Petty Officer 2nd Class Nicholas Krupa USCG

Petty Officer Krupa joined the U. S. Coast Guard on September 11, 2007 and went to boot camp in Cape May, NJ. Upon graduation, he received orders to Coast Guard Station Kenosha where he qualified as boat crew. Petty Officer Krupa graduated from Yeoman "A" School in March 2009. He received assignment to Coast Guard Base National Capital Region, Servicing Personnel Office in April 2009. While assigned to the Servicing Personnel Office, Petty Officer Krupa quickly became an expert on pay, personnel, and travel programs. Petty Officer Krupa also volunteered for over 35 Military Funeral Honors for fallen Coast Guard shipmates, including a former Coast Guard Vice Commandant.

Petty Officer Krupa began his long-standing affiliation with the Boy Scouts in 1996 as a Cub Scout. He served on Boy Scout summer camp staff for two years at Camp Seph Mack as a dishwasher and trading post clerk. He attended Philmont Scout Ranch with the Penn's Woods Council contingent where he completed the most strenuous hike Philmont offered, hiking over 125 miles in a week. In addition, he served as den chief, helping Cub Scouts transition to Boy Scouts. Petty Officer Krupa's 2006 Eagle Scout project consisted of mapping his lOO-year old church cemetery and providing a comprehensive map and binder with a complete listing of family plots, graves, and still open graves. The entire project took over 3,000 hours to complete and included the entire effort of his troop, family, and friends. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and serves as an assistant Advisor for a Venturing crew in Johnstown, PA. Petty Officer Krupa volunteered for the Coast Guard contingent to the 2011 National Boy Scout Jamboree celebrating the centennial of Scouting in America. He participated in the 11O-mile "Face of America" bike ride with Team Coast Guard through World Team Sports, riding alongside wounded warriors from Washington, DC, to Gettysburg, PA.

Petty Officer Krupa's awards include three Coast Guard Team Commendation ribbons: The Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal, Coast Guard Unit Commendation Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, and a Coast Guard Pistol Marksman Ribbon.