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## CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

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Welcome to the Coast Guard Foundation Tribute to the United States Coast Guard from our Nation's Capital. We look forward to celebrating our Coast Guard heroes and honoring mission excellence across the service.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the Coast Guard Foundation during the last seven months. Your support makes a lasting impact on Coast Guard members and families across this great nation. We know that Coast Guard members sacrifice so much to serve our nation, and we are committed to helping them build strong and resilient lives.

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Please enjoy tonight's tribute and we look forward to seeing you when we can gather together again.



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Our tribute dinners are important to fulfilling our mission to support Coast Guard members and their families stationed across the country. When COVID-19 struck, we were forced to cancel our events in New York, Florida, Hawaii, Alaska, and California, putting much of this support at risk. These generous benefactors allowed us to apply their sponsorship dollars from our canceled events to a full-mission gift, making it possible for us to continue to meet the needs of the Coast Guard in all of our program areas — including education, health and wellness initiatives, and tragedy assistance for families that suffer unimaginable loss. Thank you for your continued partnership.

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COMMANDANT  
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**A**dmiral Karl L. Schultz assumed the duties as the 26th Commandant of the United States Coast Guard on June 1, 2018. As Commandant, he oversees all global Coast Guard operations and 41,000 active-duty, 6,200 reserve, and 8,500 civilian personnel, as well as the support of 25,000 Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteers.

He previously served from August 2016 to May 2018 as Commander, Atlantic Area where he was the operational commander for all Coast Guard missions spanning five Coast Guard Districts and 40 states. He concurrently served as Director, DHS Joint Task Force-East, responsible for achieving the objectives of the DHS Southern Border and Approaches Campaign Plan throughout the Caribbean Sea and Eastern Pacific Region, including Central America.

Prior flag assignments include Director of Operations (J3), U.S. Southern Command in Doral, Florida; Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District in Alameda, California; and Director of Governmental and Public Affairs at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Previous operational assignments include Sector Commander in Miami, Florida, as well as command tours aboard Cutters *Venturous*, *Acacia*, and *Farallon*. His senior staff assignments include Chief of the Office of Congressional and Governmental Affairs; Congressional Liaison to the U.S. House of Representatives; Liaison Officer to the U.S. Department of State, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Assignment Officer at the Coast Guard Personnel Command; and Command Duty Officer in the Seventh Coast Guard District Operations Center in Miami.

A native of Connecticut, Admiral Schultz graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1983, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. In 1992, he was awarded a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Connecticut, and in 2006, completed a one year National Security Fellowship at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. He and his wife, Dawn, have five children — Kelsey, Lindsey, Annaliese, Eric, and Zachary.

His personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, four Legions of Merit, four Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals and various other personal and unit awards.

## ADMIRAL CHARLES W. RAY

VICE COMMANDANT  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

**A**dmiral Charles W. Ray assumed the duties as the 31st Vice Commandant on May 24, 2018. As the Vice Service Chief and Chief Operating Officer, Admiral Ray executes the Commandant's Strategic Intent, manages internal organizational governance and serves as the Component Acquisition Executive.

Prior to this appointment, Admiral Ray served as the Deputy Commandant for Operations, responsible for establishing and providing operational strategy, policy, guidance and resources to meet national priorities for Coast Guard missions, programs and services.

His previous flag officer assignments include Pacific Area Commander, Deputy Pacific Area Commander, the Fourteenth Coast Guard District Commander, service with U.S. Forces Iraq as Director of the Iraq Training and Advisory Mission for the Ministry of Interior, and the Military Advisor to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

A native of Newport, Arkansas, he graduated from Coast Guard Academy in 1981. After an assignment as a deck watch officer aboard Coast Guard Cutter *Acushnet* (WMEC-167), he was selected for Naval Flight Training and earned his wings in 1984.

He served at six Coast Guard Air Stations from Alaska to the Caribbean accumulating over 5,000 hours of helicopter flight time. Admiral Ray was designated as an Aeronautical Engineer in 1988 and served as Engineering Officer at three stations and at the Aviation Logistics Center as the Program Manager for the development of the Coast Guard's Aviation Logistics Management System. He commanded Coast Guard Air Station Borinquen in Puerto Rico from 2002 through 2005. Admiral Ray is the longest serving active duty Coast Guard aviator which has earned him the distinction of being Coast Guard's 25th Ancient Albatross.

His staff assignments include a tour as Chief of the Office of Performance Management at Coast Guard Headquarters followed by a tour as the Chief of Staff of the Fourteenth Coast Guard District. Admiral Ray earned a Master of Science Degree in Industrial Administration from Purdue University and a Master of Science Degree in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington, D.C.

Admiral Ray's personal awards include the Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal, five Legion of Merit Medals, one Bronze Star Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, one Coast Guard Air Medal, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal.





