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## OSG FLEET & ATC FLEET NEWSLETTER 80TH EDITION

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### OSG AND ATC FLEET UPDATE

### OSG AND ATC FELLOWSHIP DETAILS



ONE OF THE CONCERNS VOICED TO MM&P IS THAT OSG AND ATC'S CURRENT TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT POLICY FOR UPGRADING LICENSES TO CHIEF MATE/MASTER IS SUBSTANDARD. UNDER THE MM&P MATES TRUST LICENSED DECK OFFICERS WHO COMMIT TO UPGRADING TO THEIR LICENSES TO CHIEF MATE/MASTER PAY NOTHING.



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THERE IS NO OUT OF POCKET COST TO PAY FOR CLASSES. CONTRIBUTING EMPLOYERS TO THE MATES TRUST PLAY NO ROLE IN YOUR DECISION TO UPGRADE YOUR LICENSE.

LICENSE ADVANCEMENT IS CRITICAL TO A-LDO'S CAREER. MM&P IS COMMITTED TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT OUR MEMBERS MUST HAVE THE FREEDOM AND FINANCIAL ABILITY TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN PATH. UNDER MM&P'S MATES TRUST YOU WILL BE ABLE TO UPGRADE AND ADVANCE YOUR CAREERS AS YOU SEE FIT. WHILE THIS MUST BE NEGOTIATED, ALL OF OUR OFFSHORE MEMBERS ARE FREE TO CHART THEIR OWN CAREERS, WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE CONFINES OF THEIR CURRENT EMPLOYER. THERE IS NO REQUIRED APPROVAL OTHER THAN BASIC SEA TIME WITH A CONTRIBUTING EMPLOYER. RESPONSIBLE EMPLOYERS SHOULD NOT PUT THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF LICENSE ADVANCEMENT ON THEIR EMPLOYEES OR SUBJECT THEM TO COMPANY APPROVALS, UNLESS THEY WANT TO KEEP THEM, CAPTIVE. EMPLOYERS BENEFIT FROM HAVING BETTER TRAINED LDOs WHETHER THEY ARE SAILING AT THE HIGHEST GRADE OF THEIR LICENSE OR NOT. AT MM&P PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT IS NOT DETERMINED BY AN LDO'S ABILITY TO FRONT THE COST OF THE TRAINING.

FOR THIS REASON, WE HAVE CREATED THE MM&P LICENSE ADVANCEMENT FELLOWSHIP TO FACILITATE YOUR PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT AND OPEN UP NEW OPPORTUNITIES. THIS WAS INITIALLY OFFERED TO ATC LDOs AND IT HAS NOW BEEN EXTENDED TO THE OSG LDOs. OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO HELP YOU COVER THE COST OF THE LICENSE ADVANCEMENT TRAINING UNTIL WE BARGAIN AN APPROPRIATE TRAINING BENEFIT. WE PLEDGE TO ALL LDOs CURRENTLY WORKING FOR OSG AND ATC WHO HAVE EITHER ALREADY TAKEN OR PLAN ON TAKING CHIEF MATE/MASTER ADVANCEMENT COURSES AT EITHER MITAGS EAST OR MITAGS WEST TO REIMBURSE YOU 50% OF THE NON-REIMBURSED COST OF THE CLASSES UP TO \$10,000 PER LDO.

WE SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP AND EAGERLY ANTICIPATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE WORKING CLOSELY WITH EACH OF YOU AS WE STRIVE TOWARDS SECURING OUR FIRST CONTRACT TOGETHER. PLEASE REFER TO THE DETAILS BELOW FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY FOR THE FELLOWSHIP.



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**FOR OSG AND ATC LDOs WHO ARE INTERESTED IN UPGRADING THEIR LICENSE 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 OR OSG, 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 AN “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 COMPTROLLER@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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BELOW IS A LIST OF CLASSES THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT THROUGH THE FELLOWSHIP:

CMM – CHIEF MATE AND MASTER COURSES ADVSTB-

CMM – ADVANCED STABILITY (5-DAY ADVWX-CMM –

ADVANCED METEOROLOGY (5-DAY

CHS-CMM – ADVANCED CARGO OPERATIONS (10 DAYS)

LMS – LEADERSHIP AND MANAGERIAL SKILLS (MANAGEMENT LEVEL – FORMERLY MCL-CMM) (5-DAY)

MPP-CMM – MARINE PROPULSION PLANTS (5-DAY)

SHMGT-CMM- SHIP MANAGEMENT (5-DAY)

SHS-ADV-I-CMM – ADVANCED SHIP HANDLING (WEEK 1) (5-DAY) SHS-

ADV-II-CMM – ADVANCED SHIP HANDLING (WEEK 2) (5-DAY)

**\*\*SHS-ADV-I & II ARE NOW APPROVED TO INCLUDE SAR-CMM ASSESSMENTS AT MITAGS\*\* VPEN-**

CMM – VOYAGE PLANNING & ELECTRONIC NAVIGATION (5-DAY)

WKP-CMM – ADVANCED WATCHKEEPING (5-DAY)

LAP – LICENSE ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM FOR MATE TO MASTER ECDIS –

ELECTRONIC CHART DISPLAY INFORMATION SYSTEM



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## Making Way with MM&P

### IN THE NEWS

#### MERCHANT MARINERS HONORED ON VETERANS DAY

MERCHANT MARINE VETERANS LAID A WREATH AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY YESTERDAY TO HONOR AMERICA'S MERCHANT MARINERS, WHO SERVE OUR NATION IN PEACE AND WAR.

