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Faces around the Fleet



A photo of the expert engineers onboard the ATC vessel ALASKAN NAVIGATOR last year during a stop in L.A./Long Beach. Left to right are C/E Mikel Avery (oncoming), C/E Matt Wilson (off-going), 1st A/E Andrew Wormwood, 3rd A/E Tim Mendoza and 2nd A/E Jonathan Boisvert.



A recent Machine Shop Proficiency class at the Calhoun M.E.B.A. Engineering School. Engineers take this two-week course to better hone their metalworking and machining skills used in shipboard maintenance. From left to right are Instructor Shawn Locke, Adel Lotfy, Christopher Morris, Christine Ching, Scott Moore, John Bordeaux (peeking out from the back), John Lampke, Instructor Wayne Marks and Khanh Tran.

Civilian mariners onboard the Military Sealift Command Hospital ship USNS COMFORT recently wrapped up participation in Operation Continuing Promise. Personnel on the ship provided medical, dental and veterinary aid during ship visits to Guatemala, Honduras, Colombia, the Dominican Republic and Haiti on the two-month mission.



From left to right are Montrel Lewis - Refr. Eng; Geronimo Flores - DEMACH; Chris Holbrook- 3rd A/E; Harlan Walkers- 3rd A/E; Patrick Sullivan - DEMACH; CDR Luke Wisniewski - 2nd A/E, Ryan McBride - Wiper; Brandon McDonald - ET; Dave Silberberg - Chief Engineer; Paul Grubb - 1st A/E; James Brittain - 2nd A/E; Eugene Estrella - Engine Utility, Doug Davis- Chief Electrician; Randy Rosero - Electrician, Luke Wieser - Engine Utility; Zach Lerolland - Engine Utility; Joey Tan - Engine Utility; Derrell Green - Wiper, Mario Outlaw - Electrician; Jillian Jones - Electrician; and Reggie Santos - Engine Utility.

On the Cover:

Shipping company investments in their U.S.-flag fleets bode well for the future of the U.S. Merchant Marine. The Union was heartened by the debut of several new technologically advanced, environmentally-friendly newbuilds (Pasha, Interlake), participation in the Tanker Security Program (OSG) and expansion of commercial trade operations (Keystone).

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A Message from MEBA President

Adam Vokac

For the last year, the main topic of discussion in maritime circles throughout the nation and within government has been about the “mariner shortage.” This has garnered more attention than usual, as our politicians and generals are waking up to the realization that our nation’s military sealift capacity is far too small in the event of a conflict with China. The military successfully pushed for a 10-ship Tanker Security Program (TSP) to help keep our fleets and soldiers fueled up and lessen our dependence on foreign-flag vessels, which is built into the current war plan. The military says they need 20, or even 40, of these US-flag TSP tankers in the event of a real conflict. However, due to our nation’s lost focus on self-reliance, the surplus pool of mariners we had is gone. We all know it takes a decade or more to make senior mariners. So how will we crew the 10-40 tankers our country needs, let alone the additional mariners needed for the troop and cargo sealift required?

First, let’s examine how the “mariner shortage” suddenly appeared. During COVID, some thought you could simply quarantine mariners away from their families without pay, force injections on them without a discussion, keep people onboard well beyond their assignments, and restrict all shore leave. No one should be surprised that mariners left the industry in record numbers, and that no one came to fill their shoes. Most Americans’ job satisfaction actually improved as a result of COVID related changes, including remote work arrangements, Zoom meetings, reduced required travel, and flexible hours. But the job satisfaction for mariners markedly decreased.

Thus, in my view, the course to reversing the “mariner shortage” is not particularly difficult to chart: **Make the jobs desirable and people will come.**

The M.E.B.A. stands at the forefront of this effort – protecting our mariners, demanding safe working conditions and higher pay, requiring high speed internet to see your newborn child, insisting on improved company support and proper supplies, nailing down fair rotations, and ensuring compensation when you are restricted to ship. We all know shore leave can be hard to coordinate with the workload, but when mariners are told they can’t go ashore, it is absolutely infuriating and demoralizing.

The M.E.B.A. has fared far better than most during the “mariner shortage,” and it’s easy to determine why. We have the best contracts and work rules, we proudly and aggressively represent our members, our halls are at full employment, and, of course, our pension and medical plans are the envy of the industry. It is for these reasons maritime officers choose the M.E.B.A. for their entire careers.

However, there is more to be done. This administration is focused on improving our representation and presence to ensure we retain those we have and recruit the best new officers. This starts with improving the Hall experience to ensure they match the professionalism of our mariners. We’ve improved the Charleston Hall, added a Houston Representative, and moved the Jacksonville and Cleveland Halls to better locations. We are determined to improve things anywhere it makes fiscal sense.

We’re committed to proper representation of our inland units and are directing more resources toward them. We’re also focused on improving the M.E.B.A. Deck Officer experience, including higher wages and more opportunities. It started by finally securing an industry standard agreement with Liberty Maritime – they had gone eight years without a negotiated increase. That agreement, and newfound peace, has led to Liberty Maritime adding an additional vessel to their roster, the LIBERTY POWER. The M.E.B.A. also added three commercial ships with Keystone Shipping to further complement their MARAD offerings and bolster our Deck Officer options and career paths. We’re engaged with the MM&P to finally secure a fair Pass-Through agreement. In addition to the Pass-Through, our M.E.B.A. Deck Brothers and Sisters have billets with Maersk M-Ships, MTL/Hapag, Norwegian Cruise Line-America, Keystone Shipping, Interlake Steamship Company, Chevron, Liberty Maritime, Staten Island Ferries, Golden Gate Ferries, Delaware Pilots, Cape May-Lewes Ferry, Boston Marine and Samson Tug & Barge.

In closing, the M.E.B.A. is the best place for a maritime career, and with your help and support we will keep making it better.

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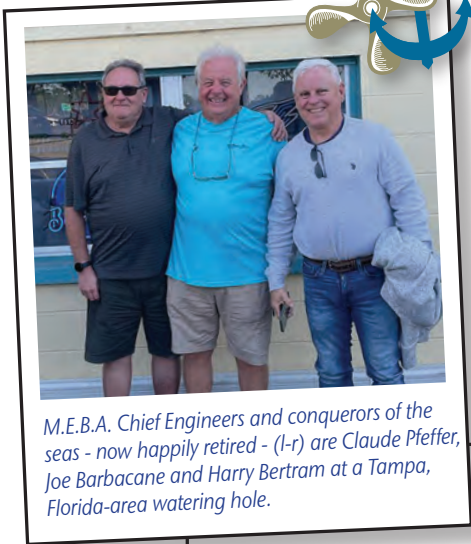
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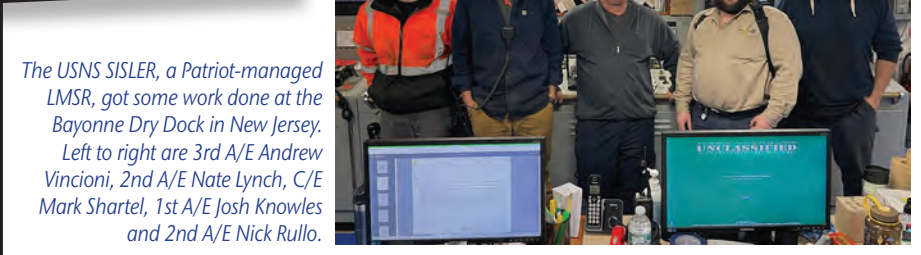
M.E.B.A. Chief Engineers and conquerors of the seas - now happily retired - (l-r) are Claude Pfeffer, Joe Barbacane and Harry Bertram at a Tampa, Florida-area watering hole.



M.E.B.A. Chief Engineer Serena (Webber-Bey) Martin received a special award (Volunteer of the Year) at the Women Offshore's gala event in Houston on February 18. M.E.B.A. Secretary-Treasurer Roland Rexha said, "We are grateful for Serena's leadership and the example she sets every day for all mariners in our industry."



Future M.E.B.A. officer Jonah Bruce Dunn models an M.E.B.A. onesie. Jonah's proud papa, M.E.B.A. Oakland member Alex Dunn, is already preparing Jonah for a seagoing career.



The USNS SISLER, a Patriot-managed LMSR, got some work done at the Bayonne Dry Dock in New Jersey. Left to right are 3rd A/E Andrew Vincioni, 2nd A/E Nate Lynch, C/E Mark Shartel, 1st A/E Josh Knowles and 2nd A/E Nick Rullo.

M.E.B.A. Crews are Part of New-Look Flag Fleet

The U.S.-flag fleet faces significant challenges including the ongoing scourge of flag-of-convenience shipping, aging vessels and concerning recruitment and retention issues. Federal programs and statutes continue to support U.S. shipping including the Maritime Security Program (MSP), Cargo Preference programs and the Jones Act that enable an American presence on the high seas and inland waters. This year the Tanker Security Program, a fleet of commercial U.S.-flag petroleum product tankers, is expected to launch with M.E.B.A. participation.

The development of new technologies and innovations have helped to improve efficiencies and reduce costs, and new initiatives along with positive recent developments indicate that the industry is on an upward trend. Here's a nutshell rundown of some of the latest developments from the M.E.B.A. deep-sea sector and beyond:

Keystone Shipping Co.

Keystone recently took over a Large, Medium-Speed, Roll-On, Roll-Off (LMSR) vessel as part of the Government's recapitalization of the aging Ready Reserve Force. The Military Sealift Command transferred the USNS BOB HOPE to the Maritime Administration and Keystone was assigned as the "general agent." As a result, M.E.B.A. Deck and Engine officers crewed up the newly renamed M/V BOB HOPE which is berthed in Portland, OR.

In December, Keystone added a trio of Jones-Act vessels to its fleet after OSG declined to exercise its extension options for three Veteran-class MT-46 Product Tankers. M.E.B.A. engine officers had already been serving on those vessels for OSG and continue in that capacity for Keystone. But with



Engine officers aboard the OVERSEAS SUN COAST, a Keystone-managed vessel recently brought under the U.S.-flag. Left to right are 2nd A/E Steven "Bruce" Johnson, C/E Edd Rushing, 1st A/E Salvatore "Torey" Zingales and 3rd A/E Jason Greene.

the turnover, the Union picked up the deck work as well (5 per ship, 40-hour work-week with OT after 40). Keystone also renamed the vessels. The OVERSEAS LOS ANGELES became the SEAKAY STAR, the OVERSEAS TEXAS CITY is now known as the SEAKAY SKY and the OVERSEAS NEW YORK was redubbed SEAKAY VALOR.

The M.E.B.A. also inked a contract with full benefits to provide augmenting licensed officers through Keystone on the Great Lakes Maritime Academy (GLMA) training ship. The agreement was put in place utilizing Keystone Ocean Services, Inc. and mirrors past contracts with Keystone that provide covered employment for M.E.B.A. marine officers. Those agreements provide for augmenting officers aboard commercial U.S.-flag research vessels as well as engineers on vessels in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) fleet.

Matson

Matson Navigation is taking its fleet to the next level with the order of three brand-new Aloha-class containerships to hit the high seas in 2026 and 2027. These 3,600 TEU capacity vessels will join the DANIEL K. INOUE and KAIMANA HILA, two top-of-the-line Aloha-class ships that have already been put into action. With dual fuel engines capable of running on conventional marine fuels or liquefied natural gas (LNG), these green ships boast a fuel-efficient hull design and environmentally safe features, like double hull fuel tanks and freshwater ballast systems. The new ships will be LNG-ready from day one. These Aloha-class ships will replace three older vessels currently deployed in Matson's China-Long Beach Express (CLX) service, which would allow the company to deploy bigger and faster vessels in its Alaska service, providing additional capacity and speed to benefit Hawaii and the CLX service.

In recent years, Matson also welcomed two new Kanaloa-class combination container/roll-on, roll-off vessels, built at San Diego's NASSCO shipyard, the MATSONIA and LURLINE.

Last year, the company announced it was moving forward with the main engine retrofit of their containership DANIEL K. INOUE to dual-fuel LNG. Now, the company recently revealed that the INOUE's sistership, the KAIMANA HILA (constructed in 2019), would undergo a main engine conversion from a MAN B&W S90ME-C10.5 unit to a dual-fuel ME-GI unit capable of running on LNG. Matson also plans a future conversion of the Kanaloa-class vessels (LURLINE & MATSONIA) to LNG. The company previously announced it would retrofit the 2003-built container ship MANUKAI to operate on LNG.

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The newbuild MARK W. BARKER, seen here in Cleveland, is the first U.S.-flag Great Lakes newbuild in 40 years.

Interlake

Interlake Steamship recently welcomed the first U.S.-flag newbuild Great Lakes freighter in almost 40 years. The 639-foot, 28,000 DWT self-unloading bulk carrier M/V MARK W. BARKER, built at Fincantieri's Wisconsin shipyard, is crewed with M.E.B.A. Deck and Engine officers as well as an M.E.B.A. Chief Steward. This is the company's first newbuild since 1981.

All 11 commercial vessels in the Interlake fleet are back underway following a 10-week winter shutdown for Great Lakes shipping. Last year, the M.E.B.A. reached an agreement with Interlake to cover winter work with a collective bargaining agreement. M.E.B.A. members and applicants utilized by the company in that capacity receive good wages and benefits, as well as pension and medical paid on earned vacation days.

In 2022, the Company demonstrated its appreciation for mariners in its Great Lakes fleet by voluntarily increasing the daily base wage and overtime rates. Recognizing that cost-of-living increases in these inflationary times have proved difficult for many, the company provided additional relief for their valued mariner force.

Pasha

Pasha Hawaii has brought two new vessels into its fleet, honoring the Pasha family's past with vessels built for the future. The Pasha newbuilds GEORGE III and JANET MARIE mark the start of a new era for the company. The magnificent 774-foot LNG-fueled Ohana-class containerships were constructed by Keppel AmFels in Brownsville, Texas. The ships are crewed by M.E.B.A., MM&P and SIU.

The vessels are named in honor of George Pasha III and Janet Marie, the late parents of George Pasha IV, the current President and CEO of The Pasha Group. With a capacity of 2,525 TEUs and a speedy sailing pace of 23.0 knots, each of these Jones Act vessels will serve the Hawaii-Mainland trade lane with the utmost efficiency.

Last year, Pasha/Sunrise won a bid to operate the SUNY Maritime training vessel EMPIRE STATE bringing in new jobs for M.E.B.A. engineers, as well as additional engineers covering for several unlicensed positions. The agreement mirrored similar past agreements with Pasha to provide augmenting engineers aboard the California State Maritime Academy training ship GOLDEN BEAR.

OSG

OSG Ship Management supplemented its fleet with a vessel the company recently brought under the U.S.-flag. The 29,708 gross tonnage chemical/oil products tanker OVERSEAS SUN COAST was built in 2019. The 183-meter, 50,000 DWT vessel, fitted with an exhaust gas cleaning system, began operating under the U.S.-flag in January.

The company exercised options to extend bareboat charters for six Veteran-class MT-46 product tankers including those for the OVERSEAS HOUSTON, OVERSEAS LONG BEACH, OVERSEAS BOSTON, OVERSEAS NIKISKI, OVERSEAS MARTINEZ and OVERSEAS ANACORTES. The three-year extensions begin in December 2023. The other MT-46 tanker operated by OSG (OVERSEAS TAMPA) is chartered until December 2025.



Pasha recently welcomed two next-generation vessels into their fleet. The 774-foot LNG-fueled Ohana-class containership GEORGE III (seen here) is already in operation and will soon be joined by the JANET MARIE in the Hawaii/Mainland trade with expert M.E.B.A. officers aboard.



The OSG tanker OVERSEAS SUN COAST was recently accepted into the Tanker Security Program which is set to launch this year.

OSG recently announced that three of their vessels will be part of the inaugural 10 vessel Tanker Security Program fleet. Expected to launch this year, the TSP is a fleet of 10 commercial U.S.-flag petroleum product tankers supporting U.S. strategic defense needs. The program was created to reduce military reliance on foreign-flag commercial vessels while also expanding the qualified mariner pool. The TSP has received consistent bipartisan Congressional support and is fully funded at \$60 million (\$6 million per vessel) for Fiscal Year 2023. A future expansion of the program is already being proposed by Members of Congress.

OSG was awarded three slots in the program which is administered by the Maritime Administration. OSG medium range tankers OVERSEAS SANTORINI, OVERSEAS MYKONOS and OVERSEAS SUN COAST were approved for the TSP.

M.E.B.A. recently worked out an agreement with OSG to provide additional incentives for our hardworking members in the fleet to better attract and retain high quality officers working for the company. The Union's contract with OSG covering licensed engineers runs to June 15, 2026. The enhancement was made retroactive to January 1, 2022 and will remain in effect until June 30, 2023. The company also replaced their direct-hire 270-day assignments with 180-day rotary assignments which puts the Third Engineer jobs back in the Union hall and on the job board.

