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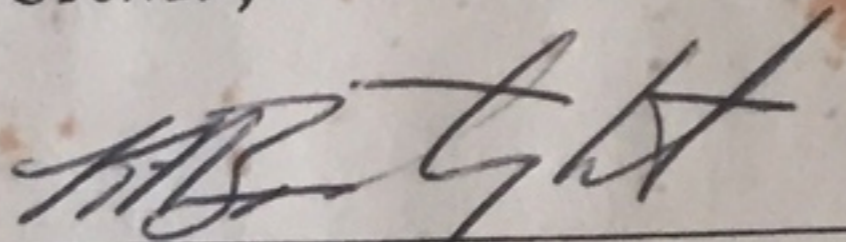
Lt. Craig Grabeel

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

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

1. **W**HILE MOST HELICOPTER PILOTS TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN LAUNCHING ON SEARCH AND RESCUE FLIGHTS IN MINIMAL TIMES, (FROM HOME TO AIRBORNE IN HALF AN HOUR IS A GOOD TIME), CRAIG ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT EMPHASIS OUGHT TO BE PLACED ON PROPER BRIEFING, ETC. AD NAUSEUM. AT ONE POINT, WITH THE NUMBER 1 ENGINE TURNING, ON DECK AT ROOSEY, CRAIG WAS NOTIFIED OF AN IMMEDIATE SAR. AFTER SWITCHING SEATS, AND BRIEFING THE CREW IN MINUTE DETAIL (THEY ONLY HAD 45 MINUTES TO DO IT ENROUTE), HE FINALLY TOOK OFF 25 MINUTES AFTER NOTIFICATION, AND PROCEEDED WITH ALL DUE DELIBERATION TO THE SCENE. DUE TO HIS EXCEPTIONAL SPEED, THE VICTIMS HAD BEEN PICKED UP BY A SPEEDING ROWBOAT THAT HAD BEEN DISPATCHED AT THE SAME TIME HE HAD.
2. **M**ILD MANNERED CRAIG MUST HAVE STEPPED INTO A PHONE BOOTH SOMEWHERE TO EMERGE AS SUPER TRASH MAN. IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE A GROWING TRASH PROBLEM IN THE BUNDY APARTMENT AREA, HE ADDED A MK 80, SEVERAL GALLONS OF JP AND A MATCH TO A VOLUMINOUS PILE OF TRASH IN AND AROUND THE DUMPSTER. IN THE ENSUING MELEE, CRAIG WAS APPREHENDED AND DRAGGED OFF TO SECURITY, CHARGED WITH "ARSON" OF GOVERNMENT TRASH. ALTHOUGH THE CHARGES DIDN'T STICK, CRAIG IS NOW CONSIDERING A CAREER AS A PROFESSIONAL GARBAGE MAN WITH A PATENTED NEW METHOD OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL.
3. **W**HILE FLYING ON A PHOTO RUN, CRAIG, EVER MINDFUL OF THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF HIS CREW, NEVER-THE-LESS FELT NATURE'S CALL, AND DECIDED TO CORRECT THE SITUATION BY USE OF THE RELIEF TUBE. AS HE BEGAN TO MAKE COPIOUS USE OF SAID ITEM, THE CREW BEGAN TO NOTICE A VILE SMELLING PALE LIQUID WHICH COMMENCED TO RAIN UPON THEM FROM EVERY CONCEIVABLE ANGLE, AS THE HELICOPTER BEGAN TO RECIRCULATE THE LIQUID THROUGH OPEN WINDOWS, DOORS AND SONAR WELL. WHEN THE CREW BEGAN TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THIS INDIGNITY, CRAIG SUGGESTED THAT IT WAS THEIR FAULT. PERHAPS THEY SHOULD HAVE WAITED OUTSIDE.

SIGNED,


CHIEF REDTAIL