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CMES RELEASES 2020 COURSE SCHEDULE

The Calhoun M.E.B.A. Engineering School has published its 2020 course listing and class schedule as well as the accompanying course application form. Applications for these classes will be accepted using the CMES website (www.mebaschool.org), by US Mail and fax (410) 822-7220. Applications for classes held between January 1 and June 30, 2020 will be accepted no earlier than November 1, 2019. Applications for classes held between July 1 and December 31, 2020 will be accepted no earlier than May 1, 2020. Applications sent prior to the acceptance dates will be discarded with no notice sent to the applicant. Of note, there are changes to a pair of existing courses in respect to length. The Gas Turbine Engineering course has been expanded from four to five weeks due to the extra time it takes to complete all of the USCG required assessments. Course content has not changed. In addition, the Refrigeration course has been trimmed by a week into a two-week course. The abbreviated length is attributed to the elimination of some simulator-based assessments that are no longer needed.

As always, additional course dates may be added later on as required. Application forms can be obtained at the M.E.B.A. Union halls, the School website (www.mebaschool.org) or by calling the School's Admissions Desk at (410) 822-9600. The CMES announced the following course offerings for 2020:

ADVANCED METEOROLOGY - (1-Week Course - 12 students max) - March 2 – March 6.
ADVANCED PIPE WELDING - (2-Week Course - 6 students max) - October 12 – October 23;
ADVANCED SHIPHANDLING - (2-Week Course - 6 students max) - February 3 – February 14.
ADVANCED STABILITY - (1-Week Course - 12 students max) - March 9 – March 13. **BST REFRESHER** - (1-Week Course - 12 students max) - March 23 – March 27; May 4 – May 8; July 27 – July 31; September 14 – September 18; October 26 – October 30; **BST REVALIDATION** - (1-Week Course - 16 students max) - February 24 – February 28; March 9 – March 13; May 11 – May 15; May 18 – May 22; June 1 – June 5; June 15 – June 19; August 3 – August 7; August 24 – August 28; August 31 – September 4; October 19 – October 23; November 16 – November 20; December 7 – December 11. **CONTAINER REFRIGERATION** - (2-Week Course - 10 students max) - February 3 – February 14; September 14 – September 25. **DAMAGE CONTROL/CBRD** - (1-Week Course - 12 students max) - March 16 – March 20; April 6 – April 10; August 10 – August 14; November 2 – November 6. **DIESEL ENGINEERING** - (6-Week Course - 12 students max) - March 2 – April 10; September 14 – October 23. **ECDIS** - (1-Week Course - 12 students max) - March 23 – March 27. **ENGINE ROOM RESOURCE MANAGEMENT** - (1-Week Course - 12 students maximum) - March 30 – April 3; November 2 – November 6. **GAS TURBINE ENGINEERING**

- (5-Week Course - 12 students max) - January 13 – February 14; April 20 – May 22. **INDUSTRIAL NETWORKING** - (1-Week Course - 12 students max) - April 6 – April 10; August 24 – August 28. **INSTRUMENTATION** - (2-Week Course - 12 students max) - February 24 – March 6; April 27 – May 8; September 28 – October 9. **LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT** - (1-Week Course - 12 students max) - May 18 – May 22; October 26 – October 30. **MACHINE SHOP PROFICIENCY** - (2-Week Course - 12 students max) - March 9 – March 20; September 28 – October 9. **MARINE ELECTRIC PROPULSION/HIGH VOLTAGE SAFETY** - (2-Week Course - 12 students max) - March 9 – March 20; May 11 – May 22; August 24 – September 4; October 12 – October 23. **MEECE** - (1-Week Course - 12 students max) - March 23 – March 27; November 30 – December 4. **PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC CONTROLLERS** - (1-Week Course - 10 students max) - January 27 – January 31; June 1 – June 5; August 3 – August 7; November 2 – November 6; **RADAR RE-CERTIFICATION** - (Examination Only) - Scheduled by Appointment. **REFRIGERATION** - (2-Week Course - 10 students max) - March 2 – March 13; **SMALL ARMS** - (1-Week Course - 10 students max) - March 2 – March 6; April 6 – April 10; June 8 – June 12; September 14 – September 18; September 28 – October 2. **STEAM ENGINEERING** - (6-Week Course - 12 students max) - October 12 - November 20. **TANKERMAN DL** - (1-Week Course - 12 students maximum) - April 6 – April 10; June 8 – June 12; October 5 – October 9; November 2 – November 6. **TANKSHIP-LNG** - (2-Week Course - 12 students max) - August 10 – August 21; November 30 – December 11. **TIG WELDING** - (2-Week Course - 6 students max) - February 3 – February 14. **VESSEL SECURITY OFFICER** - (1-Week Course - 12 students max) - January 20 – January 24; November 16 - November 20. **VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS (Flashing Light)** - (Examination Only) - Scheduled by Appointment. **WELDING** - (4-Week Course - 12 students max) - January 6 – January 31; October 26 – November 20. **WELDING PROFICIENCY** - (2-Week Course - 12 students max) - November 30 – December 11.

GOOD & WELFARE FUND IS BIG WINNER IN RAFFLE

M.E.B.A. Good & Welfare Committee Chairman Bill Van Loo issued thanks to all those who bought a 50/50 raffle ticket benefiting the G&W Fund. The drawing took place on Tuesday, October 8 at the Calhoun M.E.B.A. Engineering School membership meeting.

M.E.B.A. Retiree Capt. Scott Nowak, who attended the meeting on Tuesday at the CMES, picked the winning ticket out of the massive pile. The big winner was member Lee Brand who walks away with over \$4,900. Lee has been with the M.E.B.A. since 1985 and has been serving onboard the Keystone-managed CAPE KNOX as Permanent 1st A/E. The CAPE KNOX is berthed in the Big Easy. The winning ticket was sold to Lee by New Orleans Rep./Dispatcher Dan Gifford. Though members at the School groaned when their name weren't called, those who bought a ticket supported a terrific cause. The Good & Welfare Fund is used to help active and retired members and their families in times of crisis. The Fund will benefit by almost \$5,000 through raffle proceeds.

You can contribute to the G&W Fund anytime. The Fund is exempt from Federal Income tax. You can make a contribution at one of the Union halls or even support the Fund on M.E.B.A.'s electronic payment portal which can also be used to pay dues and service charges and Political Action Fund contributions. Visit www.mebaunion.org to access the portal.

SETTING THE COURSE TO LOW CARBON SHIPPING

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has set ambitious targets for the shipping industry beginning with the 2020 global sulfur cap. Shipowners and operators are also eyeing greenhouse gas (GHG) targets set for 2030 and even more ambitious emissions goals on their way by 2050.

The regulatory changes set for 2020—as well as those expected for 2030 and 2050 — could be even more profound than any past environmental regulations. To achieve cleaner and low carbon emissions, the shipping industry will need a better understanding of existing technologies and strategies while new technology (including fuels) will need to be developed.

Shipowners and operators are exploring more fuel-efficient vessels and low carbon fuel options, but experts say today's technology alone will not be able to meet tomorrow's efficiency, air pollution and carbon emission requirements. In the short term, options to meet IMO 2030 emissions goals include: speed reduction and speed optimization; improvements in design efficiency; and fuels with lower CO2 emissions, such as LNG and LPG.

The American Bureau of Shipping said that lowering the carbon footprint of an industry that moves almost 90% of global trade is a significant undertaking. Change on that scale will not come quickly, ABS noted, and great efforts will be required to ensure that shipping's positive contributions to global trade and the economy remain visible for all to see.

WSF IMPLEMENTS WHALE ALERT APP TO PROTECT MARINE LIFE

Washington State Ferries has initiated use of a whale alert app and a web-based system that provides ferry captains more accurate and updated location information for southern resident orcas and other whales throughout Puget Sound.