School Ships

Philly Shipyard is getting ready to launch the first of five cutting-edge National Security Multi-Mission Vessels (NSMVs) this year. The NSMVs will replace aging training ships at state maritime academies across the U.S.

The NSMVs are much more than simply replacements for old vessels. The next generation of maritime cadets will

have access to the most advanced training vessels available. They are state-of-the-art training and educational platforms that come equipped with top-of-the-line features such as modern hospital facilities, a helicopter pad, and the ability to accommodate up to 1,000 people in times of humanitarian need. They'll provide vital roll-on/roll-off and container storage capacity for use during humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions. That makes them an essential part of the nation's emergency response capabilities.

The first NSMV will replace the 60-year old SUNY training vessel EMPIRE STATE VI later this year. The second ship will relieve the 54-year old TS KENNEDY at Massachusetts Maritime Academy in 2024, and the third and fourth newbuilds will replace vessels at Maine Maritime Academy and Texas A&M Maritime Academy in 2024 and 2025, respectively. The fifth and final NSMV will go to the California State University Maritime Academy, with construction beginning this year and delivery slated for 2026. Each ship is being specifically designed to be compatible with the pier length, draft restrictions, and mooring limitations at each of the maritime training academies.

Government Fleet & More

The Union also welcomed in a series of newbuilds for the Military Sealift Command adding several more Expeditionary Sea Bases, Expeditionary Fast Transport vessels and Replenishment Oilers built at Austal USA and NASSCO. Continued Government budgeting is funding new vessels for the Army Corps and NOAA fleets as well, and new boats recently debuted for the Staten Island Ferries.

The U.S.-flag shipping fleet has undergone significant changes over the years but there are reasons to be optimistic about the future of our industry. The investment by American shipping companies illustrates continued opportunities that lie ahead for the U.S. fleet and American mariners. The U.S.-flag fleet will likely be shaped by a variety of economic, environmental, and political factors. Our government has traditionally been supportive of the domestic shipping industry and has implemented policies designed to encourage U.S. companies to operate ships under the Stars and Stripes. However, changes in government policies or trade agreements could have an impact on the competitiveness of the U.S. flag fleet. Efforts are underway to support the industry, including government programs to encourage the construction of new vessels and support for maritime education and training programs to develop the next generation of skilled mariners. You can do your part by promoting the policies that support our industry and by contributing to the M.E.B.A.'s Political Action Fund.

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Supporting lawmakers who understand the value of U.S.-flag shipping to our nation's security and economy is the principal focus of the P.A.F. Contributions are used to educate Members of Congress, State and local officials, regardless of political party, about the importance of our industry. The PAF helps broaden our relationship with maritime-friendly politicians and helps elect those who recognize the significance of the U.S. Merchant Marine. Members, applicants and retirees are encouraged to contribute to the M.E.B.A. P.A.F. online by visiting a Union hall or following the "Member PUP" link on the M.E.B.A. homepage (www.mebaunion.org).



Honoring the M.E.B.A. on the occasion of its 148th anniversary on February 23rd, Applicant Nina Takamoto sent in this tribute aboard the BOB HOPE in Portland, OR. The MSC transferred the LMSR over to MarAd late last year. Keystone took over as the General Agent and crewed up the vessel with M.E.B.A. Deck & Engine Officers.



Students in the Diesel Engineering lab at the Calhoon School. Instructor Ernie Clements took this shot of (l-r) Tyler Dullnig, Kyle Chernoff, Jonathan Montgomery (MSC) and Daniel Antonellis.

Faces around the Fleet



The engine crew on the Black Ball ferry MV COHO taking a break from rebuilding the main engines during the vessel's annual shipyard period. Left to right are 1st A/E Jess Jacobson, Oiler Nick Eshom (in back), Oiler Gabe Rosario (at front), C/E Rebecca Cherrier, 1st A/E Ehab Taha and C/E Ken Unger. The twin EMD-powered COHO runs between Port Angeles, WA and Victoria, BC.



Extra horsepower on the CAPE HUDSON! Left to right are relief Chief George Perkins, off-going Chief George Morris and new permanent Chief Engineer Ben Parmer sharing a turnover moment on the Matson-managed Ready Reserve Force ship CAPE HUDSON in San Francisco. The CAPE HUDSON is one of four M.E.B.A.-contracted MarAd RRF ships in San Francisco Bay.

Next Generation Mariners: 2023 Cadet Internship Program

The Calhoun M.E.B.A. Engineering School is set for this summer's Licensed Cadet Internship program that helps young mariners get a head start on their shipping careers. The program will run from July 10 to July 28. Up to 80 cadets from various maritime academies across the country can attend. When cadets from a particular maritime school are unable to take part because of conflicts such as summer sea terms, the School provides additional opportunities in other months to visit its facilities.

The annual program helps mold the next generation of M.E.B.A. mariners and eases their way toward a shipping

career with the Union, if they so choose. Among other things during their three weeks, program participants will take advantage of a series of training courses including Welding, Machine Shop, Diesel, High Voltage Safety, Electrical Systems, and MSC CONMAR that will help prepare these next-generation mariners.

Cadets can take part in the program without making a commitment to the Union, but while they attend, they'll learn more about the excellent career opportunities that the M.E.B.A. presents.



Cadets, last year, standing at the CMES Sulzer flywheel. From left to right are Cole Johnson (USMMA) Ryan Doane (Mass Maritime), Shane Curran (Mass Maritime), Elliott Currier (Mass Maritime), Alexander Sydow (USMMA), John Ryan (Mass Maritime) and Eric Brosnan (Mass Maritime).



Cadet Interns in the Diesel lab by the Sulzer training engine piston. From left to right are Teva Kruth (SUNY), Frank Guidice (SUNY), Madison Rice (USMMA), Clarence Cheng (USMMA), Steven King (SUNY) and Justin Limanek (Mass Maritime). Thanks to Instructor Ernie Clements for the great photos!



Last year's Cadet Internship Program was more compact than past years after the restart from the COVID hiatus. This year's program will feature a much larger group. The program is a great way for young mariners to learn about the opportunities that the M.E.B.A. offers.

At Anchor: Recent Retirees Shifting into Reduced Operating Status

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James Mallman	Richard G. Williams



Recent retiree Paul Guidry spent 23 great years with the M.E.B.A. following his four-year service with the U.S. Navy. He spent much of his M.E.B.A. career as an engineer aboard the Military Sealift Command supply vessel USNS SPICA among ships. He retired recently with a Chief Engineer's License, as well as a Power Engineer certification with the National Institute for the Uniform Licensing of Power Engineers, and various certificates of achievement for his sea service over the years. Fun fact: Paul is an accomplished vocalist and musician who has appeared at Bay Area nightclubs over the years.



Engine room volunteers on an AMERICAN VICTORY appreciation cruise in Tampa Bay. The vessel is one of the 534 Victory ships built during World War II to replace the Liberty ships. M.E.B.A. retirees volunteer their time and expertise to help keep the vessel in operational condition at her berth in Tampa, Florida. Standing left to right are Joseph Barbacane, George Polomonkjo and his wife Kelly (an engineer with G.E.). Seated are Charles Norval, Anthea Onufrak and Karen Barbacane.

Mariners Prevent Disaster During Dash for Freedom

The high seas can be a dangerous place. But for the crew of the Maersk Line-managed ALLIANCE FAIRFAX it was just another October day at sea - until they spotted a column of thick smoke coming from a small boat passing between Cuba and the Florida Keys. Without hesitation, the crew contacted the Coast Guard and drew close to the homemade foam block and wooden boat. Spanish speaker Jacob Rochez, the ALLIANCE FAIRFAX Dayman, learned that the boat's occupants were fleeing Cuba and had an unconscious man on board. The FAIRFAX crew sprang into action and lowered a lifeboat filled with medical supplies and extra water. Crewed by 3rd A/E Harold Abdul-Ahad, C/M Ernest Caponegro, Dayman Rochez, and Dayman Benjamin Romero, the rescue boat pulled alongside the Cuban craft. They brought over supplies and treated the distressed passenger who was seasick and dehydrated. A Coast Guard vessel soon arrived and took the stricken refugees aboard to bring them to a safe location where their eligibility for asylum or other forms of immigration relief was to be determined.

M.E.B.A. members aboard the ALLIANCE FAIRFAX at the time included C/E W. Andrew Dickman, 1st A/E Joe Glywasky, 2nd A/E Darnell Slayton and 3rd A/E Harold Abdul-Ahad. MM&CP represents the Deck Officers and SIU represents the unlicensed mariners. They showed bravery and compassion in their response. It's a reminder of the humanity that can be found even in the most challenging situations at sea.

Sadly, Cuban citizens continue to make desperate small craft dashes for freedom to escape their oppressive regime. On March 30th near Pass, LA, the OSG-managed product tanker OVERSEAS LONG BEACH spied a small craft in the distance loaded with a dozen Cuban citizens frantically waving their arms to get the vessel's attention.

The crew was mustered and the vessel was diverted from its course to provide assistance. On their 12th day at sea on their way to Mexico, the migrants were in dire need of water, food, fuel and medical attention. The craft was brought alongside to assess the situation and the LONG BEACH crew provided them essential supplies like food, water, first-aid kits, blankets, flashlights, emergency signals, and life jackets while awaiting further guidance from Coast Guard Sector New Orleans. Hours later, after further consultation with the Coast Guard, the LONG BEACH took the twelve Cuban migrants aboard and provided care until they could be transferred to a USCG cutter off Key West.

The crew of the OVERSEAS LONG BEACH was lauded for exercising humanitarian assistance, one of the greatest traditions of seafaring. OSG CEO Sam Norton said, "...All on board chose to act with honest concern and empathy for those in need in a manner which affirms, in the most visible way possible, the standards of ethics and transparency that lie at the core of OSG's culture"

The ship's Deck officers are, as yet, unrepresented. SIU represents the unlicensed. M.E.B.A. permanents onboard the vessel at the time included C/E Brian Gerrish, 1st A/E Chris Waugaman and 2nd A/E Jonathan DiBacco.



Cuban refugees on a dash to freedom may have perished had they not encountered the OVERSEAS LONG BEACH .

The ALLIANCE FAIRFAX came to the aid of Cuban refugees who were searching for safer shores.

Political Action Fund Honor Roll

(For Calendar Year 2022)

Since its early days as a colonial power, the United States has relied heavily on its maritime capabilities to facilitate trade, transport goods and people, and project power globally. But today, federal programs and regulations play an outsized role in U.S.-flag shipping. The preservation of the Jones Act and other statutes and programs that help maintain the U.S.-flag fleet has been the focus of M.E.B.A.'s Political Action Fund. Without it and other programs such as the Maritime Security Program and cargo preference, qualified American mariners will disappear and the carriage of critical national-interest cargo will be forfeited to foreign mariners and overseas interests.



Our nation's ability to maintain a strong Merchant Marine is essential to our economy, national security, and our ability to wage war. That's why it's important for Congress and the Administration to comprehend the vital role that the U.S. maritime industry plays in our nation's well-being. To ensure that our elected officials understand the importance of labor and U.S. shipping, we need your help. Active and retired M.E.B.A. members can make a difference by supporting efforts to connect with our elected officials and help them see the necessity for a robust base of expertly trained and licensed mariners and a strong national sealift capacity.

PAF Chairman Roland Rexha is grateful for the support of the many longtime and first-time contributors who understand the importance of the PAF to protect and promote current and future M.E.B.A. jobs. So, get onboard and make a voluntary contribution to this crucial cause by calling or visiting an M.E.B.A. Union hall or office, or by contributing electronically through the Member Payment & Update Portal (Member PUP) accessed from www.mebaunion.org. Let's support American labor and U.S. shipping and keep the M.E.B.A. strong and thriving!

Below is a list of active and retired members who understand the importance of the M.E.B.A.'s Political Action Fund and supported it during Calendar Year 2022. Those who contribute to the PAF this year (during Calendar Year 2023) will be listed in a *Marine Officer* next year. The list is broken down into four categories - and members, retirees and applicants are listed alphabetically within each grouping. 184 others (*not listed here*) contributed between \$1 and \$99 in calendar year 2022, contributions which are very much appreciated.



Order of Magellan (\$1,000 to \$5,000)

Adase, Dominic	Engberg, Mark	Lapham, Trevor	Simonse, Todd
Aiello, Anthony P.	Enoch, Trent	Larrabee, Benjamin A.	Sloan, Lyle S.
Alper, Maxim	Fay, Stuart A.	MacDougall, Andrew W.	Smith, Adam
Ballenger, Duncan	Fetter, Jason	Martin, Andrew	Stone, Sean
Bilodeau, Todd R.	Gallagher, Mark S.	McDermott, Bradford J.	Strissel, Phillip K.
Burback, Scott	Garza, Anthony	McElhone, John	Swift, Christopher J.
Callahan, Jason	Gilbert, Erik	Moore, James M.	Truong, Albert D.
Cross, Kevin M.	Grable, Kyle	Mullett, Donald	Vetting, Ryan
DeFazio, Luca A.	Greenway, David	Myers, Hugh	Vogrig, Bruno
Dengel, Samuel J.	Greenway, Nicole T.	Quinones, Vincent	Vokac, Adam
Dewhirst, Thomas J.	Ho, Lawrence	Radzik, Edward C.	Warren, William
Djusberg, Nils	Hudson, Kyle H.	Rexha, Roland H.	Whitton, Justin R.
Duncan, Jeffrey L.	Kilmer-Morris, Austin K.	Shaw, David E.	

Realm of King Neptune (\$500-\$999)

Albrecht, Edward
 Alonge, Matthew
 Antonellis, Daniel
 Asupan, Rene
 Barstow, David S.
 Barton, Erik J.
 Bellows, Gerald
 Berhe, Alem
 Boughal, Hans A.
 Bowling, Timothy J.
 Bugaisky, Alexander
 Burns, Michael



Burr, Gregg
 Calhoun, Will
 Chapman, David
 Chapman, Drew
 Cobo, Jeremy T.
 Conroy, Brian
 Cullen, Gerard S.
 Dance, Robert K.
 Demarest, Raymond
 Dunklin, Mike
 Eshnaur, Stephen
 Fahey, Richard
 Fernandez, John
 Ferrino, Michael

Figelski, Edward A.
 Fritschi, Brian P.
 Fuller, Trevor
 Gaylan, Filomeno C.
 Gaylan, John Morgan
 Glywasky, Joseph
 Goldrich, Benjamin
 Haas, Sylvan A.
 Hafford, Evan C.
 Harrington, Jason
 Hayward, Paul
 Hileman, Todd D.
 Holbert, Lawrence
 Houghton, Jeffrey

Hudson, Paul
 Jany, Timothy
 Jaunzemis, Randall S.
 Jendrasko, Peter W.
 Katz, Seth A.
 Kitchin, Marcus
 Kittelson, Rodney
 Klitzke, Jeffery
 Knowles, Joshua F.
 Koechley, Brian
 Kraft, Samuel
 Lacey, Joseph M.
 LaChance, Craig
 Lamonica, Joseph

Landwehr, Kurt E.
 Lawson, Ethan
 Lisowski, Jason M.
 Long, John E.
 Lord, Aaron W.
 Lowe, Patrick J.
 Luke, Kaili W.
 Lund, Sonja
 Lyons, John T.
 Lyons, Marc
 Maccini, David
 Maduro, Deshawn
 Maher, Patrick
 Martens, Robert

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Martin, Serena E.
Martykan, Michael C.
McGuire, Robert G.
McNeight, Ryan
McPherson, Jonathan
Menendez, Jack
Moore, Rollin
Nashif, David
Nguyen, Hieu T.
Nickel, Jacob
Omdahl, Arthur N.
Owen, David E.
Pantelis, Christos
Perry, Michael A.
Pilkington, Christopher
Poniatowski, Marc
Pote, Ira
Quigg, Timothy
Quinn, Stanley J.
Ramirez, Dilson
Reed, Joshua
Reynolds, Joseph
Richard, Doherty D.
Robinson, Nathan
Rugarber, Michael T.
Sankoh, Sahr
Santiago, Louis
Schaffer, John
Schmidt, Jonathan
Scivanich, Daniel L.
Seewald Jr., Daniel K.
Sergio, Nicholas
Sermoneta, Nico
Shartel, Mark W.
Smith, Brian
Somogyi, Matthew
Spear, Willis M.
Steele, Christopher
Taber, Steven G.
Taylor, Edwin P.
Thornton, Trenton R.
Troxell, Barton J.
Valentin, Emanuel
Vanloo, William K.
Voris, Stephan
Waterfield, Alexander
Weber, Timothy
Williams, Todd
Zysk, Thomas

Shellback (\$250-\$499)

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Abel, James
Abel, Nathan
Adams, Michael
Allen, Garrett T.
Allotey, Joseph
Amankulor,
Nwachimereze C.
Annie, Demian
Antony, Alex
Armacost, Lyle A.
Asuncion, Maria
Aukstikalnis, Thomas
Bagley, Edwin E.
Baird, Alexander



Baker, Christopher
Balic, Bozidar
Barg, Emery C.
Barlow, Ethan
Barone, Daniel R.
Belbin, James
Belson, Adam
Bordeaux, John C.
Boucher, Kyle
Brady, Brendan
Brady, Michael T.
Breheny, Michael
Breton, Michael C.
Brownfield, Christopher J.
Bunstine, Timothy
Burchill, David O.
Burnside, Thomas C.
Bustamante, Glenn
Cabral, Nicholas
Callender, Carry
Carden, Ryan
Chernoff, Kyle
Ching, Christine
Chpatchev, Vladimir
Christensen, Michael K.
Cimini, Claudia G.
Cline, Dennis P.
Conteh, Sanfa
Cooper, Michael
Crifas, Frank
Cummings, Michael F.
Cuzner, Frederick
Davis, Daniel F.
Dellaquila, Anthony
Demilio, William
Deming, Paul
Devens, Christopher
Dickman, William
Donnell, Will
Donovan, Denault
Dove, Elijah
Duggan, Kieran
Dunlop, Andrew K.
Dunn, Thomas
Duquella, Karly
Eaton, Charles
Falconieri, Timothy
Feeney, Gregory
Ferrell, Edward J.
Ferritto, Mitchell
Fiala, David W.
Foss, Arni R.
Fountas, John
Fraser, Daniel
Freeman, Charles
Gabrielsson, Carl
Gallagher, John
Garcia, Michael
Gatchell, Nathan W.
Good, Brian J.
Goodman, Andrew
Goodwin, Francis
Gordon, Ellsworth
Gould, Eric L.
Grace, Sean
Gusek, Eric S.
Haars, Derek K.

