

A. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

1. Name (Include any former names or nicknames used):

Max Milan Vekich
Max Milan Vekich, Jr.
Maxie

2. Position to which nominated:

Commissioner, Federal Maritime Commission

3. Date of Nomination:

June 24, 2021

4. Address (List current place of residence and office addresses):



5. Date and Place of Birth:

May 22, 1954, Aberdeen, Washington

6. Provide the name, position, and place of employment for your spouse (if married) and the names and ages of your children (including stepchildren and children by a previous marriage).

Spouse:
Marcella Stone-Vekich, Retired

Children:
Peter Frost Vekich - 40
Alexandra Upton Vekich - 37
Claire Elizabeth Donehue (stepdaughter) – 33

Note: Peter and Alexandra are my children with my first wife (Ivy Frost Vekich) who passed from cancer in 1995.

7. List all college and graduate degrees. Provide year and school attended.

Grays Harbor Community College, A.A. 1974
University of Puget Sound, B.A. Political Science 1976

8. List all post-undergraduate employment, and highlight all management-level jobs held and any non-managerial jobs that relate to the position for which you are nominated.

2005 – Present

**ILWU Supercargo Management, PMA Management
Puget Sound and Coastal Ports**

2004 – 2005

**ILWU Marine Clerk, PMA
Seattle, WA**

1983 – 2004

**A Registered Longshoreman, PMA
Aberdeen, WA**

1983 – 1991

**Washington State Representative, State of Washington
35th Legislative District**

1979 – 1983

**B Registered Longshoreman, PMA
Aberdeen, WA**

1972 – 1979

**Casual Longshoreman, PMA
Aberdeen, WA**

9. Attach a copy of your resume.

See Attached.

10. List any advisory, consultative, honorary, or other part-time service or positions with Federal, State, or local governments, other than those listed above, within the last ten years.

None.

11. List all positions held as an officer, director, trustee, partner, proprietor, agent, representative, or consultant of any corporation, company, firm, partnership, or other business, enterprise, educational, or other institution within the last ten years.

2020 – Present, 2013 – 2018

**Member, Labor Relations Committee
International Longshore Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 52
Seattle, WA**

2018 – 2019

President

**International Longshore Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 52
Seattle, WA**

2003 – 2018

International Executive Board Member

**Elected for Five Terms to represent Puget Sound and Coastal Washington Area
International Longshore Warehouse Union (ILWU)
San Francisco, CA**

12. Please list each membership you have had during the past ten years or currently hold with any civic, social, charitable, educational, political, professional, fraternal, benevolent or religious organization, private club, or other membership organization. Include dates of membership and any positions you have held with any organization. Please note whether any such club or organization restricts membership on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age, or handicap.

None of the following organizations listed restricts membership on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age, or handicap.

U.S. Naval Institute	Current Member
Washington Arms Collectors	Life Member, 2021
Orders and Medals Society of America	Life Member, 2021
Catholic Relief Services	2020 - Present
Seattle Area Longshore Pensioner Club	2019 - Present
Grays Harbor College Foundation, Aberdeen, WA	2018 - Present
University of Puget Sound Alumni Association	2016 - Present
34th Legislative District Democrats, Seattle, WA	2008 - Present
Northwest Historical Miniature Gaming Society	1990 - Present
Grays Harbor Historical Seaport, Aberdeen, WA	1988 - Present
Beta Theta Pi Fraternity	1974 - Present
Croatian Fraternal Union	1972 - Present

13. Have you ever been a candidate for and/or held a public office (elected, non-elected, or appointed)? If so, indicate whether any campaign has any outstanding debt, the amount, and whether you are personally liable for that debt.

Yes, I have been a candidate for and have held public office. I have no reason to believe the campaign has any outstanding debt.

