

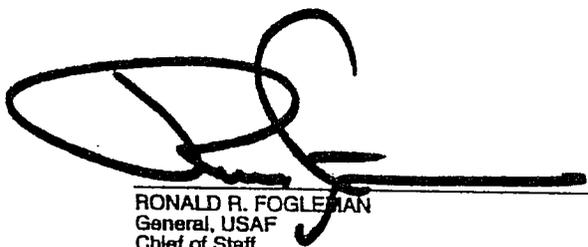


DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

CITATION

TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE KOREN KOLLIGIAN, JR. TROPHY
TO
BRADLEY J. ROBERT

On 16 September 1994, Captain Bradley J. Robert distinguished himself by meritorious action in successfully responding to a critical inflight emergency. During a two-ship low-level surface attack tactics training mission, his F-15E aircraft struck a large duck, shattering the canopy, and subjecting the crew to a violent blast of wind and broken canopy fragments. In the rear cockpit, Captain Robert's weapons system officer (WSO) was stunned and disoriented by the impact and wind blast. As Captain Robert began a climb to a safe altitude, the WSO, unable to determine if the aircraft was under control, initiated ejection in accordance with prebriefed procedures. Captain Robert remained with the aircraft and used his wingman to initiate search and rescue efforts. Despite being severely impeded by canopy debris lodged in his seat which forced him into an unnatural sitting position, and being unable to hear radio transmissions, Captain Robert diverted to an allied air base, flew a flawless approach, and landed without further incident. The distinctive accomplishments of Captain Robert reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.



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