Haines, Stephen M.
Halloran, Mary Ellen.
Hanna, Stuart
Harley, Timothy H.
Harrison, William S.
Hemmerlein, Jakob
Himebauch, Ross O.
Hunt, Darryl
Irvine, Kegan W.
Jackson, Kenneth
Jacobites, Ted F.
Jacovino, Joseph
Jamieson, Sean
Janowicz, John C.
Janson, Werner
Jenkins, Vincent
Johannessen, Benjamin
John, Alfred St.
Johnson, Steven
Kakaletris, Christos
Kanoute, Thidiane
Karhoff, Lucas
Kaye, Seth
Kewley, Christopher
Kopras, Jacob
Larimer, Ryan
Lemoine, Paul E.
Linderholm, Eric L.
Lino, Russell
Long, Patrick
MacDonald, Kelsey
MacDonald, Mark D.
MacLean, Daniel P.
Mahaffey, Shane D.
Mahoney, John
Marcinac, Kenneth
Marks, Michael
Marsh, Gordon
Martin, Keith
Martinelli, Bruno
Massey, Brannon
May, David B.
McElhinney, Joseph P.
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McKever, Harry M.
McMurray, Robert J.
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Miller, Matthew J.
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Murphy, Daniel J.
Murphy, John
Navarrete, Luis E.
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Newell, David
Nikituk, Angela
Nolan, Sean
O'Brien, John A.
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O'Loughlin, James
O'Rourke, William
Ortiz, Sergio
Osborne, Matthew

Pacana, Edgar G.
Pakhomov, Andrey
Pappas, Nicholas
Parker, Kyle
Parsons, Kevin
Paz, Fernando Biwer.
Pellechia, Nicholas
Penny, Julie A.
Perry, Liam
Perry, Tamer
Peters, Shelby
Phillips, Jay D.
Pillard, Jeff A.
Poles, Christopher
Pollock, Aidan
Pollock, Thomas
Povalec, Thomas J.
Proia, Michael
Redican, Brian
Rhodes, Daniel
Riley, Paul J.
Robertson, John B.
Robinson, Alexander L.
Robson, Joseph E.
Royston, Richard H.
Ruggiero, John R.
Sandlin, Joseph
Sasso, Robert A.
Saur, Joseph
Savoie, Devin
Scott, Patrick
Sibbald, Daniel
Silva, Zachary
Simms, Matthew
Sipper, Gregory R.
Skillern, Randall
Slayton, Darnell
Smith, Cameron
Smith, Eugene
Smith, Gregory T.
Smith, Max
Sopko, Frank
Sprague, Laurence
Stamm, Andrew
Stegh, Timothy
Steinberg, Philip M.
Stockbridge, Nicholas
Sullivan, Nicholas
Sullivan, Sean N.
Sumner, Wayne
Tapley, Nickolas
Tarabochia, Ryan
Taylor, Jeremiah
Tebbe, Steven L.
Tesson, Raymond E.
Thibodeau, Michael
Thompson, Ansel
Tinkham, Nicholas
Tipton, Jon
Travers, Jeremy W.
Trujillo, Michael
Turcotte, Keith R.
Underhill, Jason J.
Underwood, Bernard
Unnold Jr., Barry G.
Urbik, Thomas
Videika, Romualdas

Vincioni, Andrew
Volentine, James
Walker, Philip
Warner, Peter
Weaver, Stephen
Webster, Nicholas
Weitkamp, Nicholas
Whalen, Patrick
Wilson, Matthew
Wlazlo, Erik M.
Woodward, Craig W.
Wright, Kevin L.
Yang, John
York, Alex

Pollywog (\$100-\$249)

Abrams, Reginald
Acosta, Sonny
Acton, Kyle
Addae, Kwaku
Adkins, Thomas
Aguiar, Llorenç S.
Alfaro, Jordan
Ames, Christopher
Anderson, Richard
Andrade, Jeffrey
Apudo, Charles
Atwell, Michael
Austell, Nicholas
Ayoub, David E.
Baker, David
Balhorn, Nicholas
Balsamo, Lawrence
Bartlett, James
Bassett, Benjamin
Beal, John
Becica, Andrew
Beck, Dustin
Begley, Grant
Belyea, Kristina R.
Bennett, Kevin R.
Benz, Thomas W.
Berner, Frank
Berner, Nicholas
Bick, David J.
Blair, Justin J.
Blake, Douglas T.
Blanchard, Joshua S.
Bliefertich, Daniel
Blummer, Stephanie L.
Boisvert, Jeffrey B.
Boisvert, Jonathan N.
Boleza, Matthew E.
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Booyer, Charles
Boyd, Mitchell
Breheny, Sean
Breton, Rudolph R.
Brown, Jordan
Brown, Richard
Brusa, Charles B.
Bukunt, Jeffrey
Bulaclac, Mark
Bullard, Robert
Burchfield, Timothy F.
Burford, Jeffrey J.



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Conway, Emilie I.	Glessing, Mike P.	Lucas, Colin	Quijano, Christopher	Terkuile, Matthew C.
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Crandall, Emma	Grandy, Keith G.	Mahalik, Giancarlo	Reed, Joshua G.	Tingo, Kyle
Crook, Dylan	Greathead, Nicholas	Mahimer, Alexander	Reed, Russell	Torres, Amy
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D'Amico, Joseph A.	Halata, Daniel	Marymee, Daniel	Rivera, Lionel	Unger, Michael R.
Daramy, Michael M.	Hallett, Timothy	Massey, Seth	Roberts, Ryan	Vannier, Alex
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Daylor, John	Harvey, Steven	Mazyck, Wesley	Rose, Travis	Vey, Kristina
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Doyle, Mark	Hudspeth, Robert	Mercuri, Gene	Schmelzer, Sean	Williams, Harold
Drake, William C.	Huggins, Darin L.	Miller, Christopher	Schreier, Harold	Williams, Nathan
Drews, Timothy	Humphrey, Bryan A.	Miller, Devlin M.	Schroeder, Aaron	Womble, Robert M.
Ducharme, Bradley S.	Hurley, Benjamin	Millette, Jacob	Schroeder, Henry L.	Woolford, Michael
Dulong Jr., James M.	Hursh, Bradley	Molnar, Thomas	Schultz, Kevin M.	Woolfrey, Herman
Dullnig, Tyler	Infante, Hugo	Moore, Scott	Scott, Jessica	Wrigley, Jake
Dunleavy, John P.	Jackson, Sterling	Morton, Timothy W.	Seale, Benjamin	Wyatt, Peggy D.
Dunlop, Teresa	Jackson, Thomas	Moulton, Robert	Sebach, Stefan	Yung, Thant
Edic, Kenneth	Jacobsen, John	Muldowney, Leo E.	Seifart, Scott J.	Zalewski, Matthew D.
Egan, Andrew	Jacobsen, Mitchell	Mullaney, Mark	Sevitz, James	Zaucha, Christopher
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Ellis, Travis	Johnson, Eric E.	Nebab, Kyle	Shrake, Samuel B.	
Emmert, Joseph	Johnson, Keith	Nelson, John	Silva, David	
Evans, Benjamin	Joyce, Brendan	Newton, Craig	Simard, Aaron P.	
Fales, Patrick A.	Kahl, Christopher	Newton, Craig E.	Sison, Edgar T.	
Fallon, Kyle	Kane, Brian	Nielsen, Carl	Slaght, John W.	
Fanning, Michael	Kelchlin, Harrison	Nilsen, Matthew	Small, Tristan	
Faulhaber, Aaron	King, James	Norton, Thomas	Smirba, Dzemaal	
Fava, James	Kirby, Kevin	Norval, Charles L.	Smith, Austin A.	



ODF 2023: M.E.B.A. Goes to the End of the Earth

Imagine being stranded in a vast frozen wasteland, in one of the most inhospitable environments on earth. That's the reality for the dedicated scientists stationed at the South Pole's McMurdo Station, on the southern tip of Ross Island.

But since 1955, the Military Sealift Command has overseen an annual resupply mission to help scientists survive the long, isolated Antarctic winter. During Operation Deep Freeze 2023, MSC chartered two M.E.B.A.-crewed vessels to assist the vital resupply effort. The OCEAN GIANT and OCEAN GLADIATOR, both managed by Waterman, were tasked with delivering crucial cargo to McMurdo Sound.

The OCEAN GIANT arrived in January, hauling a massive 65-ton modular causeway system (MCS) that enabled vessels to offload cargo despite the absence of the aging ice-pier normally used for such operations. In February, it was the OCEAN GLADIATOR's turn to deliver vital supplies to the scientists. The ship was filled with containers of mechanical parts, construction materials, office supplies, electronic equipment and vehicles. Once the GLADIATOR made its

delivery, it was time to pack up and head home. Dismantled sections of the MCS were loaded onto the ship, along with 115 pieces of retrograde cargo. The vessel then sailed back to Port Hueneme, CA where their mission had begun in early January.

But the final task fell to the Coast Guard Cutter *Polar Star*. This vessel had created a 17-mile channel through the ice to allow the commercial vessels to reach the Station at the beginning of the mission. Then, it was time to depart the Pole after 67 days below the Antarctic Circle in support of Operation Deep Freeze 2023.

For the scientists left behind, it's another year of isolation. They'll carry out their important research cut off from the rest of humanity through some of the worst weather in the world. But as the austral summer months approach (roughly October to February) and the warmer weather starts to tame some of the sea ice, the U.S. Merchant Marine will once again be coming to call.

Bravo Zulu to the M.E.B.A. ODF 2023 Officers!

M/V OCEAN GIANT

Chief Engineer Devin Savoie
1AE David Wagner
2AE Adam Belson
3AE Michael Ellis

M/V OCEAN GLADIATOR

Chief Engineer Trent Enoch
1AE Fernando Biver Paz
2AE Jesse Tornabene
3AE Nicholas Jones
3AE Ryan Carden
3AE Collin Lynch



The M/V OCEAN GIANT and Coast Guard heavy ice breaker POLAR STAR pass in the channel at McMurdo Station, Antarctica.



The Seafarers International House, celebrating their 150th year, recently honored several “Outstanding Friends of Seafarers” at their 2023 “Setting the Course” event - including two of our own. Those worthy recipients are (l-r) Global Container Terminals USA President John Atkins, M.E.B.A. President Adam Vokac and Mark Barker, President of M.E.B.A.-contracted Interlake Steamship Company.

Faces around the Fleet



M.E.B.A. hosted National Maritime Center officials for a visit at the Calhoun M.E.B.A. Engineering School where they discussed credential and course approval topics among many other items. Left to right are NMC’s Jennifer Senner, M.E.B.A. Norfolk Branch Agent/Govt. Fleet Rep. Jack Menendez, NMC Commanding Officer Capt. Bradley Clare, CMES Director Bryan Jennings, CMES QSS & Configuration Manager Lisa McNeal and NMC Deputy Director Anne Wehde Seither.



Maersk Line Ltd. recently renamed its SAFMARINE NGAMI to MAERSK CHESAPEAKE during a dry dock in Bahrain. Member Pete Jendrasko sent us this shot of the crew at the ASRY shipyard including (l-r) Chief Mate TJ Van Ahnen (MM&P), 1st A/E Pete Jendrasko, C/E Jeremiah Taylor and Capt. Bob Beauregard (MM&P). Not pictured from the M.E.B.A. crew are 2nd A/E Greg Logue and 3rd A/E Paige Frankel.

Shipping Shorts

Liberty Contract

Members ratified an agreement with Liberty Maritime covering M.E.B.A. Deck and Engine officers for the next three years. The new contract was a long time coming after frustrating negotiations that kept Liberty officers without negotiated increases for eight years. M.E.B.A. President Adam Vokac headed up the negotiating team that secured this industry standard agreement. The new contract rewards the dedicated hard work of our Deck and Engine officers with strong wage, benefit, and work rule improvements that finally puts Liberty on par with other deep-sea carriers. The Agreement provides stability for both parties and should lead to further mutual opportunities in the maritime industry. Contract terms and benefits will be paid retroactively to October 1st, 2022.

Delaware Pilots Contract

Members of the M.E.B.A. contracted Launch Operators at the Pilot Association for the Bay and River Delaware can look forward to sailing for the next 5 years under a newly signed and ratified agreement. The launch operators are part of the Pilots' Association for the Bay and River Delaware. Our members maintain the launches and transport ship pilots

to commercial vessels transiting the Bay and River and its tributaries. The contract includes scheduled raises, cash bonuses, a uniform stipend, an additional paid holiday (day after Thanksgiving), and other improvements and benefits. Many thanks go to the hard work of Atlantic Coast V.P. Jason Callahan, Patrolman Nico Sermoneta, as well as rank-and-file members Donald Holladay and Joseph Brittingham.

NOAA Contract

M.E.B.A. engineers sailing for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ratified a newly negotiated five-year agreement following a 10-day online vote. The M.E.B.A. negotiating team secured major enhancements for our mariners including pay increases, penalty time improvements and other quality of life upgrades. During talks, two issues important to NOAA engineers went to mediation and were settled by an impasse panel, both in favor of the M.E.B.A. The M.E.B.A. negotiating team was headed up by Gulf Coast V.P. Adam Smith and included Government Fleet Representative Jack Menendez, Tampa Branch Agent Nicole Greenway, HQ Contracts Officer Mark Gallagher and rank-and-file members Sean Battles, Eric Hague and Nicolas Lagen.

New CMES CONMAR Course is One-Stop Training Shop

In a boon for M.E.B.A. officers who plan to sail on the Patriot-managed Watson-class LMSRs, the Calhoun M.E.B.A. Engineering School (CMES) has implemented an all-encompassing two-week training course that satisfies Military Sealift Command requirements and standards to work on those vessels.

After MSC implemented new training requirements for engineers working aboard the contracted Watson-class LMSRs, the M.E.B.A. Trustees directed the CMES to establish a catch-all course for our officers to get that training in-house. CMES Director Bryan Jennings took charge and headed up an exhaustive and methodical process to design, implement and win Military Sealift Command approval for the new MSC CONMAR course that incorporates seven individual classes required by deck and engine officers for those jobs.

The classes included in the overall CONMAR course are also available as stand-alone CMES courses for those mariners who are already certified in some of the required modules and aren't pushing up against their renewal dates. The seven classes combined into the CONMAR course are Security Watchstander Basic (required once



The CMA-CGM DAKAR during pilotage in Busan, Korea. Dylan Carrara, Chief Mate on the nearby PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, snagged this shot. M.E.B.A.'s Tony Aiello is the Chief Engineer on the DAKAR, a feeder ship enrolled in the Maritime Security Program.





