



**THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE COAST GUARD

One of my guiding principles to our Service is Duty to People - to protect those we serve, and those who serve with us. This principle underscores the importance of the Coast Guard's strength residing in our people, whose well-being is critical to the success of our Service. With this in mind, I am proud to launch the 2015 Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) Fundraising Campaign.

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance is a valuable resource to support the well being of our Coast Guard Family - an effective and ready tool for getting help to those in need. Whether assisting in the aftermath of a natural disaster or providing aid for any number of personal circumstances that overwhelm a family's finances, CGMA routinely puts over \$3 million to work each year to alleviate the emergency financial needs facing Coast Guard families.

Our campaign theme this year is, "When we work together, it works." When we rally towards a common purpose, the load lightens for each individual and our tasks are more easily achieved. CGMA works because it allows all of us to pull together to raise the funds necessary to help our fellow Coast Guard Family members during times of financial need.

Please take a moment to consider your part in helping CGMA remain strong and ready to meet the challenges ahead. With each dollar you give, you play an important role in carrying out our Duty to People.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul F. Zukunft". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul F. Zukunft
Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard