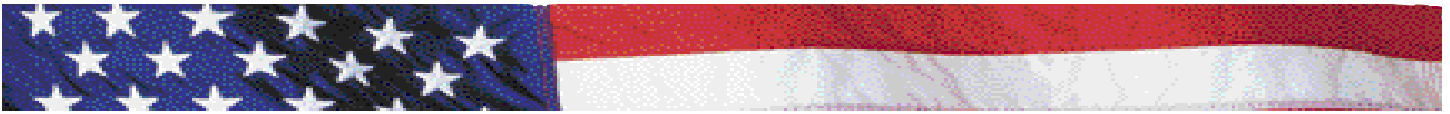


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State Maritime Academies Receive First Federal Operating Revenue Increase in More Than a Decade

Congress has approved the first federal operating revenue increase for America's State Maritime Academies in more than a decade.

The Fiscal Year 2006 Transportation Appropriations bill, signed into law by President Bush on November 30, 2005, includes a \$100,000 increase for each Academy through direct scholarship payments, the only federal account which is paid directly to each Academy.

The new funding is a 50% increase (\$300,000 per Academy) in a federal account that has not seen an increase in the late 1980's.

State Maritime Academies are one of the federal government's great bargains. Although each Academy is federally chartered with a critical federal purpose of supporting the U.S. Merchant Marine, only 3% of the Academies' operating funding comes from the federal government.

The State Academies produce the bulk of the new licensed officer each year – far more than any other source. The Academies are: Great Lakes Maritime Academy in Traverse City, Michigan; California Maritime Academy in Vallejo, California; Texas Maritime Academy in Galveston, Texas; Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts; The State University of New York Maritime Academy in Throgs Neck, New York; and Maine Maritime Academy in Castine, Maine.

MSC: Without State Maritime Academies, Meeting Licensed Manpower Requirements Would Not Be Possible

Vice Admiral David Brewer III, commander of the Military Sealift Command (MSC), recently said that MSC could not meet its licensed officer requirements without America's six State Maritime Academies.

Vice Admiral Brewer also predicted that, "State Maritime Academies, which are important now, will only become more important from a military sealift perspective in the future."

The highly-respected leader of MSC was direct in his praise of the Academies: "Quite simply, it would not be possible to meet our U.S. Merchant Mariner licensed officer manpower requirements without the many qualified graduates of the State Maritime Academies."

He added that the State Academies are "the largest, single source of new licensed officers each year."

According to Vice Admiral Brewer, more than 90% of all military cargo delivered during wartime moves on sealift ships manned by merchant mariners.



Vice Admiral David Brewer III, commander of Military Sealift Command

State Maritime Academy Leader Promoted to Head America's Largest Higher Education System

The entire State Maritime Academy community applauds Admiral John Ryan, who in December was promoted from the head of the State University of New York (SUNY) Maritime Academy to the chancellor of the entire SUNY system.

Admiral Ryan will now head the nation's largest comprehensive university system with 64 campuses and over 412,000 students. Formerly the superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy, Admiral Ryan served as acting chancellor of the SUNY system since June 1, 2005.