

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE 2021 KOREN KOLLIGIAN, JR. TROPHY

TO

MAJOR BRIAN A. CRAWFORD

The 2021 Koren Kolligian, Jr. Trophy is presented to Major Brian A. Crawford, 69th Fighter Squadron, 69th Fighter Wing, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. On 15 December 2020, Major Crawford led a 4-ship of F-16s performing a daytime Tactical Intercept mission. Midway through the sortie, Major Crawford's engine made an uncommanded power advancement to full afterburner and became unresponsive. With only five thousand pounds of fuel and a fuel flow in excess of thirty five thousand pounds per hour, Major Crawford immediately understood he had about 8 minutes of fuel remaining. He immediately called a "knock it off," and pointed his aircraft towards Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. He methodically and swiftly executed his emergency checklists, switching the engine to its secondary operating mode which terminated the afterburner, but left the engine in full military power. Completing the checklist, Major Crawford understood he would have to intentionally shut down his motor by starving it of fuel and make a flame-out landing. This is an irreversible action and demanded that Major Crawford fly a perfect flame-out landing with no available go-around option. After shutting down the engine, despite the challenge and due to his superior skill, Major Crawford flew a perfect flame-out approach and landing. The distinctive accomplishments of Major Crawford reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.



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