



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE FY05 KOREN KOLLIGIAN, JR. TROPHY

TO

ANDREAS H. IX

Captain Andreas H. Ix distinguished himself by outstanding achievements in airmanship by safely recovering a C-17A after a bird strike severely damaged the aircraft during a student low level training sortie on 10 March 2005. The impact caused the nose cone to separate and sheared the angle of attack vanes off the left side of the aircraft, resulting in major flight control and instrument problems. Captain Ix took immediate control of the situation, initiated emergency checklists and contacting the 97th Operations Group Standardization and Evaluation Office to seek guidance, as this was the first time a C-17 had completely lost a radome in flight. At one point, the aircraft did not respond to aft stick input, resulting in the aircraft maintaining a descent in spite of the flight control inputs. Through masterful use of Crew Resource Management with both his crew and ground agencies, Captain Ix regained aircraft control and safely landed the aircraft despite invalid airspeed indications. Captain Ix's expertise and professionalism were directly responsible for the safe recovery of a multi-million dollar aircraft and its crew which makes him especially deserving of this award.

Captain Ix's superior airmanship and ability to perform under extreme circumstances reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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