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UNITED SEAMEN’S SERVICE

2017 Annual Report

AMMLA “Book Delivery” to prepositioned crews, USS Diego Garcia.

COMPSRON 3 Challenge Cup, Kickball Tournament Competition, USS Diego Garcia.
The Mission of the United Seamen's Service is to promote the welfare of American seafarers and their dependents, seafarers of all nations, US government military and civilian personnel and other persons engaged in the international maritime industry.

USS Assistant Director, Jack Spiwak, visits the NOAA Blue Fin, USS Yokohama.

Happy Hour, USS Bremerhaven.
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The President’s Message

USS Service To Seafarers – “The Mission Continues”

For over seventy-five years, USS Centers have provided a platform that allows USS to offer programs and direct services that specifically relate to the special conditions of the transient seafarer in a foreign port.

The USS Center is a safe haven and a “Home away from Home” for U.S. merchant mariners, seafarers of all nations, and personnel of U.S. and allied forces. It’s a place where the seafarer can relax in his or her time away from the workplace — the ship. At a USS center, seafarers can attend to their personal needs all under one roof. They can exchange currency, make calls home, check e-mail and access the internet, and purchase gifts for friends and family at home. A seafarer can also find a quiet area for reading and writing as well as restaurant and lounge facilities to have some fine food and beverages. USS Centers also conduct outreach programs for seafarers in the form of ship visiting, hospital visiting, and detention visiting.

In 2017, 76,925 seafarers visited our centers overseas. USS provided a total of 256,146 social services, with 1,500 seafarers receiving counseling and referrals for personal or professional concerns. Some of our high volume of services included 6,392 currency transactions, 16,000 international telecommunications, 6,144 shuttle and port wide transportation services, and 2,300 seafarers participated in special planned activities and sports events.

Also this year, USS has continued to meet the challenge of providing services to international seafarers from around the globe. Our Executive Director, Roger Korner, works closely with international agencies such as the International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF), the ITF Seafarers’ Trust, the International Labor Organization (ILO) and the International Seafarers and Assistance Network, (ISWAN) to address the specific needs of the international seafarer by expanding programs and partnerships concerning seafarers’ health, hygiene, communications and seafarers’ sports. This year, of particular importance was a Grant from the ITF Seafarers’ Trust which allowed USS to maintain its programs and services in the port of Naha, Okinawa, Japan.

Additionally, with the country still involved in international conflict, American merchant mariners continue to support U.S. forces in North Africa and Afghanistan. The delivery of services to U.S. pre-positioning crews and U.S. Fleet Sailors continues to be a priority for USS. Our centers in Diego Garcia, Okinawa, Busan, and Bremerhaven work daily with military commands at these locations to meet the needs of U.S. flag civilian and military crews. And, over the course of the year, the American Merchant Marine Library Association, placed over 185 seagoing libraries on America flag and allied vessels in coordination with the Maritime Administration and Military Sealift Command.
As we go forward, the agency’s primary challenge is how to maintain these needed services for seafarers with the ever increasing costs of operation. USS is attempting to implement what we hope will be successful funding strategies allowing us to continue our service programs, not only for the American Merchant Marine in its role as our nation’s Fourth Arm of Defense, but also for seafarers of all nationalities and local port communities.

USS has come a long way, and we look forward with confidence and enthusiasm to continuing our mission of service for seafarers. As we have for over three quarters of a century, USS continues to receive strength and guidance from the people who volunteer to serve on our Council and Board of Directors and by the dedication and professionalism of our staff.

Edward R. Morgan
President

13 June 2018

Maritime Day, USS Diego Garcia.

