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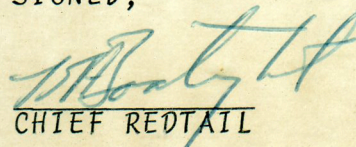
DATE OF 24 SEPTEMBER  
LORD 1976 THAT

LIEUTENANT EDWARD C. MCALLISTER  
IS HEREBY ENROLLED AS A LIFETIME MEMBER  
IN THE  
RENOWNED SOCIETY OF REDTAILS  
HAVING BEEN A MEMBER OF FLECOMPRON EIGHT FOR  
THREE YEARS AND ELEVEN MONTHS

EDWARD C. MCALLISTER HAS WHILE ASSIGNED TO VC-8 ASSEMBLED A LONG LIST OF DUBIOUS HONORS ONLY THE HIGHLIGHTS OF WHICH ARE MENTIONED BELOW:

1. ED HAS OFTEN DISPLAYED HIS PROWESS IN DEALING WITH THE EVILS OF JOHN BARLEYCORN. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS HE HAS BEEN OBSERVED MAINLINING ALKA-SELTZER. THAT IS, CHEWING THE TABLETS, SANS WATER, IN THE SAME MANNER THAT MEN OF LESSER CALIBER WOULD EAT A PEPPERMINT LIFESAVER. WHILE THIS ACT, IN AND OF ITSELF, IS A LOGICAL AND EXPEDITIOUS METHOD FOR PUTTING THE MOST PRODUCT IN HIS STOMACH WITH THE LEAST EFFORT EXPENDED BY HIS ALREADY TIRED SWALLOWING MUSCLES, IT MUST ALSO BE NOTED THAT THE WEREWOLF-LIKE FOAMING AND FROTHING AT THE MOUTH IS KNOWN TO CAUSE LINDA AND FELLOW REDTAILS TO WALK CAUTIOUSLY AROUND ED IN THE MORNINGS.
2. ED IS ACTUALLY RETURNING TO THE STATES FOR MEDICAL REASONS. IT WAS HERE THAT HE DEVELOPED SYMPTOMS OF THE DREADED PUERTO RICAN BLACK LUNG DISEASE. ON ANY MORNING HIS GUT-WRENCHING COUGH COULD BE HEARD REVERBERATING OFF READY ROOM WALLS, SOUNDING SOMETHING LIKE A CROSS BETWEEN COMPRESSOR STALLS AND A 3350 WITH FOULED PLUGS RUNNING ON LOW-LEAD GAS.
3. AN ACCOMPLISHED PILOT, ED WAVED OFF TWO APPROACHES IN NORFOLK AND "TOOK WHAT HE COULD GET" ON THE THIRD TRY, SETTLING DOWN WITH A RESOUNDING CRUNCH. MUST HAVE BEEN THE WIND, ED CLAIMED.
4. NEED A LOAN? GO SEE ED. HE MADE PLENTY OF MONEY AS PART-TIME BAR-KEEPER AT THE OBA.

SIGNED,

  
CHIEF REDTAIL