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USS Ramage Sailor Named October Defender of the Month Petty Officer Justin Reeder is Columbus Native

(DAHLGREN, VA) -A USS Ramage (DDG 61) Sailor has been recognized by the Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance as Defender of the Month for October 2011.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Justin J. Reeder, 24, a Howells High School graduate, Columbus, Neb. native, is a Spy Radar technician and ballistic missile defense planner aboard the Norfolk, Va., based Ramage. The ship is currently deployed to the Mediterranean.

During October, Reeder developed more than 20 separate mission plans for data collection and led a small team of technicians as they made significant repairs to the ship's radar. Of note were his efforts to fix the radar in time for a critical data collection mission. Working two days straight, Reeder and his team made all needed repairs in time.

"Petty Officer Reeder is a dedicated professional and this recognition is well deserved," said Capt. Frank Olmo, Navy Air and Missile Defense Command, chief of staff.

The MDAA program honors exceptional individuals each month who are responsible for defending the U.S. armed forces, the United States and allies. The defenders are active duty officers, enlisted personnel or Reservists from each service branch who work in the missile defense community. They are nominated by their peers and commanding officers.

Navy Air and Missile Defense Command in Dahlgren, Va., coordinates the Navy's submissions for the Defender of the Month program. NAMDC is the Navy's lead organization for naval, joint and combined integrated air and missile defense matters.

Reeder's father, Jerry, and stepmother Dodie reside in Columbus. His mother, Teresa, and stepfather, Pat Eller reside in Howells.