M.E.B.A. continues its support for the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and recently participated in the Alumni Association's fundraiser at San Francisco's Presidio Golf Course benefiting KP team sports. M.E.B.A.'s golfing fearsome foursome - who triumphed (at the 19th Hole) - included (l-r) Bryce Lewis, Patrolman Max Alper, Executive V.P. Claudia Cimini and Asher Psztyc-Uchida.

in a lifetime), Security Watchstander Advanced (annual renewal), Small Arms Certification (annual renewal), Ships Reaction Forces (3-year renewal), CBRN (5-year renewal), Damage Control (5-year renewal) and Marine Environmental Programs (5-year renewal). The CMES continues to work with the Military Sealift Command to implement as many MSC-required courses as needed for our officers.

Make Sure your Contact Info is on File!

Members and applicants should make sure that M.E.B.A. Headquarters has your e-mail address along with your other contact information. If you haven't filled out an M.E.B.A. Database Update Form – or if your information has changed – grab the form off the M.E.B.A. website (www.mebaunion.org) located in the "Documents & Member Notices" section. Update Forms should be sent to the HQ Membership Dept. by mail, fax at (202) 638-5369, or just e-mail membership@mebaunion.org

The HQ database is NOT LINKED to the databases at the M.E.B.A. Plans office in Baltimore OR the Calhoon M.E.B.A. Engineering School. To update your information with Plans, you can find the "M.E.B.A. Address Change Form" on the Plans website

(www.mebaplans.org) under "Forms, Documents & Notices" then "Medical Plan Forms."

CMES Text Alert System – Sign Up Now!

The Calhoon M.E.B.A. Engineering School has a text message alert system available to the M.E.B.A. membership. Text alerts include announcements about recently added classes, open spots on a roster, availability of the next year's course schedule, and other items of interest. *To start receiving texts, members must opt-in by texting CMES to (410) 822-9600.* This is completely voluntary, and members may opt-out at any time by replying STOP to the last text received.

Online Member Payment & Update Portal

M.E.B.A.'s online Member Payment and Update Portal (PUP) allows the membership the ease of making online monetary transactions and gives them the opportunity to verify their credentials and contact information on file, as well as submitted sea time. Members and applicants can use the Member PUP to pay their dues or service charges by credit card, debit card or through their checking account. They can also set up a recurring



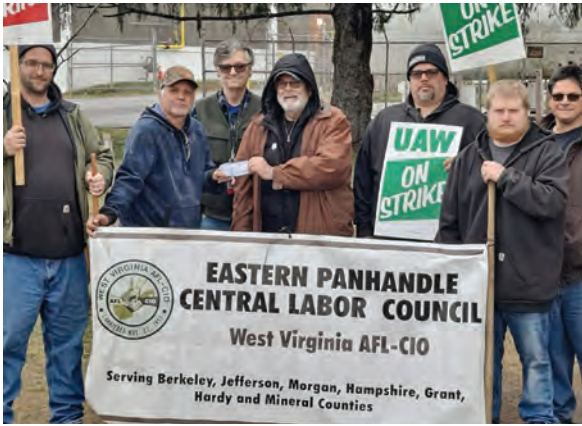
Late last year, before the OCEAN GIANT headed off to the Antarctic, the engine team gathered after another successful mission. Left to right in front are QMED Sam Takyi, C/E Justin Kisielewski, Electrician Vladimir Loutaev, and Engine Cadet Brice Garner. Behind the Chief is 1st A/E Michael Cicero. Standing l-r are Engine Cadet Ben Romero, 2nd A/E Jack Shaffield and 3rd A/E Michael Ellis.

payment schedule to automatically keep them current. The site also allows users to view their transaction history online in a secure manner.

Visit www.mebaunion.org where you can click on the Member PUP banner to get started. In addition, the PUP allows members, applicants and retirees to make contributions to the M.E.B.A.'s Good & Welfare and Political Action Funds that support so many members. Contributions to the Good & Welfare Fund are tax deductible. This fund has provided essential assistance to members and retirees in their time of need. The PAF keeps M.E.B.A. jobs afloat by affording us a crucial lifeline to policymakers who help determine the fate of the U.S. Merchant Marine.



Current and former Matson port engineers pose with famous racing sailboat hulls while representing M.E.B.A. at Patriot Contract Services' 25th anniversary party in San Francisco. Left to right are PE Chris Thomas, Executive V.P. (and former PE) Claudia Cimini and PE Dave Wolf-Buck.



M.E.B.A. retiree J.B. Christensen (4th from left), who is also the President of the Eastern Panhandle Central Labor Council, hands a check to UAW Local 171 in support of striking workers. Production workers at paint company Sherwin-Williams near Hagerstown, Maryland are in search of livable wages and relief from soul-crushing work hours.



M.E.B.A. President Adam Vokac (center) met with our affiliate Professional Aviation Safety Specialists (PASS) recently at M.E.B.A. Headquarters. PASS represents more than 11,000 FAA and Defense Department workers throughout the air traffic control system. PASS President David Spero (right) and PASS Region II V.P. Doug Lowe presented the M.E.B.A. with the seal of their great organization which is now proudly displayed in M.E.B.A.'s Conference Room.

M.E.B.A. Pride for Jesse Calhoon Day

Members and retirees expressed appreciation and pride for the recently-celebrated Jesse Calhoon Day, an M.E.B.A.-specific holiday that was created by a member resolution in 2011. 2023 marked the second year that the April 4 birthday of M.E.B.A.'s modern patriarch was celebrated as a holiday for the Union halls, the first step toward a future fleet-wide contractual holiday. Before last year, Jesse Calhoon Day was informally observed for a decade. The ILWU and ILA, among others, also have union-specific observances honoring their labor leaders (Harry Bridges, Teddy Gleason, etc.) and M.E.B.A. members expressed appreciation that the nation's oldest and finest maritime union is

finally recognizing one of their own.

The day is dedicated to the man who headed up the Union in exceptional fashion for 22 years. Among many other achievements under Jesse Calhoon's administration, the Union established the training school which bears his name, merged the deep-sea districts, Pacific Coast District and District 1 into a single all coast unit, and transformed M.E.B.A.'s pension plan into the best in the maritime industry. Born on April 4, 1923, Jesse made his final voyage on October 22, 2013 at the age of 90.

The resolution that was introduced during the April 2011 membership meeting at M.E.B.A.'s Seattle Union hall was approved by the membership the next month. It read, (in part), "Be it Resolved, that April 4th of

every calendar year starting in the 2012 calendar year shall be deemed an M.E.B.A. paid holiday, and this day shall be celebrated, respected and remembered by all of the rank & file M.E.B.A. members as Jesse M. Calhoon's birthday, and further that all M.E.B.A. Union halls shall be closed for business on this date."

1-888-519-0018; M.E.B.A. Hotline for Emergencies

Since 2011, M.E.B.A. has maintained an emergency hotline set up for members with urgent needs and crisis situations requiring immediate attention. In most cases, either calling your M.E.B.A. Union hall or office during normal business hours or sending an e-mail is enough to get your concern resolved. *The Hotline should*



M.E.B.A. was right on target at the annual Houston Propeller Club Clay Shoot. Left to right are Houston Rep. Jay Wedman, Second Mate Michael Proia, Captain Jack Jansen, Third Mate James Gommer, Captain Coltan Coleman and 2nd A/E Andrew Dalton.





On Friday, April 14, 2023, M.E.B.A. was proud to honor our members who man the Staten Island Ferries with valor citations and awards for their exemplary courage during the SANDY GROUND vessel fire in which they safely rescued and evacuated almost 900 passengers in the frigid New York harbor waters on December 22, 2022. Our proud members and Staten Island Ferry officers were joined by M.E.B.A. President Adam Vokac and Secretary-Treasurer Roland Rexha as well as the deckhands who were also on duty and participated in the rescue efforts. Leaders from the New York City Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, New York State Senate, New York State Assembly, New York City Council and the Staten Island District Attorney were all gathered to honor, salute and support our Staten Island Ferry crew heroes.

become an option only if the weight of the issue demands that it be addressed immediately and at the highest priority.

Those who call the line should be prepared to fully brief the Hotline responder with extensive details of their issue as well as their contact information. Please leave a comprehensive message in the rare event that the official is away from their phone at the time of your call. The official fielding the call will route the concern to the appropriate M.E.B.A. contact taking into account the issue's magnitude. Please keep the number on hand if the need ever arises: 1-888-519-0018

Plan to Attend the CAA Reunion this Summer!

The Calhoon Alumni Association invites members, applicants, retirees, along with their friends and families to join the CAA Reunion this summer. The festivities take place at the Calhoon M.E.B.A. Engineering School from June 16-18.

Information, event forms and fees can be found on the CMES website (www.mebaschool.org) by following the link for the CAA. For those of you who have not yet attended a reunion, here is some of what you can expect: beef and pig on the spit, steamed crabs, burgers



The hardworking but fun engine gang (along with the ship master) onboard the Waterman-managed M/V OCEAN GIANT last summer on the Southeast Asia run. Left to right (from the back row) are Capt. William Sullivan (white coveralls), C/E Devin Savoie, Electro Vladimir Loutaev & 1st A/E Thomas Adkins in the middle row with 2nd A/E Jesse Tornabene & QMED Samuel Takyi in the front row. Chief Mate Trevor Gordon took the photo.

and dogs, pizza and subs, live music, swimming pool, beer, wine, soft drinks, ice cream, light breakfast, raffles, a Friday morning golf outing, a softball game, an awards ceremony, a sundown ceremony, sea stories and a great time with old classmates, shipmates and maritime friends. Any questions about the event should be directed to: caa@mebaschool.org

New M.E.B.A. Affiliate

The M.E.B.A. has welcomed a new affiliate into the fold, adding another law enforcement agency under the National M.E.B.A. umbrella. Earlier this year, M.E.B.A. President Adam Vokac formalized an affiliation agreement with the Association of Deputy District Attorneys (ADDA). ADDA represents about 650 DDAs in California's Los Angeles County. ADDA is the first affiliate to join the National M.E.B.A. since the PPOA and APDI joined forces with the Union in 2019. Welcome aboard!



SIU President Mike Sacco retired after 34 years at the helm. M.E.B.A. President Adam Vokac (l) and Secretary-Treasurer Roland Rexha (r) congratulated and thanked Mike for his tremendous service to the U.S. maritime industry and the labor movement.



Dave Heindel took over as SIU and Maritime Trades Department President following the retirement of Mike Sacco. Dave had served as the union's secretary-treasurer since 1997 and has been part of the SIU since the early 1970s. In this photo, M.E.B.A. Secretary-Treasurer Roland Rexha (l) and President Adam Vokac (r) congratulate him at a Maritime Trades Department meeting.



M.E.B.A. Secretary-Treasurer Roland Rexha and other labor leaders including TWU President John Samuelson and ITF President Paddy Crumlin supporting unions at the New York City St. Patrick's Day parade.

New Charleston Rep; Expanded Hours

Giancarlo Mahalik was appointed as the new Charleston Representative by the District Executive Committee. Giancarlo, will help M.E.B.A. expand representation for Charleston area members. The hall is now open from 10-4 each weekday and ship visits will increase. Many thanks to Brian McNamara who completed 6 ½ years as the hall rep.

Square at the Hanna Building - 1422 Euclid Ave, Suite 400-11. The hall is open by appointment only. Members and applicants needing to conduct business there should first schedule an advance appointment by leaving a voicemail at (216) 579-6322 or email Dispatcher Cheryl Kostreba at ckostreba@mebaunion.org

We also have a great new Union hall in Jacksonville, and Dispatcher Liz Pettit is at her post on 644 Cesery Blvd. (Suite 220). It is near the water and a quick ride from the airport.

At both new locations, phone, fax and email contacts remain the same.



Chief Engineer Rebecca Cherrier and Seattle Patrolman Kevin Cross discussing a since-completed reopener (financials & benefits) for our members sailing on Black Ball Ferry Line's MV COHO. Our Executive V.P. Claudia Cimini and Seattle Branch Agent Jeff Duncan headed up the talks.

New Digs in Cleveland, JAX

M.E.B.A.'s new Cleveland office, only a few blocks away from the old location, is on bustling Playhouse



Following a Maritime Labor Alliance meeting, several top leaders of the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) including President Paddy Crumlin and ITF Maritime Coordinator Jaqueline Smith, along with other international transportation trade unionists, stopped by M.E.B.A. HQ for a hearty discussion. Also seen are M.E.B.A.'s President Adam Vokac and Secretary-Treasurer Roland Rexha, MM&P (and MLA) President Don Marcus and Secretary Treasurer Don Josberger, ARA's Kelly Anderson and Eric Weber, and ILWU's Ed Ferris among others.

Did you know that you own millions of acres of national parks, historic structures, cultural artifacts, ancient forests, snow-capped mountains, and clear blue lakes? Our public lands and waters belong to all Americans and are waiting for you to explore them!

You also employ thousands of union members who staff federal parks and monuments. AFSCME represents thousands of municipal workers at city and state parks and zoos. Interior Department workers who staff federal parks and monuments are also union members (NFFE, an affiliate of the IAM). And AFGE represents employees who build exhibits, conduct research and maintain the world-renowned Smithsonian Institute Museum in Washington, DC.

Support good jobs by visiting our national parks and other federal lands.

US NATIONAL PARKS

ALASKA

- » Glacier Bay
- » Katmai
- » Kenai Fjords
- » Lake Clark
- » Wrangell-St. Elias
- » Denali
- » Kobuk Valley
- » Gates of the Arctic

AMERICAN SAMOA

- » American Samoa

ARIZONA

- » Saguaro
- » Petrified Forest
- » Grand Canyon

ARKANSAS

- » Hot Springs

CALIFORNIA

- » Death Valley (extends to Nevada)
- » Joshua Tree
- » Channel Islands
- » Sequoia
- » Pinnacles
- » Kings Canyon
- » Yosemite
- » Lassen Volcanic
- » Redwood

COLORADO

- » Mesa Verde
- » Great Sand Dunes
- » Black Canyon of the Gunnison
- » Rocky Mountain

FLORIDA

- » Dry Tortugas
- » Everglades
- » Biscayne

HAWAII

- » Hawai'i Volcanoes
- » Haleakala

INDIANA

- » Indiana Dunes

KENTUCKY

- » Mammoth Cave

MAINE

- » Acadia

MICHIGAN

- » Isle Royale

MINNESOTA

- » Voyageurs

MISSOURI

- » Gateway Arch

MONTANA

- » Glacier

NEVADA

- » Great Basin

NEW MEXICO

- » Carlsbad Caverns
- » White Sands

NORTH CAROLINA

- » Great Smoky Mountains (extends into Tennessee)

NORTH DAKOTA

- » Theodore Roosevelt

OHIO

- » Cuyahoga Valley

OREGON

- » Crater Lake

SOUTH CAROLINA

- » Congaree

SOUTH DAKOTA

- » Wind Cave
- » Badlands

TEXAS

- » Big Bend
- » Guadalupe Mountains

US VIRGIN ISLANDS

- » Virgin Islands

UTAH

- » Zion
- » Bryce Canyon
- » Canyonlands
- » Capitol Reef
- » Arches

VIRGINIA

- » Shenandoah

WASHINGTON

- » Mount Rainier
- » Olympic
- » North Cascades

WEST VIRGINIA

- » New River Gorge

WYOMING

- » Yellowstone (extends across Montana and Idaho)
- » Grand Teton



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“They no longer hear the calling of the watches, or the falling of the storm rain in the night. Seas shall weary them no more, for they have reached their final haven—their further shore.”

KENNETH ROBERT ADER

The keys went silent for Ken Ader on July 21, 2022 at the age of 64. A Radio Officer, Kenny accomplished a lot during his life and had many passions. Communications and electronics led him into a lifetime career as a “Sparky” with the M.E.B.A. He loved shipping, and traveling around the world gave him joy, as did returning home to his family. Gerard, Suzanne, David, Sue, Karen, Tom, nephews, nieces, and extended family will miss him dearly. Kenny will always be remembered as a fun loving, caring friend to many, especially by his wife, Joanie Roussell-Ader, and his friends at the Frank, Bullwinkles, and Gullsway. Retirement blessed him with a happy life, wife, four children as well as Buddy, Max and Brownie.

