

Enclosure 1
BIOGRAPHY OF SERVICE FOR
SENIOR CHIEF JACK NIX

US NAVY

Enlisted in the Navy on 4 January 1964 at the age of 20.

Duty Stations:

January 1964- Boot camp NTC Great Lakes, Illinois

April 1964- NAS Lemoore, California

Assigned to ATC Division for Air Traffic Control School but had to drop out for color vision requirement. Reassigned to the Crash Crew and began his career as an ABH.

October 1965- Naval Station Midway Island:

Assigned to Naval Station Midway Island transient line division.
Advanced to ABH 3 as the transient line supervisor.

October 1966- NAS Lakehurst ABH "A" School:

Graduated with top honors and number one in his class.

January 1967- USS Intrepid CVA-11:

Reported onboard his first aircraft carrier and was assigned to the Air Department Hangar Bay V-3 division as the bay one petty officer. While onboard he was transferred to the Flight Deck V-1 Division for his first deployment as the fly one petty officer. Advanced to ABH2 and became the assistant leading petty officer for the division.

October 1968- USS Saratoga CVA-60:

Reported onboard and was assigned to the Air Department Flight Deck V-1 division. He was instrumental in the training of fly one yellow shirts and insuring a smooth transition from overhaul to operational carrier.

May 1969- Naval Station Yokosuka, Japan

Assigned to the base as the crash boat coxswain on a 41 foot AUR

January 1972- Sheppard AFB Oklahoma (A/C & Loadmaster School)

Graduated with honors and number one in his class.

April 1972- NAF Naha, Okinawa, Japan:

Assigned to NAF Naha transient line division as LPO and also served as LPO of the Air Terminal and Loadmaster for the station C-117 and C-130 aircraft. Advanced to ABH1.

October 1975- NAS Pensacola, Florida:

Assigned to Air Operations field support as the leading petty officer.

October 1977- Suda Bay Creek:

Assigned to Air Operations transient line division. Transient Line CPO and as acting Air Operations officer. Advanced to ABHC.

November 1978- USS Forrestal CV-59:

Reported onboard and assigned to the Air Department Flight Deck V-1 division as the Flight Deck LCPO.

May 1980- NAS Whiting Field (Saufley Field Det.) Milton, Florida

Assigned to Air Operations Saufley, Field as the Crash and Salvage LCPO for 5 outline fields. Advanced to Senior Chief (ABHCS)

February 1982- USS Saratoga CV-60:

Reported onboard and assigned to the Air Department Flight deck V-1 division as the Flight Deck LCPO. During his tour onboard the Air department received two Battle E awards back to back. The first for an East Coast Carrier.

June 1985- Fleet Reserve:

Transferred to the Fleet Reserve.

Awards

- Navy Achievement Medal
- Navy Unit Commendation
- Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation
- Navy Battle "E" Ribbon (2)
- Good Conduct with 3 bronze stars
- Navy Expeditionary Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal
- Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (5)
- Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon (3)
- Vietnam Civil Action Ribbon
- Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

From: CWO-4 Retired Timothy Lee Dodson, Life Member L-466

To: President, Aviation Boatswain's Mates Association

Subj: ABMA Living Legend Nomination ICO Jackie Eugene Nix, Aviation Boatswain's Mate Senior Chief Handling ABHCS (AC) Retired, L-475

Enclosure: Jackie Eugene Nix Career Summary

1. It is with absolute pride and integrity in the Aviation Boatswain's organization that I submit Jackie Eugene Nix as a candidate for consideration and selection for the ABMA Living Legend Award. Though I have never had the privilege of working with him his reputation as a true AB's AB precedes himself. When looking up the true definition of living legend it makes it a must for Jack to have this great organizations vote for selection. I first heard of this Aviation Boatswain's mate legend well before I met him. I'd get a young sailor assigned to me and I'd hear Senior Chief Nix, I would attend an ABMA function and I would hear Senior Chief Nix. I have talked with Officers he has worked for as well as the men that have worked for him and the story's the same-- Senior Chief Nix got the job done and took care of his troops in doing it. Still today he continues to take care of the E-3 and below by purchasing them Banquet tickets at our Symposiums. His contributions to the ABMA scholarship fund every year shows you where this mans heart's at. **All though he has been retired for over 22 years he is still a household name within the Aviation Boatswain's Mate community. If that is not legendary status then I don't know what is.**
2. Achievements and contributions within the Aviation Boatswain's Mates Rate and the ABMA are outlined within.
3. Born in Lakeland, Georgia. A Dependent son of his step-father who was a career Master Sergeant in the US Army stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. As a young man moving from various duty stations throughout the United States and a tour in Germany Jack attained Leadership Qualities at an early age. He attended and graduated high school from Clarksville, Tennessee.
4. His record as an AB supports this nomination, his reputation as an AB supports this nomination and his effect on the people around him and within the Aviation Boatswain's Mate Community make him the obvious choice. A man of integrity who has set an example during both his military and civilian careers that are worthy of recognition. A dedicated family man now a Widower, he was happily married to his wife Mary for 25 years. They had four children. Jack has always been active within the AB community, a behind the scenes individual who has never taken credit for his efforts; instead he has always passed it on to others.

4. He is a life member and avid supporter of the ABMA and the ABMA Objectives. A life member of the Jacksonville, Florida ABMA Chapter and the USS Forrestal CVA-59 Association. Jack is also a Shriner holding blue lodge masters and a 32nd degree attained while serving in Japan. Through his contributions and efforts he has helped many a child while serving on the children's burn center committee. He is also past President of the WG Home Builders Association and also a member of the Chamber of Commerce in La Grange, Georgia.

5. A deserving AB and friend who is truly an ABMA "Living Legend" who has served our "AB" Community while on active duty and as a civilian. **Quite simply, his claim to fame is he did his job, took care of his troops, and supported and most importantly continues to support this great organization.** I take great pleasure in respectfully nominating ABHCS/AC Retired Jack E. Nix for your consideration for the Aviation Boatswain's Mates Living Legend award, our highest honor.

Very respectfully,

Timothy Lee Dodson
CWO-4 USN Ret.