The Key Executive Leadership Programs is deeply saddened to announce the death of our friend, colleague, and Maritime Advisor, Norman Lemley. While on vacation, he was killed in an accident in Jukkasjarvi, Sweden. For the past two years, Mr. Lemley has been working with the Key Executive Leadership Programs on the development of the AU/Northeast Maritime Institute (NMI) Key Executive MPA with a focus in maritime affairs.

Mr. Lemley served as the Director of Maritime Safety and Security at NMI for the past 15 years. He served with the U.S. Coast Guard for 36 years. He was a member of the Senior Executive Service and a Captain in the US Coast Guard (USCG) Reserve. During his 25 years in senior leadership positions, Mr. Lemley was a driving force in both the development and implementation of nearly every major marine safety, security, and pollution prevention initiative. In USCG Reserve assignments, his areas of expertise included port security and mobilization planning. Field assignments included USCG Headquarters and the Pentagon. Mr. Lemley participated in the Port Security Assessments and National Security Plan implementation in Algeria in 2004. In his capacity as Maritime Advisor to the AU/NMI Key Executive MPA, he assisted with the development of maritime curricula.

Throughout his career, Mr. Lemley was a leader in developing national and international marine safety and security standards to facilitate commercial interests while meeting the need for safety, environmental protection and security. He served on government delegations to the United Nations’ International Maritime Organization (IMO) over a period of 53 years, participated in the Diplomatic Conference in London that developed the International Maritime Security Treaty, and served on numerous committees related to maritime safety and pollution prevention. Mr. Lemley was the co-founder of the Commonwealth of Dominica International Ship Registry (1998), assisted with its growth and development for over 13 years, and served as a delegate for the Commonwealth of Dominica at the IMO.