

New Wave Of MEBA Ships BROUGHT UNDER STARS & STRIPES



The crew of the OVERSEAS LUXMAR in Dar es Salaam at the reflagging ceremony for the vessel operated by OSG Ship Management.



MEBA helped our contracted-company Alaska Tanker Company welcome the newbuild ALASKAN NAVIGATOR into the U.S.-flag fleet recently. Next year, NASSCO shipyard will deliver the ALASKAN LEGEND. Left to right are NAVIGATOR Chief Engineer Matt Wilson, MEBA's S.F. Patrolman Ed MacCormack and 1st A/E John Anderson.



Philadelphia's Aker Kvaerner staged a keel laying ceremony for the first of the double hull product tankers it is constructing for OSG. MEBA's Atlantic Coast V.P. Don Keefe recently locked up a new 10-year contract with OSG covering the existing fleet, MSP ships and newbuilds.



Deputy Maritime Administrator John Jamian oversaw the October launching of the new MSP and was delighted to welcome the newbuild ALLIANCE NEW YORK (Liberty Maritime) into the fleet. "We're pretty lucky to have this vessel in the MSP Program," he noted.



Liberty Maritime recently welcomed the car carrier M/V ALLIANCE NEW YORK into the U.S. fleet. The newbuild, completed in April 2005, is the newest vessel in the Maritime Security Program fleet. MEBA officers serve the vessel on both deck and engine levels.



MEBA Secretary-Treasurer Cecil McIntyre and HQ Contracts Rep. Mark Gallagher made themselves available to answer questions from members James Joyce (1st A/E) and James Fisher (2nd A/E) aboard the ALLIANCE NEW YORK during the flag dedication ceremony. A new contract covering the ship, brokered by Gulf Coast V.P. John McCurdy, was recently approved by members.



MEBA Secretary-Treasurer Cecil McIntyre with Philip Shapiro, president and CEO of Liberty Maritime Corp. in the engine room of the ALLIANCE NEW YORK. The vessel will make 4 or 5 round-the-world voyages each year in the course of trade.



The OSG vessel OVERSEAS LUXMAR, built in 1998, was flagged in from OSG's international fleet and entered into the Maritime Security Program. Two other OSG ships, the OVERSEAS MAREMAR (built 1998) and the OVERSEAS AMBERMAR (built 2002), are also helping to bring down the age of the MSP fleet.



Aker Kvaerner plans to complete Matson Navigation's latest newbuild by May 2006. MEBA engineers will serve in the nerve center of this ship as they do for the rest of the Matson fleet.



(Left to right) MEBA Chief Engineers Dejan Ulic and Thomas Bronson as well as Captain John Bohn were honored during the Baltimore flag dedication ceremony of the ALLIANCE NEW YORK.



MEBA keeps the ex-HERCULES LEADER shipshape for Central Gulf. The vessel was reflagged American, redubbed the GREEN BAY and entered into the Maritime Security Program beginning in October 2005.



A negotiating team led by Executive V.P. Bud Jacque helped extend our relationship with Alaska Tanker Company to crew the BP/ATC non-Alaska class ships through 2016. We also have a new contract to crew the newbuild Alaskan-class tankers (that includes the ALASKAN NAVIGATOR) through 2024. (Photo courtesy of NASSCO-Ken Wright).