MICHAEL J. AIELLO



Mike Aiello shipped off to the source on January 21, 2022 at the age of 67. He earned his BS in Nautical Science with a minor in Chemistry from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 1976. After graduation, he was commissioned as a lieutenant in the US Naval Reserve and retired after eight years of service. Mike

also earned his Master’s License and sailed for twenty-three years. When he retired from the sea, he briefly served as a substitute teacher before starting PSI Pumping Solutions, Inc. in 2002. He was a member of Gettysburg Foursquare Church, and in 2013, he was ordained as a Foursquare Church pastor. Mike cherished the time he spent with his family and friends and serving in his church. He will always be remembered as a friend to everyone he met. He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years Kathy A. (Smiley) Aiello as well as three beautiful daughters Nicole Gutacker, Katie Eigenbrode and Natalie Coyle; son Matthew; eight adoring grandchildren who affectionately called him Nonno; Evan and Liliana Gutacker, Reese, Dane, Mia, and Lyla Aiello, and Liam and Remi Coyle; mother Yolanda; and brothers Dave, Bob and Bill.

PATRICK WARREN BAESZLER



Patrick Baeszler was loosed from his moorings on October 1, 2022 at the age of 31. He was born and raised in Staten Island, New York where he attended and graduated from Curtis High School and later SUNY Maritime to pursue his

dream of working in the maritime industry. Pat achieved that dream upon graduation when he began his career as an Assistant Captain on the Staten Island Ferries. Before he began sailing, he honed his skills as a talented chef and expert martini maker in the kitchens and bars of local restaurants in his home neighborhood of West Brighton - skills he would use to spoil friends and family at backyard barbeques and holiday gatherings all year round. He always kept his side gig as a bartender and would bartend on the weekends in his small town community, West Brighton “where everybody knows your name.” Everyone who knew Patrick loved him. Patrick loved spending his free time golfing with his dad, John, and friends in the golf clubs at Silver Lake Golf Course. Known for his good conversation, he had great taste in music and was able to light up a room and always had a smile on his face. These talents were put to great use one night, when a juke box selection attracted the notice of his future fiancé Brittany. That song led to a conversation, which led to a date and the rest was history. To the world, Patrick may have been one person but to most people he was the world. His time with friends and family was far too short, but his legacy will live

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on through all the lives he touched. He is survived by his fiancée Brittany Gonzalez; parents John Baeszler and Anne Warren; grandmother Rita Baeszler; sisters Annie-Laurie Fischer and Molly Baeszler; brother-in-law Timothy Fischer; as well as his beloved niece and nephew and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

EDWARD POWELL BAILEY



Ed Bailey sailed into another life on December 8, 2021 at the age of 66. Born in Manhattan, New York, Ed graduated from Xavier High

School and went on to earn a degree in Marine Engineering from SUNY Maritime College in the Bronx with a commission in the Naval Reserve. He worked many years worldwide as a Chief Engineer on several ships, including the MARINE RELIANCE. Ed served on various boards and commissions and was a selectman for the Town of Middlefield, CT since 2009 and served as First Selectman since 2015. Ed enjoyed sailing and the outdoors. His nieces and nephews always loved it when he returned from overseas trips to hear of his global travels. At family gatherings, he would light up the room with his zest for life and worldly knowledge. Ed is survived by his sister Pamela Bailey Maher; brother William; four nieces and nephews; and his dear friends, Reverend Francis Gilbert and Patrick Gilbert.

JOSEPH J. BALACONIS JR.



Joe Balacomis found his safe haven on August 2, 2022 at the age of 66. A life-long South Boston resident, he was a devout Catholic who attended

Mass regularly, and set a fine example for his nieces and nephews. Joe had a lifelong love of the sea and was happiest at the helm of a sailboat. He was a longtime member of Community

Boating on the Charles River where he won many racing events and is considered one of the finest sailors ever to race on the Charles. He graduated from SUNY Maritime as a deck officer and shipped for many years. As a college sailor he was an All-American with his plaque enshrined at the Naval Academy at Annapolis. Joe loved his family and friends and was much loved in return. He is survived by mother Elizabeth, sisters Margaret and Nan and Margaret Rezza, brothers George, CMDR Navy (Retired) Roy and Mark. He was the proud uncle of Anika Balaconis, Lt. Col AF John Balaconis, Patrick Balaconis, Katie Balaconis, Elizabeth Balaconis, Zoe Balaconis, Lt. John Rezza and Nicole Rezza; and great uncle to Shea, Nelle and Liam.

ANDREW ERNEST BARACCO



Andrew Baracco went to his final reward on May 27, 2022 in Fort Myers, FL at the age of 69. He was a resident of Cape Coral, FL for the past

14 years. He was born in Baltimore, MD, and had many passions – including sailing, tennis, travel, friends/family and good times. As a young man he attended the Calhoon M.E.B.A. Engineering School on Light Street and graduated in 1973. He earned his Chief Engineer's license and sailed around the world on various merchant ships. Between the giant freighters and small sailing vessels, Andrew became quite the skilled seaman. Always keeping his cool in tough situations and inspiring other mariners around him made for the ideal shipmate. Between voyages on various vessels, Andrew filled his free time with travel and adventure with friends and family. Famous to most (and maybe infamous to others) Andrew was known as the most charming ladies' man on the block. He took having a good time seriously and enjoyed many sailing trips and road trips in his van – which was replete with shag carpeting. Aside from his

good times he also loved what he did. Being employed as a seagoing engineer allowed him to live the life that he had always dreamed about. He enjoyed engineering so much so that he returned to the M.E.B.A. School to teach the trade as an Instructor. In 1994 Andrew had his son, Ernest John Baracco (EJ). The legacy lives on through EJ who now also lives on a sailing vessel full time with the same thirst for adventure Andrew once had. Andrew was a good father to EJ and always supported all of his aspirations. In 2019, Andrew passed down his 38' sailboat which gave his son the ultimate freedom. Andrew was always an easy-going, laidback, positive, and happy person. Looking back on his life, he had a dream and goals and made it happen. There are not a lot of people in this world that can say that and it is truly an inspiration to so many.

RODNEY CRAIG BAXTER

Craig Baxter departed this life on December 26, 2022 at the age of 72. Born in Oregon, he fell in love with the sea and put together an impressive career as a mariner. People knew him as a kind man – a wonderful son, brother, husband, companion, father, grandfather and great friend. He leaves behind his longtime partner Donna and daughter Shannon as well as many loving family and friends.

DOUGLAS ANDREW BECHTEL

Doug Bechtel's spirit was freed on November 17, 2022 at the age of 77. Born in Seattle, WA, he suited up with the M.E.B.A. blue & gold and put together a solid career as a mariner earning a good living and the respect of his shipmates. He retired in Santa Clara, California and is missed by many family and friends.

PETER JAIME BOURGEOIS



Captain Jaime Bourgeois embarked on his final passage on January 1, 2022 at the age of 86 in Opelousas, LA. Jaime

was a 1956 graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. He retired as Master with Delta Steamship Lines of New Orleans. His career included two years as a naval officer, 29 years as a Merchant Marine officer, 8 years as a Marine Surveyor, and 17 years at the Texas Maritime Academy, where he taught Navigation, Seamanship, Cargo Handling, Rules of the Road, Naval Architecture, and Marine Surveying. He finally retired in 2015 at the age of 80. Capt. Bourgeois loved his family, friends, and students and the traditional Latin mass, to which he remained loyal until his death.

BRUCE RAYMOND CARTER



Bruce “Raymie” Carter pushed off toward his final frontier on October 31, 2021 at the age of 90. Bruce was a 1952 graduate of Maine Maritime Academy and served in the U.S. Navy from October 1954 through October 1957. As a merchant mariner he had a long career and supported the country’s efforts in Vietnam aboard an ammo ship in 1966. He served aboard the USS INTREPID (1954-1955) and in the Navy Reserve (1958-1968). After leaving the high seas, he worked at the Maine Department of Corrections Downeast. He later served Franklin, ME as selectman, road commissioner, water commissioner, assessor, Planning Board member and Community Center trustee. Bruce wrote the “History of Roads in Franklin,” with some side commentary, as always. Books researched and written by him are “Odyssey in a Downeast Outhouse” and “Oblivion & Dead Relatives Downeast.” Many hours were devoted to the establishment and development of the Franklin Veterans Club, starting in the old “culvert.” At beano he sold tear tickets, and he ran the coin game on Friday nights. A few of his other activities included: MMA director, Realtor, VFW member, DAH lodge member, certified assessor, contributor to The Ellsworth American, panelist for

Maine Public Opinion and race announcer at Cherryfield and Graham Lake dirt tracks. Bruce was the owner/operator of Ma’s Barn/Franklin Stove Shop for many years, keeping his mother Gert busy. His passion was Franklin genealogy, especially the cemeteries, which he was working on up until his last week. In “retirement,” he and Alice traveled all over Maine, with good friends Robert, Bev and Millard, Paul and Teddy, Wayne and Martha, Merle and Allie, just to name a few. They knew all the good eateries and ice cream joints. Bruce is survived by his son Greg and daughter Dawn.

SALVADOR CESPEDES

Sal Cespedes sailed to the end of the line on September 25, 2022 at the age of 90. He was an expert engineer, dependable and safe. He put in a lot of good years at sea and his shipmates appreciated his strong work ethic and jovial manner. He finally put in his retirement papers in early 1997 and concentrated on his retirement. He is missed by many family and friends.

HERBERT T. COLEMAN

Herbert Coleman made sail for the great unknown on June 27, 2021 at the age of 99. He fast forwarded his youth when he signed up for the war effort when Pearl Harbor was bombed. He fought for his country and continued serving the U.S. in peace and war as a merchant mariner. He shipped out - off and on - until 1972 when he decided to give up the sea for good. He leaves behind many family and friends.

RAY KENNETH COLLINS



Ray Collins found his safe haven on August 15, 2021. Ray was born in Cleveland, Texas and died in the Lone Star state 93 years later. He sailed for various shipping companies before joining Amoco. He loved fishing Toledo Bend Lake between Texas and Louisiana any chance he got. Ray is

survived by his son Mark Collins and wife Jennifer; four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

WILLIAM COOK

William Cook steamed into the hereafter on June 6, 2022 at the age of 79. He put in a lot of good years at sea and his work was appreciated by all the companies he worked for, shipmates and Union. He finally put away his wrenches in 2007 and enjoyed retirement. He is missed by many family and friends.

THOMAS CALVIN COOLIDGE JR.



Tom Coolidge sailed off to his final port of call on November 6, 2022 at the age of 79. “Tinker” loved history, science, welding and making

machines work. At the time of his death, he was studying the history of his family with his Ancestry subscription. He was curious and a deep thinker. He enjoyed gardening, haying, his animals, his chickens and his friends. He played the trombone in his high school band and attended the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. After graduation, he worked on the Hospital Ship USS HOPE. When Richard Nixon lifted the embargo on Russia because they were facing famine, Thomas was on the first ship that sailed into Russia with wheat. After the death of Mao Tse Tung he was on one of the first ships into Communist China. He rose to the position of Chief Engineer while working for Lykes Brothers Steamship Company. Tom is survived by his wife Wendy, brother Tag, sister Peggy Rohrer; daughters Beth Birge, Rachel Coolidge and Helen Coolidge, sons-in-law Cassey Birge and Dustin Meneley; grandchildren Cabe Birge, Ashtin Birge, Caleigh Birge, Caden Birge, Carol Birge, Mia Meneley, Landon Meneley, Cooper Meneley and Carmon Winters; great grandchildren Jeremiah and Elijah Birge; friends Josh Manson, Shane Manson, Sue Skelton, Chuck Savage, Lori Turcotte, John

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Meserve, Mike Rivera, Liz Curtis, Brenda Coffey, Kat, Al, Dot and many others.

PAUL F. CROVO

Paul Crovo steamed into the hereafter on January 12, 2021 at the age of 77. He shipped for many years, racked up a big chunk of pension credit and built a good life for himself. He sailed for a variety of shipping companies before finally filing for retirement in 2007. Paul is survived by many family and friends.

HUGH DONALD CURRAN



Hugh Curran stood his final watch on December 15, 2021 at the age of 84. He went to sea for the first time at the age of 15 and worked his way up to

Chief Engineer, and he sailed on hundreds of voyages. His last trip was as an instructor aboard the Maine Maritime training vessel STATE OF MAINE in 2015. His love of ships, military history, and the sea was constant during his entire life. In addition to being a proud member of the U.S. Merchant Marine, Hugh was also a commander in the U.S. Navy, and an active member of the Naval Reserve after his military retirement. He was always an advocate for fellow mariners and naval seamen during his life and helped many get the benefits to which they were entitled. Hugh circled the globe seven times during his career, and, when asked about his favorite travel memory, said it was “seeing the Taj Mahal in moonlight.” Hugh’s brilliance and kindness touched so many lives, and he will always be remembered as a master storyteller with a charming, “salty” sense of humor and as a wonderful and loyal husband, father, and friend. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Mary Ann.

KEVIN M. CZEKANSKI



Kevin “Mickey” Czekanski sailed into the sunset on November 23, 2022 at the age of 68. He grew up in Lakewood, Ohio then attended

Ashland University, but soon followed his heart to a career on the Great Lakes. He first set foot on the deck of an ore carrier, the CRISPIN OGLEBAY, when he was 19 years old and set sail on a lifelong adventure. He rose through the ranks - deckhand, watchman, wheelsman, licensed officer and much-loved captain. Kevin had a great love of animals especially his beloved Labrador Retrievers Benny and Lola and English Bulldog Chopper. He was a great and faithful son, brother, uncle and friend. He will be missed more than words can express and will always be remembered as a well-respected, kind, generous and loving man. He is survived by sister Karen Stewart, nephew Brad, nieces Jennifer, Emily, Aimee and Lisa and seven Great-nephews and Great-Nieces.

EUGENE DAISEY



The M.E.B.A. lost a brother on October 5, 2022 with the passing of Eugene Daisey, a popular past instructor at the Calhoon M.E.B.A.

Engineering School during the facility’s cadet school days on Light Street in Baltimore, MD. A resident of Tilghman, MD, he was 87. Born and raised in Chincoteague VA, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served from 1952 to 1956. He then joined the U.S. Coast Guard in 1956 making a career and retiring in 1972. While stationed in Tilghman, MD; he met the love of his life, Victoria Haddaway in 1957 – they were married for nearly 65 years. He was stationed in multiple places including Tilghman, MD, Chincoteague VA, Ocean City MD,

Cape May New Jersey, Philippines, California and returning back to Tilghman after retirement in 1972. He took his family with him with each transfer. After retirement he became a firefighter instructor at the CMES from 1973 to 1982. In 1983 he drove a crab truck for Bay Hundred Seafood for several years for Joe Spurry. In 1973 he became a member of the E.E. Streets Memorial Post 5118 in Easton MD. While a member there he served as Commander for 10 years, and also had the honor of proudly serving in the National Honor Guard, the Cootees, and American Legion post 70 of Easton. In 1961 he became a member of the Masons and received his 60-year pin in January of 2022, from Granite Lodge #177 of St. Michaels. He was also a member of Tilghman Island Fire Dept. In his free time, he enjoyed duck carving with Eddie Burns and Eddie Cheezum. After retiring, his joy was visiting all the local restaurants and businesses and was loved by all. He is survived by wife Victoria, children Terry Daisey, Debbie Correa, David Daisey, and Kathy Daisey, nine grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren, two great great grandchildren. brother Jerry Daisey, and several nieces and nephews.

DURWIN DAVIS

Durwin Davis voyaged to the great beyond on July 25, 2022 at the age of 75. He was affable, fun-loving, and a damn good engineer. He racked up over 20 years of pension credit, made a lot of friends and won the respect of his shipmates. Durwin retired in 1996. He is survived by many family and friends.

EDWARD FRANCIS DAVIS



Edward Davis sailed into the sunset on December 9, 2022 at the age of 79. Born in Chester, Pennsylvania, high school football teammates nicknamed him “Mad Dog,” because he never quit.