Position	Date	Office	Jurisdiction	Debt
Candidate	2009	Port of Seattle Commission	King County, WA	None
Candidate	1994	Washington State Representative	19th Legislative District	None

Candidate	1992	Washington State House of Representatives	19B Legislative District	None
Candidate	1990	Washington State House of Representatives	35th Legislative District	None
Public Office	1983-1991	Washington State House of Representatives (4) 2-year terms	35th Legislative District	None
Candidate	1980	Washington State Senate	19th Legislative District	None

14. List all memberships and offices held with and services rendered to, whether compensated or not, any political party or election committee within the past ten years. If you have held a paid position or served in a formal or official advisory position (whether compensated or not) in a political campaign within the past ten years, identify the particulars of the campaign, including the candidate, year of the campaign, and your title and responsibilities.

None.

15. Itemize all political contributions to any individual, campaign organization, political party, political action committee, or similar entity of \$500 or more for the past ten years. Also list all offices you have held with, and services rendered to, a state or national political party or election committee during the same period.

ILWU Political Action Fund

- **\$10 weekly donations from 2011 to 2021 (Donations never exceeded \$500/year).**

Federal Contributions over \$500 Itemized

2021	Patty Murray (D) U.S. Senate, WA	\$1000.00
2020	Beth Doglio (D) WA-10th	\$ 550.00
2020	Joe Biden (D) President	\$5800.00
2019	Inslee for America (D), President	\$ 725.00
2018	Jason Ritterer for Congress, WA-8th	\$ 500.00
2018	Lisa Brown for Congress (D), WA-5th	\$ 500.00
2018	Maria Cantwell (D) U.S. Senate, WA	\$1250.00
2017	People for Patty Murray (D) U.S. Senate, WA	\$1050.00
2016	Udall for Us All (D) U.S. Senate, NM	\$1125.00
2016	Friends of Joe McDermott (D) WA-7th	\$ 700.00
2015	Denny Heck for Congress (D) WA-10th	\$ 550.00
2013	Begich for America (D) U.S. Senate, AK	\$ 500.00
2012	Obama for America (D) President	\$ 590.60
2012	Maria Cantwell (D) U.S. Senate, WA	\$2150.00

State and Local Contributions over \$500 Itemized

2020	Jay Inslee (D) Governor, WA	\$1,570.00
2020	Denny Heck (D) Lieutenant Governor, WA	\$ 550.00
2020	Dean Takko (D) State Senate - 19 th Legislative District	\$ 500.00
2019	Tom Quigg (NP) Port of Grays Harbor Commission	\$ 500.00
2018	Fred Felleman (NP) Port of Seattle (King County, WA)	\$ 500.00
2018	Shannon Braddock (D) State Senate - 34 th Legislative District	\$1,953.00
2017	Dow Constantine (NP) King County Executive, WA	\$ 733.00
2017	John Persak (NP) Port of Seattle (King County, WA)	\$ 600.00
2017	Lorena Gonzalez (NP) Seattle City Council Position 9	\$ 510.00
2017	Larry Brown (NP) Auburn City Council, WA	\$ 500.00
2016	Jay Inslee (D) Governor, WA	\$1,225.00
2016	Tina Podlodowski (D) Secretary of State, WA	\$ 525.00
2015	Joe McDermott (NP) King County Council District 8	\$ 500.00
2015	Shannon Braddock (NP) Seattle City Council District 1	\$1,260.00
2015	John Persak (NP) Seattle City Council District 8	\$ 500.00
2015	Leslie Harris (NP) Seattle School Board	\$ 600.00
2013	Peter Steinbreuck (NP) Mayor Seattle	\$ 700.00
2012	Randy Dorn (NP) WA Superintendent Public Instruction	\$ 550.00
2012	Jeff Davis (D) State Representative, WA - 35 th Legislative District	\$ 730.83
2012	Jay Inslee (D) Governor, WA	\$ 2929.00

16. List all scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, honorary society memberships, military medals, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievements.

