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## OSG FLEET & ATC FLEET NEWSLETTER 75TH EDITION

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### OSG AND ATC FLEET UPDATE

### 18 DAYS UNTIL THE BALLOTS ARE COUNTED

#### DECISIONS



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THE DECISIONS WE MAKE AS DECK OFFICERS RANGE FROM STRAIGHTFORWARD TO HIGHLY COMPLEX, BUT THE CONSEQUENCES ARE OFTEN FAR-REACHING. EVERY DAY, WE NAVIGATE NOT JUST OUR VESSELS BUT ALSO THE IMMENSE PRESSURES OF SAFELY AND EFFICIENTLY MANAGING OUR CREW AND DELIVERING CARGO FROM POINT A TO POINT B. WE ALL KNOW HOW REAL THESE COMMERCIAL PRESSURES ARE— AND HOW THEY CAN WEIGH ON EVERY CHOICE WE MAKE.

BUT HERE'S SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER: IN THE MM&P, YOU ARE NOT ALONE. WE'VE ALL STOOD WHERE YOU ARE, BALANCING THE RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP THE SHIP MOVING WITH THE WELL-BEING OF OUR CREW AND THE EVER-EXPANDING DEMANDS OF THE JOB.



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THE STRENGTH OF MM&P LIES IN OUR SHARED EXPERIENCE. IT'S A UNION BUILT BY DECK OFFICERS, FOR DECK OFFICERS—THOSE WHO LIVE THE UNIQUE CHALLENGES, RISKS, AND PRESSURES WE FACE. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE'S A GROWING TREND IN OUR INDUSTRY WHERE SHIPPING COMPANIES ARE RUN BY PEOPLE IN THE OFFICE WHO'VE NEVER GONE TO SEA OR IF THEY HAVE ONLY FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, LET ALONE SPENT TIME ON THE BRIDGE. THIS DISCONNECT OFTEN LEADS TO DECISIONS BEING MADE WITHOUT A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE REALITY WE DEAL WITH. THE VOICES OF LICENSED DECK OFFICERS MUST BE HEARD. WE BRING THE BRIDGE TO THE BOARDROOM, SO THAT DECISIONS AFFECTING US ARE MADE WITH INSIGHT AND RESPECT FOR THE WORK WE DO.

IN MEMORY OF THE 33 SOULS WHO TRAGICALLY PERISHED ABOARD THE EL FARO.  
YOU WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN, NOR WILL THE PERILS OF THE SEA. 10/1/2015





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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](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

### AMERICAN PILOTS' ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 140TH ANNIVERSARY

MM&P LEADERSHIP CONGRATULATES THE AMERICAN PILOTS' ASSOCIATION (APA) WHICH CELEBRATED THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING ON SEPT. 30.

“NEVER SINCE THE U.S. BECAME A NATION HAS THERE BEEN ANY ABATEMENT OF THE NECESSITY FOR THE PILOT’S CALLING, OR OF SINCERE RESPECT FOR HIS SERVICES AS A SEAMAN EXPERT, ALWAYS ON THE ALERT TO SAFEGUARD HUMAN LIFE,” APA PRESIDENT JORGE VISO QUOTED THE ORGANIZATION’S FOUNDERS AS SAYING IN 1884.

“THESE LEADERS RECOGNIZED THAT A UNIFIED AND COORDINATED NATIONAL EFFORT WAS NEEDED NOT ONLY TO ADVANCE THE HIGHEST PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR PILOTS, BUT ALSO TO RESPOND TO LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY EFFORTS THAT COULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE STATE PILOTAGE SYSTEM.”



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“DURING WAR, PANDEMIC, DEPRESSION, AND RECESSION, APA-MEMBER PILOTS HAVE CONTINUED TO BE ‘SILENT SERVANTS,’ NOT ALWAYS GARNERING THE LIMELIGHT, BUT ALWAYS ON THE JOB MAKING A DIFFERENCE.”

“AS DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGES ARISE, IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER THAT APA AND MEMBER-PILOT GROUPS CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER... TO HIGHLIGHT THE CRITICAL ROLE PILOTS PLAY IN PROTECTING THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND ENSURING THE SAFE AND EFFICIENT FLOW OF MARITIME COMMERCE ON WHICH THE NATION’S ECONOMY DEPENDS.”



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### AN IMAGE FROM MM&P MEMBERS

PHOTO BY MM&P CAPTAIN NALDO GARCIA ABOARD THE APL ISLANDER, CAPTURING THE ENTRANCE TO THE KANMON STRAITS, LEADING TO JAPAN'S INLAND SEA.





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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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