That was emblematic of Ed who always followed through and got the job done. He started shipping out as a mariner right out of high school in 1962 and sailed on tanker ships for Sun Oil Company. But in 1965, he was drafted into the Army. After training at Fort Benning, he volunteered for Vietnam where he arrived in November of 1966 with the 1st Infantry Division. He completed his Special Forces training and earned his “Green Beret” early in his career. Ed spent many years in Vietnam and wrapped up his service there in April of 1975 after serving as an interpreter in the peace talks between Vietnam and the US. He was fluid in five languages. Ed was then sent to Panama and various countries in Central America. His last year in the army was spent teaching ROTC at Texas State University where he completed his active service after 23 years. Ed earned eight campaign stars during his many years in Vietnam. He was awarded many medals including a total of four different Bronze Stars with a “V” device for Valor, a true hero. After the military, he returned to his first career with the U.S. Merchant Marine and continued sailing around the world as an M.E.B.A. engineer. He had a productive and prosperous career at sea but finally decided to file his retirement papers in 2004. He returned to San Marcos, TX where he taught ROTC at Texas State University (formerly known as Southwest Texas State) and spent time with his daughters. Ed enjoyed retirement and loved visits from his six grandchildren. He was also a great animal lover. He spent hours helping to care for his cats along with many other cats in need. He was a loving father and friend, and true servant to his community. Ed Davis is survived by former wife Lan Huong Davis-Therrell, daughters Charlotte Boyd and Denise Patterson, grandchildren Michael Boyd, Camille Boyd, Cody Opatrny, Lilly Opatrny, Cale Opatrny and Luke Patterson. He is also survived by his siblings Walter

“Buddy” Davis, Charlotte Murphy, Leona Louderback, Bob Davis and former M.E.B.A. President Ron Davis. He was buried in Fort Sam Houston with full military honors. Ed is gone but not forgotten and his 2010 radio interview is still available on the internet at <https://voicesofveterans.org/oral-history/davis-e.html>

JAN PHILLIP DIEHN

Jan Diehn shoved off toward his eternal reward on January 26, 2020 at the age of 66. He had a productive shipping career sailing on various M.E.B.A.-contracted vessels on the world’s shipping lanes. In 2008, he retired from the sea and settled down in North Point, FL. He is survived by many family and friends.

FREDERICK CARL DIETZEL

The keys went silent for Frederick Dietzel on February 2, 2023 at the age of 92. He grew up in Youngstown, Ohio, and after high school, began training at the DeVry University School of Electronics. Out of school, he joined M.E.B.A. District No. 3 – the Radio-Electronics Officers (ROU) and began shipping out as a Radio Officer. Frederick married Wilhelmina in 1991, and they stayed together until the end. In 1994, he retired from the sea. He loved all kinds of music and loved to travel as much as possible, along with hiking and biking his way to those destinations. He is survived by his wife Wilhelmina, sisters Janet Lea, Doris Lee, and Rosalie, plus several nieces, nephews, and extended family.

JERRY DUNHAM

Jerry Dunham made the big jump on December 23, 2022 at the age of 79. He was solid and dependable and had a lucrative career at sea that served him well when he settled down shoreside during his retirement. He is missed by many family and friends.

MATTHEW OLIN FARRAR



Mathew Farrar made his last muster on June 18, 2022 at the age of 37. He was born in New Hampshire and moved to Maine at an early age. After

attending school at Southern Maine Community College, he moved to the Virgin Islands, where he lived on his sailboat and earned his livelihood by fishing and painting houses. It was one night while watching the stars that he decided that working on boats and traveling the world was the life he would pursue. Matthew began his career as an unlicensed merchant seaman by following the Hawespipe progression path. After six years of accumulating enough sea time, taking the required training courses and passing a comprehensive license examination, Matthew was licensed as a Third Engineer and joined the M.E.B.A. He sailed on ships such as the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT and upgraded his license as he became more practiced. He had an immense enthusiasm to seek out new experiences and lifelong learning. His job allowed him to visit many different countries and states. On the job, he traveled to locations around the world but in his off time he visited Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam (where he volunteered in an orphanage) and Columbia (where he spent a month at a Spanish immersion school). With his future wife Cassandra, he shared adventures in Costa Rica, Mexico and Glacier National Park. During a recent summer, Matthew and his friend Jerry fished on the south fork of the Flathead River in the Bob Marshall Wilderness of Montana. They carried their own pack rafts on a 20-mile backpack trip. After the hike, they floated 65 miles in the back country, “catching native Montana cutthroat and bull trout using flies.” After a courtship of six years, Matthew and Cassandra were married in May of 2022 in Savannah, Georgia,

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a city that they both loved. Matthew touched many lives, and he will be missed by all who knew him. As his friend Patrick said, "Matt's laughter was loud, persistent and infectious. You couldn't stop him when you got him going." With a smile and sense of humor that entertained everyone, he was loving and was loved. Matthew leaves behind his wife, Cassandra Tomseth; mom and dad Susan and W. Timothy, brother Aron, nephews Lochlan and August Farrar, and his extended family.

AARON J. FAULHABER



Aaron Faulhaber reached his final shore on June 28, 2022 at the age of 49. He was a popular friend and shipmate and was an enthusiast of dirt

bikes, mountain biking, skiing, boating and other outdoor adventures. He was an angel to many – friends and neighbors – and had a contagious laugh. He was born and raised in Spokane, WA. He left us after a boating accident in the Pend Oreille River. His wife of 16 years Jenny called him "an amazing man" and he is dearly missed by his family and many, many friends.

JOSEPH FOSS

Joe Foss climbed the gangway to the great beyond on October 15, 2022 at the age of 83. He was a friend to many and a hard worker who thanked the M.E.B.A. for the long retirement he was able to enjoy. Joe is missed by many family and friends.

ANTHONY R. GALANTE

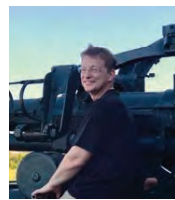
Anthony Galante crossed the final bar on December 31, 2022 at the age of 70. He was proud to be a native Staten Islander. Tony succumbed to cancer as a result of his selfless actions on September 11, 2001. He was working his job as a Staten Island Ferryboat Captain when the towers fell on that tragic day. Tony sailed into Manhattan to rescue passengers

and to transport policemen, firemen and emergency equipment for weeks on end. He was diagnosed with 9/11 related cancer 20 years later. He is survived by his loving wife Donna, son Anthony, stepsons Robert and Daniel McCarthy, daughter-in-law Tracy McCarthy and granddaughters Meaghan, Erin and Caitlin McCarthy.

RUDOLPH GARVIN

Rudy Garvin sailed toward safe haven on January 20, 2023 at the age of 82. He spent many productive years at sea delivering the goods in both peace and war. He earned a good life at sea, won the respect of his shipmates and accumulated a lifetime of sea stories he happily related to friends and family for the rest of his life.

GEOFF GEORGE



Geoff George eased into the firmament on October 7, 2022 at the age of 54. From a very early age, he loved all things mechanical, mathematics, puzzles and computers. He read voraciously throughout his life and old westerns or war history was his favorite reading material. He also loved hiking, camping, playing football, wrestling, rugby and the ocean. It was his love of the ocean that sent him from the Midwest to Texas A&M in Galveston to pursue a career working on ships as an engineer with plans to join the Navy upon graduation. In the summer of his senior year, he met the love of his life Kelly. While at the end of his first semester of his senior year he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma - late stages. He spent the next 1 ½ years on chemotherapy and radiation fighting to survive. He also had to delay graduating and the Navy discharged him. But he won that battle and went on to start working as an engineer in the Merchant Marine. He and Kelly married in 1992. He worked on ships for 5 years but his love for his wife was greater than his love for the sea which

took him away for months on end so he went back for a Master's degree from A&M. He was a lifelong Aggie. He took a job in Houston after getting his Master's. He and Kelly had 5 children - Caleb, Aiden, Avery, Seth and Callie, who were the absolute loves of his life. They moved to the country in Magnolia in 2004. Geoff loved living on property instead of the suburbs. In 2020 another son was added in the form of their foster son Hunter bringing the child count to 6. Geoff spent the years holding and playing with babies, building tree and blanket forts, carrying tired children when they didn't want to walk, patching boo boos, helping with homework, coaching his kids' teams (even when he didn't know how - and had to buy a 'how to coach basketball for dummies' book) and going on vacations with his family. He was the most involved father and husband that he could possibly be never missing a major event or even a minor one. Geoff also loved being involved in his church and early in marriage before children their passion was children's and youth ministry. He poured his heart and soul into ministering to youth. He loved connecting with teenagers and counseling them. Sharing his stories and mistakes but most importantly sharing God with them. When he was diagnosed again, he spent his last year spending as much time as possible with his children and wife doing things they and he loved to make memories. He is preceded in death by his grandparents Frank and Mary George, HC and Anne Bever, Uncles Terry George and Ronald Bever. He is survived by his wife Kelly, children Caleb and wife Veronika, Aiden, Avery, Seth, Callie and Hunter, parents Frank and Julia George, brother Scott and wife Sandra with their children Elisabeth, Sara and Debora, mother and father in-law Virginia and David Mullins, brother in law Brett and wife Suzanne with their children Amanda and Katie, brother in law Mike and wife Moyer with their children Addie, Tyler and Carson as well as numerous other extended family.

VIVIAN JOSEPH DOMINIC GIANELLONI II



V.J. Gianelloni sailed into safe harbor on May 25, 2022 at the age of 79, after many years with Alzheimer's disease. Born in Kentucky, he spent his youth in Baton Rouge learning a lot about farming and agriculture, raising sheep and cattle, and winning dozens of 4H awards for his livestock. In school he played football and ran track. He attended the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY graduating in with the Class of 1964. He experienced the diversity of the world at this young age, including dancing with African tribes, being "tree'ed" by a white rhinoceros, and charged by a bull elephant. He had a deep interest in geo-politics and he was never shy to debate politics or religion with anyone who wished to "enter the ring" with him. Family dinners were always filled with stimulating conversation. He obtained his Juris Doctorate from Loyola School of Law in 1970. By age 30 he was both an Engineer and Attorney. He was also a member of the Coast Guard Reserve, achieving the rank of Commander before retirement. His wide-ranging skills and interests were given in service to a variety of careers: High School Teacher, Football/Track/Wrestling Coach, LA Congressional Staff, Director of LA Marine and Petroleum Institute, Marine Vocational Trainer and Consultant, Army Corps of Engineers, and the US Coast Guard. His life included a total of 11 years and 4 months "at sea." Jay was deeply principled, unshakable in his beliefs. His opinions were firmly rooted in a comprehensive study of history, logic, facts, reason, and philosophy, including his deeply held his religious beliefs. To many people, Jay was a stoic man of very few words. However, those closest to him know he was truly NOT a man of few words. He could speak for hours without interruption providing

"irrefutable supporting evidence" on any position he took on topics he considered important. Jay joked: "I thought I was wrong once but I was mistaken." Jay liked: brainteasers and problem-solving; engines and oil; ships and the sea; farms and agriculture; law and logic; Roger Whitaker music and road trip singing; and praying the rosary with Joanne and the kids. Jay LOVED: his family, Saint Dominic, Saint Jude, Saint Joseph, our Blessed Mother, and our Lord God above all. He is survived by Joanne his wife of over 56 years, 6 children Matthew, Charlotte, Mark, Luke, Jeanette "GiGi," and Paulette, 34 Grandchildren; 18 Great-Grandchildren; siblings James "Buzzy," Julie, Douglas, Victor, and hundreds of cousins, nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

JOHN HENRY GIBSON IV



John Gibson eased into eternity on February 19, 2022 at the age of 71. Born in Baltimore, he went to high school at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute then graduated in 1975 from the Calhoun M.E.B.A. Engineering School on Light Street. That catapulted him into the U.S. Merchant Marine where he spent many productive years, upgrading his license to Chief Engineer and keeping his ships safe and efficient. Later on, he went on to earn his Doctorate and PhD in religious studies from Vision International University. After he retired, he became a licensed life insurance agent with Primerica. John met and married Alice in 1984 in Baltimore, Maryland then they moved to Texas. He was a faithful servant of God and a member of Turning Point Church where he served in the media ministry. John leaves behind to cherish his memories: his wife Alice, daughter Nicole "Nikki" Gibson, stepson Flynn Lindsay Sr., grandsons Vonte & Dezmond Rogers, Flynn Jr., Jeremy, Flynn III, Lindsay, granddaughter Jasirae Lindsay, and a host of great-

grand kids, cousin Harriet Harris and faithful family & friends Ken Koehler and Clyde Jackson.

EDWARD J. GRABOW

Edward J. Grabow sailed off toward his final port call on January 9, 2022 at the age of 83. He was a resident of Holbrook, New York where he returned for many good years of retirement after hanging up his boiler suit. Edward leaves behind many family and friends.

LELAND W. HALL

Leland W. Hall was loosed from his moorings on December 26, 2020 at the age of 75. He shipped out in both peace and war to the benefit of the nation's economy and national security. He was a good mariner and union man and is survived by many family and friends.

RAYMOND KENNETH HALL

Raymond Kenneth set course for calmer waters on December 20, 2021 at the age of 79. Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, he had a productive shipping career with the union and eventually settled down in Houston, TX. He is survived by his wife Cynthia, children, Wesley K. Hall, Raymond K. Hall II, Julita Littleton, Belen Henderson, Sharon K. Hall, Aubrey Hall, Vanessa Hall and Enchantee Hall; and grandchildren Kenneth Williams, Djajine Woodford, Jessica Littleton, Savanna Hall, Addison Hall, Skye Hall, Armise Hall and Julian Jimenez.

IRENEUSZ HAMBERG

Ireneusz Hamberg shipped off toward his final destination on July 20, 2022 at the age of 73. He kept his ships on an even keel during a long and productive career sailing around the world for various shipping companies. His retirement officially took hold in 2020. He was a resident of Roselle, Illinois and leaves behind many family and friends.

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CHARLES E. HINTON

Charles E. Hinton shipped off to the source on August 11, 2021 at the age of 74. He put in a lot of good years shipping around the world for union and country in both peace and war. He was a good shipmate and excellent engineer who will be missed by many family and friends.

ROBERT M. HODGDON



Robert Hodgson sailed toward his final rest on November 7, 2022 at the age of 66 after a 6-month battle with pancreatic cancer. Robert approached his entire life with an unmatched curiosity demonstrated by his commitment to exploration and education. He had a degree in Civil Engineering from Wentworth University, before completing a second degree in Marine Engineering from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. After 42 years of sailing the world as a mariner, Robert retired (briefly), and went on to work as Chief Port Engineer in U.S. Naval harbors from Baltimore, MD to Charleston, SC. Robert's love for adventure, on land or sea, extended well into his personal life. From meeting his wife Wendy while sailing in Figawi, to skiing away his 20s in North Conway with his Mass Maritime buddies, and teaching his kids to fish, ski and even scuba dive - the only thing Robert loved more than the great outdoors, was exploring it with the ones he loved. The last true renaissance man, he will be greatly missed by all those who knew him. He is survived by his wife of 40 years Wendy, children Kevin, Dilan, and Bridget, mother Mary, siblings Ann Vachon, Irene Butler, Gail Lanciani, Stephen Hodgdon, Mary Manning, Ray Hodgdon, and by his many adoring nieces and nephews.

KNUTE ALAN HOLM

Knute Holm steamed into the sunset on April 10, 2022 at the age of 73. He sailed the seven seas, and delivered

the goods in both peace and war. His resolve and expertise were good traits at sea where he kept his ships running smoothly. Shoreside, he was appreciated for his friendly manner and strong wit. A resident of North Edwards, CA, Knute is survived by many family and friends.

HENRY L. HOLZBERG

Henry Holzberg reached his journey's end on May 27, 2022 at the age of 94. He was a longtime mariner who racked up many pension years and earned a good living thanks to the M.E.B.A. In his retirement, he gave back to the Union contributing to the Political Action Fund to help keep the M.E.B.A. strong. He was a resident of Petaluma, CA and is missed by many family and friends.

FORRIS LEE HOWARD HUDKINS II



Forris Lee Howard Hudkins II crossed the great divide on December 10, 2022 at the age of 84. Forris retired from the U.S. Navy where he served as Fleet Command Master Chief Petty Officer of the 6th Fleet after 34 years of service and was a great patriot. He lived and traveled to many parts of the world during his Naval career and service as a commercial mariner. Among those places was Algiers, where he met the love of his life, Agueda Hudkins. Forris also served as a Navy recruiter where he earned a gold star, among the many high-level decorations bestowed upon him. He loved writing and authored and published three books. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Agueda Caceres "Laura" Hudkins, sons Forris L.H. Hudkins III, Wilson "Bob" Hudkins and Julian H. Hudkins, and daughter Agueda "Tonie" Teague. He had 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Forris is also survived by his sister Charlotte Poling as well as several nieces and nephews, including Janet Poling and Shanon Postlewait.

WALTER GEORGE IVEY



Walter Ivey sailed into the sweet hereafter on August 9, 2022 at the age of 95. Born in Richland, GA, he shipped out and saw the world sailing with

many shipping companies as Chief Engineer including Sea-Land Services. He earned a good living and was a great friend and family man. Walter is survived by many nieces and nephews, friends and admirers.

DONALD JAHNS

The Creator rang down 'finished with engines' for Donald Jahns on October 23, 2022 at the age of 93. He was a member of District 2 and sailed with the American Maritime Officers. He retired from shipping in 1984 and is survived by many family and friends.

