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NATIONAL MARITIME  
WORKFORCE CONFERENCE



**JUNE 5, 2018** ✨ **JUNE 6, 2018**

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2019 Maritime Education Conference  
as we build on our experiences  
from Shared Quarters



# WELCOME FROM SAN JACINTO COLLEGE AND TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY GALVESTON



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Welcome to the *Shared Quarters* National Maritime Workforce Conference! We are excited to welcome you to the Texas Gulf Coast for this prestigious conference.

At San Jacinto College and Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG), we understand the importance of having a skilled maritime workforce and how that affects the maritime industry nationwide. We have in our back yard the world's second largest petrochemical port and America's #1 port in foreign waterborne tonnage. Our partnerships and collaboration are critical to ensure the success of the maritime industry.

San Jacinto College is home to the only maritime transportation associate degree program in Texas. The College trains hundreds of incumbent workers every year so that they, and the maritime industry, have a skilled workforce to keep our nation's waterways moving. Since it began offering maritime workforce training in 2010, San Jacinto College has issued more than 6,500 U.S. Coast Guard certifications – for the past two years at the beautiful 45,000-square-foot San Jacinto College Maritime Campus in LaPorte, TX.

The Texas A&M Maritime Academy on the TAMUG campus of Texas A&M University (TAMU) is one of six federally supported state maritime academies in the United States. Texas A&M Maritime Academy provides future U.S. Merchant Marine officers the opportunity to learn how to operate and maintain an ocean-going vessel. In addition to classroom and field training during the school year, cadets sail aboard the training ship *General Rudder* for three summer cruises to gain practical experience in seamanship, navigation, and engineering operations. At the conclusion of the program, cadets can become licensed U.S. Merchant Marines as a deck or engineering officer and may seek employment in the exciting field of maritime transportation.

TAMUG's Maritime Administration Department (MARA) educates leaders for roles in maritime commerce and service to society by providing unique learning opportunities in marine and maritime industries and government organizations involved in coastal, marine and maritime activities. MARA interacts with businesses, government and other organizations through the exchange of ideas and practices; disseminating knowledge through published research; and actively pursuing a collaborative and inclusive work environment.


In December 2017, the President signed into law the Domestic Maritime Centers of Excellence (DMCOE) program, authorizing a role for community and technical colleges in maritime workforce training. The DMCOE program will complement the long-standing system of federally-supported state maritime academies.

It's an exciting time to be a part of the maritime industry, especially here on the Texas Gulf Coast. We hope that by attending this *Shared Quarters* conference, you will gain information that you can take with you back to your campuses or organization to better prepare the future maritime workforce.

Thank you for attending. Welcome to Texas and enjoy the conference!

Best,

  
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# PURPOSE OF THE SHARED QUARTERS MARITIME CONFERENCE



With enactment in December 2017 of legislation authorizing designation of community and technical college Domestic Maritime Centers of Excellence, the **Shared Quarters Maritime Conference** will address opportunities to enhance and expand maritime, marine technology and port management workforce training taking place at two-year public colleges throughout the country. The *Shared Quarters* conference will endeavor to surface issues and challenges and try to build an understanding for the diversity of regional maritime workforce needs and training. We will also hear about the Maritime Administration's progress in implementing the Domestic Maritime Centers of Excellence program.

At a February 13, 2017, meeting with community and technical colleges participating in a multi-state maritime workforce consortium, the United States Maritime Administrator, RADM Mark ("Buz") Buzby (USN Ret.), announced that President Trump wants to see America retake its role as a global leader in the maritime sector. The *Shared Quarters* conference will address opportunities for academics, ports, the maritime community and technical colleges to collaborate with the Maritime Administration, state maritime academies, the American Association of Port Authorities, the Marine Technology Society and industry partners to reach the goal of global leadership in the maritime sector, and to maintain that role in the years ahead.



# LUNCH KEYNOTE

## TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018



### **JANIECE LONGORIA, ESQ.** **CHAIRMAN OF THE PORT COMMISSIONERS,** **PORT HOUSTON**

**JANIECE LONGORIA, ESQ.**, was appointed to a six-year term on The University of Texas System Board of Regents by Governor Greg Abbott in January 2017 and was confirmed by the Texas Senate on February 7, 2017. Regent Longoria previously served on the Board from 2008 to 2011.

Regent Longoria serves on the Academic Affairs Committee; the Audit, Compliance, and Risk Management Committee; the Finance and Planning Committee; and the Health Affairs Committee. She serves on the Special Advisory Committee on the Brackenridge Tract and is also the Board of Regents' representative to the M. D. Anderson Services Corporation Board of Directors and the Texas Medical Center Board.

She is an honors graduate of The University of Texas at Austin, and received her J.D. from The University of Texas School of Law. She is also a Founder of the Center for Women in Law at The University of Texas School of Law.

Ms. Longoria serves on the Board of Directors of two public companies based in Houston: CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and Superior Energy Services, Inc.

She has served as the Chairman of Port Houston, one of the most productive ports in the nation since she was unanimously appointed on January 8, 2013. She also chairs the Port Commission's Audit Committee and serves on the Governance Committee and Pension and Benefits Committee. She also created the Chairman's Citizens Advisory Council to foster open communication between communities in and around the Port of Houston and the Port Commission.

Ms. Longoria has received numerous honors and recognitions for her community, industry, and board service, including the 2017 Maritime Person of the Year from the Houston Port Bureau, the Distinguished Alumnus Award from The University of Texas, the President's Citation from The University of Texas, The Outstanding Alumnus award for public service from The University of Texas School of Law, the Sandra Day O'Connor Award for Board Excellence, the Female Executive of the Year Award from the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and has been recognized as a "breakthrough woman" and was inducted into the Hall of Fame by the Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce. She has received other recognitions for service and philanthropy too numerous to mention.



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# LUNCH KEYNOTE

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2018



### **CAPT BILL DIEHL (USCG RET.)** ***PRESIDENT, GREATER HOUSTON PORT BUREAU***

**CAPTAIN BILL DIEHL, U.S. COAST GUARD (RET.)**, is president of the Greater Houston Port Bureau, a maritime trade organization of 200+ companies.

Before coming to the Port Bureau, Bill served 31 years in the Coast Guard in a variety of challenging jobs including serving as a diplomatic liaison officer to the Panama Canal. His last assignment was command of the largest operational unit in the Coast Guard: Sector Houston-Galveston. In this role he led 2,600 personnel in the highly successful response to Hurricane Ike in 2008. The response included saving 235 lives, cleaning up 240 oil spills, and the largest waterway restoration effort in the history of the Coast Guard.

Bill came to the Port Bureau in 2009. The Port Bureau supplies its companies with detail vessel traffic information and maritime expertise in safety, security and environmental issues and has been instrumental in representing members, the Houston Ship Channel Security District and the Greater Houston Coffee Association in front of state and federal legislators.

Bill is a 1982 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy and later obtained a Masters Degree from the University of Michigan in Naval Architecture, Marine Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. He is a registered professional engineer in the state of Virginia.

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018 – SAN JACINTO COLLEGE MARITIME CAMPUS

