

AFTER BEING ASSIGNED TO C/101. MOST EM/NCO/WO WERE IN AN ANTI-AWARD FRAME OF MIND. THEIR ATTITUDE WAS SUCH THAT THEY SAID MEDALS ARE FOR "LIFERS", SO THEY FELT IT WAS MACHO TO AVOID GETTING THEM. QUITE A FEW WERE JUST TOO DARN LAZY TO WRITE UP AWARDS. I HAD TO EDUCATE MY PEOPLE SO THEY WOULD GO FOR DESERVED AWARDS. WHILE I WAS PLATOON LEADER I HAD ENTIRE CREWS WRITING THEMSELVES UP FOR AWARDS AND EVERYBODY WAS GETTING THEM AND DESERVED THEM.

I HATE TO SAY IT BUT MORE EM/NCO/WO LOST OUT ON AWARDS DUE TO THEIR OWN HARD HEADEDNESS THAN DUE TO COMMANDERS FAILING TO DO THEIR JOBS. THE ANTI-MILITARY ATTITUDE QUITE OFTEN HAD PEOPLE CUTTING THEIR OWN THROAT TO "PROVE THEY WEREN'T LIFERS."

IT TOOK ME AWHILE TO TEACH MY WARRANT OFFICERS THAT JUST BEING FRIENDS WITH THEIR CREW CHIEFS/GUNNERS WAS WRONG. AN AIRCRAFT COMMANDER COULD BE A BUDDY, DRINKING, SMOKING AND JOKING --- BUT ALL HE WAS DOING WAS SCREWING OVER HIS SUBORDINATES. "PILOTS", AS OFFICERS, SHOULD BE WRITING AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS, LETTERS OF APPRECIATION, GOOD EFFICIENCY REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROMOTIONS, ETC. IF THEY COULD DO THAT AND STILL SMOKE AND JOKE, FINE --- BUT MOST COULDN'T.

HAVING BEEN ENLISTED FOR 7 YEARS MYSELF I COULD BE FRIENDS WITH MY TROOPS, REWARD THEM WHEN DESERVED AND "NAIL THEM" IF THEY GOT TOO FAR OUT OF LINE.

WELL, I'VE WORN ^{OUT} THAT TRAIN OF THOUGHT ~~OUT~~ ---
ALL I'M TRYING TO SAY IS THAT IF YOU MISSED OUT ON AN

AWARD YOU SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN, THINK BACK TO YOUR A/C AND PETER

PILOT - - - DID THEY WRITE YOU UP?

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* RE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS... A LOT OF GOOD MEN DID NOT GET WHAT THEY DESERVED -- (1) CLERKS DIDN'T DO THEIR JOBS (2) NCO / JR OFFICERS DIDN'T FOLLOW UP ON RECOMMENDATIONS (3) COMMANDERS DROPPED THE BALL, OR FOULED UP THE PROCESS FOR THEIR OWN PERSONAL REASONS OR JEALOUSY.

* WHILE A LOT OF HIGH RANKING TICKET PUNCHING OFFICERS DID GET "UNDERSERVED" AWARDS, I MUST SAY IN DEFENSE THAT MOST WHO GOT AWARDS (1) DID DESERVE THEM (2) KNOWING THE VALUE OF HAVING AWARDS FOR CAREER PURPOSES, MOST FOLLOWED UP TO INSURE THE AWARD WAS PRESENTED (3) AND MOST OF THOSE PUSHED FOR AWARDS FOR THOSE UNDER THEM AS WELL.

* A "PROBLEM" THAT I'M NOW REMINDED OF THAT I HADN'T THOUGHT OF IN YEARS WAS THE AMAZEMENT / SHOCK I EXPERIENCED