

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL to

MASTER CHIEF ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN (SUBMARINES) CURTIS D. HAGGARD, UNITED STATES NAVY

For outstanding meritorious achievement while serving as Nuclear Propulsion Program Enlisted Community Quality Control Manager for Director, Military Personnel Plans and Policy Division, Washington, DC from May 1997 through June 2002. Master Chief Haggard consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. His proactive engagement and Sailor advocacy improved the personnel readiness of the fleet and quality of service for 11,000 nuclear field Sailors. He personally defined the need and articulated the case for a 10 percent increase in submarine nuclear manning that greatly improved quality of life. His initiatives in streamlining numerous administrative processes resulted in significant efficiencies. His close personal attention to nuclear field eligibility waivers and his business case for phased enlistment bonuses helped to reduce nuclear field training pipeline attrition by 50 percent. His liaison with recruiters and his coordination of the delayed entry program contributed significantly to meeting nuclear field accessions goals for each of the five years of his tour. Master Chief Haggard's leadership, flawless judgment and inspiring devotion were abundantly evident throughout a truly noteworthy career of 24 years of dedicated, loyal service. The exceptional professional ability, steadfast initiative, and selfless dedication exhibited by Master Chief Haggard reflected great credit upon him and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

For the President,

N. R. RYAN, JR. Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy