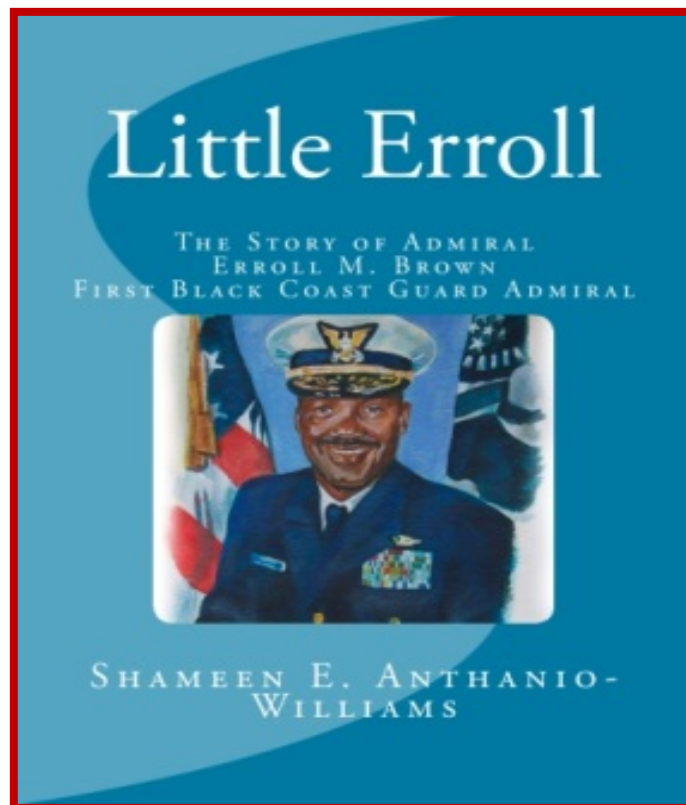


Little Erroll: A Children's Book on Courage and Determination



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Through every challenge faced and victory attained, the leader's willingness to evolve and adjust her personal leadership philosophy is contingent upon the rigidity of her personality. The leader, albeit the Commanding Officer on a cutter or the soccer mom raising her children and managing the needs of the home-front will act and react according to her own values and beliefs; these attitudes having been shaped since early childhood.

In order to be the best 'You' that you can be, you must possess a passion for growth and be willing to explore your strengths and weaknesses and adjust accordingly. Admiral Erroll M. Brown (USCG Retired), mentored many junior and senior shipmates on this subject and has shared with audiences on countless occasions, his thoughts on personal and professional development; "Life is a journey of growth and mastery...master your self-purpose, master your craft and help somebody," is one of many *Admiral Brown proverbs*.

Little Erroll is a children's biography of Admiral Erroll Brown as a child. Admiral Brown learned at a very early age the importance of hard work and determination and became quite adept at adjusting to difficult situations. Despite many challenges, Erroll always found a way to prevail. While *Little Erroll* inspires the child reader to work hard and do her very best no matter her circumstances, it also provides the reader simple lessons on the very core values our Coastguardsmen cherish each and every-day; self-pride (Honor), empathy for human-kind and the world we live in (Respect) and responsibility (Devotion to Duty).

Parent-leaders have a small window of opportunity to help influence the character of their children while they are young. We should take this responsibility seriously; share personal experiences of trial/error & triumph with our kids, present opportunities for charitable works, provide responsibilities around the household, challenge their intellectual, physical and social realities through various academic, athletic and social arenas; give them opportunities to become critical thinkers and self-evaluators at an early age. Providing positive literature is one of many ways we can nurture our future leaders and I offer *Little Erroll* as a wonderful example to this end.

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