CHRISTOPHER JASKOLKA



Chris Jaskolka made his final crossing on August 29, 2022 at the age of 65. Born and raised in New Bedford, MA he lived in Mattapoisett, MA

most of his life. He graduated from Massachusetts Maritime Academy, class of 1979 and joined the M.E.B.A. He served as an engineer on seagoing vessels around the globe for a decade. He later founded contracting company Mattapoisett Housewrights with his wife Cheryl. He enjoyed building custom homes for over 35 years, including his own timber frame home for his family. From a young age, he loved being on the Buzzards Bay water, whether it be fishing, lobstering, or sailing, including family trips on the *Cheryl Anne* with his wife and children. He always had a strong interest in the Mattapoisett community. He was a former member of the Lions Club, Fin, Fur, & Feather Club, Chairman of the Planning Board, and a Water & Sewer Commissioner. An avid hockey player and Bruins fan, he enjoyed sharing the game with his children and celebrating

several competitive adult hockey tournament wins with his friends. His greatest pride was his two beloved children. In his later years, he enjoyed the company of his treasured dog and best companion, Josie. Survivors include his loving wife of 38 years Cheryl; son Jacob; daughter Serena Jaskolka; brothers Karl, Steven and Kevin Jaskolka, and Wayne Nichols; sister Kerri-Lynn Nichols; brother-in-law John McGuire; cherished grandson Colton Jaskolka; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

CHARLES E. JERRIER JR.



Charlie Jerrier Jr., who shipped out for years with the Union and bled M.E.B.A. blue & gold, sailed into the sunset on November 6, 2022 at the age of

54. He had been part of the M.E.B.A. since 1990 following his graduation from Maine Maritime and was a dedicated engineer, good conversationalist and passionate about the M.E.B.A. and the Merchant Marine. He was a resident of Milton, MA, had a Chief Engineer's license and shipped out of the Boston hall for years. In his later career, he primarily sailed relief onboard Maersk Line vessels. In addition to crossing the globe many times, his long career as a mariner further educated him in geopolitical, geoeconomic, and geosocial systems. He was never shy to voice his opinions about the world, making every conversation enlightening, insightful, passionate and entertaining. Charlie could navigate using the stars and his language was often filled with maritime idioms and descriptions. He retired in early 2022 as he battled cancer. Charlie was a member of the online "Belong" cancer support group. The warriors he met there described him as an inspiration. He was a positive influence upon them by encouraging them to continue the battle and to use all of their weapons to fight cancer. He himself fought cancer every step of the way, never giving up. Charlie was the beloved son of Charles E. and Helen

and the loving brother of Marguerite (Margo) Rose Parino; Michel Nicole Johnson and Derek D. Jerrier. He is also survived by his cherished nieces Katja Schmidt and Anja Johnson. All of his wonderfully supportive relatives and friends will miss him dearly.

GEORGE W. JONES



George Jones was released from earthly ties on November 15, 2021 at the age of 93. He was one of the Greatest Generation mariners who lied about his age so he

could go to war and make a difference. He continued sailing after the war and racked up a good living supporting his country in both peace and war. He was a resident of Chapel Hill, NC and is survived by many family and friends.

CAPTAIN CRAIG J. KALLOCH



Capt. Craig J. Kalloch made his final voyage March 1, 2022 at the age of 73. He was born in Rockland, Maine and his great love growing up was

baseball. He spent hours perfecting his knuckleball under the guidance of his father. All his hard work paid off as he was the winning pitcher for the 1964 Babe Ruth state championship playing for the Linnox (Knox and Lincoln Counties) team. He continued sharing his talent in high school and college. After high school, he graduated from Maine Maritime Academy in 1970 and joined the M.E.B.A. In 1976, at the age of 28, he became the youngest captain on ocean-going ships in the U.S. at that time. One of his vessels, the 900-foot oil tanker GOLDEN MONARCH, was the largest ever to dock in Boston Harbor. His enthusiasm, dedication and leadership throughout his career allowed him to successfully navigate some of the most challenging ports around the world. Upon retirement after 25 years of service, Craig and his wife Lisa founded the Middle Earth

Healing and Learning Center dedicated to the practice of Deep Ecology. They were deeply grounded in the belief that the health and well-being of each individual is interconnected with their living and working environment, as well as to the health and sustainability of the planet herself. Craig is survived by his wife Lisa; children Sean Kalloch, Carolyn Lane Harris and Luke Kalloch; stepchildren Faith Turner Tharp, Holly Turner Taylor and Perry Boyd Turner; sisters Jan Staples, Gail Robishaw and Cindi Hamlin; step grandchildren Trenton, Emma, Trey, Victoria, Sarah, Abigail, Molly; several nieces; nephews; great-nieces; and great nephews.

JAMES MARK KENNARD

James Kennard sailed toward the hereafter on May 21, 2022 at the age of 68. He was a longtime member and good union man who crossed the globe many times. He earned the respect of his shipmates and had an endless supply of sea stories with which he regaled friends and relatives once he retired in 2010. He is survived and missed by many.

HADYN J. KENNERLEY

Hadyn J. Kennerley sailed to a better place on September 14, 2021 at the age of 83. He did his sailing in the 1950s and 60s and retired from the sea just before the 70s rolled in. He was a good engineer and family man. A resident of Carson City, NV, Hadyn leaves behind many family and friends including Metsui and Tammi.

DONALD STEESE KINSER

Don Kinser sailed to his journey's end on January 12, 2023 at the age of 98. He was just coming into adulthood when World War II broke out. He fought against Hitler, then suited up with the M.E.B.A. and delivered the goods around the world in peace and in war. He was a resident of Forest Grove, Oregon and leaves behind many family and friends.

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MELCHOR L. LLANOS

Melchor Llanos shoved off toward his final port of call on February 23, 2021 at the age of 101. He served his country during World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He was an excellent engineer as well as a great shipmate and friend. He retired for good in the late 1980s. He is survived by many family and friends.

LEONARD E. LOVALLO

Leonard Lovallo was summoned away on March 13, 2021 at the age of 74. He put in many good years at sea and was successful in his shoreside ventures during his retirement from the M.E.B.A. which took place in 2012. Leonard was a resident of Smithtown, NY and is missed by many family and friends.

ROBERT WILLIAM MAHLSTEDT



Bob Mahlstedt sailed into eternity on November 23, 2021 at the age of 94. Born in Yonkers, New York, he joined the Navy as a young man and served honorably in World War II. He was a Plans administrator for the M.E.B.A. and was steady and methodical in his years working for the Union. Bob ran over 25 marathons across the U.S. - from New York City to Big Sur, California. In 1970, he ran his last one, the St. George Marathon at the age of 75. He is survived by children Linda Lawrence, Barbara Sharpe and Robert Thomas Mahlstedt.

MITSUKO MALLMAN

Mitsuko Mallman sailed into the sunset on July 27, 2022 at the age of 94. He turned wrenches at a young age and traveled the world on vessels in times of both peace and war. He finally hung up his boiler suit in 1977 and retired with well over 20 years of pension credit. He was a resident of Vancouver, WA and is survived by many family and friends.

WILLIAM "BILL" MARMANN



Bill Marmann berthed at his final destination November 7, 2022 at the age of 78. He served in the U.S. Army before becoming part of the U.S. Merchant Marine when he joined the M.E.B.A. As a marine engineer, he shipped out on all types of ships from steam engine Victory ships to thousand-foot diesel containerships. Bill traveled the world and eventually settled in the Pacific Northwest where he sailed on the Washington State Ferries for eleven years before he retired in 1997. Upon retirement, Bill and his wife Debbie, continued to explore the world and experience life together. Their adventures include sailing, hiking, and camping. A highlight of their sailing journeys was the Coconut Milk Run through the South Pacific on their 42-foot sailboat *Romance*. They found camaraderie and tips through the people they met along the way and through the Seven Seas Cruising Association. They were always grateful for the many adventures that sailing brought them. Bill was resourceful and disciplined when it came to accomplishing his goals. He loved an adventure and challenging himself, and Debbie, to experience all that they could. He was a genuinely happy person, a bit of a joker, he loved talking and sharing stories with people he met along the way. He is survived by his wife, Deborah "Debbie" A. Jehn; children William Marmann and Lauren Clark; and grandchildren Isabella and Juliana Marmann and Summer and Bailey Clark.

FERNANDO MARTINEZ

Fernando Martinez ended his earthly visit on July 26, 2021 at the age of 84. He put in many good years at sea and supported his country and Union through the Korean and Vietnam wars, delivering crucial cargo. He retired from the sea in 1997 and is survived by many family and friends.

RICHARD "BRANDON" MAURER

Brandon Maurer sailed toward smoother seas on June 11, 2020 at the age of 39, due to metastatic melanoma. He was a 2004 graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York. He shipped out from the Houston Union hall. Brandon is survived by his wife, Kristyn; his parents, Becky and Doug Fremont and Rich Maurer; sister Lauren Allen; and brother Tom Fremont. Brandon was the greatest uncle in the world to his 12 nieces and nephews: Claire, Greyson, Emily and Owen Allen and Luke, Thomas, Lillian, Hannah, Merek, Judah, Fletcher and Lorianna Fremont. He had many aunts, uncles and cousins. He is also survived by his grandparents, Thomas Mayhall and Cliff and Louise Fremont. Brandon was an adventure seeker, a risk taker and a loyal friend. He will be forever loved and missed by his family and friends. Please wear sunscreen!

WILLIAM A. "BUCK" MCSWEENEY



Buck McSweeney set sail for uncharted waters on May 19, 2022 at the age of 75. He shipped out for many years, earned a great living until his 2011 retirement and settled down in Rocky River, OH. Among others, he is survived by son William; brother Helen Wilke; and niece Michelle Wilke-Olsen.

EARL MEININGER



Earl Meininger sailed off to the eternal kingdom on Dec. 10, 2022 at the age of 74. In Vancouver, WA, Earl worked on the family farm and attended Columbia River High School. After graduation he enrolled in the Machining program at Clark College. This prepared him for the Calhoun M.E.B.A. Engineering School where he trained became a mariner in time for the Vietnam War. After shipping bombs and beer to

Vietnam, he navigated several trips across the Pacific, Atlantic, and Indian Oceans, including a nine-month trip supporting Operation Desert Storm. His last post was on the SS MANULANI where he sailed Chief Engineer prior to his retirement in 1998. He married Teresa Chew in 1975, and raised two sons, Otto and Earl II in Vancouver, and later in Washougal, WA. He later divorced and shared his life with Kathy Buhman for the past 20+ years in Ilwaco, WA. In retirement he shared his love of fishing, clamming, and playing pool with his family and friends. Earl is survived by Kathy Buhman; siblings, Ron, Tony, and Paula; sons, Otto and Earl II; grandchildren, Emily, Nathan, Amelia, and Wesley.

MICAH ERNEST MILLER



Micah Miller crossed the bar on December 19, 2022 at the age of 42. He joined the M.E.B.A. in April of 2006 after serving the U.S. Navy. He was a

well-respected Union brother, shipmate and beloved friend with a warm and giving soul. He was an excellent marine engineer sailing with various shipping companies, including Norwegian Cruise Line on the PRIDE OF AMERICA, but more recently with Matson on the MATSONIA and MANOA. Micah loved traveling and being on the ocean. He will be remembered as being well-liked by many and friendly to all. There was an outpouring of grief for Micah by friends and shipmates on his memorial page at obaughfueralhome.com. In addition to parents Basil and Dixie, he is survived by sister Sandra Lee Gill.

JOHN A. O'BRIEN

John O'Brien crossed the great divide on January 20, 2023 at the age of 82. He was a U.S. Navy man who joined the M.E.B.A. following his service. When he retired in 2005, he returned to his home in Victor, MT. John is survived by many family and friends.

KEVIN CHRISTOPHER O'MEARA



Kevin O'Meara sailed into the unknown on November 4, 2021 at the age of 74. He put in good years at sea and was a successful businessman when he

returned shoreside following his retirement. He leaves behind beloved wife Doris; children Meghan Reisig and Shawn O'Meara; grandson Flynn Reisig; brothers James and Gerard O'Meara; sisters Grace Cahill and Theresa Pawlowski; sister-in-law Joyce Bauer; cousin Deborah Duvall, as well as many extended family and friends.

LORENZO PADILLA

Lorenzo Padilla reached the end of the line on July 27, 2021 at the age of 96. He served his country during World War II and continued his service to the nation's economy and national security as a member of the U.S. Merchant Marine. The M.E.B.A. took him all around the world as he went to sea for a variety of shipping companies which afforded him a life that served him well during his long retirement ashore. He is missed by many family and friends.

JACK C. PEEPLES



Jack Peeples climbed the gangway to the great beyond on February 7, 2023 at the age of 87. Born in Woodbine, GA, he

became a hardworking Chief Engineer and sailed around the world many times. Jack loved spending time with his family and friends, reading, traveling and was great at telling stories. He was always willing to lend a hand to those in need, there was nothing he couldn't build or fix. His smile was contagious, he loved to make people laugh and could brighten the darkest room. He was a blessing to all. To know him was to love him. Jack was a resident of Jacksonville, FL and is survived by his sister Alberta; granddaughter Loryn; great

grandchildren Tyler, Justus, Harmony and Le'Ahni; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

EDWARD PELLEY

Edward Pelley eased into the firmament on December 18, 2022 at the age of 101. He served in World War II and supported his country as a mariner during Korea and Vietnam. Ed was a beam of light for shipmates and friends, he was an inspirational figure and hero to his country. He retired in 1986, enjoyed his shoreside years, and is survived by many family and friends.

GEORGE N. SALOVICH

George Salovich made his final voyage on October 15, 2022 at the age of 94. He was a resident of Polson, Montana and spent many good years at sea before a long and well-deserved retirement that began in 1992. He is survived by many family and friends.

HERBERT ALBERT "BUD" SCHMELTZ

Herbert Schmeltz slipped his moorings on July 4, 2021 at the age of 85. Born in San Diego, he put in many good years as a marine engineer and worked on a variety of vessels, but mostly with Matson. He was a resident of Puako, Hawaii and is survived by his wife Peg; daughters Chelsea Lindsey and Doriana Migliara as well as four grandchildren.

GEORGE SCOTT III

George Scott shipped out on his final voyage on September 2, 2022 at the age of 73. He put in many good years at sea and was a respected engineer, shipmate and friend. In 1995, he retired to Mobile, AL and cherished his family and free time. George is survived by many family and friends including his wife Cheryl.

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ARISTID A. SEIDEL

Aristid Seidel made the big jump on September 18, 2021 at the age of 100. He was part of the Greatest Generation who fought for his country in World War II, then continued his service to the nation and his Union as a proud member of the U.S. Merchant Marine. He continued delivering the goods during the Korean and Vietnam wars and finally filed for retirement in the 1980s. Aristid was a resident of Boynton Beach, FL and is missed by many family and friends.

CAPT. PERRY RICHARD SEYLER



Captain Perry Seyler sailed into the sunset on March 28, 2022 at the age of 63. Perry was a twin who grew up in Marin County, CA, attending public

schools in Fairfax and Novato. He graduated from Novato High School in 1976. He was active in sports and was an All-League defensive back for the Novato HS football team. In 1981 he graduated from the California Maritime Academy, leading to his 30-plus year maritime career that provided him the opportunity to travel the world.

He always strove for greatness and excelled through the ranks in his shipping career. He was highly regarded by clients, senior management and crew, and was well-known for his exceptional leadership and mentoring skills. He was known as “Captain Perry” to anyone who crossed his path. While working for Patriot Contract Services, Perry served as Chief Mate on the USNS YANO and the USNS SHUGHART. He captained the USNS WHEAT, as well as the USNS STOCKHAM where he carried out many rescue and strategic missions. In 2014, he became Master on the USNS DAHL and continued shipping out on that vessel until January 2017. Perry was a scholar of the game of golf, and it showed on the course. He learned the game from his father

(David) and grandfather (Ovid). Perry was proud to have been able to teach the game to his son, Kristian. Perry simply loved golf and enjoyed weekly golf events with the Men’s Club at the Legacy Golf Club in Henderson, NV. Perry is survived by his devoted and loving children - son Kristian David; daughters Meredith Rose and Ava Lorraine; mother Mona Seyler; and sisters Andrea Seyler Carnes and Laura Seyler-Ginn. In addition to his immediate family, Perry has aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins and many friends worldwide who are grieving the terrible loss of this wonderful, kind and quick-witted man.

SALVATORE SGAMMATO

Salvatore Sgammato shipped into the afterlife on May 19, 2022 at the age of 96. He sailed through three wars, wielded a mean set of calipers and was a great shipmate and friend. He settled down in Lakeland, FL during a well-deserved retirement that began in 1987 and is survived by many family and friends.

JOHN DENNIS SHARF



John Sharf answered the final call on October 10, 2021 at the age of 80. He was an excellent engineer and reliable shipmate who kept his vessels

running smoothly. He turned wrenches until 1998 when he finally hung up his boiler suit and retired to Bothell, WA. He is survived by many family and friends.

