



The Captain's Corner

Shortly after the June change of command, I met with the senior staff at the NMC at an offsite where we discussed the Restructuring and Centralization project and the Mission of the NMC and RECs once fully restructured and under centralized operations. We listened to a panel of customers from the maritime industry about their concerns. We've also been examining our performance in the context of what is most important to our customers.

I've since compiled all of this information and developed the Mission and Vision for the NMC and RECs. This email communicates our Mission and establishes a Vision for our future so that you know what is important and where we are going in the future.

Referring to the attached document, our Mission and Vision consists of two major components—OUR ENDURING IDEOLOGY and OUR ENVISIONED FUTURE. It defines what we stand for and why we exist and sets forth what we aspire to become, to achieve, to create, which will require significant change and progress to attain.

OUR ENDURING IDEOLOGY - WHAT WILL REMAIN, NOT CHANGE. Our Core Values reflect those of the USCG - Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty and are expressed in terms of our customers. Our Core Purpose is the fundamental reason for the NMC/RECs' being.

OUR ENVISIONED FUTURE - WHAT WE WILL CREATE, WHAT WILL CHANGE. Our Big Audacious Goal - Vision is what we will aim to produce for our customers. The second part of this vision is vivid descriptions of what it will be like when we achieve this vision.

Each of you plays a vital role in carrying out our MISSION and achieving our VISION. I expect each of you to live up to these core values and focus on our customers. Further, I expect each of you to contribute to achieving our VISION. In this regard, I ask that you print the attached Mission and Vision and post it in your work spaces as a daily reminder of who we are and what we will become. REC Chiefs, please forward this to each of your employees.

David C. Stalfort
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard
Commanding Officer

Staffing Updates

NMC-2, Merchant Marine Evaluation Specialist, GS 12,
Closing Date: October 24th

NMC-2, Instructional Systems Specialist, GS 13,
Closing Date: October 31st

See USA Jobs <http://www.usajobs.gov/>
Search: Homeland Security, US Coast Guard

NMC staffing 61% of full strength



Future Event

05 November - 09 November 2007

REC T.E.A.M. Meeting

**Meeting Theme:
The REC Transition Book**

Location: Shepherdstown, WV



Building Updates

Mr. Brandt, Chief NMC-3 reports that significant progress occurred over the last week. He had the opportunity to take several pictures which he has posted on NMC's public drive. The construction schedule's objective is the completion of the 3rd floor and will work downwards from there. The contractor will be lighting off a generator to get the HVAC system on line so that they can complete finish work, again starting work from the top floor down. As you can see on the posted picture, the outside of the building has transformed its appearance, but is still missing some final touches. Work is also being done on the parking lot and the curbs are about 40% done. After completion of that part, paving of the area is to follow. Mr. Brandt also noted that one critical element is the electrical and phone connections to the building. The contractor is vigorously engaged in completing this task by blasting rocks and clearing the right of way from Route 9 to the building. Last but not least, the furniture installation is slated to begin on 12 November, starting at the top floor and working down. At this point, the contractor is ahead of schedule, even though much needs to be completed. To follow the on-going progress, please visit <http://www.gsa-projects.com/ProjectDetails.aspx?id=14> and for specific question you can contact Mr. Brandt at (301) 724-9559 or Jeffrey.Brandt@uscg.mil.



REC & NMC Employees!

As "The Wave" continues to assist in the way to communicate progress and new implementations in NMC's restructuring and centralization process, we want to encourage everyone to use it as a tool to introduce your teams and give us all the opportunity to become better acquainted. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any suggestions and comments.

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RECorner

FDE training a success!

On Friday, 19 OCT, NMC-1 successfully hosted a required Forensic Document Evaluator class for 10 of our Team NMC employees (contractors, as well as military and civil service staff). The RECs who were represented were RECs Baltimore, Memphis and Los Angeles/Long Beach. From NMC, we had several members of the Safety and Security Branch taking part in the training.

Mr. Barry Walker was the Project Officer for this training event. He coordinated this with another DHS entity (Forensic Document Laboratory in McLean, Virginia) and Mr. John Mingione, from the FDL, was the instructor.

This is the first time we hosted this course out here and plan on doing more in the future.

CDR Craig S. Swirbliss (NMC-1)

REC TEAM Update

In preparation of the upcoming REC TEAM meeting, Mr. Hess, NMC-1, emailed all RECs specific information in regards to the meeting structure. He also provided several attachments for review, which, in turn, will give you a clear viewpoint of the expected outcome (deliverable).

This advance information package will give you the opportunity to examine your best practices before hand and will be enormously beneficial for the overall outcome of the meeting.

Please direct further questions or comments in regards to the REC TEAM meeting to Rob Hess at (304)728-9153 or Robert.P.Hess@uscg.mil



And the winner of the naming contest name for our Electronic Credentialing System is...

With 1,060 votes cast, the winner is: “Merchant Mariner Secure Electronic Application System (MM-Seas)”, submitted by *Mr. Andrew Ferguson* in NMC-5, with 220 votes!

Not only did Mr. Ferguson submit a name, he also submitted some graphic art work, which is copied below. Very professional indeed! Congratulations Andy! Enjoy your special time-off award.

A special congratulations to the rest of the contenders, listed below – with the voting results and person submitting.

- NEAT - NMC Express Application Tool - 157 votes – Ike Eisentrout, NMC-4
- ezMMC - 142 votes – Mr. Larry Griffin, REC Houston
- Merchant MICK (Marine Industry Credentialing Kit) - 107 votes – DaShawn DeCou, NMC-5
- Maritime Credentials online - 102 votes – Rhonda Booker, REC New York
- MECAS - Mariner Electronic Credential Application System – 91 votes – Ike Eisentrout, NMC-4
- "SEAFARER'S CREDENTIALS SYSTEM" - 84 votes – John Cassidy, REC Baltimore
- CG License Application Express – 82 votes - Rhonda Booker, REC New York
- e-MLD - 56 votes – Keith Janssen, NMC-3
- Turbo-MMC - 19 votes – Larry Griffin, REC Houston.

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