## KYRA PHILLIPS

INVESTIGATIVE CORRESPONDENT, ABC NEWS

**K**yra Phillips is an investigative correspondent for ABC News, based in Washington D.C. Prior to joining ABC News she was an award-winning anchor for “Live From,” “CNN Newsroom,” “American Morning,” and moved to HLN in 2012 to anchor “Raising America with Kyra Phillips,” a daily interactive program that focused on news impacting the modern American family. Most recently she was a corre-

spondent for the CNN investigative and documentary units. Her work has taken her all over the world. During her four assignments in Iraq she embedded with troops aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln, documented substance abuse in the Iraqi military, reported from inside Saddam Hussein’s cell, and travelled to Baghdad’s School for the Blind. Phillips became the first female journalist to fly in an F-14 air-to-air combat training mission over the Persian Gulf and her war coverage secured her the Atlanta Press Club’s National Reporter of the Year in 2007.

Here in America, she has documented everything from the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and the impact on the people of New Orleans to rising racial tensions in Jena, Louisiana after nooses were hung outside of the town’s high school. She has investigated sexual misconduct allegations in the United States’ top military academies, sexual predators working in some of the United States’ most famous theme parks, and war atrocities allegedly committed by a former commander in Somalia’s army. Throughout her career, she has gained exclusive access to some of the world’s most public figures from former presidents to Mother Teresa. Most recently, she interviewed former Joint Chiefs of Staff General Martin Dempsey about the rise of ISIS, Rev. Billy Graham in his last television interview, and Admiral Thad Allen, National Incident Commander for the Deepwater Horizon spill in the Gulf of Mexico, gaining unprecedented access to the disaster site.

Phillips has won Peabody awards, Emmy awards, and Edward R. Murrow awards for investigative reporting. Additionally, she has won numerous Golden Microphones, and earned the top documentary award from the Society of Professional Journalists. She volunteers for a variety of organizations that help those in need. She participates on the board of The Fisher House Foundation, and serves on the Honorary Board for the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors. She received the National Global Down Syndrome Foundation’s Quincy Jones Exceptional Advocacy Award in 2013 and is now a Global Ambassador. Phillips is also the co-author of The Whole Life Fertility Plan published in 2015, a contributing writer on Chicken Soup for the Soul: Billy Graham & Me, and is a 2017 Forty Over 40 honoree.

Phillips earned a bachelor’s degree in Journalism from the University of Southern California. She is married and the proud parent of twins.

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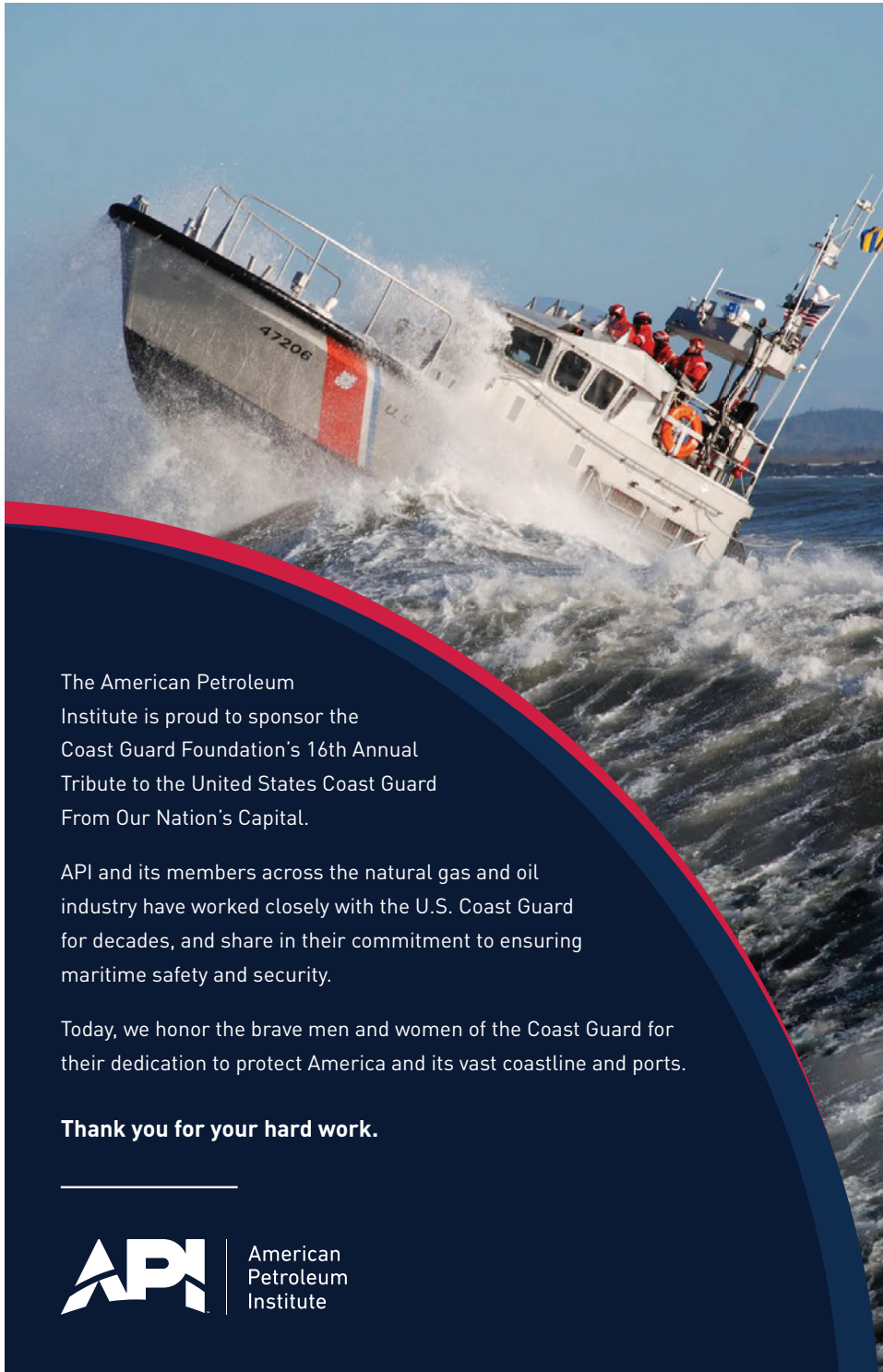
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### COAST GUARD FOUNDATION SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD



The Coast Guard Foundation strengthens the Coast Guard community and service by remaining *Semper Paratus* for members and their families, where and when they need it the most. The coronavirus pandemic has made fulfilling this mission especially challenging this year. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters we are meeting the challenge in all areas of need.

#### FAMILY RESILIENCE ►

- **Emergency support totaling \$274,000** has been delivered for 170 projects around the country in response to the pandemic, including 125 quarantine spaces to help Coast Guard members who are isolating and quarantining, as well as support for 26 cutters on extended deployment, and health and wellness resources for small Coast Guard units and four training centers responding to emerging challenges because of the coronavirus.
- **Disaster relief totaling more than \$250,000** has been distributed to more than 130 Coast Guard members and families impacted by natural disasters this year — these disasters stretched coast to coast in 2020, and include wildfires in the west, a devastating storm in the mid-west, and four high-impact storms in the Gulf Coast and Florida.

#### EDUCATION ►

- **More than \$500,000 in scholarship awards** went to 167 college-aged Coast Guard kids who are enrolled in college and technical/trade schools, pursuing their bachelor's degrees.
- **Two Fallen Heroes Scholarships** have been awarded to the children of Coast Guard members who paid the ultimate sacrifice. These scholarships cover 100 percent of their college expenses, allowing them to attend the college of their choice worry-free.
- **Support for the Coast Guard Academy** continues to cover a wide-reaching set of priorities, including academic enrichment, cadet activities, athletics and waterfront/sailing activities. Our Robert J. Flynn Pathway to Achievement fund provides critical support for diversity and inclusion initiatives.

#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ►

- **Workforce Development Programs** have provided 199 Coast Guard members with professional certifications, including aircraft-maintenance and captains' licenses. We are launching a virtual captain's license course program in this last quarter of the year, to benefit up to 60 Coast Guard members.
- **Coast Guard Spouse Grants valued at \$147,500** were awarded to 265 Coast Guard spouses pursuing their college degrees and professional certifications — a record year!

#### HEALTH AND WELLNESS ►

- **89 projects, valued at more than \$222,150**, have been funded across the country to support health and wellness at Coast Guard units and help members remain *always ready* by maintaining their physical and mental well-being while at sea or stationed in remote areas.
- **Grants of \$5,000 are provided to each new fast response cutter in the fleet** to help them establish their health and wellness priorities. Support for Coast Guard cutter commissionings has continued during the pandemic, and we will also support the new National Security Cutter with a \$10,000 grant for morale initiatives identified by the onboard crew.
- **We are piloting an initiative that provides counseling and life-skill resources for Coast Guard families**, through a partnership with the Coast Guard Chaplain Support Program, to help families connect and build positive, supportive relationships. To date, 10 Coast Guard Chaplains have been trained in the Chaplain PREP Program.

#### COMMUNITY ►

- **We've raised more than \$25,000 for our Fallen Heroes Scholarship program** and tragedy assistance support for Coast Guard families through Our Run to Remember program, which went virtual because of the pandemic, and the Workout to Remember, which was held in person in February before the virus restrictions went into effect.
- **We reimagined our planned Summer Camp Program in Hawaii and San Diego** because of challenges with the pandemic and pivoted to help families with virtual learning and individual enrichment programs.

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