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OSG FLEET & ATC FLEET NEWSLETTER 70TH EDITION

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OSG AND ATC FLEET UPDATE

53 DAYS UNTIL THE BALLOTS ARE COUNTED

HAPPY LABOR DAY!



ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE AT MASTERS, MATES, AND PILOTS, WE WISH YOU A WARM AND WELL-DESERVED LABOR DAY. WE APPRECIATE THE HARD WORK YOU PUT IN EACH DAY TO ENSURE OUR COUNTRY'S GAS AND OIL ARE TRANSPORTED SAFELY. YOUR PROFESSIONALISM DOES NOT GO UNNOTICED AT MASTERS, MATES & PILOTS. WE VALUE ALL THAT YOU DO AND FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT HOW WE DO OUR JOBS REPRESENTING LICENSED DECK OFFICERS. OUR MISSION IS TO WORK WITH YOU TO NEGOTIATE A TOP-NOTCH CONTRACT—A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT THAT TRULY RECOGNIZES AND REWARDS YOUR DILIGENT LABOR.



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"MY FRIENDS IT IS SOLIDARITY WE WANT. WE DO NOT WANT TO FIND FAULT WITH EACH OTHER, BUT TO SOLIDIFY OUR FORCES AND SAY TO EACH OTHER: WE MUST BE TOGETHER; OUR MASTERS ARE JOINED TOGETHER AND WE MUST DO THE SAME THING." MOTHER JONES

BEST TO ALL THIS LABOR DAY!



A PHOTO OF THE 1939 LABOR DAY PARADE IN SAN FRANCISCO WITH HARRY BRIDGES IN THE FOREGROUND. HARRY BRIDGES JOINED THE SAILORS' UNION OF THE PACIFIC IN 1920 AND LATER BECAME THE FOUNDER AND FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LONGSHORE AND WAREHOUSE UNION (ILWU). HIS UNION ALONG WITH MASTERS, MATES & PILOTS AND OTHER MARITIME UNIONS ORGANIZED THE MARITIME FEDERATION OF THE PACIFIC COAST, SETTING THE BAR FOR SOLIDARITY ON THE WEST COAST PRIOR TO WWII.



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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

NAVY SECRETARY TELLS MAERSK CEO THE COMPANY SHOULD ORDER US-BUILT SHIPS

U.S. SECRETARY OF THE NAVY CARLOS DEL TORO IS WORKING ON MULTIPLE FRONTS TO REVITALIZE AMERICA'S MARITIME INDUSTRY, AND WITH IT THE COUNTRY'S ABILITY TO ENGAGE IN WHAT HE CALLS "MARITIME STATECRAFT."

IN SPEECHES AND IN INTERVIEWS, HE HAS CALLED FOR A NATIONAL STRATEGY TO "RECAPITALIZE" U.S. MARITIME POWER BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SHIPS BUILT IN THIS COUNTRY AND FORGING NEW PARTNERSHIPS WITH INVESTORS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

AS PART OF THIS QUEST, DEL TORO HAD A SUGGESTION FOR A.P. MOLLER-MAERSK CEO VINCENT CLERC DURING A MEETING AT THE COMPANY'S HEADQUARTERS IN DENMARK EARLIER THIS MONTH: HE SUGGESTED THAT MAERSK ORDER SHIPS THAT ARE MADE IN THE UNITED STATES.



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DEL TORO HAS INVITED KOREAN SHIPBUILDERS TO BUY OR BUILD SHIPYARDS IN THE U.S. MARKET, HOPING TO FIX OVER-BUDGET, BEHIND-SCHEDULE NAVAL SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMS.

HE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS TO FIND WAYS TO MAKE AMERICAN SHIPBUILDING MORE FINANCIALLY ATTRACTIVE FOR FOREIGN OWNERS.

IN JUNE, HANWHA ANNOUNCED THE ACQUISITION, FOR \$100 MILLION, OF PHILLY SHIPYARD, A LEADING U.S. SHIPBUILDER THAT HAS DELIVERED APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THE LARGE U.S. JONES ACT COMMERCIAL SHIPS IN THE UNITED STATES SINCE 2000.

“WITH SOME OF THE WORLD’S MOST TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED SHIPBUILDERS ALREADY HEEDING OUR CALL TO INVEST IN INTEGRATED COMMERCIAL AND NAVAL SHIPBUILDING FACILITIES IN THE UNITED STATES, THE NEXT STEP IN OUR MARITIME STATECRAFT STRATEGY IS TO ATTRACT THE WORLD’S FOREMOST COMMERCIAL SHIPPING FIRMS TO SIGNAL THEIR DEMAND FOR NEW SHIPS BUILT IN AMERICAN SHIPYARDS,” DEL TORO SAID IN THE SPEECH HE DELIVERED AT MAERSK HEADQUARTERS.

CLERC HAS NOT COMMENTED PUBLICLY ON DEL TORO’S PROPOSAL.

THE SECRETARY’S OFFICE SAID THAT MAERSK’S TEAM WOULD CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION DURING A VISIT TO THE U.S. IN THE WEEKS TO COME.

“OUR CALCULUS IS THAT BRINGING A LARGER PORTION OF THE NEWBUILD ORDERBOOKS OF THE WORLD’S BIGGEST SHIPPING FIRMS TO AMERICAN SHORES IN THE COMING YEARS WILL OFFER SIGNIFICANT RETURNS TO NAVY SHIPBUILDING AND SEALIFT,” DEL TORO SAID IN A STATEMENT.

THE NAVY SECRETARY HAS WARNED THAT WITHOUT A STRONGER PRIVATE SECTOR MARITIME INDUSTRY, THE COUNTRY IS LIMITED IN ITS ABILITY TO MEET INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL CHALLENGES, AND THE MILITARY IS RESTRICTED IN ITS CAPACITY TO RESPOND TO FOREIGN THREATS.



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HE SAID THE DECLINE IN U.S. COMMERCIAL MARITIME CAPABILITY “HAS EXPOSED OURSELVES, AS A NATION, TO SHIPBUILDING, SEALIFT AND ECONOMIC TRADE VULNERABILITIES.”

ACCORDING TO 2022 CIA ESTIMATES, CHINA HAS 7,362 COMMERCIAL VESSELS ENGAGED IN CARRYING GOODS. AT THE TIME, THE UNITED STATES HAD 178.



AN IMAGE FROM MM&P MEMBERS

MM&P OFFICERS ABOARD THE SAFMARINE NGAMI WITH A 300 LB SWORDFISH THEY CAUGHT. LEFT TO RIGHT. CAPTAIN FISHER, 3M DIANE KALLADEEN, 2M MIKE SHEEDER, CM TIM VAN AHNEN. THE SWORDFISH HAS NOT BEEN NAMED TO PROTECT ITS PRIVACY.



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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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