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Grandson promoted

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SPRINGFIELD - When Gordon L. "Bud" Maynard enlisted in the U.S. Navy at age 19 in 1942, his parents didn't know about it until after the fact.

Yesterday the World War II veteran, now 85, took part in a military ceremony for grandson Patrick D. Garvey that was all about family involvement.

The U.S. Coast Guard moved Garvey's promotion to 1st Class Petty Officer from his ship, the Coast Guard Cut-

ter Juniper homeported in Newport, R.I., to his parents' home at 448 Tinkham Road so Maynard, who doesn't travel much these days, could be there.

After Garvey's Executive Officer Lt. Andrew W. Wright made the formal presentation, Maynard pinned a 1st Class Petty Officer insignia to one of Garvey's uniform lapels, while retired Coast Guard Senior Chief Gregory J. McCarthy, a cousin by marriage, pinned one to the other lapel.



Staff photo by **BOB STERN**

Patrick D. Garvey has pins attached to his U. S. Coast Guard uniform collar yesterday by grandfather Gordon L. Maynard, 85, of Ludlow, and his ship's executive officer Lt. Andrew W. Wright, as well as by his cousin by marriage Gregory J. McCarthy, off camera.

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