



M.E.B.A. Newbuilds: Welcome to the Fleet!

Photo 1: The HORIZON HAWK makes its first U.S. port stop as it docks in Tacoma. Each of the 2,824 TEU-capacity Hunter-class vessels are crewed with M.E.B.A. officers. The other four vessels are the HORIZON HUNTER, HORIZON EAGLE, HORIZON FALCON and HORIZON TIGER.

Photo 2: Crewmembers aboard the newbuild HORIZON FALCON on her first visit to the Port of Tacoma in late May. Standing left to right are Seattle Rep. Jim McCrary, 2nd A/E Dan Maves, C/E Pat McCormack, 3rd A/E Alem Berhe, and 1st A/E Niels Berg.

Photo 3: NASSCO launched the Military Sealift Command resupply ship USNS ALAN SHEPARD late last year and is readying its delivery. The ship, which is crewed with

M.E.B.A. engineers, is the Navy's first ship to be named after an astronaut. The ship is the third of an expected class of 11 Navy dry cargo-ammunition ships that will be turned over to the MSC.

Photo 4: The third double-hulled product tanker in a series of up to 16 newbuilds being constructed at Aker Philadelphia Shipyard for Overseas Shipholding Group. This is the OVERSEAS SAN FRANCISCO which should be delivered by the end of the year. M.E.B.A. officers will be aboard this and each of the Veteran Class tankers constructed at Aker. The OVERSEAS HOUSTON, currently in operation, was the first of the class.

Photo 5: The USNS ROBERT E. PEARY (left) and USNS RICHARD E. BYRD, two NASSCO newbuild vessels named after Navy men who explored the Poles. The ships are the fourth and fifth of an expected class of 11 T-AKE dry cargo-ammunition ships that will enter the MSC fleet with M.E.B.A. officers aboard. The vessels' primary mission will be to deliver food, ammunition, fuel and other provisions to combat ships at sea.

Photo 6: Aker Philadelphia Shipyard has begun delivering the first few vessels of a massive 16-tanker order (if options are exercised) through M.E.B.A.-contracted company OSG. The OVERSEAS LONG BEACH is the second of these 600-foot MT46 Veteran Class product tankers. The ships will help keep the yard busy until 2012.

