

KNOW YE THAT ON THIS
IN THE YEAR OF OUR



DATE OF 8 JULY
LORD 1977 THAT

Cor Keith Boatright

IS HEREBY ENROLLED AS A LIFETIME MEMBER
IN THE
RENOWNED SOCIETY OF REDTAILS
HAVING BEEN A MEMBER OF FLECOMPRON EIGHT FOR
TWO YEARS AND ELEVEN MONTHS

KEITH A. BOATRIGHT HAS WHILE ASSIGNED TO VC-8 ASSEMBLED A LONG LIST OF DUBIOUS HONORS, ONLY THE HIGHLIGHTS OF WHICH ARE MENTIONED BELOW:

- I**T ALWAYS SEEMS THAT ONE IS ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE HIS TRUE COLORS BEFORE A GROUP, AND CDR. BOATRIGHT WAS NO EXCEPTION. IT STARTED OUT WHEN HE WAS ABOUT TO TAKE OVER AS XO, AND WAS TASKED WITH ARRANGING THE TROOPS FOR INSPECTION AT THE CHANGE OF COMMAND. HE BEGAN WITH THE COMMAND "PARADE REST" AND THEN, SEVERAL MINUTES LATER ANNOUNCED AGAIN "PARADE REST." PERHAPS HE THOUGHT SOME PEOPLE HADN'T HEARD THE FIRST TIME. WHEN IT CAME TIME FOR INSPECTION OF THE TROOPS, HE EVIDENTLY THOUGHT A "SURPRISE INSPECTION" MIGHT BE IN ORDER. HE FORGOT TO GIVE THE ORDER TO PREPARE FOR INSPECTION AND ARRIVED WITH THE INSPECTING PARTY BEFORE THE OFFICERS WITH THE SQUADRON STILL IN CLOSE FORMATION.
- A**T QUARTERS SOME TIME LATER, HE DEMONSTRATED HIS AMAZING MATH SKILLS. AS HE PROUDLY ANNOUNCED AT A MASS ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY: "STANDING BEFORE ME ARE 30 SAILORS BEING ADVANCED. THIS GROUP REPRESENTS A THIRD OF THE SQUADRON, SINCE WE HAVE ABOUT 180 SAILORS ABOARD." HE PAUSED FOR A MOMENT TO RECONSIDER THE PROFUNDITY OF THE STATEMENT AND THEN ANNOUNCED IT AGAIN. PERHAPS THE PAUSE WAS WHEN HE WAS CONSIDERING RAISING THE FRACTION TO A HALF.
- W**HILE ON A CROSS COUNTRY TO JACKSONVILLE, CDR. BOATRIGHT WAS ENJOYING SOME RAUCOUS COMRADERIE WITH THE CREW IN THE SAME PLACE THAT N.A.S. JAX WAS HOLDING THEIR WEEKLY BINGO GAME. IT SOON BECAME EVIDENT THAT THE ROOM WAS NOT BIG ENOUGH TO HOLD BOTH THE BINGO GAME AND SUCH NOISY AIRDALE CARRYINGS ON. WHEN THE DIRECTOR OF THE BINGO GAME RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED SILENCE SO THE BINGO GAME COULD CONTINUE, THE SKIPPER REPLIED IN A LOUD VOICE: "B SIXTEEN."
- F**OREVER ATTEMPTING TO DISPLAY HIS SUPERIOR AERONAUTICAL SKILLS, HE NEVERTHELESS LET HIS GAURD SLIP OCCASIONALLY; SUCH AS WHEN HE FLEW THE FLYING CLUB PLANES. WHO WOULD THINK THAT YOU SHOULD DO A COMPLETE PREFLIGHT ON A CESSNA 172? THEY'RE SO SIMPLE THAT ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TURN ON THE KEY AND DRIVE OFF. IT BECAME EVIDENT HOWEVER THAT FULL POWER SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO TAXI FROM THE SPOT. IN FACT, EVEN WITH FULL POWER THE LITTLE BEAST REFUSED TO MOVE. FORTUNATELY, THE EXPERT ADVICE OF A FELLOW NAVAL AVIATOR CAME TO THE RESCUE: IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THE REAR TIE DOWN OUGHT TO BE REMOVED BEFORE EACH ATTEMPT AT FLIGHT.

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