TIME	ACTIVITY
7:30 A.M.	Shuttle from hotel to San Jacinto College Maritime Campus
8:15 A.M.	Continental breakfast and networking
8:45 – 9 A.M.	<p><b>Welcome</b> – Dr. Brenda Hellyer, Chancellor, San Jacinto College, TX</p> <p><b>Congressional Remarks</b> – Rep. Brian Babin (TX-36), Rep. Pete Olson (TX-22), Rep. Gene Green (TX-29)</p> <p>Dr. Noel Hacegaba, Chief Commercial Officer and Managing Director of Commercial Operations, Port of Long Beach, CA (for the American Association of Port Authorities)</p> <p>Liesl Hotaling, Vice President of Education, Marine Technology Society</p>
9 – 9:45 A.M.	<p><b>Vision of Shared Quarters National Maritime Conference and Partnerships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Stauffer, Vice Chancellor / Superintendent for Maritime, San Jacinto College, TX</li> <li>• RADM Michael J. Rodriguez, Superintendent, Texas A&amp;M Maritime Academy, TX</li> </ul>
9:45 – 10:45 A.M.	<p><b>Maritime Administration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of the Maritime Administration</li> <li>• Current Status of the U.S. Merchant Marine</li> <li>• Update on Domestic Maritime Centers of Excellence program</li> </ul> <p><b>Presented by:</b> Dr. Shashi Kumar, Kevin Tokarski and Nuns Jain, MARAD</p>
10:45 – 11:15 A.M.	Coffee break and networking
11:15 A.M. – 12 P.M.	<p><b>Maritime Workforce and Military Crosswalks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Facilitator:</b> John Stauffer, Vice Chancellor / Superintendent for Maritime, San Jacinto College, TX</li> <li>• Bill Antilla, Maritime Science Instructor, Marine and Environmental Research and Training Station, Clatsop Community College, OR</li> <li>• Capt. Amy Arrowood, Director of Maritime Credit Program, San Jacinto College, TX</li> <li>• Jennifer Palestrant, Director, SMART Center for Maritime Transportation Education, Tidewater Community College, VA</li> </ul>
12 – 1:15 P.M.	<p><b>Luncheon and Keynote</b></p> <p>Janiece M. Longoria, Esq., Chairman, Port Commissioners, Port Houston, TX</p>
1:30 – 2:15 P.M.	<p><b>Innovative Workforce Programs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Facilitator:</b> Dr. Brenda Hellyer, Chancellor, San Jacinto College, TX</li> <li>• Peter Beard, Senior Vice President, Regional Workforce Development, Greater Houston Partnership, TX</li> <li>• Chad Burke, President, Economic Alliance Houston Port Region</li> <li>• Mike Temple, Director, Gulf Coast Workforce Board</li> </ul>
2:15 – 2:45 P.M.	Coffee break and networking
2:45 – 3:30 P.M.	<p><b>Maritime Transportation and Logistics Programs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Facilitator:</b> Rodger Rees, Director/CEO, Port of Galveston, TX</li> <li>• Karen Cook, Dean, School of Business and Law, Anne Arundel Community College, MD</li> <li>• Dan Harmon, Maritime Division Director, Texas Department of Transportation, TX</li> <li>• Rick Schwab, Senior Director, Maritime and Industrial Training Center, Delgado Community College, LA</li> </ul>
3:30 – 4:15 P.M.	<p><b>Partnerships: College Alignments with Maritime Industry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Facilitator:</b> J.J. Plunkett, Director/CEO, Houston Pilots Association, TX</li> <li>• James Andrews, Director Of Operations, Galveston Texas City Pilots Service Corporation, TX</li> <li>• Dr. Marty Fletcher, Director, Hawai'i Community College, Palamanui and University of Hawai'i Center, HI</li> <li>• Gordie Keenan, Vice President, Training, Kirby / Higman Marine Services, TX</li> <li>• Fred Villa, Associate Vice President for Workforce Programs, University of Alaska, AK</li> </ul>
4:20 P.M.	Transition to M/V Sam Houston <b>or</b> reception at San Jacinto College Maritime Campus
5 – 6:30 P.M.	<b>Port Houston excursion with cocktails aboard M/V Sam Houston or reception and Simulator Tour at San Jacinto College Maritime Campus</b>
6:30 P.M.	Return to Holiday Inn Kemah Hotel
Evening	Dinner on your own or with colleagues

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2018 – TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON

TIME	ACTIVITY
7:30 – 8:15 A.M.	Shuttle from Holiday Inn Kemah Hotel to Texas A&M University at Galveston, Texas A&M Maritime Academy
8:15 – 9 A.M.	Continental breakfast and networking
9– 9:15 A.M.	<b>Welcome – Texas A&amp;M Maritime Academy</b> RADM Michael J. Rodriguez, USMS, Superintendent, Texas A&M Maritime Academy, TX
9:15 – 10 A.M.	<b>Port Management and Maritime Administration Training Pipeline</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Facilitator:</b> Col. Leonard Waterworth, Executive Professor, Department of Maritime Administration, Texas A&amp;M University Galveston, TX</li> <li>• Dr. Joan Mileski, Department Head, Maritime Administration, Texas A&amp;M University Galveston, TX</li> <li>• Barbara Murray, Executive Director, TransPORTS – Transportation, Distribution &amp; Registered Apprenticeships, VA</li> <li>• Gilda Ramirez, Senior Director, Small Business and Education Outreach, Port Houston, TX</li> <li>• Erik Stromberg, Executive Director, Center for Advances in Port Management, Lamar University, TX</li> </ul>
10 – 10:45 A.M.	<b>U.S. Coast Guard Approved Maritime Training Programs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Facilitator:</b> RADM Michael J. Rodriguez, USMS, Superintendent, Texas A&amp;M Maritime Academy, TX</li> <li>• RADM Jerry Achenbach, USMS, Superintendent, Great Lakes Maritime Academy, MI</li> <li>• Jeff Brandt, Chief, Mariner Training and Assessment Division, United States Coast Guard, National Maritime Center, WV</li> <li>• Dr. Shashi Kumar, Deputy Associate Administrator and National Coordinator for Maritime Education and Training, Maritime Administration, Washington, DC</li> </ul>
10:45 – 11:15 A.M.	Coffee break and networking
11:15 A.M. – 12 P.M.	<b>Cybersecurity in Maritime Industry and Port Administration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Facilitator:</b> Dr. John Hauser, President, Carteret Community College, NC</li> <li>• Dr. Paula deWitte, Assistant Director, Texas A&amp;M Cybersecurity Center, Texas A&amp;M University Galveston, TX</li> <li>• John Jorgensen, Chief Scientist, Cybersecurity &amp; Software, American Bureau of Shipping, TX</li> <li>• Dr. Joan Mileski, Department Head, Maritime Administration, Texas A&amp;M University Galveston, TX</li> </ul>
12 – 1 P.M.	<b>Luncheon and Keynote</b> CAPT Bill Diehl (USCG Ret.), President, Greater Houston Port Bureau
1:15 P.M.	Shuttle to William P. Hobby Airport for June 6 late afternoon/evening departures
1– 1:45 P.M.	<b>Marine Technology Workforce Training and Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Facilitator:</b> Dr. Sunita Cooke, Superintendent/President, MiraCosta College, CA</li> <li>• Patrick Donovan, Manager, IMR BU Subsea Projects, Oceaneering International, Inc.</li> <li>• Linda Kurakowa, Director, Community Education and Workforce Development, MiraCosta College, CA</li> <li>• Ramesh Maini, President, Zentech Incorporated, TX</li> <li>• Andrew Ziegwied, Scientific Sales Manager –Americas, ASV Global</li> </ul>
1:45 –2:30 P.M.	<b>Update from the Marine League of Schools</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Facilitator:</b> John Adey, President, American Boat &amp; Yacht Council, MD</li> <li>• Ann Avary, Director, Center of Excellence for Marine Manufacturing and Technology, Skagit Valley College, WA</li> <li>• Dr. John Hauser, President, Carteret Community College, NC</li> <li>• Lana Sielski, Director, Marine Science and Technology, Florida Keys Community College, FL</li> </ul>
2:30 – 3:15 P.M.	<b>Maritime Workforce Technical Training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Facilitator:</b> Dr. Karin Edwards, President, Cascade Campus, Portland Community College, OR</li> <li>• Cathy LeCompte, Director, Alaska Vocational Technical Education Center, AK</li> <li>• Joseph Draves, Associate Dean, Trades and Engineering Technology, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, WI</li> <li>• Garry Mercer, Apprentice Program Manager, Huntington Ingalls Industries, MS</li> <li>• Dr. Jason Pugh, Executive Vice President, Teaching &amp; Learning, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, MS</li> <li>• Doug Ward, Director of Shipyard Development, Vigor Alaska, AK</li> </ul>
3:15 – 3:45 P.M.	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RADM Michael J. Rodriguez, Superintendent, Texas A&amp;M Maritime Academy, TX</li> <li>• John Stauffer, Vice Chancellor / Superintendent for Maritime, San Jacinto College, TX</li> <li>• Tom Downs, Downs Government Affairs, Washington, DC</li> </ul>
4 P.M.	Shuttle to Holiday Inn Kemah Hotel
Evening	Dinner on your own or with colleagues

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