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1. We are pleased to announce the Coast Guard's 2023 Spirit of Hope Award recipient, Leroy "Roy" Vander Putten. The Spirit of Hope Award is presented for outstanding service to the United States of America. It recognizes men and women of the United States Armed Forces, entertainers, and other distinguished Americans and

organizations whose patriotism and service epitomize the values of Bob Hope: courage, honor, duty, commitment, integrity, and selfless dedication to others. These individuals significantly enhance the quality of life of service members and their families serving around the world and selflessly contribute extraordinary time, talent, or resources to benefit members of the United States Armed Forces.

2. Mr. Vander Putten is recognized for his lifetime of service to the U.S. Coast Guard. He dedicated more than three decades of his life to the Coast Guard community, including seventeen years of volunteer service with the Coast Guard Foundation. His vast legacy encompasses hundreds of volunteer hours as well as generous contributions to the Foundation, including his creation of two exceptional education programs benefiting Coast Guard members, spouses, and their families.

3. Mr. Vander Putten is invited to the Pentagon to accept the 2023 Spirit of Hope Award at a ceremony honoring awardees from every branch at 10:30 a.m. on September 14, 2023.

4. We offer our appreciation to Ms. Susan Ludwig, President of the Coast Guard Foundation, for nominating Mr. Vander Putten.

5. Questions should be directed to Ms. Zenobia Williams, COMDT (CG-0923), at [202-372-4625](tel:202-372-4625) or Zenobia.A.Williams@uscg.mil.

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