



The 2022 NCOA Coast Guard Vanguard Award, sponsored by USAA, was presented to Petty Officer First Class Kurt P. Woodhouse in honor and memory of Medal of Honor recipient Signalman First Class Douglas Munro.

For conspicuous gallantry above and beyond the call of duty as Petty Officer Woodhouse rendered aid to a motorcycle crash victim. On the evening of 9 September 2022, while driving down a dimly lit road, Petty Officer Woodhouse came across a downed motorcycle and victim sprawled on the ground. He immediately approached the victim, assessed the situation, and directed contact with emergency response services.

Observing that the victim was aspirating blood, he requested assistance from another bystander, stabilizing the victim's spine and slowly moving him to the recovery position, thereby facilitating the clearing of the victim's airway.

While in recovery position, Petty Officer Woodhouse noticed a 3 to 4-inch laceration in the posterior scalp of the victim. When returned to a prone position, the victim involuntarily and repeatedly struck his head into the pavement. Petty Officer Woodhouse immediately grabbed a blanket from his vehicle, placing it under the victim's head in an effort to minimize further damage.

As additional bystanders arrived, Petty Officer Woodhouse directed comfort to the victim while he cleared debris from the road and directed traffic to ensure paramedics' expedient access to the victim, thereby enabling lifesaving intervention and ensuring the victim was able to regain consciousness and could move his extremities.

His swift actions ensured the victim was stabilized until paramedics arrived and were pivotal in the lifesaving effort.

Petty Officer Woodhouse's dedication, judgement, and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.

Petty Officer Woodhouse was unable to attend the conference.