1991	Orders and Medals Society of America (OMSA) Medal Best British Display Annual Convention
1991	Citation of Outstanding Service, Washington Dairy Farmers
1990	Honorary Citizen City of Tacoma, Washington
1990	Robert Gray Medal presented by WA State Historical Society for distinguished achievement in the field of Pacific NW History
1990	Washington Licensed Beverage Association Legislator of the Year
1989	Washington State Labor Council Legislator of The Year 1989
1986	WA Dairy Federation Legislator of the Year
1985	National Rifle Association Legislator of the Year
1980	MVP Last Aberdeen-Hoquiam Thanksgiving Alumni Game
1972-1974	Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
1974	Twin Harbor Stevedore Safety Scholarship
1973	Grays Harbor College Student Body President Scholarship
1973	ILWU Ladies Axillary #2 Scholarship
1973	Norman Holmes GHC Memorial Scholarship
1972	Grays Harbor College Choker Football full ride scholarship

17. Please list each book, article, column, or publication you have authored, individually or with others. Also list any speeches that you have given on topics relevant to the position for which you have been nominated. Do not attach copies of these publications unless otherwise instructed.

Publications:

Op-ed: “Sonics Arena deal doesn’t do enough to protect jobs”, *Westside Seattle*, September 18, 2012:

<https://www.westsideseattle.com/ballard-news-tribune/2012/09/18/op-ed-sonics-arena-deal-doesnt-do-enough-protect-jobs>

Resolution: “Renaming Maury Island”, *Democratic Party of the 34th Legislative District Homepage*, November 9, 2020 (Co-authored with Marcee Stone-Vekich)

<https://34dems.org/proposed-renaming-maury-island/>

Letters:

<https://www.ilwu.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/DispatcherDEC2020lores.pdf>

Speeches:

My political activity offered many opportunities to make numerous speeches, etc., many which may not be otherwise documented. The most accurate and representative sample of my speeches are cited below but there may be others that follow a similar context.

Max Vekich Port of Seattle Candidate Address to Highland Park Candidates’ Forum, September 24, 2009 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9wx_B2RVq0

Max Vekich Port of Seattle Candidate Speech, Blue Festival, Seattle, WA, 10/06/2009 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rCI9uQf_W-Y

Max Vekich Port of Seattle Candidate at Young Voters League Candidate Forum 2009 at Seattle Vocational Institute October 19, 2009 (3:42 – 5:14) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWwkOmrtRjg>

Speech Lady Washington 25th Birthday July 3, 2013. Grays Harbor Historical Seaport, Aberdeen, WA.

Part 1

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Part 2

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Endorsements:

Senator Maria Cantwell Endorsing Max Vekich, September 29, 2009, Private Fundraiser <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-uOfhppw7DU>

Representative Jay Inslee (WA-10) Endorsing Max Vekich, October 5, 2009 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UBf401N0W8c>

Interviews (Quotes):

<https://www.foss.com/press-releases/foss-maritime-honored-for-safety-performance/>

<https://westseattleblog.com/2016/06/air-pollution-annoyance-noise-truck-traffic-other-concerns-aired-at-second-hearing-for-terminal-5-review/>

<https://westseattleblog.com/2015/01/arctic-drilling-support-fleet-at-west-seattles-terminal-5-after-impassioned-debate-port-commission-says-yes/>

<https://www.seattlepi.com/seattlenews/slideshow/King-County-Council-approves-Sodo-arena-46760.php> - Photo

18. List all digital platforms (including social media and other digital content sites) on which you currently or have formerly operated an account, regardless of whether or not the account was held in your name or an alias. Include the name of an “alias” or “handle” you have used on each of the named platforms. Indicate whether the account is active, deleted, or dormant. Include a link to each account if possible.

- **Facebook**
 - [facebook.com/max.vekich](https://www.facebook.com/max.vekich)
 - [facebook.com/Max4OurPort](https://www.facebook.com/Max4OurPort)
- **Pinterest**
 - [@maxvekich](https://www.pinterest.com/@maxvekich)
- **LinkedIn**
 - Dormant, unknown profile

19. Please identify each instance in which you have testified orally or in writing before Congress in a governmental or non-governmental capacity and specify the date and subject matter of each testimony.

Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, Committee on Education and the Work Force, U.S. House of Representatives, “Emerging Trends in Employment and Labor Law: Labor Management Relations in a Global Economy”, October 2, 2002.

