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April 17, 1997

President Of The ABMA
LCDR Steve Ross
250 Dallas Street, Code T-25
Pensacola, FL 32508

Dear Steve;

I haven't been active in the ABMA for several years. I'm looking forward to attending the next convention in Bremerton, Washington. As a life member joining in 1973 (13), I'm also submitting the paper work nominating C.J. Heard for the AB Living Legend Award.

LCDR (Ret) T.T. Tyler Jr.
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Chula Vista, CA 91910

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I, T.T. Tyler LCDR(Ret) nominate C.J. Heard for the AB Living Legend Award for 1997.

1. C.J. Heard entered the Navy 1-27-61 retired 2-3-84, completing 23 years and 7 days. He advanced to the rank of LT(LDO) and received the following awards:

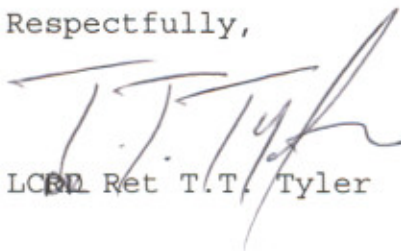
Vietnam Service
Sea Service
Battle E (3)
Navy Unit Commendation
Armed Forces Expeditionary
Good Conduct (4)
Meritorious Unit Commendation
Navy Achievement Medal
Presidential Unit Citation
Navy Expeditionary
National Defense Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Vietnam Campaign Medal
Navy Commendation Medal

2. Bos'n Heard completed (Boot Camp) and was ordered to U.S.S. Ticonderoga CVA-14. He advanced to ABH2 performing duties as the Crash and Salvage (LPO) transferring to NAS CUB1 PT P.I. He advanced to ABH1 and performed duties as Crash Boats LPO. Departing NAS CUB1 PT PI he reported aboard U.S.S. Coral Sea CV-43 and assumed duties as the flight Deck LPO. Fellow AB's, H's, E's, and F's mentioned his name in social settings. Numerous Naval Aviators flying aboard CV-43 commented about his professionalism. The C.J. Heard legend was in place. He was selected to ABHC and assumed duties as Flight Deck Chief and V-1 Division LCPO aboard U.S.S. Midway CV-41. The word in the fleet, CJ Heard was the flight deck officer.
3. He was selected and commissioned to CWO-2 in 1977, and ordered to U.S.S. Ranger CV-61. The legend continued to grow, departing CV-61 and on to U.S.S. Midway CV-41 as the Flight Deck Bos'n. Aviators, various Senior Officers and Air Department personnel considered Heard the Flight Deck Officer aboard CV-41.
4. May 1982 Heard was ordered to COMNAVAIRPAC as the OIC of the Aircraft Handling Team. The top AB billet on the west coast.

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5. Retiring in 1984 he was hired as the West Coast Territory Manager for American Abrasive Metals Co. Presently known as American Safety Technologies Inc.
6. C.J. Heard still can be seen on all carriers checking and ensuring Non-Skid is applied properly. He demands the best from vendors so Naval Aviators, Flight and Hangar Deck personnel have the safest possible working environment.
7. The Flight Deck Officer and Commanding Officer were walking the Flight Deck of the U.S.S. Constellation CV-64 at 1800 on a Friday evening. The Captain asked isn't that Bos'n Heard on the fantail, yes sir the Flight Deck Officer replied. Didn't he retire ? No not really Captain ! How about a coffee and smoke T.T. no reason for us to check the Non-Skid with a legend like Bos'n Heard aboard.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T.T. Tyler', written over a horizontal line.

LCPL Ret T.T. Tyler

*eligibility verified
Kerry*

28 March, 2003

From: Joseph Santiago, ABHC/AW, (USN-RET) President, Jacksonville Chapter & ABMA BOD
To: President, Aviation Boatswain's Mate Association
Via: National Secretary, Aviation Boatswain's Mate Association
Subject: Submission of LT. C.J. Heard (USN-RET) for recognition as an Aviation Boatswain's Mate Living Legend.

It is my pleasure to recommend our fellow shipmate C.J. Heard, LT. (AB LDO, USN-RET) to receive personal recognition as the 2003 AB" Living Legend". C.J.'s record and reputation far exceeds the criteria necessary for endorsement and requirements for this prestigious award. With over 23 years & 7 months of professional and dedicated service to our Navy and Country, his duties have covered the full circle of the Aviation Boatswain's Mate Handling rating. My direct reflections regarding his personal and professional service were aboard USS Midway, CVA-41, after his retirement he served as an National ABMA board member on the Board of Directors and also served as a key board member of the San Diego ABMA Chapter. Changes were made in the grading system for AB of the year selection to include local chapter involvement of the nominees and implemented through his suggestion of such. His tireless efforts of his own personal time in manufacturing a wooden shape aircraft carrier table top for the ABMA symposium for raffle then donating the proceeds to the ABMA ever since his retirement.

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Countless other efforts have been taken in stride by this dedicated AB since his retirement in 1984. Employment with American Safety Technology between 1984 till present saw him directly involved with the design, manufacture, installation, and training of the Advanced Flight Deck Non Skid application procedures. He was also the Project Manager (Tech Rep) for the Flight Deck Non Skid Tactics, Procedures and Equipment Indoctrination. In summary, to this very day many of his efforts continue to enhance the operational management and safety of our Carriers and Amphibious Aviation Ships.

Joined the Navy on 27 January 1961; Boot Camp in San Diego.

Duty Stationions:

- **USS Ticoneroga CVA-14**
Assigned to V-1 division performed duties as a blue shirt, and Crash & Salvage.
Advanced to ABH-2.
Served as the Crash and Salvage LPO.
- **NAS Cubi Point**
Advanced to ABH-1.
Served as the Crash Boats LPO.
- **USS Coral Sea CVA-43**
Assigned to V-1 division as the Flight Deck LPO.
- **USS Midway CVA-41**
Assigned to V-1 division as the Flight Deck LPO.
Advanced to ABHC, assumed the duties of Flight Deck LCPO.
Selected & Commisioned to CWO2, 1977.
- **USS Ranger CVA-61**
Assigned to V-1 division as the Flight Deck Bos'n
- **USS Midway CV-41**
Assigned to V-1 division as the Flight Deck Bos'n
Selected for LDO LTJG Aviation Deck
- **COMNAVAIRPAC**
OINC of the Aircraft Handling Team
Promoted to LT.

- **RETIRED US NAVY on February 03, 1984 after serving 23 years and 07 days.**

- **AWARDS:**

- Navy Commendation Medal
- Navy Achievement Medal
- Presidential Unit Citation
- Navy Unit Commendation
- Meritorious Unit Commendation
- Navy E Ribbon W/3
- Good Conduct Medal W/4 Bronze Stars
- Humanitarian Service Medal
- Navy Expeditionary Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Sea Service Deployment Ribbon W/3 Silver Stars
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal W/3 Bronze Stars
- Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

- **AVIATION BOATSWAIN'S MATE'S ASSOCIATION**

- Life Member # L-105
- 2 TIME ABMA Board of Directors
- Current ABMA San Diego Chapter Board of Directors