

## Fireman MacDennis Beuttner

Born:

Died:

Period of Service Gulf War  
Navy

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Enlisted in Navy on January 16, 1994 and took boot camp at Great Lakes Naval Station for his four year stint after graduating from Washington Island High School in 1993. In December, 1994 he became Navy Fireman Apprentice reporting for duty aboard guided missile frigate *USS Ingraham*, home ported in Long Beach, CA.

He was promoted to Fireman, and was named Fireman of the Month aboard the *USS Ingraham* on October 12, 1995 by Admiral Redd, Commander of the 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet. They had finished their six month tour of duty in the Arabian Gulf and returned to Everett, WA after a 14,000 mile trip. During the tour he visited Kuwait City, and helped seize the oil tanker *Fair Sky*, the second largest violator of UN sanctions. He also participated in Operation Vigilant Sentinel in which they escorted the first convoy of ships through the Hormuz Straits in reaction to the defection of Iraq's generals. His ship was parked in the Gulf and flew helicopter patrols to ensure the fleet's safety. Commander Stone and Vice Admiral Redd said the crew of the *USS Ingraham* was the "best crew the Gulf had seen in over a year.

