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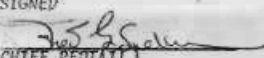
DATE OF 1 JANUARY
LORD 1973 THAT

LIEUTENANT WILLIAM F. BOELTE
IS HEREBY ENROLLED AS A LIFETIME MEMBER
IN THE
RENOUMED SOCIETY OF REDTAILS
HAVING BEEN A MEMBER OF FLECOMPRON EIGHT FOR
3 YEARS AND 94 DAYS

BILL "DOWN 'EM" BOELTE HAS WHILE ASSIGNED TO VC-8 ASSEMBLED A LONG LIST OF DUBIOUS HONORS ONLY OF WHICH THE HIGHLIGHTS ARE MENTIONED BELOW:

1. BILL "BOLTER" BOELTE, ALIAS "BOURBON BILL" IS GIVEN CREDIT FOR CHANGING THE METHOD OF ANNOUNCING BIRTHS FROM THE TRADITIONAL, ODIFEROUS, CIGAR TO THE MUCH HEALTHIER SIP OF CORN SQUEEZIN'S TO THE DELIGHT OF THE READY ROOM CROWD.
2. ATTACKED THE ROOSEVELT ROADS G.C.A. WITH A 80M-34A. WAS IT ATTEMPTED REVENGE OR A BAD APPROACH?
3. BILL AS SDO-WITHIN A MONTH OF THE CHANGE OF COMMAND HAD DEMONSTRATED HIS LACK OF ATTENTION DURING THAT CEREMONY BY LISTING THE NEW X.O. ON THE FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS THE C.O. BILL IS ALSO NOTED AS THE SDO WHO CALLED CDR NICHOLSON AT HOME ABOUT 0300 FOR A WEATHER REPORT.
4. BILL "MR. NATOPS" "MR. TYPE LEADER" DECIDED TO BE GOOD GUY ONE DAY. WITH "LAST CHECK" ANSELMO AS CO-PILOT. BILL AND PETE PROCEEDED TO SAINT THOMAS TO PICK UP THEIR GOOD BUDDY JAY ROBERTS, WHO WAS RETURNING FROM LEAVE. UPON ARRIVAL AT SAINT THOMAS GOOD OLE JAY HAD ANOTHER PASSENGER TO BRING BACK. NO SWEAT!! THE STOOFF HAS AN EXTRA SEAT. IN FACT BILL EVEN GAVE HIM AN EXTRA CUSHION TO SIT ON. THE ONLY THING, THE GUY'S ARMS HURT FROM HOLDING HIS EARS. YOU SEE HE DIDN'T HAVE A HELMET! IN FACT, HE DIDN'T HAVE A FLIGHT SUIT. IN FACT, HE DIDN'T HAVE A MAE WEST. IN FACT, HE DIDN'T HAVE A PARACHUTE! SLY BILL'S WRITE UP ON THE VELLOW SHEET: THE AIRCRAFT NEEDS AN EXTRA CHUTE. OH YES, BY THE WAY BILL PUT "NO PASSENGERS" ON PART "A".
5. WHILE TOOLING AROUND THE RANGE ONE DAY IN HIS TRUSTY P-2, BILL HEARD A SHIP CALL FOR A HIGH SPEED PASS, AT LEAST 300 KNOTS. UPON LEARNING THAT THERE WERE NO F-8'S AVAILABLE, BILL VOLUNTEERED HIS SWIFT NEPTUNE FOR THE TASK. HE LIT OFF THE JETS, OPENED UP THE THROTTLES, AINED IT DOWNHILL TOWARD THE SHIP AND STARTED PEDALING AS FAST AS HE COULD. AS HE PASSED THROUGH 295 KNOTS, A HATCH BLEW OUT, THE PLANE CAPTAIN LOST HIS HEADSET THROUGH THE HOLE AND WOULD HAVE GONE TOO HAD HE NOT BEEN STRAPPED IN. THE MAD CONE ON THE TAIL ALSO BROKE LOOSE AND NEARLY FELL OFF. THE RUPTURED BIRD LIMPED BACK TO VC-8 AND TOOK A NICE LONG REST IN THE HANGER. UNREPENTANT BILL NOW CHECKS ALL THE HATCHES BEFORE EVERY FLIGHT, IN CASE HE GETS BRAVE AGAIN.

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CHIEF REDTAIL