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## Photo Release

**Photo Release: Portland, Ore., native is 13th District's Reserve Enlisted Person of the Year**



SEATTLE — Petty Officer 1st Class Scott J. Rattay (2nd from right), a boatswain's mate stationed at Coast Guard Port Security Unit 313, in Everett, Wash., receives the 2011 Pacific Northwest Reserve Enlisted Person of the Year award at a ceremony held at the Coast Guard base in Seattle on April 13, 2012. Rattay is presented the award by Master Chief Petty Officer Jason Vanderhaden (left), 13th District Command Master Chief, Master Chief Petty Officer Carrie Winningham (2nd from left), 13th District Reserve Command Master Chief, and Rear Adm. Keith A. Taylor (right), 13th District Commander. The award is given to exemplary men and women from the active and reserve enlisted work force. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Nathan W. Bradshaw.

SEATTLE — Portland, Ore., native Scott J. Rattay was announced as the 2011 Coast Guard Pacific Northwest Reserve Enlisted Person of the Year during a ceremony held at the Coast Guard base, in Seattle, on April 13, 2012.

The Boatswain's Mate first class is a 1999 graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in Portland.

The EPOY Program is designed to recognize exemplary men and women from the active and reserve enlisted work force. Nominees demonstrate sustained exceptional standards of proficiency and conduct, their military appearance and bearing are consistently impeccable, and they are role models whom all Coast Guard personnel strive to emulate.

Rattay is stationed at the U.S. Coast Guard Port Security Unit 313, in Everett, Wash. Rattay is recognized as a vital member during the preparation for and unit operations during Operation New Dawn.

In preparation, he acted as the Command Training Team representative for joint forces integration training. He was instrumental in the successful completion of required training and certification of approximately 50 unit personnel.

During the operations, in Southwest Asia, he performed the duties and responsibilities of a higher paygrade, acting as the Boat Divisions Chief. He oversaw the qualification, certification and development of 20 utility crewman, 13 tactical crew, three utility coxswains, and five tactical coxswains. Under his exemplary leadership, the boat division escorted more than 100 high-value assets, carrying more than 3,000 pieces of combat-critical cargo without incident.

“He has been tested as a leader and a team member in harsh and arduous conditions while deployed overseas serving his country,” said Cmdr. Daniel W. Clark, Commanding Officer of PSU 313. “Through it all, he has met every challenge with the utmost professionalism and is in keeping with the Coast Guard’s core values.”

In his civilian position, Rattay is an environmental specialist providing environmental monitoring, permitting and erosion/pollution control expertise and oversight on many projects. In 2011, he was recognized for “Environmental Excellence” and “Internal Client Service” for his involvement in the Oregon Dept. of Transportation’s efforts to repair and replace more than 250 bridges.

“The Reserve EPOY, and all that were nominated, are the epitome of the Coast Guard’s core values of ‘Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty’ and I am pleased to work alongside them and extremely honored recognize them,” said Master Chief Jason M. Vanderhaden, Command Master Chief of the 13<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District.

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