

## North teen honored for saving life

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Francis Kirby thanks Trever LaCasse for saving his life.



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North Attleborough — When North Attleborough's Trever LaCasse saw his Warrant Officer choking on a bite of pizza, he didn't even stop to think.

There wasn't time.

The 16-year-old Naval Sea Cadet bolted up from his chair, ran over to Francis Kirby and administered the Heimlich maneuver. That day in July, LaCasse saved a man's life.

Now, LaCasse is the recipient of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps' highest award, the Distinguished Service Ribbon.

The recommendation came from Warrant Officer Kirby, also a North Attleborough resident.

"I'm extremely proud of my son," said Thomas LaCasse, who still lives in North Attleborough, though his son now lives with his mother a few towns over. "That's a heck of an achievement, as far as I'm concerned."

Trever has been part of the Cadet's program for years, and has wanted to serve in the military as long as he can remember. It's in his blood.

"My grandfather was in the army," he said. "My cousin is in Afghanistan right now. I figured that - if this is what I want to do - I should put myself on the path right now."

LaCasse plans to join ROTC at Norwich University in Vermont, so he can get a college education before joining the military.

LaCasse said he took a first responder training class as part of the Cadet's program in Fall River, and it was that training that helped save Kirby's life.

"I just did what I was taught," he said.

And that's why, even with everyone telling him he's a hero, he doesn't feel any different.

"I don't feel like a hero," he said. "I do what I'm taught, and as I work toward serving this country, I'll be taught more ways to save lives. I'm just doing my job."

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