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OU alumna named Detroit Reserve Sailor of the Year

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Quinn, from St. Clair Shores, is stationed at the Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

She was surprised and honored to receive the awards.

"To get the Reserve Sailor Award from Detroit was very much an honor, there are a lot of fantastic people there, but to get the public affairs sailor of the year award was humbling because those are my peers," she said.

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September marks Quinn's 11th year in the reserves. She is required to serve one weekend a month and perform two weeks of active duty a year. While her primary job is a navy journalist, she also worked in security for five years.

"After 9/11, I was activated immediately for force protection homeland defense," she said. "I did a year of active duty at the Great Lakes Naval Station, which is north of Chicago."

In addition to her duties in the reserve, Quinn stays busy with several other jobs, which include being a freelance writer, an auxiliary public safety officer for the city of Grosse Pointe Woods, a Tae Kwon Do instructor and a housewife.

Quinn's husband, OU alumnus John Klink, is her biggest supporter. "I would not be able to do this without the support of my husband, 100 percent behind me."

SUMMARY

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