20. Given the current mission, major programs, and major operational objectives of the department/agency to which you have been nominated, what in your background or employment experience do you believe affirmatively qualifies you for appointment to the position for which you have been nominated, and why do you wish to serve in that position?

I possess forty-nine years of experience moving maritime cargo through ports and into the supply chain. I worked my way up the ladder from being a “Casual Longshoreman” loading lumber on the CALMAR to a “Senior Supercargo” loading vessels like the M/V BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, the largest container ship to ever call the U.S. West Coast. The knowledge and insight I have gained over the course of my professional life makes me uniquely qualified to serve in a regulatory capacity of the shipping industry. Over the course of nearly five decades, I have worked with shipping lines, terminal operators, labor unions, and governmental bodies to include the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, port authorities, local first responders, and many more.

As I was contemplating retirement from the ILWU, I realized my experiences could be of use to our country. I have always felt a call to public service and offered my services to President Biden. I am humbled by his nomination to serve on the Federal Maritime Commission.

21. What do you believe are your responsibilities, if confirmed, to ensure that the department/agency has proper management and accounting controls, and what experience do you have in managing a large organization?

Every leader, myself included, is fully accountable to ensure that his or her organization is managed in a way that promotes transparent stewardship, to include external controls and audits. In the private sector, I have served on the Executive Board of a 60,000-member international union for fifteen years working with professional staff, including lawyers, accountants, research and fiscal analysts in addition to office, clerical and media personnel. Six of those years I served as a Trustee of the Board and was engaged with the officers in budgets and expenditures, performance, audits, investigations, and legal affairs.

I did not conduct audits, but reviewed audit reports and made recommendations to the Board on audit findings. I reviewed budgets and expenditures of the Union and made recommendations to the Board on fiscal matters. I also worked with the twelve union locals within my area and advised them when requested or necessary on matters requiring my stewardship.

I have worked with marine terminal managers conducting many different operations simultaneously. I have worked with various stakeholders to focus on the needs of the supply chain from wood product manufacturers to agricultural exporters, from timber companies to dairy farmers.

Lastly, I will draw on my own public sector experience. I have chaired quite a variety of state legislative committees staffed by non-partisan attorneys, analysts (research and fiscal) and clerks. I also had oversight responsibilities over state agencies' programs and their efficacy.

22. What do you believe to be the top three challenges facing the department/agency, and why?

The top three challenges and issues facing the shipping industry are: 1) consolidation of carriers and how that affects shippers and other constituencies; 2) better handling trade increases and cargo “surges”; and 3) the empty container conundrum caused by refusal to provide empty containers for exports out of the United States.

The liner shipping business has changed a lot since I first started working as a longshoreman. Through mergers, consolidations, and bankruptcies, there are far fewer shipping companies today than there were in the 1960s. It is a legitimate question to ask if “bigger is always better”. With fewer and much larger carriers, what is the consequence to shippers and the American economy? Furthermore, are regulations sufficient to keep the big guys honest? Many businesses do not like regulation- unless it is of their competitor. I see regulation as a necessity to keep the playing fields level. The maritime industry is a vital artery of our economy. All shippers need access to the services carriers provide. Recent events have brought attention to challenges exporters face in securing containers for their goods and space aboard ships, as well as the high costs for transporting commodities. This has been an especially frustrating problem for our agricultural producers. All the above are issues related to market forces. The FMC touches each, but the tools it possesses to address them are limited.

The United States is currently experiencing a cargo surge that is unprecedented. Choke points in the system must be identified and eliminated. This is an “all hands-on deck” moment and the Commission has a role to play in addressing immediate responses to alleviate congestion as well as how to improve the system to mitigate future shocks. The concept of working terminals 24/7 would squeeze more capacity out of facilities without necessarily having to physically expand a port. The Commission should inventory its tools and resources to evaluate if this

is enough or are additional approaches necessary. If confirmed, my experience on the waterfront will be a source of information for how the Commission might do its part to meet these current challenges.

B. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

1. Describe all financial arrangements, deferred compensation agreements, and other continuing dealings with business associates, clients, or customers. Please include information related to retirement accounts.

My arrangements are fully described in Part 3 of my Public Financial Disclosure Report.

2. Do you have any commitments or agreements, formal or informal, to maintain employment, affiliation, or practice with any business, association or other organization during your appointment? If so, please explain.

No.

3. Indicate any investments, obligations, liabilities, or other relationships which could involve potential conflicts of interest in the position to which you have been nominated.

In connection with the nomination process, I have consulted with the Office of Government Ethics and the Commission's Designated Agency Ethics Official to identify potential conflicts of interest. Any potential conflicts of interest will be resolved in accordance with the ethics agreement I have entered into with the Commission's Designated Agency Ethics Official and that has been provided to this Committee. I am not aware of any other potential conflicts of interest.

4. Describe any business relationship, dealing, or financial transaction which you have had during the last ten years, whether for yourself, on behalf of a client, or acting as an agent, that could in any way constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position to which you have been nominated.

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5. Identify any other potential conflicts of interest, and explain how you will resolve each potential conflict of interest.

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6. Describe any activity during the past ten years, including the names of clients represented, in which you have been engaged for the purpose of directly or indirectly influencing the passage, defeat, or modification of any legislation or affecting the administration and execution of law or public policy.

I have participated as an ILWU Representative on Pacific Northwest Waterway Association (PNWA) visits to Washington, D.C. The purpose of these trips was to provide information to Pacific Northwest lawmakers interested in hearing from all stakeholders regarding Western water policy. I have also partnered with supply chain entities to advocate for transportation infrastructure and improvement. I attended these as a rank-and-file ILWU member. Over the years, policymakers have also informally sought my advice or opinion on various matters.

C. LEGAL MATTERS

1. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics, professional misconduct, or retaliation by, or been the subject of a complaint to, any court, administrative agency, the Office of Special Counsel, professional association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If yes:
 - a. Provide the name of agency, association, committee, or group;
 - b. Provide the date the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action was issued or initiated;
 - c. Describe the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action;
 - d. Provide the results of the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action.

No.

2. Have you ever been investigated, arrested, charged, or held by any Federal, State, or other law enforcement authority of any Federal, State, county, or municipal entity, other than for a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain.

No.

3. Have you or any business or nonprofit of which you are or were an officer ever been involved as a party in an administrative agency proceeding, criminal proceeding, or civil litigation? If so, please explain.

No.

4. Have you ever been convicted (including pleas of guilty or *nolo contendere*) of any criminal violation other than a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain.

No.

5. Have you ever been accused, formally or informally, of sexual harassment or discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, or any other basis? If so, please explain.

No.

6. Please advise the Committee of any additional information, favorable or unfavorable, which you feel should be disclosed in connection with your nomination.

D. RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMITTEE

1. Will you ensure that your department/agency complies with deadlines for information set by congressional committees?

Yes.

2. Will you ensure that your department/agency does whatever it can to protect congressional witnesses and whistleblowers from reprisal for their testimony and disclosures?

Yes.

3. Will you cooperate in providing the Committee with requested witnesses, including technical experts and career employees, with firsthand knowledge of matters of interest to the Committee?

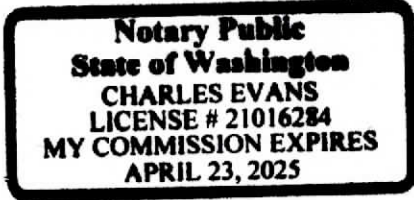
Yes.

4. Are you willing to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Congress on such occasions as you may be reasonably requested to do so?

Yes.

F. Affidavit

MAX VEKICH being duly sworn, hereby states that he/she has read and signed the foregoing Statement on Biographical and Financial Information and that the information provided therein is, to the best of his/her knowledge, current, accurate, and complete.



Max Vekich
Signature of Nominee

Subscribed and sworn before me this 26th day of July, 2021.

