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OSG FLEET & ATC FLEET NEWSLETTER 73RD EDITION

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OSG AND ATC FLEET UPDATE

32 DAYS UNTIL THE BALLOTS ARE COUNTED



THE MANY HATS A LICENSED DECK OFFICER WEARS

SOMETIMES IT FEELS LIKE AN ENDLESS STREAM OF POLICIES, PAPERWORK, AND RESPONSIBILITIES IS CONSTANTLY ROLLING INTO YOUR INBOX. FROM THE MOMENT YOU PASS YOUR LICENSING EXAMS AND STEP ABOARD YOUR FIRST SHIP, IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT BEING A LICENSED DECK OFFICER (LDO) IS JUST THE BEGINNING. YOU'RE NOT JUST A NAVIGATOR—YOU'RE SUDDENLY A DOCTOR, A SECURITY GUARD, A TEACHER, A PUMPMAN, A TANK CLEANER, A PAINTER, CLERK AND A PSYCHIATRIST. THE LIST OF DUTIES THRUST UPON YOU SEEMS ENDLESS.

BUT WHEN WE STAND TOGETHER AS A UNIT, THE COMPANY CAN'T SIMPLY PILE ON NEW RESPONSIBILITIES WITHOUT OUR COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT. ANY CHANGE IN THE CONDITIONS OF OUR EMPLOYMENT—WHETHER IT'S THE INSTALLATION OF CAMERAS ONBOARD OR THE INTRODUCTION OF ADDITIONAL TRAINING—MUST BE NEGOTIATED WITH US AS A GROUP. **YOU**, THE ONE WORKING ABOARD SHIP, HAVE THE VOICE THAT MUST BE HEARD.



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IT'S EASY FOR THOSE HAVING THEIR COFFEE AND DONUTS IN AIR-CONDITIONED OFFICES ASHORE TO ISSUE ORDERS AND MANDATES. BUT IT'S MORE EFFECTIVE TO CONSULT WITH LDOs—THE EXPERTS WHO LIVE THE JOB EVERY DAY AND KNOW THE INS AND OUTS OF OPERATING A SHIP. WE KNOW WHAT IT TAKES TO DO OUR JOBS SAFELY AND EFFICIENTLY. WE ARE IN THE BEST POSITION TO PROTECT THE COMPANY'S ASSETS AND REPUTATION. BY ACTING TOGETHER, WE ENSURE THAT NEW DUTIES OR CHANGES ARE EQUITABLE AND IN THE BEST THE INTEREST OF THOSE ACTUALLY WORKING AT SEA TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE.

THE CLOCK IS TICKING – VOTE TODAY FOR YOUR FUTURE





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VOTE MM&P

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

PATRIOT STATE, MASS MARITIME'S NEW TRAINING SHIP, IS CHRISTENED

PATRIOT STATE, THE NEW MASSACHUSETTS MARITIME ACADEMY TRAINING SHIP, WAS CHRISTENED YESTERDAY AT PHILLY SHIPYARD.

IT IS THE SECOND OF FIVE NATIONAL SECURITY MULTI-MISSION VESSELS DESTINED FOR AMERICA'S MARITIME ACADEMIES. THE FIRST, EMPRE STATE VII, WAS DELIVERED TO SUNY MARITIME LAST SEPTEMBER.

THE NSMVs ARE MULTIPURPOSE VESSELS WITH CAPACITY FOR UP TO 8,500 TONS OF CARGO.

THEY ARE DESIGNED TO SERVE AS TRAINING SHIPS BUT CAN BE EASILY CONVERTED FOR DISASTER RELIEF MISSIONS.

THE DESIGN INCLUDES A HOSPITAL FACILITY, A HELIPAD, RO/RO CAPABILITY FOR RELIEF MISSIONS AND ROOM FOR UP TO 1,000 PEOPLE IF NEEDED.



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“PATRIOT STATE REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT LEAP FORWARD IN MARITIME TRAINING AND DISASTER RESPONSE CAPABILITIES,” SAID REAR ADM. FRANCIS X. McDONALD, THE PRESIDENT OF MASSACHUSETTS MARITIME ACADEMY.

“THIS VESSEL WILL NOT ONLY EQUIP OUR CADETS WITH THE HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE NECESSARY TO BECOME THE NEXT GENERATION OF SKILLED MARINERS, IT ALSO STANDS READY TO SERVE OUR NATION IN TIMES OF CRISIS, PROVIDING CRITICAL SUPPORT IN DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS.”

THE REMAINING NSMVs ARE ON SCHEDULE TO DELIVER WITHIN SIX YEARS.

NAVY SECRETARY CARLOS DEL TORO ATTENDED MONDAY’S CHRISTENING, HAILING THE DELIVERY OF PATRIOT STATE AS A STEP FORWARD IN RESTORING AMERICA’S MARITIME POWER, INCLUDING ITS SHIPBUILDING CAPACITY.

“I THANK ALL THOSE WHO ANSWERED THE NATION’S CALL TO SERVICE TO ENSURE WE REMAIN THE MOST DOMINANT MARITIME FORCE IN THE WORLD,” DEL TORO SAID.

“YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY AND MARITIME TRAINING ARE VITAL TO OUR MARITIME STATECRAFT.”



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AN IMAGE FROM MM&P MEMBERS

SUNSET AT SEA ON THE MAERSK SELETAR. PICTURE BY MM&P CAPTAIN KYLE GRANT.





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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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