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OSG FLEET & ATC FLEET NEWSLETTER 64TH EDITION

JULY 19, 2024

OSG FLEET UPDATE

95 DAYS UNTIL THE BALLOTS ARE COUNTED



SALTCHUK WELCOMES OVERSEAS SHIPHOLDING GROUP

ON JULY 10, 2024, SALTCHUK OFFICIALLY ACQUIRED OVERSEAS SHIPHOLDING GROUP (OSG) FOR APPROXIMATELY \$950 MILLION. AS OSG TRANSITIONS INTO SALTCHUK'S FAMILY OF COMPANIES, WE ARE AWAITING THE COMPLETION OF THE REVIEW REQUEST THAT OSG FILED WITH THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD (NLRB) FOLLOWING THE OVERWHELMING VOTE BY ATC LICENSED DECK OFFICERS (LDOs) FOR MASTERS, MATES, AND PILOTS (MM&P) REPRESENTATION.

IN THE OSG/SALTCHUK NEWS RELEASE, SALTCHUK CHAIRMAN MARK TABBUTT STATED, "WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING ALONGSIDE THE OSG TEAM AS WE MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER." THIS SENTIMENT RESONATES WITH MM&P.



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MM&P'S TEAM OF LICENSED DECK OFFICER REPRESENTATIVES, LEGAL EXPERTS AND YOUR CHOSEN RANK-AND-FILE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEES WILL BE GOING TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE IN GOOD FAITH. OUR GOAL IS TO REACH FAIR AND ENDURING AGREEMENTS THAT RESPOND TO YOUR NEEDS. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT CHAIRMAN TABBUTT IS SINCERE IN HIS DESIRE TO MOVE FORWARD AND THAT SALTCHUK AND THEIR ATC AND OSG MANAGEMENT TEAMS APPROACH CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS IN THE SAME POSITIVE SPIRIT.

HOWEVER, WHATEVER TACK SALTCHUK, ATC AND OSG MAY TAKE, MM&P WILL BE READY. WE WILL NOT RELENT UNTIL WE SECURE FIRST-RATE CONTRACTS THAT ARE COMMENSURATE WITH THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS THAT YOU BRING TO THE ATC AND OSG FLEETS.

FOR OSG LICENSED DECK OFFICERS, IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE FOR MM&P REPRESENTATION. JOIN OUR EFFORT TO BUILD A BETTER FUTURE ABOARD SHIP AND ASHORE FOR YOUR FAMILIES.



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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

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 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

MT ALLIED PACIFIC PARTICIPATES IN RIMPAC 2024

CAPTAIN EDWARD “TED” MARKUSKE REPORTS HERE ON THE ESSENTIAL ROLE THAT MT ALLIED PACIFIC AND ITS CREW ARE PLAYING IN RIMPAC 2024.

THE RIM OF THE PACIFIC (RIMPAC) IS A MULTINATIONAL NAVAL EXERCISE DESIGNED TO FOSTER AND SUSTAIN COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS CRITICAL TO ENSURING THE SAFETY OF SEA LANES AND SECURITY IN SUPPORT OF A FREE AND OPEN INDO-PACIFIC REGION.

THE EXERCISE, WHICH TAKES PLACE IN THE WATERS SURROUNDING THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, IS HELD BIENNIALLY ON EVEN NUMBERED YEARS. THIS YEAR, 29 NATIONS ARE PARTICIPATING.



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THE MM&P-CREWED TANKER ALLIED PACIFIC IS PARTICIPATING IN THESE EXERCISES FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE BEING FLAGGED INTO THE U.S. FLEET IN OCTOBER 2023.

HER MISSION IS TO PROVIDE AT-SEA REFUELING CAPABILITIES TO U.S. AND ALLIED NAVAL SUPPORT SHIPS WHICH THEN REFUEL NAVAL SURFACE COMBATANTS.

AFTER RECEIVING HER UNREP CERTIFICATION IN JUNE 2024, MT ALLIED PACIFIC HAS CONTINUOUSLY BEEN ON STATION, CONDUCTING UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE RIMPAC EXERCISES.

THIS DANGEROUS AND CHALLENGING OPERATION PROVIDES CRITICAL STRATEGIC AND LOGISTICAL CAPABILITIES TO THE U.S. NAVY AND ITS ALLIES AROUND THE WORLD.

MT ALLIED PACIFIC COMPLETED THE UNREP CERTIFICATION WITH THE ROYAL NEW ZEALAND NAVY AUXILIARY SHIP HMNZS AOTEAROA.

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE ROYAL NEW ZEALAND NAVY HAD CONDUCTED A CONSOL OPERATION WITH A COMMERCIAL TANKER.

AFTER JUST TWO DAYS OF DOCKSIDE TRAINING, A LIVE TRANSFER AT SEA WAS COMPLETED ON JUNE 26.

THE OPERATION PROVED A NEW CAPABILITY FOR THE NEW ZEALAND DEFENSE FORCES AND PROOF OF OPERATIONAL CONCEPT FOR THE ALLIED PACIFIC.

ALLIED PACIFIC SENIOR OFFICERS WERE INVITED ASHORE TO SUPPORT OPERATIONAL PLANNING AND HIGHLIGHT U.S. MERCHANT MARINE CAPABILITIES.

THESE CONTRIBUTIONS WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO COMMANDER CTF 173, A MULTINATIONAL TASK FORCE WHICH HAD ULTIMATE OPERATIONAL CONTROL (OPCON) OF ALLIED PACIFIC FOR THE DURATION OF THE EXERCISE.



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THE MM&P MEMBERS ABOARD THE MT ALLIANCE ARE CAPTAIN EDWARD “TED” MARKUSKE, CHIEF MATE WILLIAM “BILL” MURPHY, SECOND MATE MATT THOMPSON, SECOND MATE SAWYER COLE, THIRD MATE ALEX BYRLEY, AND THIRD MATE STEVEN FILLER.

EACH ONE OF THEM HAS BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE SAFE AND EFFICIENT TRANSFER OF OIL CARGO AT SEA.

IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT AN UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT WITHOUT THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF EVERYONE ONBOARD: THE REST OF THE SHIP’S COMPLEMENT WAS REPRESENTED BY MEBA, SUP, MFOW, AND SIU.

PHOTOS OF THE CREW CARRYING OUT CONSOLS WITH THE U.S. AND N.Z. NAVIES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FALL 2024 ISSUE OF THE MASTER, MATE & PILOT.



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AN IMAGE FROM MM&P MEMBERS



MM&P CAPTAIN TED MARKUSKE AND C/M BILL MURPHY ON BOARD THE M/T ALLIED PACIFIC PERFORMING UNREP OPERATIONS AT THE RIMPAC EXERCISES.



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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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