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OSG FLEET & ATC FLEET NEWSLETTER 71ST EDITION

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OSG AND ATC FLEET UPDATE

46 DAYS UNTIL THE BALLOTS ARE COUNTED

**WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN OFF THE
SHIP FOR 70+ DAYS BUT CAN STILL
STRIP A TANK DOWN TO THE LAST GALLON.**



THE SEASONS OF A CAREER AT SEA

THIRD MATE

THE FIRST WATCH IS ALWAYS THE MOST NERVE-WRACKING. YOU'RE STEPPING INTO A WORLD OF TOUGH EXPECTATIONS, WHERE COMPETENCY ISN'T JUST EXPECTED—IT'S REQUIRED. THE CREW, EXHAUSTED FROM LONG HOURS, IS COUNTING ON YOU TO PULL YOUR WEIGHT SO THEY CAN REST. BUT YOU WON'T BE ALONE. MAYBE IT'S THE BOSUN ON YOUR FIRST LET-GO, OR THE SECOND MATE WHO WAS IN YOUR SHOES JUST A COUPLE YEARS AGO, TEACHING YOU THE FINER POINTS OF PASSAGE PLANNING. YOU WILL FIND YOUR MENTORS.



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EVERY ONE OF US HAS. THEY HELPED US TO GET WHERE WE ARE TODAY AND WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

AS AN "A" BOOK MEMBER OF MM&P, YOUR MENTORS WILL BE YOUR UNION BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND THEY WILL BE LICENSED DECK OFFICERS. YOU WILL HAVE YOUR PICK OF VESSELS, TANKERS, COMPANIES, AND ROUTES. THE CHOICE IS YOURS.

SECOND MATE

SOON ENOUGH, YOU'RE UPGRADING TO SECOND MATE, WITH YOUR EYES SET ON CHIEF MATE. AS A SECOND MATE, YOU'LL BE THE MENTOR TO NEW THIRD MATES, WHILE SOAKING UP EVERYTHING YOU CAN ABOUT THE CHIEF MATE'S MANY ROLES. TIME AT SEA FLIES BY—ONE DAY YOU'RE SHIPPING OUT AT THE END OF SUMMER, AND BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, YOU'RE RUSHING HOME JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS – ALTHOUGH IT MAY NOT ALWAYS SEEM THAT WAY!

WHEN YOU'RE READY TO MAKE THAT LEAP TO CHIEF MATE, MM&P'S INDUSTRY-LEADING LICENSE ADVANCEMENT PROGRAMS (LAP) WILL GET YOU FULLY PREPARED FOR THE EXAM. WITH CAMPUSES ON BOTH COASTS—MITAGS EAST AND WEST—OUR TRAINING IS TOP-NOTCH, AND BEST OF ALL, IT'S FREE FOR MEMBERS WITH 30 DAYS OF SEA TIME. WE TAKE PRIDE IN HELPING OUR MEMBERS ADVANCE THEIR CAREERS. YOUR SUCCESS IS OUR SUCCESS!

CHIEF MATE

FAST FORWARD A FEW YEARS AND NOW YOU'RE SAILING ON YOUR CHIEF MATE LICENSE. EVERY 15 MINUTES, YOUR NAME ECHOES ACROSS THE UHF RADIO. YOUR STATEROOM'S BIGGER, YOUR PAYCHECK'S BETTER, AND THOUGH YOU'RE TIRED, YOU'RE THRIVING IN YOUR ROLE. TIME ABOARD SHIP GOES EVEN FASTER! YOU'VE GOT THE HOUSE, THE TRUCK, MAYBE EVEN A PARTNER AT HOME. LIFE'S IN FULL SWING, AND YOU START TO REALIZE THAT TIME AT HOME



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IS BECOMING MORE VALUABLE THAN THOSE 7-MONTH STINTS AT SEA. WITH A SHORTAGE OF CHIEF MATES, YOU'RE CONSTANTLY FILLING IN, KEEPING SHIPS ON TRACK TO MEET THEIR CHARTER REQUIREMENTS. YOU WANT A BREAK BUT NEED THE COMPANY'S APPROVAL.

ALL OF OUR OFFSHORE CONTRACTS HAVE BUILT-IN LEAVE OF ABSENCE PROVISIONS. AS A PERMANENT EMPLOYEE, YOU'RE ENTITLED TO AN EXTRA TRIP OFF EACH YEAR IN ADDITION TO YOUR REGULAR VACATION TIME. AND IF YOU'RE STILL ON VACATION AND DON'T FEEL READY TO RETURN? IT'S YOUR CHOICE WHETHER TO GO BACK TO THE SHIP.

NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE IN YOUR CAREER, MM&P OFFERS CHOICES—

- THE WIDEST SELECTION OF LICENSED DECK OFFICER JOBS IN THE COUNTRY.
- A FRATERNAL NETWORK OF PROFESSIONAL MARINERS WHO'VE BEEN WHERE YOU ARE AND WHO ARE FACING THE SAME CHALLENGES.

A MEMBER WHO STARTED WITH MM&P AS THIRD MATE AND RECENTLY ADVANCED TO CHIEF MATE SUMMED IT UP BEST:

[MM&P HAS] "*CAPTAINS I TRUST AND HAVE SAILED WITH BEFORE. IT'S A GREAT UNION WHERE YOU CAN BOUNCE IDEAS OFF PEOPLE AND ALWAYS COUNT ON THEIR SUPPORT.*"



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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

USNS BURLINGTON COMPLETES OPERATION CONTINUING PROMISE

EXPEDITIONARY FAST TRANSPORT SHIP USNS BURLINGTON LEFT COLÓN, PANAMA, ON AUG. 25, CONCLUDING ITS FINAL MISSION STOP AS PART OF OPERATION CONTINUING PROMISE 2024.

THE PREVIOUS STOPS ON THE MISSION WERE JAMAICA, COSTA RICA, HONDURAS, AND COLOMBIA.

BURLINGTON IS CREWED BY LICENSED DECK OFFICERS REPRESENTED BY THE MM&P FEDERAL EMPLOYEES MEMBERSHIP GROUP: CAPTAIN TYLER DRISCOLL, FIRST OFFICER ZACHARY JONSSON, SECOND OFFICER NATHAN JENSEN, THIRD OFFICER WILLIAM TRAGER, AND THIRD OFFICER CADE BROUNLEY.

“I’M PROUD OF THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION OUR CIVMARS CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS MISSION,” DRISCOLL SAID.

“IT’S AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO PARTICIPATE IN CONTINUING PROMISE 2024.”



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IN COLÓN, MEDICAL PERSONNEL ABOARD THE VESSEL TREATED 796 PRIMARY CARE PATIENTS AND 430 DENTAL PATIENTS, PROVIDED 327 EYE EXAMS, FILLED 8,215 PRESCRIPTIONS, AND REPAIRED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.

DISASTER RELIEF PERSONNEL TRAINED 108 FIREFIGHTERS. A VETERINARIAN AND THREE TECHNICIANS PERFORMED WELLNESS CHECKS AND STERILIZATION SURGERIES ON 571 ANIMALS.

NAVY CONSTRUCTION SPECIALISTS INSTALLED A WATER HEATER, DOORS AND ELECTRICAL OUTLETS AT A CENTER FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES.

“I COULD NOT BE PROUDER OF MY MM&P BROTHERS AND SISTERS EMPLOYED BY ALL OF OUR FEDERAL AGENCIES,” SAID MM&P GOVERNMENT FLEET REPRESENTATIVE RANDI CISZEWSKI.

“THEIR DAILY SACRIFICES ALLOW U.S. MILITARY FORCES TO WORK WITH THOSE OF OTHER COUNTRIES, LEADING TO GREATER UNITY, SECURITY AND STABILITY.”

“BUT AS WAS THE CASE FOR MOST CONTINUING PROMISE 2024 MISSION STOPS IN PORTS SUCH AS COSTA RICA AND PANAMA, THE CIVMARS ABOARD USNS BURLINGTON HAD TO ENDURE ARBITRARY AND CAPRICIOUS LIBERTY RESTRICTIONS WHILE OTHER DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WORKERS ENJOYED UNLIMITED LIBERTY.”

“MM&P WAS FORCED TO CHALLENGE THESE RESTRICTIONS—WITH LIBERTY EVENTUALLY BEING GRANTED.”

