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Subject: Letter of Commendation

To: Cpt Fred Anderson

CITATION

This commendation is awarded to a legendary Air America pilot that participated in an unusual event in 1983, that demonstrated skill, dexterity, and quick thinking of the highest degree. On the occasion of a visit to Tampa, Florida, Cpt Mike Seale was met at the airport by his old friend, Cpt Fred Anderson. Cpt Seale was being attended by a red-cap who pushed his wheelchair from the airport's arrival gate to the main airport lounge. Cpt Anderson walked slightly ahead of Mike's wheelchair as they entered the terminal area.

Reflecting on Anderson's agility and rapid decision making ability during the war years, Mike suddenly decided to see if Fred had retained those qualities. Fred's bermuda shorts were hanging low on his hips as Cpt Seale reached forward, and gave them a gentle tug. The shorts fell to the terminal floor. It was necessary for Anderson to moon the entire arrival lounge area as he once again displayed his skill in recovering from unusual positions.

Two elderly ladies fainted, one man dropped his luggage, two nuns froze in their tracks, and one portly gentleman half-swallowed his cigar. Turning in his wheelchair, and looking up at the Red Cap, Seale said, "Nothing to worry about, he is a friend of mine". The Red Cap, wide-eyed, and still in shock at the scene replied, "I sure hope he is a good friend of yours".

In recognition of the dexterity displayed by Cpt Fred Anderson, he is commended for his skill, and awarded the GOLDEN SUSPENDERS AWARD for 1989 by the Air America Club's Award Committee. He will be granted an honorary title, and henceforth from this date he will be known as "Gold Suspenders Fred".

Approved on July 4, 1989

Leon V LaShomb

President, Air America Club Inc