

KNOW YE THAT ON THIS
IN THE YEAR OF OUR



DATE OF 7 JUNE
LORD 1975 THAT

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER PETER J. LUMIANSKI
IS HEREBY ENROLLED AS A LIFETIME MEMBER

IN THE

RENOWNED SOCIETY OF REDTAILS

HAVING BEEN A MEMBER OF FLECOMPRON EIGHT FOR
2 YEARS AND 319 DAYS

PETER J. LUMIANSKI HAS WHILE ASSIGNED TO VC-8 ASSEMBLED A LONG LIST OF DUBIOUS HONORS ONLY THE HIGHLIGHTS OF WHICH ARE MENTIONED BELOW:

1. WHILE STILL A LOWLY LIEUTENANT, PETE WAS HAND PICKED TO COMMAND THE SQUADRON'S "F TROOP" AT A PERSONNEL INSPECTION. HIS PLATOON COMMANDER CAREER WAS CUT SHORT AS HE WAS UNABLE TO GET HIS TROOPS TO FOLLOW SUCH SIMPLE COMMANDS AS "OPEN INTERVAL" FROM HIS ASTUTE LEADER "FEARLESS BOB CARLSON."
2. PETE, ALWAYS STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF OJT (ON THE JOB TRAINING), WAS A BIG HELP TO THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT; ESPECIALLY IN THE CASE OF MAIN TRANSMISSION CHANGES. UPON THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW TRANSMISSION IN SALT SPRAY 24 HE WAS ASKED TO PERFORM A POST-MAINTENANCE ENGAGEMENT. SOMEHOW, THE DEVIL MADE HIM DO IT AND PETE ATTEMPTED AN ENGAGEMENT USING THE ACCESSORY DRIVE SWITCH. THE RESULTS WERE BOTH EXCITING AND CATASTROPHIC. THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT WAS IMMEDIATELY PROVIDED WITH MORE OJT IN REMOVING THAT TRANSMISSION AND INSTALLING YET ANOTHER NEW TRANSMISSION. OBVIOUSLY THE RUSSIAN DESIGNER OF THE HELICOPTER NEVER ANTICIPATED A POLISH PILOT AT THE CONTROLS.
3. WHAT PETE LACKS IN HUMILITY, HE MAKES UP FOR IN AUDACITY. WHEN STREAKING WAS POPULAR, PETE EXHIBITED HIS OWN REDTAIL, AS IF ANYONE WERE REALLY INTERESTED, MUCH TO CHRIS'S DISMAY. NEVERTHELESS, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE SAID THAT PETE'S PERFORMANCE WAS ONE OF THE REASONS THE FAD DIED DOWN SO QUICKLY.
4. "PUNCTUAL PETE" WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED BY THE MANY THOUSANDS OF PASSENGERS HE TRANSPORTED ON LOGISTIC RUNS. ONE IN PARTICULAR, IS A CERTAIN MARINE COLONEL FROM CAMP GARCIA WHO RECENTLY WAS ON HIS WAY TO AN IMPORTANT MEETING AT ROOSEVELT ROADS VIA PETE'S HELO. IT SEEMS PETE CHOSE THIS DAY TO GIVE ROD WHALEN AN ORIENTATION FLIGHT OF THE GREATER CARIBBEAN AREA. THE SCENIC TOUR WAS CUT SHORT, HOWEVER, WHEN THE PATIENT-LESS COLONEL PASSED PETE A NOTE ADVISING HIM THAT HE WAS ALREADY 15 MINUTES LATE FOR HIS IMPORTANT MEETING. WHO SAID PETE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO HANDLE IRATE MARINES.
5. ALTHOUGH YOUR DAYS IN VC-8 WERE NUMBERED, YOU DEMONSTRATED YOUR CONSCIENTIOUS ATTENTION TO DETAIL IN THAT YOU WERE OBSERVED TO REVIEW THE YELLOW SHEETS OF ONE AIRCRAFT, THEN SIGN FOR THE AIRCRAFT AND PROCEEDED TO PREFLIGHT A DIFFERENT ONE!

SIGNED,

AB Albone
CHIEF REDTAIL