The Ocean Wise Whale Report Alert System (WRAS) relies on real-time sightings reported by the public, to inform commercial mariners of whale presence. The system is expected to provide ferry captains and other commercial mariners with better information about large marine mammal locations in the vicinity of their vessels so ferry captains can make decisions to change course or reduce speed to avoid disturbing or colliding with marine mammals.

Each alert also supplies other pertinent details such as the species observed, the direction of whale travel, the time of the report and the number of whales in the group.

UNEMPLOYMENT IS DOWN BUT WAGES AND JOB GROWTH SLOW

The U.S. economy gained 136,000 jobs in September, and the unemployment rate declined to 3.5%, according to figures released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. But beyond the Trump Administration headline, the numbers reveal weaker-than-expected job growth while average hourly worker earnings continued to slow. Inflation has nearly caught up with the federal minimum wage and the decline of union membership (which provides higher paying jobs) over the past few decades has helped whittle away increased worker paychecks on the whole. AFL-CIO Chief Economist William Spriggs said, "The broadest measure of labor market slack fell to 6.9% in September. With weak wage growth and moderate job growth, the labor market is still tightening. But the Census report on record levels of inequality are showing employment a weak antidote to address that trend." Spriggs told *CBS MoneyWatch* that, "When people see the current modest wage growth, they're forgetting most workers are struggling to get back to 2008... We're way, way away from where we're supposed to be."

MSC COURSES APPROVED TO BE TAUGHT AT CMES

The Calhoun M.E.B.A. Engineering School issued a list detailing the courses that the Military Sealift Command has approved to be taught at the CMES. The following MSC courses may be taken at the M.E.B.A. School:

- CBRD
- Damage Control
- Marine Environmental
- Small Arms

To note, the CBRD, Damage Control, and Environmental courses are all combined into the one-week Damage Control/CBRD class. Students successfully completing Damage Control/CBRD will receive three certificates.

LWOP DISRUPTS GOVT. FLEET DCO SCHEDULE

Members shipping in the Government Fleet are reminded that if they are signed up for automatic Dues Check-Off (DCO), their dues will not be paid for any period they are taking Leave without Pay (LWOP). Those mariners should ensure they remain as members in good standing by paying dues either at the Union hall or online to account for any dues payment gaps caused by LWOP.

Questions about dues status can be forwarded to the Accounts Receivable Department at Headquarters (202-638-5355) to either Darlene Knott (dknott@mebaunion.org) or Keera Batiste (kbatiste@mebaunion.org). You can also use the M.E.B.A. Payment Portal to make online monetary transactions. Check out the site accessed from M.E.B.A.'s webpage at www.mebaunion.org.

HALLS, OFFICES CLOSED ON MONDAY TO HONOR COLUMBUS, INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

M.E.B.A. halls and offices will be closed on Monday Oct. 14 in observance of Columbus Day and the original Admiral of the Ocean Seas - Christopher Columbus. For some, in deference to the naked truth behind the Columbus explorations, many will treat Monday as a day to honor indigenous peoples.

Columbus has been described as a visionary who opened up the New World and conversely as a greedy imperialist who engaged in slave trading, genocide and stealing Indian land. Though he never set foot in North America, his celebrated voyages brought him to the Caribbean, Central and South America leading the way to European colonization and ushering in a new era of globalization.

UNION-MADE HALLOWEEN TREATS

What's sweeter than candy? Union-made treats! Below, you'll find several delectable goodies made by union members from the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union (BCTGM), United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW), and United Farm Workers of America (UFW).

