

Meritorious Public Service Award to

YN1 William F. Killion, USCG (Ret)

The Assistant Commandant for Workforce Management takes great pride in presenting the Coast Guard Meritorious Public Service Award to Mr. William F. Killion for his extraordinary achievements and substantial contributions to the Coast Guard and its retiree community, having served as a volunteer watch-stander for the Coast Guard National Retiree Help Desk from October 2019 to August 2026. Following retirement from the Coast Guard in June 1999, after 20 years of active-duty service, Mr. Killion “answered the call” to continue in service as a volunteer watch-stander with the Coast Guard National Retiree Help Desk. Bill faithfully stood the *virtual* 24X7 watch from his home for 25 weeks, responding to hundreds of requests for assistance from the retiree community on myriad issues, connecting individuals with needed information and resources, and submitting detailed log entries to the Help Desk administrator. Thanks to the tireless, selfless efforts of Mr. Killion, along with other volunteers, the National Retiree Help Desk remains *Semper Paratus* for the Coast Guard retiree community – and serves as an exemplary model of volunteerism for all retirees. A passionate military veteran and retiree, Bill has truly embodied the highest ideals of servant leadership in his continued service to others. Mr. William Killion’s legacy of public service is most heartily commended and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.