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OSG FLEET & ATC FLEET NEWSLETTER 59TH EDITION

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OSG FLEET UPDATE

PAPER AND OPPORTUNITY

AS SUMMER BLAZES INTO FULL SWING, SO DOES GRADUATION SEASON FOR ALL THE MARITIME ACADEMIES. MOST OF US HAVE BEEN THERE: FOUR YEARS PACKED WITH SEA TERMS OR COMMERCIAL CRUISES, UNIFORMS, MORNING FORMATIONS, AND TOPPED OFF WITH THE COAST GUARD EXAMS. AT THE CULMINATION OF THIS JOURNEY, GRADUATES RECEIVE TWO PIVOTAL PIECES OF PAPER: A DIPLOMA AND A LICENSE. THESE UNASSUMING DOCUMENTS UNLOCK DOORS TO VAST OPPORTUNITIES INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OUR INDUSTRY. THE PATH YOU HAVE CHOSEN FROM THERE IS HAS BEEN AND REMAINS ENTIRELY IN YOUR HANDS.

THIS WEEK, ANOTHER SET OF PAPERS HIT THE MAIL: THE BALLOTS. CASTING YOUR VOTE FOR MM&P IS MORE THAN JUST A DECISION; IT'S YOUR KEY TO UNLOCKING NEW OPPORTUNITIES THAT WILL BE DELIVERED WITH A MM&P "A" BOOK. WITH THIS SIMPLE ACT, YOU GAIN A POWERFUL VOICE IN THE WORKPLACE WITH REPRESENTATION THAT YOU CAN TRUST. BY VOTING FOR MM&P, YOU JOIN FORCES WITH YOUR FELLOW DECK OFFICERS AT ATC. **TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER!**





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FOR ALL ATC LDOs WHO WANT TO APPLY FOR THE MM&P LICENSE ADVANCEMENT FELLOWSHIP PLEASE FOLLOW THE BELOW CHECKLIST:

MM&P LICENSE ADVANCEMENT FELLOWSHIP CHECKLIST

- STEP 1: APPLY FOR MM&P MEMBERSHIP BY EMAILING BOTH AVICTORIO@BRIDGEDECK.ORG AND MMPINFO@BRIDGEDECK.ORG. WE WILL SEND YOU AN APPLICATION AND WILL REQUEST ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION AS NEEDED TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION.
- UPON APPLICATION, YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO PAY THE ADJUSTED BALANCE OF THE REGULAR QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP DUES AND REMAIN CURRENT THEREAFTER AT \$125.00 PER QUARTER. AS PROMISED, THERE IS NO OBLIGATION FOR INITIATION FEES.
- AS YOU ARE A PERMANENT EMPLOYEES WITH ATC, YOU WILL BE REGISTERED AS A COMPANY EMPLOYEE (CE). YOUR SENIORITY STATUS WILL BE “APPLICANT” UNTIL A FIRST CONTRACT IS RATIFIED. AFTER RATIFICATION YOU WILL BE UPGRADED TO A “A” BOOK AND THE DEFERRED INITIATION FEE WILL BE WAIVED.
- AS A COMPANY EMPLOYEE APPLICANT, YOU CAN BID ON OPEN PORT RELIEF OFFICER (PRO) JOBS SUBJECT TO OUR SHIPPING RULES.
- STEP 2: SUBMIT YOUR TUITION/BOARD RECEIPTS FROM THE CHIEF MATE/MASTER UPGRADE COURSES YOU TOOK AT EITHER MITAGS EAST OR MITAGS WEST TO COMPROLLER@BRIDGEDECK.ORG AND MMPINFO@BRIDGEDECK.ORG.
- STEP 3: WE WILL REIMBURSE YOU VIA CHECK FOR THE QUALIFYING COURSES TAKEN AT MMP’S SCHOOL.



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IN THE NEWS

MEMORIAL TO THE AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE UNVEILED IN NORMANDY

A MONUMENT WAS INSTALLED LAST WEEK ON UTAH BEACH TO HONOR THE AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINERS WHO PROVIDED VITAL SUPPORT TO THE MILITARY OPERATION THAT TURNED THE TIDE IN FAVOR OF THE ALLIES IN WORLD WAR II.

THE MONUMENT WAS UNVEILED ON JUNE 5, AS WORLD WAR II VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES GATHERED IN NORMANDY WITH HEADS OF STATE TO HONOR THE HEROES OF D-DAY ON THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LARGEST AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT OPERATION IN WORLD HISTORY.

THE WORLD WAR II D-DAY ARMADA OF ABOUT 7,000 SHIPS INCLUDED 200 U.S. MERCHANT SHIPS OPERATED BY AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINERS AND U.S. NAVAL ARMED GUARD CREWS.

“THE U.S. MERCHANT MARINERS’ HEROIC DEDICATION TO SUPPLY TROOPS, AMMUNITION, GOODS, AND VEHICLES DURING D-DAY ENABLED THE ALLIES’ REMARKABLE SUCCESS,” SAID CAPTAIN DRU DI MATTIA, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE VETERANS (AMMV).



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“REINFORCEMENT AND RESUPPLY BY U.S. MERCHANT SHIPS IN THE WEEKS AFTER D-DAY ALLOWED THE ALLIES TO PUSH FORWARD INTO FRANCE, BEGINNING THE END OF NAZI CONQUEST, TERROR, AND OPPRESSION IN EUROPE.”

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE [UNVEILING](#) INCLUDED SIX AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE WORLD WAR II VETERANS WHO FLEW TO FRANCE FOR THE OCCASION, ONE OF WHOM IS 107 YEARS OLD.

THE NEW MONUMENT STANDS NEAR THE LONE SAILOR STATUE AND THE HIGGINS BOAT MEMORIAL.

IT IS INSCRIBED IN BOTH FRENCH AND ENGLISH WITH WORDS SPOKEN BY GEN. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER ON MAY 8, 1945:

“EVERY MAN IN THIS ALLIED COMMAND IS QUICK TO EXPRESS HIS ADMIRATION FOR THE LOYALTY, COURAGE, AND FORTITUDE OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE MERCHANT MARINE.”

“WE COUNT UPON THEIR EFFICIENCY AND THEIR UTTER DEVOTION TO DUTY AS WE DO OUR OWN; THEY HAVE NEVER FAILED US YET AND IN ALL THE STRUGGLES YET TO COME WE KNOW THAT THEY WILL NEVER BE DETERRED BY ANY DANGER, HARDSHIP, OR PRIVATION.”

“WHEN FINAL VICTORY IS OURS THERE IS NO ORGANIZATION THAT WILL SHARE ITS CREDIT MORE DESERVEDLY THAN THE MERCHANT MARINE.”



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AN IMAGE FROM MM&P MEMBERS



MM&P LICENSED DECK OFFICERS WORKING ON BOARD THE NEWLY FLAGGED IN APL CONTAINERSHIP *M/V PRESIDENT GRANT*.



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THE LICENSED DECK OFFICERS' UNION

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU CAN REACH CAPTAIN SHAWN TUCY OR CAPTAIN TOM LARKIN AT [MMPINFO@BRIDGEDECK.ORG](mailto:mmpinfo@bridgedeck.org) OR CALL 410-582-7046

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