



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE KOREN KOLLIGIAN, JR. TROPHY

TO

CAPTAIN FRANK A. BAUMANN

In recognition of outstanding achievements in aircrew safety and discipline, the Koren Kolligian, Jr. Trophy is presented to Captain Frank A. Baumann, 80th Flying Training Wing, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. On 13 September 2011, during a T-6 pre-solo contact sortie, Captain Baumann's student pilot performed a practice out-of-control recovery. During the recovery from the spin, Captain Baumann and his student discovered that the flight controls were unresponsive to elevator input in the rear cockpit and to aileron input in the front cockpit. The crew recovered the aircraft to level flight and maintained aircraft control by using sound crew resource management. After a chase ship confirmed that there was no external damage, the crew formulated a plan to see if a recovery was possible, even without technical order guidance for this emergency. By using Captain Baumann's aileron, rudder, and power inputs and his student's elevator control, the crew was able to orchestrate six practice approaches in the airspace. This action resulted in a flawless approach and safe landing at Sheppard Air Force Base. Upon inspection, maintenance found that the lower bracket of the control stick assembly had failed, which severed the control rod link between the front cockpit and rear cockpit. His skillful actions and superb airmanship saved a valuable Air Force asset and two lives. Captain Baumann's professionalism reflects great credit upon himself, Air Education and Training Command, and the United States Air Force.


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