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Virgin Islander Named 2015 Petty Officer of The Year

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ST. CROIX -- Bryce Pierre, graduate of The Good Hope School class of 2003, has been named "2015 Petty Officer of the Year" and was recently promoted to Petty Officer First Class in the United States Navy, according to a Military press release. Petty Officer Pierre is a Machinist's Mate First Class (surface warfare) on the aircraft carrier USS Gerald R Ford (CVN 78), the first new design for an aircraft carrier in over 40 years.

Petty Officer Pierre's mentorship and leadership were instrumental in the development of 71 sailors to establish a fully functional reactor mechanical division and ensuring a timely delivery of the ship, according to the release. His exceptional professionalism, unrelenting perseverance, and loyal devotion to duty were found to be in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

In 2010, Petty Officer Pierre graduated with honors and superior academic performance from the Naval Nuclear Power School in Charleston, South Carolina. He went on to graduate with distinction from the Advanced Nuclear Power Course in Saratoga Springs, New York. He served on the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) and then was reassigned to his current ship, USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78). The first ship in the Ford-class currently in the final stages of construction and testing.

Feature Image: From left to right: Master Chief Donnie Novak, Petty Officer First Class Bryce Pierre, 2003 graduate of The Good Hope School Susan Ford, Ship Sponsor and daughter of former President Gerald R. Ford Captain John Meier, Commanding Officer.

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