

CAPT. SEAN PAUL TORTORA, MS, USMS

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"Capt. Tortora is proactive and forward-leaning. He is constantly looking at how to better the ship, better the process, and better the logistic support." —ADMIRAL NORA TYSON, 2011-12, U.S. Navy, Commander, *USS George H.W. Bush* Strike Group

EDUCATION

Master of Science, International Transportation, with Honors, 3.970GPA

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK MARITIME COLLEGE AT FT. SCHUYLER, Bronx, NY, 10465

Bachelor of Science, Business Administration in Marine Transportation

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LICENSES

- U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Credential: Master Any Gross Tons; Steam and Motor Vessels–Oceans
- Master Towing Vessels, Upon Oceans
- Radar Observer Unlimited; FCC Global Maritime Distress Safety System (GMDSS) Operator
- Tankerman Person-In-Charge (PIC) Dangerous Liquids (DL); Medical PIC; Fast Rescue Boats; Lifeboatman
- STCW 95, As Amended, Master Any Gross Tons; Tankerman PIC (DL); Medical PIC; Fast Rescue Boats
- U.S. Coast Guard Designated Examiner (DE) for U.S. Coast Guard Towing Assessment and Operator Record (T.O.A.R.)
- U.S. Coast Guard Towing Assessment and Operator Record
- U.S Navy Underway Replenishment- Master
- Dynamic Positioning Basic Operator Certified
- Department of Homeland Security Transportation Worker Identification Credential
- MASC Train-the-Trainer Certification
- USCG Qualified Assessor Certification

MARITIME SERVICE COMMISSION

CAPTAIN (O6); United States Maritime Service (USMS)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & ACHIEVEMENTS

United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY – MARITIME ADMINISTRATION (MARAD)

2012-Present

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF MARINE TRANSPORTATION

College professor at a federal service academy with the goal of educating and graduating licensed Merchant Marine officers of exemplary character who serve America's marine transportation and defense needs in peace and war. This challenging curriculum in which I employ is augmented by sea-going experience, in both the offshore and inland maritime industry, all with the goal of providing the foremost in maritime education and training. In addition to student instruction, both classroom and laboratory, developed courses and concentrations. Specifically, the new Towing and Inland course/concentration to effectively train students for the largest sector of the maritime industry.

Developing Courses:

- TOAR
- Underway Replenishment

Developed Courses:

- Towing
- Small Vessel Operations
- Dynamic Position (DP)
- Leadership (STCW)

Current Teaching Courses:

- Bridge Resource Management (BRM)
- Marine Fire Fighting and Safety (Basic and Advanced)
- Towing Operations
- Electronic Navigation (ENAV)
- Safety of Life At Sea (SOLAS)
- Fast Rescue Boat (FRB)
- Vessel Personnel w/ Designated Security Duties (VPDSD)
- Electronic Chart Display Information System (ECDIS)

Maritime Industry Research Subjects:

- Towing Industry Safety • Marine Firefighting • Underway Replenishment • The Jones Act

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Military Sealift Command/Military Sealift Command, Norfolk, VA
1991-2012

MASTER

EXECUTIVE MANAGER, MARITIME SERVICES

- *Military Sealift Command Master/Commanding Officer*
- *Advanced Logistics Expert*
- *At-Sea Replenishment*
- *Maritime Policy/Procedures*
- *Cost Containment/Control*
- *Maritime Safety Compliance*

- **Military Sealift Command Master with 23 years of experience** achieving operational excellence through the reliable transportation and transfer of cargo, stores, and munitions on global missions of international reach and impact affecting national security interests.
- **Exceptional background of driving large, complex projects to completion**, directing staff and vendors through challenging inspections and operational evolutions.
- **Demonstrated capacity to plan, support, and oversee multibillion-dollar** systems and facilities and effectively manage tight deadlines under pressure consistent with safety, accuracy, and mission scope; leader in first-ship systems, policy, and procedures.

Military Sealift Command (MSC) ship's Master, leading diverse, challenging at-sea missions directing underway replenishment, logistics policy, procedures and systems, special operations, vessel towing, salvage, and rescue operations. Ship's Commander with final accountability for all ship and mission functions, directing management, safe navigation, 250+ crew supervision, physical safety and security, seaworthiness, stability, trim, and vessel logistics.

Highlighted Duties:

- Managed multiple replenishment missions for fuel, dry cargo, and ordnance, and directed ship salvage operations.
- Conducted 270 special missions to train Iraqi Defenders to assume oil platform security role; met short turnover deadline.
- Evaluated budgets, realigned workforce for maximum efficiency in cargo logistics, underway replenishment, and supply chain functions, and helped initiate a Command audit to eliminate financial waste and abuse throughout the fleet.
- Precise Mine-laying and retrieval as Master
- Expert US Naval ship towing as Master
- Military Ocean Survey as master using side scan sonar and precision positioning

Accomplishments:

- Tightly controlled annual budget of \$8.6M and managed ship and cargo valued at \$2B+.
- Reversed severe financial mismanagement with effective Plan of Action and Milestones to reduce manpower requirements, eliminate nonessential personnel, remove senior nonperformers, drive department cost savings, and end abuse and entitlements; eliminated \$300K deficit within three months.
- Directed over 237 at-sea transfers for 34M gallons of fuel, and 21,650 pallets of stores, cargo, and munitions to U.S. Naval and NATO forces worldwide as Master

PUBLICATIONS

Tortora, Sean P. **Study Guide for Marine Fire Prevention, Firefighting, and Fire Safety.** Atglen: Cornell Maritime, 2014. Print.

