

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE 2019 KOREN KOLLIGIAN, JR, TROPHY

TO

CAPTAIN JUSTIN W. SAGER

The Koren Kolligian, Jr. Trophy is presented to Captain Justin W. Sager, 33d Flying Training Squadron, 71st Operations Group, 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma. While conducting T-6 aerobatics training with a student pilot in a Vance Military Operations Area, Captain Sager noted an abrupt loss of oil pressure, followed soon by an oil pressure warning light indicating imminent engine failure. Without delay, Captain Sager assumed aircraft control, immediately turned towards an emergency airfield twenty-five miles away, and began a climb to improve his energy state for a glide to high key if necessary. Three minutes later, the engine seized violently, rolling the T-6 sharply to the left. Captain Sager recovered from the uncommanded roll and completed the engine shutdown boldface while maintaining an engine-out glide profile to a straight-in landing at Woodring Regional Airport. Unsure if they would make the runway, Captain Sager delayed directing his student to emergency extend the landing gear until half-mile final. He then moved the flaps to takeoff configuration and utilized the extra lift to carry the aircraft beyond the runway threshold, deftly touching down just fifty feet down the runway and safely stopping the aircraft without issue. Captain Sager's superb airmanship resulted in the safe recovery of two Airmen and a \$5.7 million aircraft. The distinctive accomplishments of Captain Sager reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.


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