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### **FINISHED WITH ENGINES: ART NEWBERRY**

Arthur Allen Newberry, known to the M.E.B.A. world as "Art," sailed into the sunset on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at the age of 81. Art had a distinguished run at the Calhoun M.E.B.A. Engineering School serving as the right-hand man for numerous Directors. He joined the Marine Engineering Department at the School in 1977 when it was located at 9 Light Street in Baltimore. After the cadet program ended, he took a hiatus and pursued other opportunities for several years. In 1994, he was brought back in to head up Academics at the facility in Easton and helped lift the profile of the School to unprecedented levels. He had a thirst for pursuing academic excellence and helped shuttle the School through numerous accreditations and audits that they always mastered with flying colors.

Born in Canton (Baltimore, MD), Art joined the U.S. Navy out of school and worked on ship diesel engines. He was a mechanical engineer and a Vietnam War veteran. He retired from the Navy as Chief Warrant Officer 4. At the CMES, he was the longtime Assistant Director (Academics) and at the time of his retirement in 2004, the 235-seat auditorium at the School was named in his honor. He was a resident of Aberdeen, MD and is survived by many friends and family including his wife of 11 years Jenny.

### **M.E.B.A. CREWING UP NEW ENTRY INTO U.S.-FLAG FLEET**

M.E.B.A. Deck and Engine Officers are crewing up the LIBERTY POWER, a Roll-On/Roll-Off Container Vessel (Ro/Con) that Liberty Maritime Corp. has brought into their fleet under the U.S.-flag. M.E.B.A. officers began joining the ship last weekend in Duqm, Oman.

The vessel falls under our existing contract with Liberty and is manned by the M.E.B.A. top to bottom. This new entry into the U.S.-flag fleet is a result of our recent successful negotiations and labor peace with Liberty.

### **L.A. PATROLMAN RETIRES; REPLACEMENT SOUGHT**

John McElhone has retired following 11 years as an official, the past ten as L.A. Patrolman. John has been part of the M.E.B.A. since 1990 when he made application following his graduation from Texas A&M Maritime Academy. He shipped out on a variety of vessels during his seafaring career and last sailed with Matson Navigation as a permanent 1<sup>st</sup> A/E before his 2012 appointment as the

L.A. Representative. He has been a passionate advocate of the M.E.B.A. and labor movement through the years. We wish him the best in his retirement.

The Union hall in San Pedro is seeking John's replacement who will serve out the rest of the term as the L.A. Representative. Those interested should send their résumé and a letter of interest to Executive Vice President Claudia Cimini at [ccimini@mebaunion.org](mailto:ccimini@mebaunion.org)

### **M.E.B.A. INTERLAKE CAPTAIN HONORED WITH PRESTIGIOUS MERCHANT MARINE MEDAL**

Captain Tim Dayton, who sailed with Interlake Steamship for years before his 2014 retirement, was singled out and presented with the prestigious Merchant Marine Medal for Outstanding Achievement. At last week's Great Lakes Maritime Academy graduation dinner, Congressman Jack Bergman (R-MI) presented the medal to Capt. Dayton in recognition of his 47-year career.

Tim was a 1976 graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy who initially sailed on vessels operated by the Ford Motor Company. After Ford sold their marine operations to Interlake Steamship in 1989, Capt. Dayton continued distinguishing himself and served as master of eight different vessels. At the time of his retirement, he was the Captain onboard the PAUL R. TREGURTHA, the largest ship on the Lakes.

Capt. Dayton further served his country by maintaining a commission in the U.S. Navy for more than 20 years, rising to the rank of Captain and serving on active duty during Operation Desert Storm. Additionally, he was a twenty-three year member of the Lake Carriers' Association's (LCA) Captain's Committee. Due to his work with the LCA, the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the U.S. Coast Pilot, Volume 6 was dedicated to him. Capt. Dayton continues to serve as a leader, mentor, and role model to the next generation of U.S. Merchant Marine officers by spending each summer sailing on board the Training Ship STATE OF MICHIGAN. Congratulations Tim!

### **WSF & END OF STATE WORKER COVID VACCINATION MANDATE**

Washington State Governor Jay Inslee has rescinded Directive 22-13 which had required State workers to receive COVID-19 vaccinations as a condition of employment. The pandemic and the implementation of the Directive led to a Washington State Ferry mariner exodus and the system endured delays, reduced schedules and canceled sailings.

Members sailing in the WSF who get the latest COVID booster and provide WSF with the proof will receive a one-time \$1,000 payment this summer (beginning July 1, 2023).

### **M.E.B.A. EXECUTIVE V.P. CHOSEN FOR USMMA ADVISORY COUNCIL**

M.E.B.A. Executive Vice President Claudia Cimini has been tapped as one of the 13 members of the newly created U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) Advisory Council. The Department of Transportation announced the appointees this week that include those from academia, the maritime industry as well as experts on education, diversity and SA/SH prevention. Five of the appointees, including Executive V.P. Cimini, are Kings Point graduates.

The Council was created following a recommendation by the National Academy of Public Administration. The USMMA Advisory Council will provide advice regarding the prioritization of

NAPA's recommendations, as well as recommend measures to ensure that the USMMA's curriculum is keeping pace with the technological advances in the maritime industry.

