



Hornblower Marine Services Crewmembers Receive Merchant Marine Medals

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National Maritime Day event was held on Tuesday, May 18th in Washington, DC at the DOT headquarters. The theme for this year was "Honoring the Mariner."

During the event, the mariners who participated in Haiti Operation Unified Response (commercial, RRF, MSC) were recognized. The Merchant Marine Medal for Outstanding Achievement was awarded to the one licensed and one un-licensed mariner from the Maritime Administration (MARAD) vessels CAPE MAY, CORNHUSKER STATE and HUAKAI.

To represent HMS, Captain Kanoa Parker and AB Calvin Kaawa were selected. Both of these professional mariners did an outstanding job and represented HMS very well throughout the HMS-Haiti project. Kanoa and Calvin traveled to DC while in-route to join their vessels to begin hitches (Kanoa to Westpac in Japan and Calvin to Huakai and Alakai in Norfolk). But, while in DC, they did have the opportunity to sight-see for an afternoon after the medal award event.

To reciprocate and show their appreciation, Kanoa and Calvin presented the MARAD Acting Administrator, Mr. David Matsuda, with a wooden carved canoe. Mr. Matsuda appreciated the thoughtful gesture and talked of his memorable experiences in Hawaii.

HMS is fortunate to have this opportunity to have our mariners recognized and is very proud of the work Kanoa, Calvin and all of the crew contributed to the HMS-Haiti effort.

