

SSES qualifies first enlisted Engineering Officer of the Watch

During the Operational Evaluation on the Gas Turbine Ship Land Based Engineering Site, GSE1 Fred Ehle was qualified as an engineering officer of the watch.

"This is significant because he qualified as a first class," said Commander John Preisel. "Usually, chiefs and officers stand that watch." According to Preisel, this is a major qualification for a member

of a ship's engineering department, and it's the first time an enlisted man has been qualified at the LBES. GSE1 Ehle received a qualification letter for his military record from Captain Dennis K. Kruse.

"GSE1 Ehle demonstrated that he understood how to operate the plant, could organize and direct his watch team and knew what to do in emergencies," said Preisel."