Maritime Day Observances, Eclipse Bay, Diego Garcia, Indian Ocean.
United Seamen’s Service Centers

These days a ship only spends a few hours in port before sailing on to its’ next destination. Because of these short turn around times, today’s seafaring men and women don’t get much time to familiarize themselves with the services and attractions available in the ports they visit. When a ship berths at a USS port, it is visited by the Center Director or a staff member who shares information with the crew on local customs, attractions and the programs and services available at the USS center. USS ship visitors let seafarers know they can come to the center and call home, mail letters, go online, exchange currency, purchase health and comfort items as well as gifts, pick out books from the center’s library, enjoy a meal, and participate in athletics and other recreational activities. In addition, USS will provide shuttle service from the ship to the center and to other destinations. Often there is no public transportation within reasonable walking distance of the ship. Further, taxi service in many ports can be expensive and, with the advent of increased port security, taxis may not be available within the port area. Therefore, the shuttle service is important for visiting seafarers wanting to make the most of their time ashore.

Seafarers are not the only ones to enjoy the hospitality of USS Centers. The portside community, U.S. government and military personnel and their families are all welcome. Our open-door approach addresses the concerns of the entire port community and promotes respect and understanding for seafarers throughout the world.

At USS centers around the world, seafarers can access a wide variety of services and information, helping them to make the most of their brief stay in port. And USS staff will make certain they get to and from their destinations safely and in plenty of time to catch their ship.
Dining, Entertainment and Special Events

Not all of our services are about business and crisis management. Many seafarers are simply looking for a place to relax and unwind, to forget about their jobs for a few hours, to enjoy a hearty meal among friendly faces.

USS centers offer entertainment, events, and cuisine designed to reflect the local culture and to give seafarers a taste of home.

The menus at USS centers feature local specialties, such as kimchee or sushi, as well as familiar steaks and sandwiches. Thanksgiving and Christmas are celebrated with traditional holiday meals.

Belly dancing, a traditional form of live entertainment in Morocco, always attracts an enthusiastic audience to the Garden at USS Casablanca. Theme parties like the Viking Night barbeque at Diego Garcia and the “St. Valentine’s Massacre” dance at USS Bremerhaven bring out the creativity in seafarers and the port community.

Every USS center celebrates Maritime Day. Seafarers, USS staff, members of the military and port communities come together each year to honor the memory of merchant marines who gave their lives in service to their country in World War II and other conflicts.

Whether the event is a meticulously planned wedding or an impromptu gathering over cold drinks and hot burgers, USS centers provide seafarers with a much needed break from the rigors of life at sea.
Sports, Fitness and Recreation

USS recognizes the importance of both physical and mental fitness to the seafaring way of life. A fit seafarer is able to withstand the rigors of life at sea, avoid illness and stay focused and alert which helps prevent shipboard accidents.

Participation in sports, athletics and recreational activities is the key to maintaining good health. USS is proactive in fostering the participation of seafarers in activities which will promote both physical and mental fitness as well as relaxation and enjoyment, and USS centers around the world offer a wide variety of activities to this end.

Patrons of USS Bremerhaven look forward to the coming of spring when the horseshoe pitch opens. Friendly competition between seafarers and local residents is a great way to stretch the muscles and meet new friends. USS Casablanca hosts regular billiard competitions and seafarers, many of whom shoot a fair stick, are always in demand to join the local teams. USS Diego Garcia sponsors seafaring teams in softball and golf that have historically been strong contenders in the island leagues. USS Diego Garcia is situated right on the beach and seafarers visiting the center take advantage of the location for swimming, snorkeling or just enjoying the sun and sand.

For almost 40 years in Yokohama, Japan, the USS Center has sponsored Sports Week every July in cooperation with the Yokohama Port & Harbor Bureau, the International Christian Maritime Association and the All Japan’s Seamen’s Union. Held on the USS Yokohama Center’s multi-function court, this event allowed nearly 140 seafarers to participate in billiards, soccer, basketball, darts, table tennis and more. At the conclusion of the week, USS hosts an awards celebration for the winning teams.

USS centers around the world continue to carry out the agency’s commitment to the welfare of seafarers by offering a wide variety of athletic and recreational activities in order to promote the mental and physical fitness of the international seagoing workforce.
When seafarers come into a port, it can be difficult for them to meet all their needs in an unfamiliar environment. USS centers regularly provide a shuttle van service to and from the center. This shuttle service is beneficial to seafarers as an efficient and affordable alternative to taxis or buses.

