Ice patrol honors Brittle as top enlisted person

New London - The U.S. Coast Guard International Ice Patrol selected Marine Science Technician First Class Lee Brittle as the unit's Enlisted Person of the Year for 2009.

The New London-based unit monitors the iceberg danger near the Grand Banks of Newfoundland and warns mariners to eliminate the risk of iceberg collision. Brittle was instrumental in the successful completion of 2009 ice season, the 11th busiest in the history of the unit.

Brittle's leadership, expertise and ability to work with others stood out when he coordinated and executed two historic aerial deployments of World Ocean Circulation Experiment drifting buoys, including the first deployment from a USCG HC-130J airframe and the first deployment in the Arctic Ocean, according to the unit.

He will now compete for First District Enlisted Person of the Year. If selected, his nomination will continue on to Coast Guard Headquarters for potential selection as the overall Coast Guard Enlisted Person of the Year.