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## Letter from the Director

Greetings:

We are excited to announce that 2007 has brought a new look to our recruitment Web site. The site redesign is more helpful in providing information about our positions, minimum employment requirements, and application process. We hope that you find the information on the site useful.

Another change you may have noticed in 2007 is that MSC is not attending as many general job fairs in your area. We are using a more targeted approach to find prospects who have a greater knowledge, understanding and experience in seagoing positions. Instead, we are hosting a series of mini job fairs around the country.

We have found these smaller events allow us to spend more one-on-one time with those interested prospects and answer more specific questions. It also allows us to assist with application completion on the spot for those who are ready.

If you are interested in MSC hosting an event at your location, please contact Jennifer Umali (jenniferu@mediacross.com) and she will work with you to get one scheduled. You can view our current job fair schedule to the right and on [www.sealiftcommand.com](http://www.sealiftcommand.com).

Please refer your students or clients to the schedule. We have included a MSC success story in this issue on

### Job Fair Schedule

5/1/07	MSC Mini Job Fair	New Bedford, MA
5/1/07	Military Stars Career Expo	Santa Clara, CA
5/8/07	Careerbuilder.com Job Fair	Tampa, FL
5/9/07	MSC Mini Job Fair	Seattle, WA
5/10/07	Military Stars Career Expo	Jacksonville, FL
5/17/07	MSC Mini Job Fair	Alameda, CA
5/22/07	Seafarer Day	Jacksonville, FL
5/30/07	Employment Guide Job Fair	Pensacola, FL
06/01/07	Careerbuilder.com Job Fair	Boston, MA
06/06/07	Employment Guide Job Fair	Harvey, LA
06/07/07	Military Stars	Virginia Beach, VA
06/07/07	Recruit Military	Escondido, CA
06/12/07	Military Stars	Pensacola, FL
06/15/07	Marine Corp Base Hawaii	Kaneohe Bay, HI
06/21/07	Recruit Military	Tacoma, WA
06/21/07	Military2Civilian Job Fair	Norfolk, VA

See [www.sealiftcommand.com](http://www.sealiftcommand.com) for more information on upcoming events.

Mr. Jonathan Woodward. Mr. Woodward began as a Supply Utilityman and is now sailing as a Deck Engineer Machinist on the USNS Kanawha. His story embodies what it means to Take Command of Your Career. We hope you and your students or clients enjoy it.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

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MSFSC

## Open Positions

**Second Officer**  
**Third Officer**  
**Able Seaman**  
**Ordinary Seaman**  
**Third Assistant Engineer**  
**Pumpman**  
**Deck Engineer Machinist**  
**Refrigeration Engineer**  
**Unlicensed Junior Engineer**  
**Engine Utilityman**  
**Supply Utilityman**

# Success Story: Mr. Jonathan Woodward, Deck Engineer Machinist

Mr. Jonathan Woodward joined Military Sealift Command 6 years ago as a Supply Utilityman without any prior seagoing experience. Woodward had earned a culinary degree and had been working as a chef when he received his conditional offer letter. Today, Woodward is a Deck Engineer Machinist (DMACH) and is working to become a Third Assistant Engineer.

As a DMACH on the USNS Kanawha, Woodward is responsible for fuel operations, fabricating parts and maintaining gears as well as maintaining a variety of other deck equipment. In order to get to this position, Woodward



requested to work in the engine department during his off hours, studied for USCG upgrade exams and applied for internal promotion announcements. He now finds himself in a completely different world from that which he began with MSC. In fact, Woodward finds it hard to believe his story would qualify as a success story

because anyone can do it. “With a good attitude and cultivation of patience you can inspire and aspire to do anything and become anything out here” he stated.

Originally from Guam, Woodward, age 26, learned about the MSC’s employment opportunities from a friend. He now resides in Norfolk, VA, which gives him more flexibility when it comes to his daily responsibilities with MSC. “I have not had a chance to get back home to visit family in awhile. This has not been because MSC has not offered ample time for leave, but instead personal choices. By my continuing to work, I am able to support them as they did for me for many years.”

Being so far away from family has made Woodward truly cherish the daily experiences he has gained with MSC. He has sailed on seven ships so far and each has been a

unique experience. He now appreciates the power of Mother Nature – her battles and her majesty. He would never have been exposed to the wide variety of personalities, which he compares to being in a stand up comedy club. He has seen cultures from east to west: he has tasted the freshest Chille crab in Singapore; experienced a night out in Italy tasting the finest wine; and spent a day on the whitest beaches of Spain -- all of these places he only imagined as a child. When people ask Woodward about his career with MSC, he simply responds with, “Where else can you earn this kind of money, grow professionally and experience such wonderful things for free?”

While he does not know if he will be doing this forever, the memories will surely last forever. “For those wondering if this is for them, know that a positive attitude goes a long way. The work is difficult but the rewards far outweigh the labor. If you open your mind and would like to change your life in a big way I sincerely recommend MSC... and don’t worry about the sea sickness, it is only temporary.” Woodward says with a smile.

**See other MSC Success Stories at [www.sealiftcommand.com](http://www.sealiftcommand.com)**

## Life at Sea is Not All Work

Military Sealift Command has serious endeavors to undertake on a day-in-day-out basis. However, that does not mean while underway our CIVMARS do not have time to relax, laugh and take break from the daily grind.

Each ship offers morale and welfare programs that help provide entertainment for the CIVMARS in their down time. This includes hosting activities open for all CIVMARS to participate in scheduled crew events, offering DVD and video games for use in the lounge or personal quarters or even loaning out fishing equipment to get in some deep sea fishing off the side of the vessel.

In addition, most ships have a small space for work out facilities that typically include weight machines and cardiovascular equipment. For those who are looking to catch up on reading (whether educational or for pleasure) all ships have libraries, which contain a wide-variety of novels and training manuals available for CIVMARS to check out.

To learn more about life at sea, call the CIVMAR Support Center or visit [www.sealiftcommand.com](http://www.sealiftcommand.com).