The center directors also make regular visits to ships in the ports to ensure that seafarers are aware of the USS centers and the services provided. Ship visiting is an important part of each USS center ensuring that the center director maintains close contact with the ships coming and going in port and the needs of seafarers.

At each USS center, the director and staff give visiting mariners information about the many services USS provides. Seafarers can take care of business such as exchanging currency or purchasing essential personal items. Also, mariners can get information about shopping and even touring the area. If a seafarer has no specific agenda, they can just sit back and unwind at the center.

Some USS centers, like Diego Garcia and Okinawa, have extensive gift shops where seafarers can purchase a wide range of personal items. In Busan, local shopping and entertainment facilities are convenient to the port, but transit time in port is usually limited. USS Busan is often a mariner’s first stop in port where they can access information about the city and the best places to shop for what they need. At a typical USS center, the different types of telecommunication services include: telephone, fax service, international postal service, and internet access.
International Communications

In this age of immediate access to information through the internet, international communications takes on a whole new meaning for the seafarer. Communicating with loved ones “back home” and taking care of personal business by telephone is still very much a priority for a seafarer when transiting a busy port. And, as with the general population, it’s also become increasingly important for seafarers to be able to use a computer with internet access to send and receive emails and to keep abreast of current events at home and around the world on their favorite websites. A mariner at sea does not usually have ready access to the internet aboard the ship, so time online when in port is crucial.

A typical USS center is well equipped with WiFi, international telephone and fax services as well as computers for internet access. In addition, all centers offer postal services, currency exchange and international newspapers and magazines for visiting seafarers to peruse. In 2017, at our 6 centers overseas, USS assisted seafarers with over 16,000 communications, i.e. telephone calls, faxes, and internet access.

USS has always been dedicated to providing the latest technology to enable seafarers to stay in touch with loved ones and to stay informed about the world around them.
Globalization is “the growing economic interdependence of countries worldwide through increasing volume and variety of cross-border transactions in goods and services”. The maritime industry personifies the globalization phenomenon. It is not uncommon today for ships transiting USS ports to sail under the flag of one country while being manned by officers from a second country and crew-members from one or two others. To meet the needs and welfare concerns of seafarers in this multi-cultural environment, it is essential that the various sectors of the international maritime industry join hands to share ideas and information as well as develop programs designed to provide seafarers with the physical and psychological support needed to carry out the rigorous work of seafaring.

USS partners with a number of organizations in support of seafarers’ welfare projects; including the International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF), the International Seafarers’ Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN), All Japan Seamen’s Union (AJSU), International Bargaining Forum (IBF), the Apostleship of the Sea, Committee Du Patronage, Port of Casablanca, Mission to Seafarers and the City of Yokohama.

Also, of special note, has been the continued support of the ITF Seafarers Trust in providing USS with financial grants for capital improvements and for the purchase of passenger vans for the transport of seafarers. Further, of particular note, this year the IBF has once again provided an operational grant of $80,000 for the support of USS Yokohama’s programs and services.
Seafarers’ Rights and Emergency Assistance

As seafarers travel the high seas and transit foreign ports, anything can occur and sometimes very troubling situations arise. Seafarers may encounter unsafe working conditions, injuries or illness, loss of pay, abandonment or even difficulties with local authorities when transiting a port. When such problems occur, seafarers can turn to United Seamen’s Service for help. USS center directors and local staff use their experience and contacts to advise and support seafarers encountering difficult situations.

Seafarers’ Rights

A network of seafarers’ welfare agencies is spread across the globe encompassing a broad spectrum of non-sectarian, religious, government, management, and labor organizations. In conjunction with the International Seafarers’ Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWN) and the International Transport Workers’ Federation, United Seamen’s Service is an active partner in this global network and as such has access to a wide variety of resources when dealing with seafarers in need.

