

Rennae Ross

Tradeswomen Heroes Award
Winner - August 2022



Level of Experience: Apprentice

Years in Trade: 3

Union: Boilermakers

Local: 549

City: Pittsburg, CA

Bio

After serving her country, Rennae Ross, a veteran Marine, began her career with the Boilermakers in September 2018. Initially a non-union worker, Ross was organized and became an apprentice at Local 549 in Pittsburg, California. She has her fourth year to complete to become a journeyman.

She has taken on leadership roles as a steward for the tank maintenance crew in the refineries she works in and has become a co-chair for her local's chapter of Boilermaker Women at Work. Ross is a hardcore worker and known for the confidence in her skills and her ability to outwork and out weld many in the tank building industry. She does all this while being a single mom and providing for her family.

Why Rennae Was Nominated

There is a lot to say about Rennae Ross. She is a woman drawn to hard work, a natural-born leader and she takes the time to get involved to better herself, her local, and her fellow Boilermaker brothers and sisters.

Randy Thomas, Business Manager and Secretary-Treasurer for Local 549 explains that



Ross is a trailblazer who takes the initiative to set others up for success, including helping to shape safety attendants and helpers.

He says, "She has shown numerous times how to embrace the meaning of solidarity. She brought two safety attendants from the jobsite she was assigned to the training center for after-hours weld training. They thought they were not allowed to come since they were only helpers. Ross told them to come with her. That is Leadership."

It would not be surprising to see Ross at the shop in the evening, after her work hours. Her kindness stretches to anyone who is willing and ready to learn. She is ready to extend a hand and help fellow Boilermakers with their welding skills.

She is also very attentive to the growth of the Local 549 Boilermaker Women at Work chapter. From the beginning, she has supported and advocated for the women's committee, getting involved and sharing her ideas. The leadership in her local not only appreciates what she personally contributes but also for being a support and ally to them.