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with the most experience in Coast Guard boat forces.

McKay said, "This is the pinnacle, this is as high as you can go. One thing we always talk about as chiefs, master chiefs and senior chiefs, is to make sure we remember that we never have arrived. We always have plenty to learn. If we keep that attitude, it keeps us grounded. You want to be always learning and always teaching."

McKay then read from a letter written by Master Chief Steven Cantrell, master chief petty officer of the U.S. Coast Guard. Coast Guard chiefs, senior chiefs and master chiefs all receive letters from Cantrell on their advancements.

"As master chief, you are now at the top of the enlisted work force. Leadership at the master chief petty officer level has never been more relevant, and the success of our work-

force depends on you and your years of experience," Cantrell wrote.

The letter also included advice for Tregoning: to set an example, to know his people well, to always speak truth to power and to always treat others with dignity and respect.

"This will instill trust in your ability to be an effective and competent leader," Cantrell wrote.

Trimpert spoke about three important people in Tregoning's life.

"I'd like to talk about Amy, Berkley and Jon," he said, naming Tregoning's wife Amy and their two children. "We often forget that behind every successful Coast Guard person are typically, and almost without exception, loved ones holding them up. Whether that's wives, husbands, significant others, mothers, fathers — we don't get to where we are by ourselves."

Jon and Berkley were able to participate in the pinning

ceremony.

"First and foremost, I have to thank my family. It's pretty cool to have these two old enough to pin me for my last advancement in the Coast Guard," Tregoning said.

He said that his advancement was a goal the family had made together.

"I feel really satisfied that we met that goal as a team," Tregoning said. "Now we have to make more goals for both our Coast Guard and civilian lives and keep moving forward."

He also thanked Sector North Bend, his "shipmates coming down the ranks" and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 52 members.

"I have fond memories of and am very appreciative of the mentorship and leadership you have shown me. Leadership is reciprocal, and I learn a lot from you, day in and day out," Tregoning said.

Trimpert concluded by saying, "Congratulations, my friend. It is well deserved. I can't tell you how proud that I am to be here this morning to help you celebrate and to bear witness to this occasion."

2017 continues to be the year of the U.S. Coast Guard in Florence, marking Station Siuslaw River's 100 years of service on the Oregon coast. The City of Florence is await-



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Master Chief Tim Tregoning (center, with plaque) stands with personnel from Station Siuslaw River and Auxiliary Flotilla 52 at the end of his advancement ceremony at Oregon Coast Military Museum. Right, Tregoning's wife Amy, daughter Berkley and son Jon assist in the pinning ceremony.



ing news on the approval of its application to be a Coast Guard City, and should find out this spring. Florence Area Chamber of Commerce named Station Siuslaw River as the grand marshals for the 2017 Rhododendron Festival Grand Floral Parade, and chose this year's theme in its honor: "Always Ready to Rhody."

Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 52 members continue to keep Florence on the

map, as well.

Florence resident and United States Coast Guard Auxiliary member Deborah Heldt Cordone received the prestigious United States Coast Guard District 13 Auxiliarist the Year award last Saturday night at a ceremony held in Clackamas.

Cordone received the award for her extensive work augmenting Station Siuslaw River in public affairs and her work

with the auxiliary.

For more information on Station Siuslaw River and Auxiliary Flotilla 52, look for updates at www.Facebook.com/USCoastGuardSTA_SiuslawRiver.



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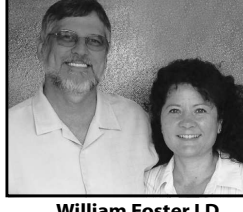
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