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## OSG FLEET & ATC FLEET NEWSLETTER 77TH EDITION

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### OSG AND ATC FLEET UPDATE

### 4 DAYS UNTIL THE BALLOTS ARE COUNTED



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### WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

THE STORY OF THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE GOES BACK EVEN FURTHER THAN THE COAST GUARD AND NAVY. WE ARE THE DESCENDANTS OF THE FIRST MERCHANT MARINERS (ALSO KNOWN AS PRIVATEERS DURING THE REVOLUTION AND WAR OF 1812). LIFE AT SEA HAS ALWAYS BEEN TOUGH, BUT IT USED TO BE FAR WORSE. BACK THEN, YOU WEREN'T GUARANTEED PAY FOR YOUR WORK, AND IF YOU DID GET PAID, IT WAS UNCERTAIN WHEN OR HOW



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MUCH. THERE WAS NO GUARANTEE OF HOW MUCH FOOD YOU'D GET OR IF IT WOULD BE EDIBLE. THE CONCEPT OF SET HOURS FOR WORK OR REST SIMPLY DIDN'T EXIST. IT WASN'T UNTIL THE SEAMEN'S ACT OF 1915—PUSHED FORWARD BY MARITIME LABOR AND CHAMPIONED BY ANDREW FURUETH, PRESIDENT OF WHAT WE NOW KNOW AS THE SAILORS UNION OF THE PACIFIC— THAT REAL IMPROVEMENTS STARTED TO HAPPEN. THE SHIPPING COMPANIES DIDN'T MAKE THOSE CHANGES ON THEIR OWN. THE SEAFARERS WHO LIVED AND DIED AT SEA UNDER MISERABLE CONDITIONS FOUGHT FOR DECADES TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVES. ANDREW FURUETH AND THE SEMAN'S ACT OF 1915, TRULY BROUGHT THE FIRST "CONTRACT" FOR THOSE WHO TOILED AT SEA. TODAY, WE BENEFIT FROM THE SACRIFICES OF THOSE MARINERS WHO CAME BEFORE US AND BLED TO ESTABLISH THE CONDITIONS WE HAVE TODAY. SADLY, IT OFTEN TAKES A TRAGEDY OR COLLECTIVE ACTION FOR OUR INDUSTRY TO REALIZE SOMETHING NEEDS TO CHANGE.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING GIVES US THE POWER TO MAKE THOSE CHANGES BY MAKING THINGS BETTER WITH EACH NEW CONTRACT. EACH GENERATION LIFTS UP AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NEXT BY GETTING INVOLVED AND BEING PART OF THE PROCESS.

THIS JOURNEY BEGAN 76 EDITIONS AGO, AND IN JUST FOUR SHORT DAYS, WE'LL REACH A MILESTONE WITH THE VOTE COUNT. WE'RE EXCITED TO EMBARK ON THE NEXT PHASE TOGETHER AS WE WORK TOWARD OUR FIRST CONTRACT.

***HOLD FAST AND DREAD NOUGHT!!***

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE VOTE COUNT VIA ZOOM LINK BY CLICKING BELOW:**

(DONNA, STILL WAITING ON THIS LINK)



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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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- 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

### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT KEY TO REINVIGORATING US MARITIME, REP. JOHN GARAMENDI SAYS

REP. JOHN GARAMENDI (D-CALIF.) TOLD SENIOR MILITARY OFFICIALS AND INDUSTRY EXPERTS AT A SEMINAR IN SAN FRANCISCO LAST WEEK THAT THE FUTURE OF US MARITIME WILL DEPEND IN LARGE PART ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

GARAMENDI, THE LEADING DEMOCRAT ON THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS, SAID PREPARING THE MARITIME WORKFORCE FOR THE FUTURE CALLS FOR “STRATEGIC FEDERAL INVESTMENTS THAT WILL CREATE HIGH-PAYING JOBS, STRENGTHEN LOCAL COMMUNITIES, AND BOLSTER NATIONAL DEFENSE.”

HE MADE THE REMARKS IN A SPEECH, “REIMAGINING THE AMERICAN MARITIME INDUSTRY,” AT THE SAN FRANCISCO FLEET WEEK SENIOR LEADERS SEMINAR.

“REINVIGORATING THE AMERICAN MARITIME SECTOR IS NOT JUST A MILITARY IMPERATIVE BUT AN ECONOMIC ONE,” GARAMENDI SAID.



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“WE MUST PRIORITIZE STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS THAT WILL DRIVE INNOVATION AND KEEP OUR INDUSTRY COMPETITIVE ON THE GLOBAL STAGE.”

THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER IN CONGRESS, GARAMENDI HAS CHAMPIONED BIPARTISAN EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE MARITIME SECURITY PROGRAM, CLOSE LOOPHOLES IN THE JONES ACT, ENHANCE SHIP BUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR CAPACITY AND MAINTAIN A ROBUST READY RESERVE FLEET.

THIS YEAR, HE WORKED WITH A BIPARTISAN GROUP OF LEADING LEGISLATORS TO DEVELOP A MULTIFACETED PLAN, [CONGRESSIONAL GUIDANCE FOR A NATIONAL MARITIME STRATEGY](#), THAT TOUCHES ON EVERY SECTOR OF THE INDUSTRY.

BESIDES GARAMENDI, ITS AUTHORS INCLUDE SENS. MARK KELLY (D-ARIZ.) AND MARCO RUBIO (R-FLA.), AND REP. MICHAEL WALTZ (R-FLA.).

THE PLAN SETS OUT A SERIES OF STRATEGIES, OBJECTIVES, AND ACTIONABLE STEPS TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES THE INDUSTRY FACES.

“AMERICAN MARINERS AND SHIPYARDS ARE READY, WILLING, AND ABLE TO DO THE JOB BUT CAN NO LONGER BE EXPECTED TO COMPETE AGAINST HEAVILY SUBSIDIZED FOREIGN COMPETITORS IN MAINLAND CHINA AND ELSEWHERE,” GARAMENDI SAYS.

“CONGRESS AND THE U.S. MILITARY MUST REBUILD OUR DOMESTIC COMMERCIAL SHIPBUILDING AND MARITIME INDUSTRIAL BASE SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO PROJECT AMERICAN SEA POWER ABROAD DURING PEACETIME OR WAR.”

GARAMENDI WAS JOINED AT THE SAN FRANCISCO FLEET WEEK SEMINAR BY SECRETARY OF THE NAVY CARLOS DEL TORO, HIMSELF A LEADING VOICE IN THE DRIVE TO REVITALIZE US MARITIME.

DEL TORO HAS CALLED FOR A NATIONAL STRATEGY TO “RECAPITALIZE” US MARITIME POWER BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SHIPS THAT ARE BUILT IN THIS COUNTRY AND FORGING NEW PARTNERSHIPS WITH INVESTORS AT HOME AND ABROAD.



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### AN IMAGE FROM MM&P MEMBERS

TSUCHINSHAN-ATLAS A3 COMET. VISIBLE IN THE WESTERN SKY AND A FULL HUNTER'S SUPERMOON RISING TO EAST TAKEN BY MM&P MEMBER MATT HOLT ON BOARD THE MM&P CONTRACTED VESSEL MAERSK ATLANTA.





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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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