“MM&P FEMG MEMBERS ARE PROFESSIONAL, COAST GUARD CREDENTIALLED, U.S. CITIZENS,” CISZEWSKI SAID.

“WHEN THEY ARE IN PORT, THE EXPECTATION SHOULD BE THAT THEY FOLLOW THE SAME DEPARTMENT OF STATE ADVISORIES THAT ALL OTHER DOD OFFICIALS AND AMERICAN CITIZENS FOLLOW WHEN TRAVELING ABOARD: ALWAYS EXERCISE CAUTION.”



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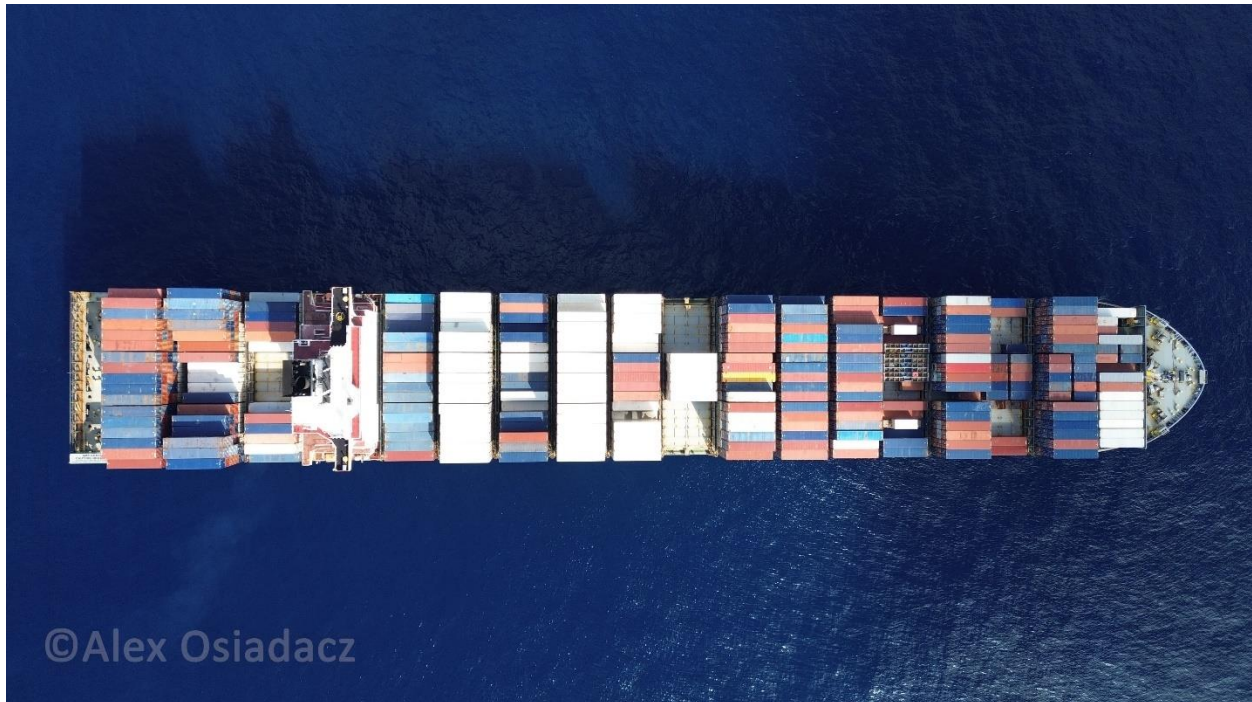
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“I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBLE DOD LEADERS TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTION IS NECESSARY WITH PRE-ARRIVAL TEAMS TO ENSURE THAT LIBERTY IS GRANTED SO AS TO AVOID MM&P HAVING TO SEEK FORMAL REDRESS ON BEHALF OF OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE ENTITLED TO UNRESTRICTED LIBERTY.”

AN IMAGE FROM MM&P MEMBERS

BIRD’S EYE VIEW OF THE MM&P CONTRACTED VESSEL MV PRESIDENT KENNEDY OFF OF WESTERN JAPAN. PHOTO CREDIT CM ALEX OSIADACZ.





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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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