The Commandant announces with regret the death of Mr. Norman W. Lemley, SES, retired, on Monday 19 Dec 2011, in Sweden. He died in a dogsled accident while on vacation. He was 73. Norm Lemley served the coast guard in two capacities over 36 years.

He completed officer candidate school (OCS) in 1962 and was commissioned as an ensign. As an officer in the Coast Guard Reserve he concentrated on port security and mobilization planning, with assignments in the field, at coast guard headquarters and at the pentagon. He retired as a captain on 2 Oct 1998.

As a coast guard civilian employee since 1965, he rose to the Senior Executive Service, the civilian equivalent of a flag officer. He was a leader in developing national and international safety and security standards for the marine industry. Over a period of 38 years, he served on U.S. delegations to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) of the United Nations. He served on various committees and sub-committees, and was selected by the 40-nation conference to chair the sub-committee on lifesaving appliances from 1980 to 1986.

In retirement Mr. Lemley continued to serve. He was an active member of the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council for the Washington DC metro area. He served on the board of directors for Tall Ships America. He was technical director of the U.S. Marine Safety Association and listed as a maritime consultant on marine safety, environmental protection, maritime security, and national and international regulations. The Northeast Maritime Institute, Fairhaven, MA, dedicated one of their training facilities as the Lemley hall annex in his honor in 2007.

Mr. Lemley was a professional engineer. He was a fellow and life member of the society of naval architects and marine engineers (SNAME), and received the VADM land medal from SNAME in 1994 for outstanding accomplishment in the marine field. In 2011 he was working with Northeast Maritime Institute and American University to offer a Masters in public administration with a focus on maritime affairs.

Throughout his life Mr. Lemley put service first, to the nation and to his community. He leaves a tremendous legacy and will long be remembered for his exceptional service.

Mr. Lemley is survived by his wife, Laura, and two daughters. Details about his funeral and burial are not yet available. They will be published when known.