



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE KOREN KOLLIGIAN, JR., TROPHY

TO

MAJOR JOHN T. HOURIGAN

The Koren Kolligian, Jr. Trophy for fiscal year 2016 is presented to Major John T. Hourigan, 123d Operations Support Squadron, Kentucky Air National Guard, Louisville, Kentucky. On 15 July 2016, while commanding a crew of five for a routine training sortie aboard a Hercules C-130H, Major Hourigan's aircraft began vibrating so badly that crewmembers could not read the flight instruments or engine gauges. The accompanying racket was equally intense, preventing aircrew from communicating with each other via headsets. With the aircraft low to the ground, at a high bank angle, and in a critical phase of flight, Major Hourigan relied on extraordinary airmanship and resource-management skills, ingenuity and a deep knowledge of the airframe to quickly determine the source of the crippling vibration, implement corrective action and execute an engine-out landing that saved the lives of all six crewmembers and helped identify a previously unknown propeller issue that affects the airworthiness of C-130H aircraft worldwide. The safety awareness and risk management these accomplishments exhibit, reflect great credit upon Major Hourigan, the Air National Guard and the United States Air Force.


DAVE GOLDFEIN
General, USAF
Chief of Staff