One important resource that seafarers have available to them from any port around the world is the International Seafarers’ Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN) a worldwide referral network for the international seagoing workforce. Seafarers can access ISWAN to get information on a wide variety of subjects pertinent to their particular employment situation and lifestyle. Information on issues such as legal matters, shipboard harassment, denial of shore leave, ship abandonment, unethical pay practices and personal and family matters are but a few of the areas available to seafarers who can call ISWAN for assistance twenty-four hours a day. In many cases the call is free depending on the country where the call originates. The ISWAN website provides detailed calling information and may be found at www.seafarerhelp.org.
Communities Served by
United Seamen’s Service in 2017

ALABAMA
Birmingham
Huntsville
Montgomery
Mobile

ALASKA
Anchorage
Valdez

ARIZONA
Phoenix
Tucson

ARKANSAS
Camden
Fayetteville
Little Rock

CALIFORNIA
Alameda
Auburn
Costa Mesa
Fresno
Long Beach
Los Angeles
Newport
Oakland
Riverside
San Francisco
San Diego
Santa Barbara
Torrance

COLORADO
Boulder
Colorado Springs
Denver

CONNECTICUT
Bridgeport
Hartford
Stamford

DELAWARE
Dover

DIST. OF
COLUMBIA
Washington D.C.

GEORGIA
Atlanta
Augusta
Decatur
Macon

GUAM

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Lansing
Sault Ste. Marie

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Duluth
Minneapolis
St. Paul

MISSISSIPPI
Biloxi
Jackson

MISSOURI
Kansas City
St. Louis

MONTANA
Butte
Edwards

NEBRASKA
Omaha

NEVADA
Baker
Carson City
Las Vegas
Reno

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Concord
Portsmouth

NEW JERSEY
Bayonne
Jersey City
Newark
Paterson
Trenton

NEW MEXICO
Albuquerque
Tularosa

NEW YORK
Albany
Brooklyn
Buffalo
Ithaca
Kings Point
New York City
Yonkers

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Vancouver
Walla Walla

WEST VIRGINIA

WISCONSIN
Charleston

WYOMING

UNITED SEAMEN’S SERVICE
Every USS center maintains a sign-in log listing the names and nationalities of visiting seafarers. These logs are a record of our commitment to uphold the Brotherhood of the Sea which honors seafarers of all nations regardless of religion, race or nationality.

Seafarers from the following countries and territories have received service and aid from USS in 2017:

- ALGERIA
- ARGENTINA
- AUSTRALIA
- BANGLADESH
- BRAZIL
- CAMEROON
- CANADA
- CHILE
- CHINA
- CROATIA
- CYPRUS
- DENMARK
- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
- EGYPT
- ENGLAND
- ESTONIA
- FINLAND
- FRANCE
- GEORGIA
- GERMANY
- GHANA
- GREECE
- ICELAND
- INDIA
- INDONESIA
- ITALY
- JAPAN
- KENYA
- LATVIA
- LEBANON
- LIBERIA
- MALAYSIA
- MARSHALL ISLANDS
- MEXICO
- MOROCCO
- NETHERLANDS
- NIGERIA
- NORWAY
- PAKISTAN
- PANAMA
- POLAND
- PORTUGAL
- PUERTO RICO
- REPUBLIC of the PHILIPPINES
- RUSSIA
- SENEGAL
- SINGAPORE
- SOUTH AFRICA
- SOUTH KOREA
- SPAIN
- TAIWAN
- THAILAND
- TRINIDAD
- TURKEY
- UKRAINE
- USA
- VIETNAM
Summary of 2017 USS Services

Currency exchanges for seafarers .................. 6,392
Beached seafarers assisted by USS
(includes repatriation assistance) .................. 12
Hospitalized seafarers served ....................... 23
Advocacy for seafarers with consulates, local government
officials, and other agencies ....................... 11
Other crisis intervention, counseling, information
and referral and miscellaneous ................... 1,500
Telecommunications, telephone calls
and internet access .................. 16,000
Letters mailed .................. 1,135
Meals served .................. 140,229
Registration in USS centers .................. 76,925
Ship visits .................. 2,496
Shuttle and port-wide transportation services ........ 6,144
Shopping assistance .................. 1,360
Library and video exchange .................. 1,619
Seafarers participating in athletic events, parties,
tours and planned activities .................. 2,300