The 13 members of the inaugural Council, chosen from over 130 applications, will each serve two-year terms and include (the first five listed are USMMA graduates): Ally Cedeno (Women Offshore Foundation); Jonathan "JC" Christian (Fleet Port Captain, Crowley); Claudia Cimini (M.E.B.A.); Capt. Roshenda Josephs (MSC); and Madison Schmidt (Ensign, USCG) as well as Shannon Collins (National Organization for Victim Assistance); Dave Curfman, (Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC)); Wayne Gersie (Michigan Technological University); RADM Margaret DeLuca Klein (U.S. Naval War College); VADM David Lewis (Leidos Inc.); Eric Page (U.S. Coast Guard Academy); Benjamin D. Reese Jr. (Duke School of Medicine); and Lynn Rosenthal (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services).

### **M.E.B.A. MEETS WITH TRANSCOM ONBOARD USNS WATKINS**

M.E.B.A. officials and members recently met with a United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM), delegation including its Commander General Jacqueline Van Ovost. USTRANSCOM is responsible for the global, joint movement of combat units and sustainment cargo.

The delegation was visiting the Patriot-managed USNS WATKINS, an LMSR that was getting some work done at Bayonne Dry Dock & Repair yard in New Jersey. Secretary-Treasurer Roland Rexha, Atlantic Coast V.P. Jason Callahan and NY-NJ Patrolman Nico Sermoneta were on hand and spoke to the delegation on a host of topics including the Tanker Security Program (TSP), logistics supply chain and the mariner shortage. Officers and crew of the USNS WATKINS were pleased to spend time with TRANSCOM and M.E.B.A. officials during the ship visit. M.E.B.A. officers aboard the vessel include Captain Darin Huggins, Chief Engineer Justin Litterine, 1<sup>st</sup> A/E Keith Grandy, 1<sup>st</sup> A/E John Lampke, 2<sup>nd</sup> A/E Jon Tipton, 2<sup>nd</sup> A/E Tom Dindy and 3<sup>rd</sup> A/E Ross Himebauch.

Gen. Van Ovost recently appeared at a Senate hearing where she was effusive in praise for the U.S. Merchant Marine and adamant about the importance of the Maritime Security Program, TSP and Jones Act. At that hearing she also stressed that U.S. mariners are vital for joint-force transportation and logistics.

### **MERCHANT MARINE WILL HAVE ROLE IN UPCOMING NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE**

Though many of the details are still being finalized, the American Merchant Marine Veterans have ensured the Fourth Arm of Defense will have an official role at the upcoming Memorial Day celebration in our nation's capital.

The National Memorial Day Parade that winds into town will feature a U.S. Merchant Marine float for the first time ever. Several World War II seafarers will attend the day's festivities and help man the 12-seat float along with other mariners. The major networks will air the parade as well as a Memorial Day special entitled "Our Sacred Honor: An American Salute."

In addition, AMMV will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Memorial Day. The event is open to the public and up to five World War II mariners are expected to be involved. The

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Color Guard is set to present the colors at the ceremony including the Battle Standard.

AMMV has also been working with Capital Concerts and PBS who are putting together a Memorial Day Concert with a live segment airing that Sunday evening. The show's producer interviewed 95-year-old WWII merchant mariner Dave Yoho, but it is unclear, as yet, if the Merchant Marine will be highlighted in any footage airing that evening. The AMMV plans to release an update when the Memorial Day weekend agenda is finalized.

### **MOTHERS' DAY – UNION STYLE!**

Mother's Day is this weekend, and what better way to celebrate than with gifts made by brands that employ workers under a union contract. Here's a list that will help you honor a mother in your life – union style: **Sweets** - Ferrero Chocolate (BCTGM); Almond Roca Chocolate (BCTGM); See's Candies (BCTGM); **Wine and Spirits** - Bacardi (IBT); Chateau Ste. Michelle Winery (UFW); Robert Mondavi (IBT); Columbia Crest Chardonnay (UFW); Eagle Rare Bourbon (UAW); E&J Gallo (IBT); Knob Creek (IBT); Turning Lead (IBT). **Cosmetics** - L'Oreal Paris Products (UFCW); Revlon Cosmetics (UAW). **Jewelry and Fashion** - Timex Women's Watches (IAMAW); Bosca Fine Leather Goods (IBT); Majestic Athletic Apparel (UNITE HERE); Carolina Women's Boots (IBT); Naturalizer Shoes (IBT, UFCW); Pendleton Woolen Mills (Workers United); and Red Wing Shoes (IBT, UFCW).

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

Friday, May 12 – **Honolulu@1100.**

Monday, June 5 – **Boston@1200; Seattle (Fife)@1300.**

Tuesday, June 6 – **CMES@1430; Charleston@1400; Houston@1315; Oakland@1230.**

Wednesday, June 7 – **Jacksonville@1300; New Orleans@1315; Online HQ "Town Hall" Meeting@1300 (No Voting) – Register by emailing [mebahq@mebaunion.org](mailto:mebahq@mebaunion.org)**

Thursday, June 8 – **L.A. (San Pedro)@1230; NY/NJ@1300; Norfolk@1300; Tampa@1300.**

Friday, June 9 – **Honolulu@1100.**

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