

# Department of Homeland Security

## United States Coast Guard



### Fireman Aaron J. Backes

You have been selected as Coast Guard ANT New York's Sailor of the Quarter for the period of 01 July 2008 thru 30 September 2008.

During this period you exemplified initiative, integrity, and assertiveness while assigned to ANT New York's Engineering Department. Your leadership, hard work, and dedication to duty were apparent as you gave up over 30 hours of your off duty personal time to directly help qualify four of your shipmates as boat crew members. Throughout this quarter you set a great example as a Fireman, taking charge in the Engineering shop, stepping up without instruction and acting as lead Fireman ensuring newly rated and nonrated personnel knew the operations of the department. In addition to your every day workload, you have started to strike the MK rate. You took the time to study and refresh your knowledge on the unit boats giving you the highest written test score during the unit's biannual Standardization Team inspection- in doing this you received the title of OIC for the day. Recently, you stepped up to learn the units operating and maintenance equipment inventory program, known as TAIT, which is a system typically managed by a member well above your current pay grade. Your positive attitude, hard work and high standard of work ethic has rubbed off on your shipmates and has been vital in sustaining a high degree of morale. You are a superb role model for all members of ANT New York.

Your professionalism, enthusiasm and expertise are highly commendable and reflect the Coast Guard's core values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty. On behalf of the crew at ANT New York, I extend to you my sincere appreciation for a job very well done. Bravo Zulu.