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USS MONTEREY SAILOR HONORED AS “NAVY MISSILE DEFENDER OF THE YEAR”

(ARLINGTON, VA) – A USS Monterey (CG 61) Sailor was recognized during the annual Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance awards banquet held in Alexandria, Va., Jan. 13.

Fire Controlman 2nd Class Petty Officer Mathieu McIntosh was presented the Navy’s “Defender of the Year” Award by Rear Adm. M. Stewart O’Bryan, Navy Air and Missile Defense commander and MDAA chairman and founder Riki Ellison. McIntosh was recognized at the event along with Army’s recipient Capt. Will Andrews and Army National Guard winner Staff Sgt. Craig Davis.

“Petty Officer McIntosh has a tremendous record of success and he is a true role model for his peers,” said Rear Adm. O’Bryan during the ceremony. Since reporting to the USS Monterey, he completed a Mediterranean deployment; deployed with the Theodore Roosevelt Strike group in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; participated in Exercise Atlantic Trident; and deployed on the first ballistic missile defense mission in response to the President’s European Phased Adaptive Approach.

“These three select individuals represent the best in leadership and personal effort. They are an inspiration to their subordinates, peers, and superiors,” said Ellison during the ceremony. .

The event was the culmination of an annual MDAA program that honors exceptional military personnel. The defenders are active duty officers, enlisted personnel or reservists from each service branch who work within the missile defense system and are nominated by their peers and commanding officers.

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