Total social services provided by USS for seafarers
and their families at home .................. 256,146
2017 USS Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS
Cash and Cash Equivalents $202,397
Restricted Fund Board Designated 1,459
Accounts Receivable 174,076
Merchandise Held for Sale at Lower of Cost or Market 113,192
Plant Fund (Land, Buildings & Equipment) 621,185
Total Assets $1,112,309

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses $808,156
Vacation, Repatriation and Severance 432,021
Pension Liability due to Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. 2,470,000
Total Liabilities $3,710,177
Net Assets (Deficit) (2,597,868)
Total Liabilities and Net Assets $1,112,309

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
Operating Revenues and Gains
Contributions $259,129
Special Events (Less direct cost) 248,282
Sales and Services at USS Centers (Less cost of goods sold) 1,696,385
Rental Income 20,957
Interest and Dividends 57
Donated Services 25,000
Foreign Exchange Fluctuations 36,210
Total Operating Revenues and Gains $2,286,020

OPERATING EXPENSES
Program Services $1,923,918
To provide health, welfare and recreational services and on-board library services to the personnel of the American Merchant Marine and to the International Seafarers of all Friendly Nations
Program Development and Expansion 29,619
Total Program Services $1,953,537
Supporting Services
Management and General $466,606
Fund Raising 93,656
Total Supporting Services $560,262
Total Operating Expenses $2,513,799
Operating Net Income (Loss) ($227,779)
Change in Net Assets ($227,779)
Net Assets (Deficit) – Beginning of Year ($2,370,089)
Net Assets (Deficit) - End of Year ($2,597,868)
Recognized as the most prestigious award in the maritime industry, the Admiral of The Ocean Sea Awards have been presented annually by United Seamen’s Service for the past forty-nine years. The AOTOS Award is given in recognition of individuals and organizations who have shown outstanding support for American seafarers and the maritime industry of the United States.

In 2017, the Admiral of The Ocean Sea honors were awarded to three very distinguished gentlemen: Andre Grikitis, Operating Chairman, Intermarine LLC; Captain Thomas Merrell, President, General Dynamics American Overseas Marine (AMSEA) and James Miller, Chairman, Board of Directors, Philly Shipyard ASA. The honorees are three members of the maritime industry who in their respective capacities have been guiding the way to keep the American-flag merchant marine on the high seas.

The AOTOS event was held on October 13, 2017 in the Metropolitan Ballroom of the Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel. The event was very well attended with nearly one thousand dignitaries and prominent members of the transportation industry turning out to pay tribute to the honorees.

A much anticipated segment of the AOTOS event is the Honored Seafarer awards. These awards honor mariners of vessels who, during the previous year, had exhibited exceptional bravery, superb seamanship and devotion to duty while engaged in rescue operations at sea. The Honorable Mark H. Buzby, USN (Ret), Maritime Administrator, U.S. Maritime Administration was joined by Rear Admiral John A. Schommer, USN, Military Sealift Command, in presenting this year’s Mariners’ plaques and rosettes to the well deserving mariners.
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, that this Act may be cited as the “Seamen’s Service Act.”

It is the purpose of this Act, by authorizing appropriate departments and agencies of the United States Government to cooperate with the United Seamen’s Service in the establishment and operation of facilities for US Merchant Seamen in foreign areas, to promote the welfare of such seamen essential to the overall interests of shipment of United States goods and supplies to such areas. . .


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“Happy Birthday USS” of 75 Years of Service to Seafarers.

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Keynote Speaker, Director, Total Force Management, Michael C. Morris and USS Trustees at the USS 2017 Annual Meeting.

USS 2017 Annual Meeting, Left to Right, Dave Heindel, Toyomitsu Yoshihiro and Roger Korner.
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Third Annual Commodore Challenge Cup, “Italian Dinner Cook Off,” USS Diego Garcia.

Eight Ball Elimination Match, USS Yokohama.

Port Shuttle Service, USS Casablanca.

Pitching Horseshoes in the Garden, USS Bremerhaven.

“Amateur Night Songfest,” USS Diego Garcia.
Seafarers on the way to the USS Yokohama Center.

Sunday Brunch, Port Community, USS Bremerhaven.

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