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Dear Maritime Security Professionals,

Good day. It is with great pleasure that I contact you concerning this year's annual Company Security Officer (CSO) Meeting scheduled for September 17th-19th in Baltimore, Maryland, at the Maritime Conference Center (MCC) on the campus of the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS). This event will also serve as the National Maritime Intelligence-Integration Office's (NMIO) annual Maritime Industry National Maritime Interagency Advisory Group (NIAG) meeting. **Please mark your calendars to Save-the-Date for this interactive event.**

The Theme for this Year's Event is:

Maritime Operations in Unstable Geopolitical Environments

Some of the topics for this event will include transnational threats, maritime cybersecurity, improved commercial maritime/U.S. government (USG) maritime security communications, essential USG/international contact information, U.S. maritime policy/document revisions, **plus industry recommendations for meeting topics. This email is a solicitation for additional specific topics that you would like addressed at this year's meeting. Please contact me via email to submit your meeting topic requests. This meeting is an opportunity to discuss and propose improvements or revisions to whatever maritime security related issue(s) concern you!**

Registration: Registration for the event is through the Eventbrite website (same as last year for those who attended the 2018 meeting), which is now open and will be closed out on Tuesday, September 3rd. Please use the following link to register for the event: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/seventh-annual-company-security-officer-meeting-2019-tickets-59764975651>

Cost: The cost for the meeting is \$138 plus Eventbrite fees of \$7.09 for a total of **\$145.09**. No partial payments are accepted. Your meeting fee includes:

Daily Meeting Package (DMP) per day includes:

- General Session Meeting Room
- Set up and tear down of meeting space
- Service Charge Inclusive
- Water Service in the room
- Free High Speed Internet
- Free ample parking on site
- Free airport shuttle to and from the BWI airport, Amtrak & Marc Train Stations for all hotel guests

Centralized AM and PM break service. Break includes coffee and hot tea service, fruit juices, assorted sodas, water, assorted breakfast pastries & muffins, seasonal fruit, milk, and assorted yogurts. PM break includes coffee and hot tea service, assorted sodas, water, cookies, seasonal fruit, and Chef's selection of sweet and salty snacks.

All you can eat Standard Hot Lunch Buffet served in the Maritime Conference Center Dining Room includes:

- Two soup du jour selections daily, with rolls and butter
- Chefs Selection of Five hot items to include two protein entrees of fish, chicken, beef, pork, or vegetarian; one starch; and two seasonal vegetables
- Full Salad Bar including Chefs selection of pasta salads, salads, and fresh fruit
- Full Hot Grill including hot dogs, hamburgers, French fries, sweet potato fries, and a selection of options including steak and cheese, veggie burgers, and one Chefs special
- Full Deli including pre-made sandwiches and a make your own selections featuring fresh deli meats and cheeses, assorted toppings and condiments, and fresh homemade chips
- Assortment of cakes and pies, cookies, dessert bars and an Ice Cream Station
- Serving Coke products, Sweetened and Unsweetened Iced Tea and a selection of coffee and hot teas

-Vegan, Gluten Free and Special Dietary Options are available daily on their buffets. The conference planners can assist you with any specific dietary needs at time of detailing.

Berthing: Berthing is available on the MITAGS campus is \$134 USG rate/day for participants (USG and non-USG alike). 25 rooms are being held at this rate until August 26th. After that point, all rooms are returned for open non-event booking. Participants may alternatively choose to book a room at any of the nearby BWI Airport hotel chains as well. Please use this link to reserve lodging on the MITAGS campus: <https://book.b4checkin.com/chameleon/mccbwi/rlp/maritime>

If booking by phone, please be sure to inform them that you are participating in the Maritime Administration CSO Meeting from September 17-19 to obtain your \$134/night rate. **Please also note that breakfast is included in this price and lunch is provided in your meeting registration fee.**

- Rates are per room, per night, plus 6% MD State Sales Tax and 7% County Tax (13% total.)
- Rates for this block are net, non-commissionable.
- Rate includes breakfast for each night of lodging. (No rebate for missed meals.)

Rate includes:

- Complimentary use of recreational facilities; including indoor pool, fitness center and game room.
 - Complimentary parking and shuttle service to/from BWI Airport and BWI Amtrak Station
 - Complimentary local and toll-free telephone calls up to 30 minutes in length
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- **Check-In time is after 1500 (3:00pm) on arrival day.**
 - **Check-Out by 1100 (11:00am) on day of departure.**
 - **Early Check-outs will be assessed a \$50 fee.**
 - **Reservations cutoff date is: Friday, August 26, 2019**

September 17th Port of Baltimore Tour: For local and early arrival guests, there will be a Port of Baltimore Tour from 1300-1600 before the evening dinner. The location of the tour is TBD as several venues may be used on the day of the tour depending on port operations.

September 17th Dinner: There will be an evening no-host social held in the Dining Hall in the South Tower, Building 2 (the entrance facing the flagpole), downstairs beginning at 1700. The buffet dinner cost is \$26. MITAGS simulator demonstrations will follow the evening social. Meeting participants may pick up additional information for the meeting at the social, or on Wednesday morning, September 18th, before the meeting at the auditorium entrance. ***NOTE: There are no meeting events scheduled for Tuesday except the port tour, evening dinner and simulator demonstrations. Please RSVP to me by September 3rd using this email if you plan to attend the port tour and/or the evening social. The MCC and Dining Hall staff need to ensure that enough food is prepared for all guests.***

Similar to last year's meeting, your free subscription to ***The Troubled Times*** on-line news article will begin every Wednesday beginning August 7th, and continue up to and including the meeting. Here, you will receive the latest information concerning events surrounding your Table-top Exercise – "Easy Rider"! Please be sure to take note of information provided in the articles as they will relate to what occurs at the meeting, especially on Thursday, September 19th, at the MCC.

This forum provides unique opportunities for combining industry, government and academia perspectives to analyze global threats in the maritime domain. MARAD and NMIO greatly appreciate all of you contributing your professional experience and perspectives to this event and we look forward to seeing you in September. Please feel free to forward this information to any additional maritime industry or USG members who may be interested in attending this event and contact me using the information in my signature line below for any additional questions, inquiries or recommendations.

Best Regards,

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