

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE 2020 KOREN KOLLIGIAN, JR. TROPHY

TO

CAPTAIN TAYLOR J. BYE

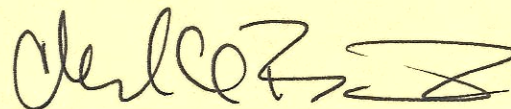
The 2020 Koren Kolligian, Jr. Trophy is presented to Captain Taylor J. Bye, 75th Fighter Squadron, Moody Air Force Base, Georgia. Capt Bye's A-10C aircraft experienced a catastrophic gun malfunction during a strafing pass. Upon releasing the trigger, Capt Bye promptly noticed the Master Caution Light and Gun Unsafe lights illuminated. After calling a knock-it-off, she directed her wingman to the chase position where they informed her of visible damage to her aircraft. Following her checklist, Capt Bye executed a controllability check to determine if the aircraft was safe to land. She attempted to lower the landing gear only to find the nose gear was not down and locked. Capt Bye was faced with the decision to either eject or attempt a gear up "belly" landing. Capt Bye had the situational awareness to assess her fuel state and determined she had time for a CONFERENCE HOTEL. After further discussion, she decided the best course of action was to jettison her remaining BDU-33 training munitions and perform a gear up landing. Immediately following her first pass to jettison the practice bombs, Captain Bye's canopy departed the aircraft. Capt Bye quickly referenced the loss of canopy checklist and communicated her game plan to attempt a gear up, no canopy landing with training munitions still on board. Capt Bye expertly executed the "belly" landing and egressing safely. The distinctive accomplishments of Captain Bye reflect great credit upon herself and the United States Air Force.



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THE 2020 CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE AIR FORCE AIRCREW OF DISTINCTION FOR SAFETY
TO THE
CREW OF ABIDE 03

The 2020 Chief of Staff of the Air Force Aircrew of Distinction Award is presented to the crew of ABIDE 03, 494th Fighter Squadron, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England. ABIDE 03/04, a flight of two F-15Es, were conducting a close air support mission in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE when they experienced simultaneous hydraulic and electrical system failures. Checklist guidance restricted the right engine to idle power. While turning toward their divert airfield, the crew completed checklists, directed ABIDE 04 to rejoin, and informed the controlling agencies of their situation. Shortly thereafter, ABIDE 03 experienced a bleed air leak on the left engine that forced them to reduce it to idle, as well as switch the environmental control system to the right engine. However, now both engines were at idle, which would be insufficient to safely divert. The crew prioritized the left engine as least severe and elected to use power judiciously in order to land safely. They faced a third critical condition when a caution light illuminated indicating another environmental control system fault. This malfunction, when combined with the bleed air leak, could force the decision to eject. Relying on systems knowledge, the crew correctly ascertained that this was a result of previous checklist actions opting instead to recover the aircraft. The distinctive accomplishments Major Peter C. Kaszynski and Captain Jonathan M. Kipp reflect great credit upon themselves and the United States Air Force.



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