Tortora, Sean P. "UNREP as a Career." *Maritime Professional* Apr.-May 2015: 44-47. Print.

Tortora, Sean P. "Subchapter M Fire Rules Provide New Protection for Mariners." *Professional Mariner* Oct.-Nov.2016: 22-23. Print

Tortora, Sean P. "Damn the submarine! We're the men of the Merchant Marine'." *Professional Mariner Web Bulletin 2017*, Ocean Navigator Publishing, 5 June 2017, www.professionalmariner.com/Web-Bulletin-2017/Damn-the-submarine-Were-the-men-of-the-Merchant-Marine/.

Tortora, Sean P. "VHF use under COLREGS: What you don't know could hurt you." *Professional Mariner* Feb. 2018: 44-46. Print

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PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING

Long Island Maritime, LLC

2016-Present

PRESIDENT

Provide highly credentialed master mariners and marine engineers for maritime industry consultants. This includes maritime systems operation and design, litigation subject matter expertise, maritime logistics, and maritime training

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Tortora, Sean P. (2018, April 15). *Chain of Error: The Fatal Collisions of USS Fitzgerald and USS John S McCain*. Presented to the membership at The Port Washington Yacht Club Sponsored by The Corinthians
- Tortora, Sean P. (2018, February 22). *Chain of Error: The Fatal Collisions of USS Fitzgerald and USS John S McCain*. Presented to the public at The Port Washington Public Library Sponsored by The Port Washington Nautical Advisory Council, Port Washington, NY
- Tortora, Sean P. (2017, May 22). *The Legacy of The U.S. Merchant Marine*. Presented to the Regiment of Midshipmen on National Maritime Day at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY
- Tortora, Sean P. (2016, May 22). *National Maritime Day*. Presented to the public at the American Merchant Marine Museum on National Maritime Day at Great Neck, NY

Expert Consultation by Media Outlets

New York Times: Print

Noble, J., Rich, M., & Newman, A. (2017, June 18). **Bodies of Several Sailors Are Found on Damaged U.S. Ship**. *New York Times*, pp.1-10. <https://mobile.nytimes.com/2017/06/17/world/asia/rescuers-search-for-7-sailors-as-damaged-us-destroyer-reaches-port.html>

CBS National News: Radio Interview

Lebel, M., & Barrett, S. (2017, June 18). Interview: Collision between *USS Fitzgerald* and *M/V ACX Crystal*. *CBS National News*. Syndicated Radio Broadcast Interview.

CBC Canadian Broadcast Company: Telephone Interview for Televised Broadcast

Robertson, K. (2017, June 19). Interview: Collision between *USS Fitzgerald* and *M/V ACX Crystal*. CBC. Syndicated Telephone Broadcast Interview.

MARITIME SERVICE DECORATIONS

Military Decorations: U.S. Naval Ship Command-At-Sea Designator • U.S. Merchant Marine Expeditionary (2) – Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom • Operation Noble Eagle - Response to Sept.11, 2001 Attacks • War on Global Terrorism • Cold War Service

MARITIME SERVICE AWARDS

MSC Special Act or Service Awards: *USNS Grasp (T-ARS 51) (2)* • *USNS Supply (T-AOE 6) (2)* • *USNS Lewis and Clark (T-AKE 1) (2)* • *USNS Shasta (T-AE 33)* • MSC's Afloat Personnel Management Center (APMC) • MSC Mariner of the Year Award-Runner Up-2003 *Mount Baker (T-AE 34)* MSC Performance Awards: *USNS Supply (T-AOE 6)(3)* • *USNS Lewis and Clark (T-AKE 1)* • *USNS Patuxent (T-AO 201)* • *USNS Mount Baker (T-AE 34)*

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SEA SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

TOTAL SEA TIME: 6,044 days underway, making way, on unlimited tonnage vessels as master and/or licensed officer

MASTER (Not all inclusive):

<u>VESSEL NAME / FLAG</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>HP/TONNAGE</u>	<u>SPECIAL NOTES</u>
<i>USNS LARAMIE T-AO 202</i> /USA	(UNREP) Underway Replenishment; Product Tanker	34,442 / 20,706	OIF - <i>USS George H.W. Bush</i> Strike Group; Cargo Logistics
<i>USNS PATUXENT T-AO 201</i> USA	UNREP Product Tanker	34,442 / 20,706	OIF <i>USS Abraham Lincoln</i> Strike Group; Cargo Logistics
<i>USNS CARL BRASHEAR T-AKE 7</i> / USA	UNREP Ammunition / Reefer Dry Cargo / Multi-Container	30,205 / 43,758	OIF <i>George Washington</i> Strike Group; Ordnance; Cargo Logistics
<i>USNS CATWBA T-ATF 168</i> /USA	Ocean Towing/Salvage Special Operations	7,200 / 1097	OIF Iraqi Defender Ops Persian Gulf Cargo Logistics
<i>USNS SAN JOSE T-AFS 7</i> /USA	UNREP Dry Cargo Stores/Token Tanker	22,000 / 17,381	<i>John C. Stennis</i> Strike Group Cargo Logistics