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New Jersey Native Honored as Coast Guard District Enlisted Person of the Year

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Endicott, a boatswain's mate, is stationed aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Katherine Walker home ported in Bayonne, N.J., as the assistant operations and weapons officer and was recognized for his outstanding performance on and off duty out of all enlisted Coast Guardsmen from New Jersey to the northern most reaches of Maine in 2007.

"He is always eager to volunteer for tasks and community outreach which is not mandatory and usually during liberty," said Lt. Amy Florentino, commanding officer of

the Coast Guard Cutter Katherine Walker. "He has really stepped up beyond his rate and rank."

Endicott has shown exemplary skill in his rating and a tenacity to move up in the Coast Guard. He reported for duty from Coast Guard Boatswain's Mate "A" School and within six months advanced to Petty Officer 2nd Class. He was recognized as the cutter's Sailor of the Quarter in the third quarter of 2007 and was the 2007 Central New Jersey's Navy League Adopted Unit Sailor of the Year.



Endicott and his wife Tina hold his Enlisted Person of the Year award and certificate. Presenting the award are Rear Admiral Timothy Sullivan, commander 1st District (left), and Senior Chief Petty Officer Frank Donze. Photo by PA3 Connie Terrell.

"He reported for duty and immediately took a leadership role and qualified really fast," said Florentino. "He even advanced in the minimum amount of time required by the Coast Guard."

Endicott has gained the respect of his peers and proves himself daily. He assists each department and stays late on a regular basis.

"When you are looking for someone to do a job he is always willing to help out anyone," Florentino said.

Endicott has shone in his responsibilities as the cutter's weapons officer by scheduling small arms, pyrotechnics, use of force training and pepper spray training to maintain qualifications for his shipmates and the boat, Florentino said.

Endicott is a key player in the Katherine Walker's extensive community outreach and public affairs programs program. He represented the cutter on Late Night with David Letterman during Fleet Week in 2007; he also helped host multiple organizations on the cutter such as, a Coast Guard recruit company, the Navy League, Naval Historical Society, Manhattan VFW and the Wounded Warriors Project.

Endicott attributes his hard work ethic to his father.

“My father was a real inspiration to me,” said Endicott. “Just watching him and learning from his example all my life.”

Endicott is married to Tina Endicott, with two children, a son, Aidan, 2, and a six month old daughter, Gianna.