasted approximately 20 seconds. He successfully regained control of the aircraft while his IP flew chase and coordinated an emergency recovery.

Lieutenant Noah began the recovery and planned the approach without speedbrakes and with trim/autopilot disconnected. At 6,000 feet AGL, the aircraft pitched up again. He again regained control of his F-16A and held at a safe altitude to discuss the problem and possible ejection procedures. During the next approach while on final at 200 feet AGL, the aircraft pitched up. Lieutenant Noah again executed a climbing spiral and regained control after approximately 20 seconds. Although the aircraft contractor was unable to provide a solution, Lieutenant Noah held the Manual Pitch Override Switch in position with a pen for the remainder of the flight. A remote auxiliary field was selected for the next approach to minimize danger to the population on the ground. Through skillful maneuvering, Lieutenant Noah brought his aircraft to a safe landing and an approach end engagement. The aircraft was undamaged.

Lieutenant Noah's skill and determination averted a potentially disastrous situation and saved a valuable combat aircraft. This action reflects great credit on himself, the Tactical Air Command, the Air National Guard, and the United States Air Force.