[Signature]
Notary Public

EXPERIENCE

MAY 2004– PRESENT

SUPERCARGO, PACIFIC MARITIME ASSOCIATION (PMA)

Senior Supercargo, Puget Sound Area (ILWU), control vessel cargo movement.

Management position within the Pacific Coast Clerks Agreement, ILWU-PMA. Frontline logistics manager of cargo throughput in the supply chain. Team with employers to increase productivity. Created training program for entry level marine clerks. Initiated leadership training for Union marine clerks covered under the collective bargaining agreement.

2003-2018

ILWU INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD, PUGET SOUND REPRESENTATIVE.

Elected to five terms by the rank and file.

LONGSHORE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE appointed in 2002. Chair from 2008-Present.

ILWU International Convention Delegate 1997, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009, 2012, 2015, 2018.

2012 International Convention – Amended the Ten Guiding Principles of the ILWU to ensure LGBTQ rights within the Union.

JANUARY 1983-JAN 1991

WASHINGTON STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Four Terms.

Commerce & Labor Committee Chair

Trade & Economic Development Committee Chair

Agriculture Committee Chair

State Government Committee Vice Chair

- Authored groundbreaking legislation re: farmworker protections by establishing unemployment eligibility; and keeping schoolkids out of the fields on school nights. (HB2222)
- Secured state share of funding for the Corps of Engineers Grays Harbor Navigation Channel Deeper Draft Project. The first state contribution to a federal navigation project in Washington State.
- Initiated the Lady Washington (1985)
- Founder of the Heritage Caucus (1989)
- Awarded Washington State Historical Society's Robert Gray Medal

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

- Washington State Maritime Bicentennial 1792-1992, Commissioner (1992), appointed by Governor Booth Gardner (Democrat)
- Governor's Industrial Safety Board, Board Member (1981-1983), appointed by Governor John Spellman (Republican)

October 1979 to Present

UNION LONGSHOREMAN

Registered with ILWU Local 24, in Aberdeen WA, October 1979. Elected President of ILWU Local 24 (2000-2004).

Promoted to Marine Clerk in 2004 and certified as Supercargo in 2005 with ILWU Local 52, and elected President of ILWU Local 52 (2018).

EDUCATION

MAY 1976

BACHELOR OF ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND

Political Science major, Internship Democratic House Majority Leader, WA State Legislature.

MAY 1974

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS, GRAYS HARBOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ASB President, PHI THETA KAPPA

AFFILIATIONS

BETA THETA PI FRATERNITY

US NAVAL INSTITUTE

WASHINGTON ARMS COLLECTORS, LIFE MEMBER

CROATIAN FRATERNAL UNION

OMSA, LIFE MEMBER

SKILLS

Leadership. Many leadership roles in different arenas. Leader by example.

Great sense of history. You cannot tell where you are going if you do not know where you have been.

Problem solving. Experience on the docks taught me how to get difficult people to work together.

Belief in our democratic government. We have a government we need to support and invest in.

ACTIVITIES

Democratic Party Activist; Precinct Committee Officer at age 18. Member Washington State Democratic Central Committee 8 years. Delegate 1976 and 1984 Democratic National Conventions.

Social/Labor Activist

Participant 1987 Anti-Apartheid in South Africa March, Hyde Park London, UK

Participant 2006, European Port Privatization Protest. Strasbourg, France

Participant WTO protest Seattle WA 1999. Featured in Pro Trade Seattle Times AD.

Supporter University of Washington, Harry Bridges Chair of Labor Studies.

Lead fight to preserve Industrial lands in the Port of Seattle, Save SODO 2012.

Organized ILWU team to re-elect President Obama 2012, Las Vegas

NRA Legislator of the Year 1985

DLC Convention 1991 WA State Delegation Chair, Cleveland. OH

On my job I have endeavored to be a good will ambassador to seafarers and ships officers. Current US policies confine many foreign crew members to their vessels which is discriminatory and wrong. The experience of sharing a bowl of Ramen with a Chinese Bosun, working on a rusty bulk loader, prepared on his worn hotplate is priceless.