



April 15, 2024

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COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 11, 2024, AT THE BOLLING CLUB ON JOINT BASE ANACOSTIA BOLLING, WASHINGTON, DC.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Officers of the Corporation:

RADM Joe Raymond, President  
CWO (Ret) John Baker, Vice President  
RADM (Ret) Cari Thomas, Secretary

Members of the Board of Directors:

MCPOCG Heath Jones                      Mr. Christopher Mack                      PO1 Andrew Stoddard  
D-MCPOCG Charlie Salls                      LCDR John-Andrew Minniti  
Mrs. Lorraine Galvis                      PO1 Benjamin Lind

Additional Attendees:

MCPO (Ret) Jason Wong                      Mrs. Sara Martin                      Mrs. Mellissa Bell  
Mrs. Alena Howard                      Ms. Erica Chapman                      Mrs. Tanya Mathis  
Mrs. Jing Patton                      Ms. Gwendolyn Fouch                      Mrs. Sabrina Merritt  
Mrs. Valerie Stanley                      Mrs. Jessie Manfre                      Mr. Gosnel McDermott  
Mrs. Shilpy Vohra

Award Recipients:

CWO Caitlin Fleming                      Mrs. Tiffany King, Lockheed Martin

**Introduction:** RADM (Ret) Thomas commenced the meeting, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and showcased the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Year in Review video. Following this, she welcomed RADM Raymond, the President of the Board of Directors.

**Call to Order:** The Board President called the meeting to order at 1210.

- Welcome extended to Coast Guard senior leaders, military aid society reps, partners, and CGMA friends and family.
- Past year highlighted for resilience, collaboration, and commitment to the Coast Guard community.
- Importance of CGMA in supporting Coast Guard members emphasized.
- Success attributed to dedication within CGMA and strong external partnerships.
- Recognition of sacrifices by Coast Guard service members and families.
- Acknowledgement of those committed to CGMA's success.



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- Introduction of ADM Steven Poulin, the 33rd Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard.

**Vice Commandant & Chair of CG Philanthropy Council:**

- We are deeply grateful to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance for their enduring support and dedication.
- As we celebrate a century of unwavering support, CGMA remains steadfastly anchored in its mission, committed to providing timely and effective assistance, and continually serving as a beacon of hope for the Coast Guard community.
- Expressed profound gratitude to RADM (Ret) Thomas for her exceptional leadership and dedication in elevating CGMA, significantly enhancing support and resources for Coast Guard members and their families.

**Award Presentations:**

The award recipients who could not attend had their awards presented at their homes, and a video of these presentations was shown.

**Ambassador of the Year:** Auxiliarist John Brown  
**So Others May Live:** CAPT (Ret) Raymond Atcheson

ADM Poulin, RADM Raymond, and RADM (ret) Thomas presented the following awards.

**LT James Crotty/Rep of the Year:** CWO Caitlin Fleming  
**Values Award:** Ms. Tiffany King, Lockheed Martin  
**Board Members:** LCDR John-Andrew Minniti  
PO1 Andrew Stoddard  
Mr. Christopher Mack

Extended our recognition to those esteemed members who, regrettably, could not join us. LCDR Patrick Pennella and Mr. Kenneth Weber.

**Commandant & Chairperson of CGMA BOD:**

- Expressed deep appreciation to the President, CEO, and the CGMA staff for their unwavering support and contributions to the Coast Guard community, emphasizing their crucial role as mission enablers and in improving the well-being of Coast Guard personnel and their families.
- Provided a summary of the Coast Guard's critical missions, highlighting current challenges concerning workforce shortages and the need for innovative solutions to uphold operational excellence. She also noted the Coast Guard's role in specialized missions, including submarine rescue operations and responding to the recent bridge collapse in Baltimore.



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- Commended CGMA for its quick response and adaptability in meeting the immediate needs of the Coast Guard community, including educational support and housing assistance.
- Encouraged CGMA to continue upholding high standards and to pursue growth by adapting to the changing needs of the Coast Guard. She emphasized the importance of continually challenging the existing norms within the organization.

**Award Presentation:**

The Commandant and Vice Commandant presented the Distinguished Public Service Award to RADM (Ret) Cari B. Thomas for her exemplary leadership as CEO of Coast Guard Mutual Assistance from April 2018 to April 2024.

**CGMA CEO:**

- RADM (Ret) Thomas reflected on her tenure as CEO of CGMA.
- Stabilization of CGMA's finances has been a paramount goal throughout her tenure.
- Outlined strategic goals for CGMA, emphasizing increasing its visibility, establishing key relationships, cultivating strong connections with stakeholders, partners, and supporters, and professionalizing fundraising efforts to secure a stable financial foundation and expand its reach.
- Expressed satisfaction with the progress made and confidence in the Board's continued leadership.
- Expressed gratitude towards both past and present board members for their support and collaboration, as well as CGMA staff for their dedication, efforts, and contributions.
- Discussed her upcoming plans: returning to school to study social work and remaining involved with CGMA.

**Centennial Video:** The centennial video was shown, highlighting CGMA's 100 years of dedicated service to the Coast Guard community.

**Adjournment:** Absent any objection, RADM (ret) Thomas adjourned the meeting at 1340.

Submitted: Jason K. Wong  
Chief Operating Officer

Cari B. Thomas  
Secretary