JOHN SLEDZINSKI



John Sledzinski sailed into the next life on February 18, 2023 at the age of 65. He was a 1979 Kings Point graduate who sailed as an engineer with the

M.E.B.A. for 30 years. He met his wife Mary Anne in North Conway, NH in the early 1980s and they were married

in 1992 on a river boat cruise in Cocoa, FL. Between shipping jobs, he sometimes worked for FX Lyons and Bricks & Stone Masonry among others. He had the kindest, gentlest heart, full of compassion, who loved helping others. He was a volunteer firefighter and helped deliver Meals on Wheel and was a regular at the Humane Society Dog Park. John will be remembered for his sense of humor and generosity as well as his love of dogs, NASCAR, Jimmy Buffett and free hats and t-shirts. He is lovingly remembered by his wife of 30 years Mary Anne; brothers Robert and Joseph; Niece Nadia Hamilton; and nephews Justin and Joseph Sledzinski.

STANISLAW STADNICKI



Stan Stadnicki crossed the final bar on September 14, 2021 at the age of 81 in Bay St. Louis, MS. Originally from

Warsaw, Poland, his years as a mariner earned him a wealth of sea stories which he frequently related to family and friends with his distinctive Polish accent. He was a wild and crazy fella to those who really knew him best. Stan adored his loving wife Erle of nearly 43 years and enjoyed knowing he had married into a family that would keep him fully challenged at all times. He offered this world a different point of view, and he will be missed by family and many friends. He is survived by Erle; sons Kevin and Paul Gilbert; daughters Catherine Ramblas and Karen Stevensen; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his beloved dog Peachie and many family and friends in Poland.

ARNE GUNNAR SVENDSEN

Arne G. Svendsen sailed toward safe haven on May 10, 2021 at the age of 86. He was born in Moss, Norway eventually moving to Sweden when he was a teenager. His ambitions to educate and learn brought him to

the engineering field, and he joined the Union and landed his first job on a ship. The doors opened for opportunities to travel to many states and countries in the world. Arne loved the ocean and called it “home.” He enjoyed immersing himself in cultures and education and continued to stay current on worldly affairs until he passed. Surviving Hurricane Katrina, his path landed him at his final home at St. Therasas Villas in Slidell, Louisiana. Arne leaves behind his sister, Gerd Synoeve Lunde; four children from one marriage and three from another; eleven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

ROGER VANCE SWANSON



Roger Swanson shipped off toward his final destination on March 20, 2022 at the age of 75. He was born in Wild Rose, Wisconsin, and lived most of his life in Green Lake County. After graduating high school in Beaver Dam, he attended the US Merchant Marine Academy and graduated in 1970. He cherished his time there, enjoyed attending class reunions, and reached out to the KP community whenever the opportunity arose. After graduation, he returned to Wisconsin to pursue his first love, dairy farming, for many years. After selling his dairy operation, Roger continued to crop farm and simultaneously pursued a career as a marine engineer, sailing on oil tankers from Alaska to Japan and Korea, and later on, container ships from Los Angeles to Southeast Asia. After retiring from sailing, he continued to farm until his health declined. What Roger enjoyed most was going out for a beer and talking to friends and strangers alike. He loved learning all about everyone and regaling people with his knowledge of farming, sailing, his Kings Point days, and his plans for the future. Roger is survived by his stepmother Marjorie Swanson; friend and former spouse

Suzanne Swanson; children Jeffrey, Brian and Jeanene; former spouse Judy Radomski; stepchildren Sarah, Aaron and Beth Emmrich; grandchildren Owen Verheyen, Hannah Doss and Ethan Emmrich; sisters Karen Brzozowski, and Lynn Swanson; sister-in-law JoAnn Swanson; cousin Ann George; and many other relatives and friends.

GERALD SWEENEY



Gerry Sweeney booked his final passage on June 7, 2022 at the age of 72 after a long illness. Gerry enjoyed reminiscing about his childhood in South Boston, where he kindled his love of the ocean. He attended Boston schools, and the Calhoun M.E.B.A. Engineering School in Baltimore, Maryland. He was a marine engineer for over 30 years and worked for various shipping companies. His last voyages were as Chief Engineer on the old coal carrier ENERGY ENTERPRISE. He built many friendships in his years at sea. Gerry fiercely loved his family. He was an exceptionally attentive Papa to Anthony Byrne, James Byrne and Scarlett Sweeney. He loved taking his grandchildren out for ice cream, attending their various sporting and school events and he will be greatly missed by them. In addition to being a loving husband and grandfather, he was the best father to Katie Byrne, Ryan Sweeney and Michael Sweeney. He shared his love for life with his children and showed his love in many ways. Gerry had a very generous heart. He displayed this towards friends, family and strangers by making people laugh, grilling exquisite food and occasionally playing practical jokes. He also loved photography and traveling. He had a deep devotion in the Lord. Those that knew Gerry could see his faith shine through him daily. For over 50 years, Gerry was the cherished husband of Karen Sweeney,

his true love and best friend. In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by his sisters Marie and Patricia; and brothers Robert and Paul.

REUBEN L. VERGARA

Reuben L. Vergara sailed off to his final port of call on November 16, 2020 at the age of 81. He spent time in the Coast Guard and had many productive years shipping out to various ports along with the world's sea lanes. He was a good man and terrific mariner who is survived by many family and friends.

EARL WALKER



Earl Walker voyaged to the final frontier on April 12, 2022 at the age of 89. Earl's love and memories will remain in the hearts of his daughter Jacqueline T. Walker-Warren; sons Darrell Walker, Dave Walker, Carlos Walker, Earl Walker, Jr., Wayne Walker and Terrell Williams; 15 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

JAMES ROBERT (J.R.) WARREN



The keys went silent for J.R. Warren on March 10, 2022 at the age of 80. He served in the U.S. Navy in the early 1960s and mustered out as a Radioman 2nd class. Around 1970, he returned to radio work aboard ship to shore stations on the West Coast. In 1974, he got his Coast Guard license and joined M.E.B.A. District No 3 – the Radio-Electronics Officers (ROU). He continued sailing with ROU until 1977 when Calhoun M.E.B.A. Engineering School Director Roy Luebbe asked if he wanted to take an REO position on the LNG AQUARIUS being fitted out in Quincy, MA. The mariner who had

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been slotted to take the job quit, and although Jim had a nasty case of flu, he signed on. He made the Plankholder voyage on the AQUARIUS and ended up as permanent REO on the LNG LEO. He also made a few sailings on the BT ALASKA when needed, retiring in 1997. After retirement, he spent time at his place in Azalea, Oregon right on the river (Upper Cow Creek) with his wife, dogs and cats, and when he could, traveled. He loved to drive and tour and explored Route 66 many times in his 2002 PT cruiser (5 speed on the floor, aftermarket turbo, lowered suspension). After his beloved wife Anita passed in April 2020, Jim made train trips (he loved trains) and also bought a 1939 Ford Deluxe hot-rod, equipped with flathead V8, frame off restoration. He took "Peaches" to many car shows and won a few trophies and awards. He was also a member of the Patriot Guard, mostly Harley-riding vets, and on his 2006 Street Bob flying the flag, would participate in parades and memorials around southern Oregon. He is survived by his 4 step-kids, 8 grandkids and a passel of great grandkids.

EDWARD ALBERT WILLIS

Edward A. Willis found his safe haven on September 20, 2020 at the age of 84. He retired in early 2001 after years of plying the waves and delivering the goods. Ed was a resident of Haysville, NC and is survived by many family and friends.

WILLIAM C. WINCHENBACH JR.



Bill Winchenbach Jr. stood his final watch on January 10, 2023 at the age of 72. Bill earned an associate degree from Central Maine Vocational

Technical Institute in 1970. He started his work career as an automotive technician and then signed up with the M.E.B.A. and sailed for over 30 years. Bill earned his Chief's license in 2008 then sailed a few more years, then retired. He was a member of the Meduncook Masonic Lodge in Friendship and a Noble in the Kora Shriners. His hobbies included marksmanship and golf, and he was also an avid New York Yankees fan. He married Nancy Wallace in 1983. They moved to Edgewater, FL. in 1985. Survivors include his wife Nancy; daughter Michelle Perry; brother Scott; granddaughter Vivienne Perry; several cousins; a niece; and a nephew. He adored all of the dogs he had throughout his life and leaves behind his beloved golden, Holly.

JOHN L. WYNN

John Wynn sailed into the next life on February 14, 2021 at the age of 91. He was a solid engineer and good shipmate. He found it easy to make friends and spread joy among those who knew him. He retired from the sea in 1995 and is missed by many family and friends.

LAWRENCE JAMES YOUNG



Larry Young, who served as M.E.B.A. Executive V.P. and L.A. Branch Agent after years of sea service, sailed into the sunset on August 9 at

the age of 70. An all-around good guy, Larry spent 21 years in the U.S. Navy retiring as Master Chief, then joined the M.E.B.A. in 1992. He primarily shipped out of the L.A. hall and sailed off the board for years. Along with his Navy service, he totaled 38 years of seagoing experience. His strong work ethic and know-how got him

recognized by West Coast officials and he was appointed as the Representative in the L.A. hall in July 2007. He was elected to L.A.'s Patrolman position soon after and worked diligently with then-Branch Agent Mike Nizetich on contracts and member issues. When Nizzy took over the vacant Executive V.P. position following Ed MacCormack's retirement, Larry was appointed as the L.A. Branch Agent in October 2008, a position which he served with distinction. Sadly Nizzy died in May 2010. Larry was a hardworking and valued official who was the logical candidate to replace him as Executive V.P. and he served until the end of the year when the term ended. He was a resident of Chula, Vista, CA and leaves behind wife Brigitte; daughters Melanie Negrete and Melissa Young; sister Lorraine Bender; brothers Leonard and Steven; stepsisters Mary Parke, Sara Barrette, Iona Partlow and Cassie Seifrit; stepbrother Joseph Seifrit; granddaughter Valerie Negrete and grandson Carlos Arias.

WILLIAM E. YORK

William E. York set course for calmer waters on May 18, 2021 at the age of 95. Bill was just becoming an adult when World War II broke out. He grew up quickly and joined the cause distinguishing himself in service to his country. After cessation of hostilities, he continued supporting the nation's economy and national security as a seagoing engineer. He sailed around the world multiple times, earned a good living and collected a wealth of sea stories. Bill is survived by many family and friends.

**Faces around
the Fleet**



Houston Rep. Jay Wedman visited the crew of the SEAKAY SKY during a port stop in the Lone Star State. The vessel, the former OVERSEAS TEXAS CITY, is now operated by Keystone with M.E.B.A. Deck & Engine Officers aboard. Engineers in this shot include (l-r) 1st A/E Chris Paul, 3rd A/E Samuel Sanders, C/E Mitch Ferritto, 2nd A/E David Silva and Kings Point Engine Cadet Michael Fraticelli.



M.E.B.A. Deck & Engine Officers on the Keystone-managed CAPE RAY. The vessel was in Corpus Christi discharging cargo following a mission. From left to right are 3rd A/E Jacob Philbrook, 1st A/E Bryan Higgins, 2nd A/E Matt Haskell, Second Mate Chris Devens, Second Mate Ken Pettine, 3rd A/E Jeremy Taylor, Captain Rob Sundius, Chief Mate M Bart Rylek, C/E Chris Myers, 1st A/E Sam Orenge, 2nd A/E Chase Reidelbach and M.E.B.A.'s Houston Representative Jay Wedman.

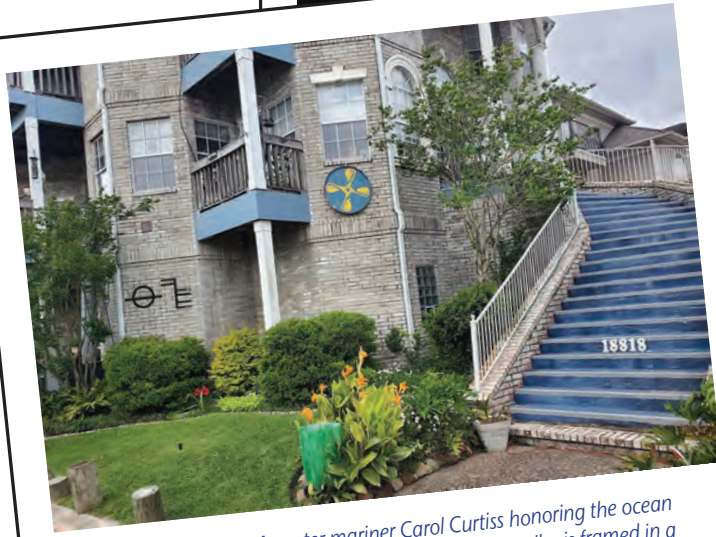


MAERSK KINLOSS Engine Officers keep the vessel purring along on the MSP vessel's Middle East/ Mediterranean run. Left to right are C/E Matthew Alonge, 1st A/E Lyle Armacost and 2nd A/E Matthew Boleza.

Faces around the Fleet



Calhoun M.E.B.A. Engineering School Instructor Ernie Clements sent in this one of members in the recently completed Wartsila Basic Flex Engine training course. From left to right are James Volentine, Apolinario Calacal, Ryan Vetting, Edd Rushing, Daniel Earle, Kurt Landwehr, Richard Lundin and Wartsila Instructor Rolf Meier.



The shoreside domain of master mariner Carol Curtiss honoring the ocean and the M.E.B.A. blue-and-gold. The M.E.B.A. logo propeller is framed in a Sulzer RND90 piston ring. The Plimsoll Line refers to Hurricanes Harvey and Ike which flooded the Gulf Coast and made a mess of Carol's neighborhood. At the bottom of the stairs are red and green buoys that look pretty cool lit up at night.



An SS MATSONIA mini-reunion in Honolulu recently. Left to right are Matson Head Port Engineer Leighton Tseu, 1st A/E John Hill and Chief Engineer Rex Uyeda. 1st A/E Hill is still disputing overtime red-lined by C/E Uyeda more than 20 years ago.

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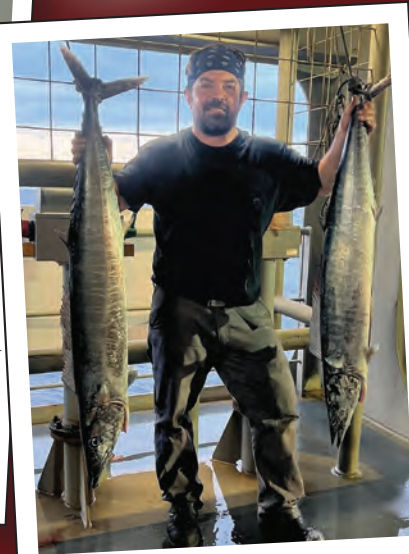
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**Faces around
the Fleet**



Chris Vandevanter (right) with Norfolk Branch Agent/Government Fleet Rep. Jack Menendez onboard the MV HUDSON EXPRESS. The vessel, managed by Marine Personnel & Provisioning (Hapag/Crowley), was in Norfolk. Both Chris and Jack were Kings Pointers (as were Chris's brother and sister) and their parents attended the same church in the Poconos.



Wahoo! Member Keith Turcotte is keeping it reel aboard the KAIMANA HILA off the coast of Guam.



The Commander of the Military Sealift Command, RADM Mike "Wett" Wettlaufer, visiting Bayonne Dry Dock. He met with the crew and Port Engineer of the USNS POMEROY during her drydocking availability. Left to right are Chief Engineer Chris Bond, RADM Wettlaufer and Captain Robert Burke. Thanks to Port Engineer Keith Deirup for the photo.



MAERSK MONTANA engine officers gobbled up the Creole cuisine at the world famous Turkey Leg Hut during a port stop in Houston. Owner/ restaurateur Lynn Price treated the crew like the celebrities they deserve to be, and snapped this shot for his 500k+ Instagram followers. From left to right are Chief Engineer Sam Dengel, 2nd A/E Nick Berner, TLH owner Lynn Price, 1st A/E Colin Lucas and Kings Point Cadet Eric Newton.



Engineers on the MAERSK SELETAR greeting Houston Representative (and camera man) Jay Wedman during a vessel stop in the Lone Star State. Left to right are 3rd A/E Devon Rossi, 1st A/E & Acting Chief David Baker and 2nd A/E Patrick Whalen.



M.E.B.A. engineers are rightfully recognized as miracle workers and 3rd A/E James Hoeg and 1st A/E JC Roberts live up to that reputation. Here they are onboard the APL vessel PRESIDENT WILSON satisfied with a familiar sense of accomplishment after replacing the steering gear pump while the vessel was in Yokohama.