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The NCOA Coast Guard Vanguard Award is presented in honor and recognition of Medal of Honor recipient Signalman First Class Douglas A. Munro. The recipient of the 2019 NCOA Coast Guard Vanguard Award, sponsored by GEICO Military, is Boatswain's Mate Second Class Tracy L. Mannes.

Petty Officer Mannes distinguished herself through heroic and courageous actions on October 1, 2017, when she put her own life in serious jeopardy while serving as an off duty first responder during an active shooter attack.

While attending the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival in Las Vegas, Nevada, a domestic terrorist began a multi-weapon attack on concert attendees. One of the individuals in attendance along with Petty Officer Mannes was her girlfriend who received multiple bullet wounds to her right leg. Petty Officer Mannes immediately applied direct pressure along with makeshift bandages out of garments to her partner's gunshot wounds. As the shooting continued, she risked her life to shield multiple civilians, including a 14 year old girl. At one point, Petty Officer Mannes laid on top of individuals to provide cover from the bullet spray. While shielding the 14-year old girl, the mother of the girl arrived on scene. Petty Officer Mannes quickly recognized the mother had been shot in the neck and she administered first aid to her wound, unfortunately due to the severity and location of the gunshot wound, the mother of the girl succumbed to her injuries shortly after reuniting with her daughter. Petty Officer Mannes took charge of the situation and led the group of people, including the 14 year old girl,

out of the field of fire to find a safe zone with law enforcement and medical personnel. Eventually she led the group to a diner where the girl was reunited with the rest of her adult family. Petty Officer Mannes continued to provide first aid to her girlfriend's wounds until medical professionals were located.

Petty Officer Mannes' actions embody the selfless bravery of the very best the U.S. Coast Guard has to offer. Her quick actions and unwavering professionalism exemplify Coast Guard core values and are of the lineage of Signalmen First Class Douglas Munro.