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MSC TAKES DELIVERY OF ANOTHER ESB

The Military Sealift Command took delivery of its latest Expeditionary Sea Base last week, the USNS JOHN L. CANLEY. ESB ships are highly flexible platforms designed to support multiple maritime-based missions. Civilian Mariners in the MSC fleet are represented by the M.E.B.A., MM&P and SIU.

CANLEY is the sixth ship in the expeditionary mobile base platform built for MSC, and the third expeditionary staging base model. When activated, the vessel will primarily support aviation mine countermeasure and special operations force missions. In addition to the flight deck, the ship has a hangar with two aviation operating spots capable of handling MH-53E Sea Dragon-equivalent helicopters; accommodations, workspaces, and ordnance storage for embarked force; enhanced command, control, communications, computers, and intelligence to support embarked force mission planning and execution; and reconfigurable mission deck area to store embarked force equipment to include mine sleds and rigid hull inflatable boats.

The 784-foot ship honors Gunnery Sgt. John L. Canley, a United States Marine who distinguished himself in battle during the Vietnam war, in January/February 1968, during the Battle of Huế, with Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. Canley was originally awarded the Navy Cross but this was upgraded to the Medal of Honor, fifty years after the battle, making him the first living black Marine to receive the nation's highest military decoration for valor.

Following testing and various qualifications and inspection, CANLEY will become operational and will deploy in support of national defense missions throughout the world.

MEETINGS WITH OFFSHORE WIND/GREEN NORWEGIAN COMPANIES

AFL-CIO officials including Federation President Liz Shuler recently traveled to Norway with a labor delegation to drive in the importance of American labor involvement in prospective clean energy projects. President Shuler noted that the Norwegian companies and their supply chains can be a source of tens of thousands of good union jobs in different parts of the U.S. clean energy economy, including aluminum, maritime, offshore wind, carbon capture and storage, hydrogen and EV batteries.

M.E.B.A. and the AFL-CIO's Transportation Trades Dept. (ITD) met with the AFL-CIO to discuss the U.S. maritime industry's future with offshore wind and the need for labor peace and prevailing wage agreements to prevent foreign-flag and/or non-union entities from providing this highly-technical work.

M.E.B.A. continues to fight for long-term opportunities to provide good paying, pensionable jobs in the offshore wind sector well into the future.

LAMONT-DOHERTY STALWART WRAPS UP STELLAR SHIPPING CAREER

Matt Tucke, who has been sailing with M.E.B.A.-contracted Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory since before the turn of the century worked his last day this week, concluding an impressive career.

M.E.B.A. sails onboard the R/V MARCUS G. LANGSETH operated by Lamont-Doherty's Office of Marine Operations at Columbia University. The 235-foot LANGSETH provides seismic research provided by mapping the earth's structure miles below the seafloor.

The Chief Engineer has been part of the M.E.B.A. since the mid-1980s following his graduation from Massachusetts Maritime Academy. Before 2008, he was working aboard Lamont's earlier vessel, the R/V MAURICE EWING. He sailed a few deep-sea jobs over the years, on the MAERSK NEBRASKA and DELAWARE BAY among others, but he spent almost 40 great years with Lamont-Doherty. Atlantic Coast V.P. Jason Callahan sent a shout-out to Matt and issues the heartiest of congratulations and well-wishes for the future. A toast to you Matt!

NOMINATIONS FOR MARITIME SECURITY AWARD

The Coast Guard is taking nominations for the Rear Admiral Richard E. Bennis Award for Excellence in Maritime Security. Nominations will be accepted until March 31, 2023. This biennial award serves to highlight and recognize outstanding achievements and contributions of the maritime community with regards to implementation of Maritime Transportation Security Act, or MTSA, requirements and other maritime security best practices in safeguarding our nation's marine transportation system.

This award recognizes organizations demonstrating a true comprehensive culture of security and encourages all regulated organizations to assess their overall security program to identify strengths and weaknesses, seek creative solutions for addressing known risks, build a system of continuous improvement and share best practices that would benefit similar organizations. Any marine transportation-related organization owning, operating, or otherwise managing vessels, waterfront facilities, fleeting areas, or other entities engaged in maritime operations subject to Coast Guard maritime security regulations from January 2021 through December 2022 is eligible. Award categories are as follows: Port Authority of the Year; Company of the Year (Large Business – 50 or more employees); Company of the Year (Small Business – less than 50 employees); Facility of the Year (Large Business – 50 or more employees); and Facility of the Year (Small Business – less than 50 employees).

Criteria and application procedures can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/53zmrzya>

HIGH SEAS TREATY: UN PACT TO PROTECT WORLD'S OCEANS

After almost 20 years of talks, Delegates at the United Nations have okayed the framework of an agreement to protect marine biodiversity in international waters. Referred to as the 'High Seas Treaty', the legal framework would place 30 percent of the world's oceans into protected areas, put more money into marine conservation, and covers access to and use of marine genetic resources. Though there is a long way to go before ratification and implementation, the agreement signals a big step forward toward addressing the effects of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution on our world's oceans.

"Ladies and gentlemen, the ship has reached the shore," Ambassador Rena Lee of Singapore said to a standing ovation as she announced the agreement. She has helped lead the effort which builds on the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). Delegations will reconvene later to formally adopt the text.

The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) welcomed the breakthrough. They have been part of discussions ensuring that the international shipping community is engaged and its unique nature was factored into the agreement. The framework takes account of the International Maritime Organization's role and the measures that emerge from it will complement existing regulations, with the detail of any measures that may be needed for ships to be discussed and agreed upon at IMO.

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. Please pass this information along to former M.E.B.A. shipmates, and CMES classmates that are no longer in the industry as they may not have access to the usual M.E.B.A./CMES distributions of information.

The schedule of events looks like this:

Friday, June 16 - Golf Outing Afternoon
Saturday, June 17 - Party on the Manor House Lawn
Sunday, June 18 - Clean Up and Departure

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 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

FABULOUS PRIZES UNTIL NEXT FRIDAY WITH UNION PLUS WIRELESS LUCK

Try your luck through March 17th when you enter the Union Plus 17 Days of Wireless Luck [Giveaway](#) for a chance to win big. The Grand Prize is \$500 plus a pair of wireless headphones — or you could walk away with one of sixteen \$50 gift card prizes! There is no purchase necessary.

Union Plus programs, which are available to M.E.B.A. members, retirees and our affiliates, provide a vast range of money-saving benefits and services. The M.E.B.A. is enrolled in dozens of moneysaving U.P. programs ranging from life and [pet](#) health insurance to auto services discounts.

Earn more entries when you share the news about the Wireless Giveaway and your union friends and family members enter using your referral link. Check it out at <https://unionplus.click/luck>

NEXT MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS *(All times are local)*

Friday, March 10 – Honolulu@1100.

Monday, April 3 – Boston@1200; Seattle (Fife)@1300.

Tuesday, April 4 – *Jesse Calhoun Day – All Halls Closed*

Wednesday, April 5 – CMES@1430; Charleston@1400; Houston@1315; Jacksonville@1300; New Orleans@1315; Oakland@1230; Online HQ “Town Hall” Meeting@1300 (No Voting) – Register by emailing mebahq@mebaunion.org

Thursday, April 6 – L.A. (San Pedro)@1230; NY/NJ@1300; Norfolk@1300; Tampa@1300.

Friday, April 7 – *Good Friday – All Halls Closed*

Monday, April 10 - Honolulu@1100.

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