IT WAS ONLY THE SECOND TIME IN HISTORY THAT MERCHANT MARINERS WERE HONORED DURING THE VETERANS DAY COMMEMORATION AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, WHICH UNTIL 2023 WAS RESERVED FOR MILITARY VETERANS WHO HAD SERVED IN THE NAVY, THE ARMY, THE MARINE CORPS, AND THE AIR FORCE.

"AMERICA HONORS ALL U.S. MERCHANT MARINERS WHO SERVED OUR NATION, INCLUDING MILITARY SEALIFT SUPPORT DURING WORLD WAR II, THE KOREAN WAR, THE VIETNAM WAR, AND SIX EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTHEAST AFRICA," SAYS DRU DIMATTIA, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE VETERANS (AMMV), A NON-PROFIT ESTABLISHED IN 1984 TO



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GAIN PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION FOR THE SERVICE OF AMERICA'S MARINERS.

MERCHANT MARINERS WERE INDISPENSABLE TO THE ALLIED VICTORY IN WORLD WAR II AND THEY PAID A HEAVY PRICE, SUFFERING A CASUALTY RATE SECOND ONLY TO THAT OF THE MARINES.

AT YESTERDAY'S CEREMONY, A MERCHANT MARINE COLOR GUARD COMPOSED OF MIDSHIPMEN FROM MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY PRESENTED THE AMERICAN FLAG AND THE U.S. MERCHANT MARINE FLAG.



“MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY IS HONORED TO SERVE AS THE COLOR GUARD DURING THE WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY ON VETERANS DAY THIS YEAR,” SAID CAPTAIN MARK WINTER, MAINE MARITIME'S COMMANDANT OF MIDSHIPMEN.

“IT IS IMPORTANT THAT TODAY'S YOUNG MARINERS RESPECT AND RECOGNIZE THE SACRIFICES THAT MERCHANT MARINERS HAVE MADE, PUTTING THEMSELVES IN HARM'S WAY TO DEFEND OUR NATION'S FREEDOMS.”



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### AN IMAGE FROM MM&P MEMBERS

A SNOWY OWL LANDS ON DECK OF THE MM&P CONTRACTED VESSEL MAERSK OHIO  
TAKING A BREAK FROM HIS MIGRATION SOUTH BEFORE FLYING OFF.





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DEAR ATC AND OSG LDOs,

YOU ARE ALL CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL PORT OFFICE HOLIDAY PARTIES SCHEDULED BELOW:

SEATTLE – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> – SEATTLE HALL AFTER JOB CALL – FOOD SERVED FROM 11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM. TO RSVP AND FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE SEATTLE HALL @ [KWILHELM@BRIDGEDECK.ORG](mailto:KWILHELM@BRIDGEDECK.ORG).

BOSTON – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> – BOSTON HALL FROM 11:30 AM TO 3:30 PM. TO RSVP AND FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE BOSTON HALL @ [BOSTON@BRIDGEDECK.ORG](mailto:BOSTON@BRIDGEDECK.ORG).

HOUSTON – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> – ESTEBAN'S FIESTA SHACK, 131 LEAGUE STREET, LEAGUE CITY, TX 77573 FROM 11 AM – 3 PM. TO RSVP AND FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE HOUSTON HALL @ [HOUSTON@BRIDGEDECK.ORG](mailto:HOUSTON@BRIDGEDECK.ORG).

NY/NJ – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> – NEWARK HALL FROM 11:30 AM TO 3:30 PM. TO RSVP AND FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE NY/NJ HALL @ [AVICTORIO@BRIDGEDECK.ORG](mailto:AVICTORIO@BRIDGEDECK.ORG).

SF/OAKLAND – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> – DRAKE'S DEALERSHIP, 2325 BROADWAY, OAKLAND, CA 94612 AT NOON. TO RSVP AND FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE SF/OAKLAND HALL @ [VSCHAIBLE@BRIDGEDECK.ORG](mailto:VSCHAIBLE@BRIDGEDECK.ORG).

HONOLULU – MONDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> – HONOLULU HALL FROM 10 AM – 2 PM TO RSVP AND FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE HONOLULU HALL @ [HONOLULU@BRIDGEDECK.ORG](mailto:HONOLULU@BRIDGEDECK.ORG).

NORFOLK – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> – DOCKSIDE SEAFOOD, 3311 SHORE DR, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23451 FROM 11:30 AM TO 3:30 PM TO RSVP AND FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE NORFOLK HALL @ [NORFOLK@BRIDGEDECK.ORG](mailto:NORFOLK@BRIDGEDECK.ORG).

CHARLESTON – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> – KICKIN' CHICKEN, 1179 SAM RITTENBERG BLVD, CHARLESTON, SC 29407 FROM 11:30 AM TO 3:30 PM. TO RSVP AND FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE CHARLESTON HALL @ [CHARLESTON@BRIDGEDECK.ORG](mailto:CHARLESTON@BRIDGEDECK.ORG).

MIAMI/PEV – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> – UMBERTOS, 3051 E COMMERCIAL BLVD, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33308 FROM 11:30 AM TO 3:30 PM. TO RSVP AND FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE MIAMI/PEV HALL @ [POMPANO@BRIDGEDECK.ORG](mailto:POMPANO@BRIDGEDECK.ORG).

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

SINCERELY AND FRATELNALLY,

MM&P MEMBERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP





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***WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER***

**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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