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OSG FLEET & ATC FLEET NEWSLETTER 36TH EDITION

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MUTUAL RESPECT

HOW DOES A DIVERSE GROUP OF 22 PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT EXPERTISE AND TRADES GET A LARGE TUB OF STEEL LOADED WITH OIL FLOATING IN SALT WATER FROM POINT A TO POINT B ON TIME WITH CREW AND CARGO SAFELY? FROM OUR EXPERIENCE IT ALL STARTS WITH MUTUAL RESPECT. AS A LICENSED DECK OFFICER (LDO) KNOWS, RESPECT MUST START FROM DAY ONE TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR A HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL ON BOARD.

THERE OF COURSE WILL BE AN OUTLIER OR DISAGREEMENT FROM TIME TO TIME. THERE MIGHT EVEN BE A HEATED DEBATE IN THE MESS ROOM, BRIDGE, OR ECR. AFTER ALL, WE HAVE TO LIVE, WORK, AND EAT TOGETHER 24/7, SO NATURALLY THERE WILL BE DISAGREEMENTS. BUT WHERE WE MIGHT DISAGREE, THERE IS ALWAYS A SENSE OF RESPECT FOR YOUR FELLOW SHIPMATE WHO MUSTERED UP THE INTESTINAL FORTITUDE TO GO TO SEA FOR A LIVING.

AS LDOs WE HAVE THE IMMENSE RESPONSIBILITY OF NAVIGATING AND MOVING CARGO ON OUR VESSEL SAFELY WITH ALL SOULS ON BOARD TO THE NEXT PORT. THE LICENSED ENGINEERING OFFICERS (LEOs) ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE WE HAVE THE MECHANICAL ABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH OUR VOYAGE. THE STEWARDS AND UNLICENSED CREW OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE VESSEL AND KEEP THE CREWS FUELED UP. YOU TAKE AWAY ONE OF THOSE DEPARTMENTS AND THE SHIPS SITS AT THE DOCK.

MUTUAL RESPECT BETWEEN LABOR UNIONS IS A CORNERSTONE FOR FOSTERING A STRONG AND UNIFIED FRONT WITHIN THE BROADER LABOR MOVEMENT. IT INVOLVES ACKNOWLEDGING AND APPRECIATING THE UNIQUE STRENGTHS, PERSPECTIVES, AND CONTRIBUTIONS THAT EACH UNION BRINGS TO THE TABLE.

MM&P STANDS BY OUR ACTIONS AND OUR MISSION TO REPRESENT LICENSED DECK OFFICERS. WE DO NOT DISRESPECT OTHERS WHO WE DISAGREE WITH. WE FIGHT USING OUR BRAINS, NOT BY SHOOTING OFF OUR MOUTHS. MM&P HAS THE BEST COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR LICENSED DECK OFFICERS IN THE U.S. MERCHANT MARINE.

WE RESPECT YOUR CHOICES, YOUR PROFESSIONALISM, AND YOUR PERSONAL INTEGRITY.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE AS WE WAIT FOR A DECISION TO BE MADE BY THE NLRB ON THE VOTE FOR THE OSG FLEET LDOs. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE ATC FLEET LDO BALLOT COUNT ON JANUARY 18, 2024.



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SO FAR, OUR TAKE ON "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" HAS TAKEN THE LEAD:





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THE LICENSED DECK OFFICERS' UNION

MM&P IS HERE TO LISTEN

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