



Sheldon Williams

▼ Summary

Visionary leader with over 20 years of dedicated service in the U.S. Coast Guard, currently serving as a Chief Warrant Officer (CWO2). As President and Executive Director of Edfu Foundation Inc. and The Conservancy Corp., I guide the overall strategy, program initiatives, and advocacy efforts, focusing on advancing human rights for people of African descent through effective partnerships and leadership. My role as Co-Chair of the International Civil Society Working Group for the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent (ICSWG PFPAD) allows me to collaborate with international civil society leaders to address racial inequality and support sustainable development. My leadership ensures that our organizations align with the global agenda, empowering marginalized communities worldwide.

▼ Experience

January 2002–Present

Chief Warrant Officer 2 (CWO2) • PACAREA COMMS System Manager • United States Coast Guard (USCG)

I ensure mission readiness by planning and supporting integration for major cutters, Deployable Specialized Forces (DSF) units, Command Centers, & Shore units throughout the Pacific Area. Providing electronics subject matter expertise.

January 1999–Present

President • Executive Director • Edfu Foundation Inc. • The Conservancy Corp. 501©3

lead global advocacy efforts for human rights and sustainable development, organizing international delegations, implementing educational programs, and addressing food justice for over 100 families weekly. Addressed food insecurity in Oakland by providing healthy food and essential resources without qualification barriers, empowering underserved communities.

▼ Leadership & Service

- Co-Chair, International Civil Society Working Group for the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent (ICSWG PFPAD) — 2022 – Present
- President, Golden Gate Chapter of the Chief Warrant Officers Association — 2016 – 2021
- Board of Directors Member, Chief Petty Officers Association — 2015 – 2020
- U.S. Coast Guard Partnership in Education (PIE) Coordinator, Bay Area — 2017 – Present
- Special Emphasis Program Coordinator, PACAREA — 2016 – Present
- President, Bay Area PIE Program — 2017 – Present

▼ Awards & Honors

- National NAACP Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award
- Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) Meritorious Service Award
- U.S. Coast Guard Voluntary Service Medal
- Selected Member, National Society of Leadership and Success

▼ Key Achievements & Initiatives

Advocacy and International Collaboration:

- Sponsored and attended key UN events, including the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent and the Human Rights Council.
- Led discussions with the UN Special Rapporteur on racism and collaborated on eliminating racial discrimination globally.

Food Justice and Community Empowerment:

- Bay Area Street Pantry program provided food security and nutrition education, reaching over 100 families weekly, aligning with SDGs 2, 3, 6, and 12.
- Organized community events and partnerships with local organizations, including the Oakland Public Library and Alameda County Community Foodbank.



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Cultural and Educational Contributions:

- Sponsored AfroCon in San Diego, supporting creative spaces for people of African descent and contributing to SDGs 4, 5, and 10.
- Delivered laptops and educational support to communities in Brazil, enhancing youth education in alignment with SDGs 4, 5, and 9.

International Advocacy on Racism and Inequality:

- Led global discussions at events like the Nubia Initiative's Africa Week, bringing together over 180,000 people globally to celebrate African culture and address racial issues.
- Engaged in policy discussions at the World Conference of Mayors, advocating for the inclusion of people of African descent in politics.

▼ References

[Available upon request.]