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From: ABHC Retired Joseph D. Muttie, L-428
To: President, Aviation Boatswain's Mates Association
(ABMA)


Subject: LIVING LEGEND NOMINATION IN THE CASE OF
ABCM RETIRED ROBERT G. "BOB" HIGH, L-85

1. ABCM Retired Robert G. "Bob" High is hereby submitted as a Candidate for consideration and selection as one of our Association's Living Legends.

2. A Life member and Plank-Owner of our Great Association!

3. A true gentleman and sailor in every sense of the word. A quiet but dynamic leader who is never too busy to help and guide a shipmate. His professional knowledge, good, sound judgment and proven confidence have inspired and demanded respect and admiration from all his superiors, co-workers and juniors alike. As a teacher, his calm demeanor and patience are legendary. He is indeed a LEGEND!

Respectfully,



Joseph D. Muttie
ABHC Retired

Born April 28, 1927 in Fort Smith, Arkansas

Advancement History

Seaman Recruit 13 June 1944
Seaman Second Class 13 Sept 1944
Seaman First Class 16 April 1945
PO3-- 15 Nov 1946
PO2-- 29 Sept 1947
PO1-- 15 June 1949
ABC--16 June 1953, made permanent appointment on 27 May 1957
ABCS 16 December 1960
ABCM 16 February 1969
Retired 1 July 1984

Awards

Navy Achievement Medal
Meritorious Unit Commendation
American Campaign Service Medal
Navy "E" Ribbon
Good Conduct Medal (11)
World War II Victory Medal, American Area
Navy Occupation Service Medal
Sea Service Deployment Ribbon
Award of Merit (Coast Guard)

Command History

PBY Training Squadron 8A, NAS Pensacola, FL 9-44 to 10-45
CVE Sicily PreCom Detail, Tacoma, WA 10-45 to 2-46
USS Sicily (CVE-118) 2-46 to 3-47
USS Palau (CVE-122) 6-47 to 9-47
USS Siboney (CVE-112) 9-47 to 10-47
USS Midway (CVB-41) 11-47 to 6-48

USS Franklin D. Roosevelt (CVB-42) 6-48 to 12-53
USS Siboney (CVE-112) 1-54 to 12-55
VR-22, NAS Norfolk, VA 12-55 to 7-57
NAS Norfolk, VA 7-57 to 8-61
NAVSTA Roosevelt Roads, PR 9-61 to 9-65
NAS Norfolk, VA 9-65 to 9-67
USS Independence (CVA-62) 10-67 to 2-70
FAETULANT, NAS Norfolk, VA 3-70 to 6-72
USS John F. Kennedy (CVA-67) 7-72 to 7-76
VRC-40, NAS Norfolk, VA 7-76 to 7-79
USS Nimitz (CVN-68) 8-79 to 6-80
NATTC Lakehurst DET, NAS Norfolk, VA 6-80 to 4-82
Commander, Naval Air Forces, Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, VA 4-82 to 6-84

From Gasoline/Inert Gas School, through Shore-based Arresting Gear and Shipboard Catapults, Arresting Gear and Visual Landing Aids to CVA-67 Command Master Chief, Air Department Leading Chief, In FAETULANT, First Lieutenant, Chief Master-at-Arms, Flight Support Division Chief and at NAS Norfolk, Operations Department Leading Chief and Air Terminal Chief, CPO Club Manager. Assistant to the Air Terminal Officer.

In VRC-40, as Command Master Chief, where his primary duties were listed as "Leadership through loyalty and example" and Collateral Duties were described as "Too numerous to enumerate but ever ready to assume more".

CVN68 Air Department LCPO and President of the CPO Mess, Nominated for Atlantic Fleet Force Master Chief, Described by the Ships CO as a "one of a kind rare breed and is the epitome of what has become known as the "Traditional Leader".

Assistant Officer-in-Charge, NATTC Lakehurst Det, Norfolk. He enabled the training programs to expand and encompass new subjects while upgrading the quality of existing programs. Concerned over the leadership at the senior Petty Officer level, he developed a skills profile course of instruction for Senior Aviation Boatswain's Mates.

Assistant Ship Installation (SI) Officer, COMNAVAIRLANT. Responsible for all ALRE on 9 AIRLANT Carriers, coupled with the supervision of Flight/Hangar Deck Non-Skid Programs. Managed Fleet controlled ALRE and Visual Landing Aids Service Change Material Program.

Coordinated shipboard mobile crash/firefighting rotatable pool assets Flight/Hangar Deck Improvement Program. In 1982, he coordinated the entire East Coast contingent attendance to the Annual Aviation Boatswain's Mates Association Symposium in San Diego. Master Chief High has proven himself a leader and has firmly established himself as a "Cornerstone" of the AB Community.

ABCM Retired Bob High has "been there and done that" and has done it much longer than most professional sailors. Seaman Recruit to Command Master Chief and a nomination for Force Master Chief. PBY's to CVE, CVB, CVA and CVN, he has seen and done it all. He has been an AB, ABE, ABF and ABH, AN AB's AB!! Never a Follower— Always a Leader.....A Leader in all respects. From training of junior personnel to forming a cohesive CPO Mess, and occupying positions normally assigned to officers, no task has been insurmountable.

A statement from Julia E. Bidwick, Flotilla Commander, Flotilla 86, Venice, Florida

From a worthy dedicated career in the United States Navy to a volunteer career dedicated to the support of a partner service in the Coast Guard as an Auxiliarist, Bob High continues giving his time and efforts to enable others to achieve their goals.

Bob, as his friends call him, is synonymous with generosity. As long as I have been a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Bob High has been around helping new members assimilate into this volunteer organization that supports the Coast Guard on the water and in the air.

One of the cornerstones of the Auxiliary is Boat Operations. Bob contributes in this area by sharing his thirty-three foot Hunter sailboat, Bomar, with anyone wishing to qualify as crewman or coxswain. Allowing an Auxiliarist to stand at the helm the first time on the boat, Bob guides and educates each willing member with ease and total confidence that these novices will meet his expectations. Bob and his boat are ever-present at each training day with a full crew and willing helmsmen.

Another area where Bob guides many people is in Member Training. He has organized training opportunities and classes over the past two decades for hundreds of members and taught every course offered by

the Auxiliary. Whether three or fifteen people, he's willing to teach a Seamanship or Patrols class to help others achieve their desired status.

Although not required, after each of his Sailing Fundamentals classes, Bob offers his boat as a hands-on, learning facility for each member of this course. He passes his knowledge of the sailing skill on to those who choose to take advantage of his generosity.

New members feel a comforting hand shake when they are welcomed by Bob into a Flotilla 86 meeting. He shows genuine interest in each person and offers to mentor those wishing to learn about the Auxiliary or how Auxiliarists can volunteer their time to support the Coast Guard.

To complement the many jobs that Bob performs, he is the ultimate fellowship organizer. He always makes sure that we have fun by taking time to get together and experience the lighter side of life.

Whether it's his boat, his knowledge, or his time, Bob's generosity is ever-present and he is a valued member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Bob and his wife Marie reside in Venice, Florida.