Hershey Products - Hershey Kisses; Hershey Syrups; Hershey Milk Chocolate Bar; Hershey Milk with Almond Bars; Hershey Special Dark Bars; Hershey Nuggets; Rolo; Hershey Kissables; Kit Kat Bars; Carmello Bar; Cadbury Fruit & Nut Bar; Cadbury Roast Almond Bar; Cadbury Royal Dark Bar; Cadbury Dairy Milk Bar; Jolly Ranchers; Hershey Symphony Bar with Toffee. **Just Born** - Peeps; Mike & Ike; Hot Tamales; Peanut Chews; Jelly Beans. **Jelly Belly's Candy Company** - Jelly Bellies – (also made in a non-union plants in Chicago/Taiwan); Chocolate Dutch Mints; Chocolate Temptations; Dimples; Goelitz Confections; Goelitz Gummi; Pet Rat; Pet Tarantula; Sweet Temptations; Candy Corn; Licorice; Malted Milk Balls; Chocolate Coated Nuts, and Sours; Sunkist

Fruit Gel Slices; Sport Beans; Fall Festival Mix; Sour Gummi Pumpkins; Mellocreme Pumpkins; Disney Villains bags; Harry Potter Bertie Bott's; Every Flavour Beans; Halloween Jelly Belly; Disney Mickey and Minnie Jelly Beans; Hello Kitty Halloween Deluxe Mix; Harry Potter Jelly Slugs; BeanBoozled. **American Licorice** - Black & Red Vines; Strawberry Ropes. **Sconza Candies** - Jawbreakers; Chocolate Covered Cherries; Chocolate; Boston Baked Beans; Jordan Almonds; Yogurt Raisins; Lemoncello Almonds; Chocolate/Yogurt Fruit & Raisins. **Frito-Lay** – Doritos; Rold Gold; Lays Potato Chips. **Keebler** - Chips Deluxe; Pecan Sandies; Cheez-it; Vanilla Wafers.

Necco (New England Confectionery Company) - Sweethearts; Mary Jane Peanut Butter Chews; NECCO Wafers/Necco Wafer Smoothies; Sky Bar; Clark Bar; Canada Mints; Candy Cupboard; Thin Mints; NECCO Assorted Junior Wafers; Clark Junior Laydown Bag; Mary Jane Laydown Bag; Haviland; Mallow Cups; Necco Peanut Butter Kisses. **Ghirardelli Chocolates** - All filled & non-filled squares; All filled & non-filled bars; Non-pareils; Chocolate chips. **Gimbals Fine Candies** - JellyBeans; Cherry Hearts; Scotty Dogs; Sour Lovers; LavaBalls; **Nestle** - Nestle Treasures; Laffy Taffy; Kathryn Beich specialty candy; Baby Ruth; Butterfinger; Pearson's Nips; Famous Old Time Candies (gourmet chocolates); Nestle Crunch; Butterfinger Crisp; Peanut Butter Cups. **Pearson's Candy Co.** - Salted Nut Roll; Nut Goodie; Mint Patties; Bun Bars. **Anabelle Candy Company** - Rocky Road – Smores; Look; Big Hunk; Abba-Zaba - Peanut Butter/Raspberry; Yogurt Nuts & Fruit; U-No Bar. **Bachman** - Pretzels; Jax Cheese Curls; Keystone Snacks Party Mix; Cheese Curls; Corn Chips. **Orville Redenbacher** – Popcorn. **See's Candies** - Chocolate Assortment; Nuts & Chews; Truffles; Lollypops; Fund Raisers; Brittles & Toffees; Candy Bars. **Guittard Chocolate** – Chocolate. **Nabisco** - Corn Nuts; Chips Ahoy!; Oreos; Nutter Butter; Vanilla Wafers. **Fruit & Nuts** - Members of the United Farm Workers (UFW) help produce various fruits and nuts with the UFW label, including products from Coastal Berry Co., Swanton Berry, Montpelier Almonds, Brown Date Garden Dates, Mann's California Apples, and citrus fruit from Sunkist, Sunworld, Airdrome and Big Jim.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Monday, November 4 – Boston@1200; Seattle (Fife)@1300;

Tuesday, November 5 – CMES@1430; Charleston@1400; Houston@1315; Oakland@1230;

Wednesday, November 6 – Jacksonville@1300; New Orleans@1315;

Thursday, November 7 – L.A. (San Pedro)@1230; NY/NJ@1300; Norfolk@1300; Tampa@1300;

Friday, November 8 – Honolulu@1100.

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