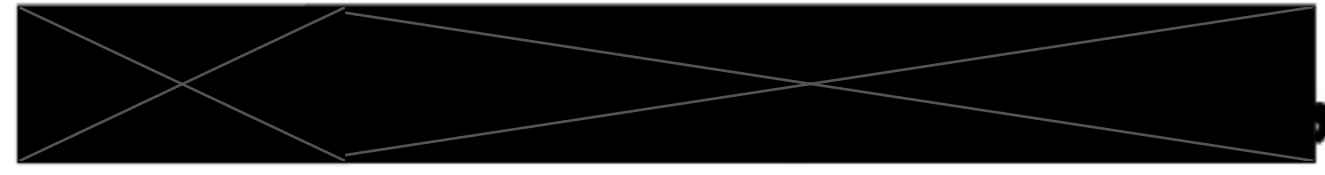


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On behalf of Coast Guard District 7, thank you for your vital support of U.S. Coast Guard rescue efforts in the aftermath of the August 14, 2021, earthquake which struck the southern coast of Haiti. As the CEO of HERO, you rapidly organized your team of multi-lingual medical professionals to deploy into the most heavily impacted areas aboard Department of Homeland Security and Department of Defense (DOD) aircraft, providing valuable medical assessments, translation assistance, and in-flight medical care to ensure the most critically injured patients received prompt treatment. You mobilized your fleet of ambulances to receive patients as they landed at Toussaint Louverture International Airport and coordinated receiving physicians at hospitals all over Port-au-Prince. When the patient load at the airport surpassed the ability of hospitals to receive them, HERO erected a triage tent, provided medical equipment, and staffed the makeshift treatment site to ensure the injured could be cared for prior to transport. As the whole-of-government response shifted out of the emergency phase and into sustained operations, you liaised with Joint Task Force-Haiti to ensure urgent medical requests were responded to in an expeditious manner and continued to ensure HERO medical professionals remained on-scene and available until the last DOD asset departed. Your actions truly demonstrated your professionalism and embodiment the Coast Guard's core values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty.

Our appreciation for your efforts cannot be overstated. Thank you and Bravo Zulu!

Semper Paratus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brendan C. McPherson".

Brendan C. McPherson
Rear Admiral, United States Coast Guard

