

Meritorious Public Service Award to

Mrs. Lula Carpenter

The Assistant Commandant for Workforce Management takes great pride in awarding the Coast Guard Meritorious Public Service Award to Mrs. Lula Carpenter for her extraordinary achievements and substantial contributions to the Coast Guard and its retiree community, having served as the Coast Guard National Retiree Council “Annuitant-at-Large” from April 2010 to September 2025. Mrs. Carpenter illuminated the need for this important position following the passing of her late husband, CAPT Lee Carpenter, USCG (Ret), in 2006, serving as an advocate for survivors of Coast Guard military retirees since her appointment during the Council’s annual meeting in 2010. Thanks to Mrs. Carpenter, for more than 10 years, the Coast Guard has been mailing condolence letters and needed information to survivors upon the passing of their retired military spouse. Mrs. Carpenter also notably championed Council efforts leading to publication of the *Coast Guard Military Personnel Estate Planning & Final Affairs Handbook*, a valuable resource now available to all active-duty members and the retiree community. Mrs. Carpenter additionally serves as *Secretary* for the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council and *Retiree Liaison* for the Coast Guard Spouses’ Club of Washington DC. Mrs. Lula Carpenter’s legacy of public service shines as a beacon for others and is most heartily commended and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.