Message from the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Reserve

I am pleased to talk about the importance of Coast Guard Mutual Assistance to the entire Coast Guard family. I strongly encourage everyone to consider providing support to this important resource. Your participation in this campaign is vital to CGMA’s continuity as well as to its ability to expand and create new inroads of opportunity for all of us.

CGMA has a broad mandate which includes the entire Coast Guard family of Reservists, Active Duty, Civilians, Retirees (Active & Reservist), and Auxiliarists. Since 1924, CGMA has worked diligently to ensure that its programs are available to as many members of our community as possible.

In addition to its inclusive coverage of our members, it has an extensive reach into many areas of our lives in the service. Its programs impact housing, education, dependents, travel, adoptions, funerals and much more. CGMA is ready 24/7 to provide support to our members and our families from the first time they hear reveille at Cape May to the final playing of Taps at the cemetery, and beyond for those left behind.

Like the Coast Guard Reserve, CGMA stands ready to jump in during times of extreme need. In 2017 and 2018, CGMA provided well over $3.5 million in disaster relief to all the members of the Coast Guard family. Like us, they were there when needed in the past, they are available now and they will be ready tomorrow.

As a reservist, you may feel like you can’t participate. Whether it’s because you can’t use a military pay allotment or some other reason, I’m here to tell you that you can! A one-time donation at www.cgmqhq.org, a monthly withdrawal from a bank account, or inclusion of CGMA in your will or estate plan are all ways you can make a difference today.

I invite all reservists to support CGMA’s ninety-five years of excellence. It takes participation from every one of us to sustain such a far reaching, accessible and diverse set of programs of support. CGMA stands ready in nearly every corner of the Coast Guard. Its representatives are available to every member of our family. Please consider making a donation to help bolster their efforts.

Please help sustain CGMA’s ability to be Ready, Relevant and Responsive. Your contribution is essential for their ongoing support of the Reservists, Active Duty, Civilian, Retirees and other members of our family. Your kindness in giving is greatly appreciated.

Semper Paratus,

George M. Williamson
Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Reserve