

## First Female in Over a Decade Named Captain of a Special Mission Ship

In Sasebo, Japan on July 23rd, 2011, Jennifer Brokaw disembarked as chief officer and boarded a new special mission ship to assume the position of captain. This occasion marked the first time that a female has reached the level of captain in the special mission division in over 10 years. Captain Brokaw, who graduated from the Maine Maritime Academy, has earned this opportunity over her 13 year career as a mariner on Maersk Line, Limited's (MLL) ships.

After serving as a 3rd mate upon hire at MLL, Captain Brokaw was recommended for rehire and promotion and was assigned as 2nd mate to the same ship.

In March of 2006, after receiving further recommendations, she was promoted to the position of chief officer.

She then received recommendations from her two captains to be nominated for promotion to captain when the next opportunity was available. That chance came this July when Captain Brokaw's exceptional service made her the best candidate for the position of captain on a Military Sealift Command special mission vessel.

With her latest promotion, Captain Brokaw joins the ranks of other women mariners who have excelled aboard MLL ships, such as Renee Justice, the only female chief engineer on a special mission ship.

The position of master onboard MLL's vessels is a position of trust and leadership. The captain is responsible for the onboard operational priorities, motivating the officers and crew, and establishing the shipboard culture of safety, performance, ethics, teamwork and pride. Captain Brokaw's promotion not only speaks to her accomplishments and capabilities, but also to MLL's belief that diversity and meritocracy should be aligned in a highly successful organization.



**Captain Jennifer Brokaw onboard her new vessel**