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**Petty Office 2nd Class, U.S. Coast Guard, 1981-2011**

Contributed by: Tammy Brown, Wife

Born in Miami, Florida on April 22, 1962, Samuel Brown graduated from Miami Killian Senior High School in Miami, Florida in 1980. His desire to make a difference and become part of something bigger than himself started at a young age. He entered active duty at the age of 19 with the United States Coast Guard (USCG) in October 1981. His first assignment was to the U.S. Coast Guard Ship USCGC Dauntless in Miami Beach, Florida.

While in Miami, Petty Officer Brown demonstrated his courage on the seas during the 1980's – a time where drug trafficking was increasing all the time. The Coast Guard was mandated to stop drug-running on the high seas. Petty Officer Brown's duty was to protect the seas and serve as a member of law enforcement to fight drug smugglers entry to the United States waters. He met and worked with Chief Petty Officer Quentin Stephens (his favorite military mentor).

One of his favorite and memorable moments was a visit from President Ronald Reagan where he received the U.S. Coast Guard Unit Commendation Medal for the fight against drug trafficking to the United States. He also received the Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal for search and rescue mission after Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Petty Officer Brown served 8 years throughout his military career on active duty at USCG Radio Station Miami, USCG Group Boston, USCG Shipyard Baltimore, Small Boat Station Cortez and the USCG Dauntless Cutter/Ship Miami Beach.



**A “Greater Good” leader is a person who focuses on the well-being of others in their family, community and country. They make contributions that most likely will not benefit them, but many people. When I think of Samuel Brown, he is a “Greater Good” leader because he has demonstrated courage, consistency, and concern to improve the lives of others.**

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He later separated from active-duty Coast Guard and remained in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves where his assignments were in the Base Support Unit, Miami Beach, and USCG Base Mobile, Alabama. Petty Officer Brown retired from the Coast Guard Reserve in January 2011, after performing over 29 years of Honorable Service.

After military retirement, Brown demonstrated his consistency to serve the public, especially Veterans. He began his career as a Contract Specialist with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Miami, Florida. His military and civilian expertise intertwined which allowed him to procure supplies and services using procedures outlined in the Federal Acquisitions Regulations. To serve our Veterans, he awarded numerous government contracts that became VA Clinics throughout Alabama and Georgia. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Federal Contract Management from Summit University, Louisiana. After a total of 40 years of federal service, Brown retired from the VA in Tuskegee, Alabama.

He demonstrated his concern for others by giving of himself to his family and community. He has always loved fishing and bowling. He instilled in his children his love for this hobby which they are passing on to their children. He also enjoys golfing. He believes that in every place he has lived, giving back to community is important.



**Samuel is remembered as a "Greater Good" leader who is honest, hardworking, reliable, and driven as he serves God, his family, and his country.**

While living in Pike Road, Alabama, he enjoys coaching youth at the YMCA, in football, basketball, and baseball. He is also a member of the Central Montgomery Optimist Club and the American Legion. He is an active member of his church, Mercy Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama.

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