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## OSG FLEET & ATC FLEET NEWSLETTER 63RD EDITION

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### OSG FLEET UPDATE

### 102 DAYS UNTIL THE BALLOTS ARE COUNTED

#### SHIPMATES

WHAT MAKES A GOOD SHIPMATE? THE NATURE OF SHIPBOARD LIFE BOILS DOWN TO RELYING ON YOUR SHIPMATES TO DO THEIR RESPECTIVE JOBS TO GET THE SHIP FROM POINT A TO POINT B. WE MIGHT NOT ALL BE FRIENDS BUT WE WORK WITH EACH OTHER AND GET THE JOB DONE. IN MOST CASES A SHIPMATE IS A PERSON YOU CAN RELY ON AND IN TURN THAT PERSON CAN RELY ON YOU. IT'S A PERSON WHO HAS YOUR BACK AND THE SAFETY OF THE SHIP IN MIND. IT'S A PERSON WHO CAN PROVIDE A LAUGH AND A WARM WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT WHEN NEEDED. IT COULD ALSO BE A PERSON WHO SIMPLY HELPS YOU GET ON THE SHIP'S WIFI SO YOU CAN MAKE THAT PHONE CALL HOME. THE CAMARADERIE BETWEEN PEOPLE WHO WORK ABOARD SHIP DATES BACK TO THE AGE OF SAIL.

IN MASTERS, MATES & PILOTS WE BELIEVE THAT AS MARITIME PROFESSIONALS WORKING IN UNISON WE CAN BETTER PROTECT THE LIVES AND PROPERTY ENTRUSTED TO OUR CARE, ADVANCE OUR ECONOMIC INTERESTS, IMPROVE THE REGULATIONS THAT PERTAIN TO OUR INDUSTRY, AND BY DOING SO ELEVATE OUR STANDING IN THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. WE ARE SHIPMATES. TOGETHER WE WILL GET THE SHIP SAFELY TO POINT "B."

MASTERS, MATES & PILOTS PROVIDES A FRAMEWORK AND PROTECTIONS MANDATED BY LABOR LAW, ALLOWING US AS LICENSED DECK OFFICERS TO COLLABORATE TOWARDS COMMON GOALS. THERE IS NO CHALLENGE A CREW OF 22 SHIPMATES CAN'T OVERCOME WHEN THEY PULL TOGETHER. MM&P, ALONGSIDE ATC AND OSG LDOs, STAND UNITED.



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### **I DIDN'T GET A BALLOT. HOW DO I REQUEST ONE?**

ANYONE WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED A MAIL BALLOT KIT AT THEIR HOME MAY REQUEST A DUPLICATE MAIL BALLOT KIT DIRECTLY BY PHONE AT (813) 228-2470 OR (813) 228-2238, OR BY SENDING AN EMAIL TO:

[CHASTITY.PABON-LOCKLEY@NLRB.GOV](mailto:CHASTITY.PABON-LOCKLEY@NLRB.GOV)

INCLUDE YOUR FULL NAME AND THE COMPLETE ADDRESS TO WHICH YOU WANT THE DUPLICATE MAIL BALLOT KIT SENT.



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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](mailto:AVICTORIO@BRIDGEDECK.ORG) AND [MMPINFO@BRIDGEDECK.ORG](mailto: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](mailto:COMPROLLER@BRIDGEDECK.ORG) AND [MMPINFO@BRIDGEDECK.ORG](mailto: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

### NATO MUST REVERSE THE DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF MERCHANT MARINERS”

LEADING MARITIME UNIONS IN 12 COUNTRIES HAVE CALLED ON NATO NATIONS TO RAPIDLY STRENGTHEN THEIR MERCHANT FLEETS IN RESPONSE TO RISING GEOPOLITICAL TENSIONS.

MM&P JOINED OTHER NAUTILUS FEDERATION UNIONS IN ISSUING THE CALL TO ACTION AS NATO LEADERS GATHERED IN WASHINGTON, D.C., TO MARK THE ALLIANCE’S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

“WITH RISING GEOPOLITICAL TENSIONS THREATENING EUROPE, THE WAR IN UKRAINE, ESCALATING VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND EFFORTS BY OTHER NATIONS TO DOMINATE THE HIGH SEAS, NATO MUST CONFRONT THE ALARMING DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED MERCHANT SEAFARERS AND NATIONAL-FLAGGED MERCHANT VESSELS,” THE UNIONS WROTE.





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“THIS DECLINE SIGNIFICANTLY JEOPARDIZES NATO’S OBLIGATIONS TO ITS MEMBERS.”

THE UNIONS NOTED “THE VULNERABILITY OF THE U.S. MARITIME SECTOR, HEAVILY RELIANT ON FOREIGN-FLAGGED SHIPS AND WITH A SHRINKING MERCHANT SHIPPING CAPABILITY AND SHIPBUILDING CAPACITY.”

THEY ADDED THAT “A SIMILAR SITUATION HAS PREVAILED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OTHER TRADITIONAL MARITIME NATIONS WITHIN NATO FOR DECADES,” WITH MANY STATES ACROSS EUROPE “FACING HISTORIC LOWS IN SEAFARER NUMBERS AND NATIONAL-FLAGGED MERCHANT VESSELS.”

THEY NOTED THAT “THE SHORTAGE OF QUALIFIED OFFICERS AND RATINGS IMPAIRS OUR COLLECTIVE AND INDIVIDUAL ABILITY TO SUPPORT MILITARY LOGISTICS AND SECURE ESSENTIAL SUPPLY CHAINS FOR ENERGY, FOOD, AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES DURING CONFLICTS AND HEALTH EMERGENCIES.”

THE CURRENT SITUATION, THEY ADDED, “EXPOSES OUR NATIONS TO SEVERE RISKS, WITH POTENTIALLY DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES.”

NEEDED TO REVERSE THE DECLINE, THEY TOLD NATO LEADERS, IS A COALITION OF LIKE-MINDED MARITIME NATIONS, WORKING TOGETHER TO:

-- INCREASE THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED MERCHANT SEAFARERS AND NATIONAL REGISTERED VESSELS;

-- END INCENTIVES FOR FLAGS OF CONVENIENCE; AND

-- PUT A STOP TO THE CONTINUED EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN CREWS.

THEY CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENTS OF NATO MEMBER COUNTRIES “TO USE THIS MILESTONE TO COMMIT TO SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN MARITIME CAPABILITIES, TO STRENGTHEN THEIR MERCHANT MARINES AND TO INVEST IN THEIR MARITIME PROFESSIONALS.”

MM&P IS ONE OF THE 22 MARITIME UNIONS THAT BELONG TO THE NAUTILUS FEDERATION.



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## AN IMAGE FROM MM&P MEMBERS



MM&P LDOS  
WORKING ABOARD  
THE “*MAERSK  
CHESAPEAKE*” IN  
THE SHIPYARD.



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***THE LICENSED DECK OFFICERS' UNION***

**MM&P IS HERE TO LISTEN**

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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