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## **KENTUCKIANA NATIVE NAMED UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RESERVE ENLISTED PERSON OF THE YEAR FOR EIGHTH DISTRICT**

Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Louisville, KY proudly announces one of its Reservists, Petty Officer First Class Raymond L. Spann, has been named the Eighth Coast Guard District Reserve Enlisted Person of the Year for 2000. Nominated from a field of over 1000 eligible service members in 26 states, Spann is recognized for his exemplary leadership and dedication to the Coast Guard, local community, and several children's charitable organizations.

Rear Admiral Paul J. Pluta, the Eighth District Commander, will present Spann with this award at a ceremony in New Orleans, LA on February 23. Both Spann and the active duty Person of the Year will be formally recognized that evening at the Annual Coast Guard Foundation Dinner. Among the dinner attendees will be Vice Admiral Collins, the Coast Guard's second in command; the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, Vincent Patton; as well as business, military, and governmental leaders from Louisiana and surrounding states.

A decorated, 21-year veteran of the Jefferson County, Kentucky Police Department, Spann retired at the rank of Lieutenant in 1994. He holds a Master of Science Degree in Community Development and Bachelors in Police Administration, with honors, from the University of Louisville. Spann and his family reside in Louisville.

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