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**Maritime
Administration**

MANUAL OF ORDERS

MARITIME ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

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SUBJECT

FLAGS OF THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. Purpose:

This order constitutes authority for and prescribes the design and use of official flags for the Maritime Administration and certain of its officials.

Section 2. Maritime Administration Flags:

2.01 The official flag of the Maritime Administration shall consist of the seal of the Maritime Administration in color, as described in the appendix to this order, centered on a blue field.

2.02 The flags described below are prescribed for use at the United States Merchant Marine Academy:

- 1 U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Emblem of the Academy, on a dark blue field; above the emblem in the form of an arc: UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE with ACADEMY centered immediately below, and KINGS POINT, NY, centered beneath the emblem, with all wording in gold letters.
- 2 United States Merchant Marine Cadet Corps. Emblem of the Academy centered on a dark blue field; above the emblem in the form of an arc: UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE with CADET CORPS centered immediately below, with all wording in gold letters.

2.03 The United States Maritime Service is a Maritime Administration training organization in an inactive status. Its governing regulations are maintained on a contingency basis in the event of reactivation of the Service. Personal flags of flag officers, United States Maritime Service, shall consist of the wreath and anchor insignia of the United States Maritime Service, in gold, on a blue field, with three five-pointed white stars for Vice Admiral, and two for Rear Admiral, arranged horizontally beneath the insignia.

Section 3. Flag Design and Replacement:

3.01 The flags authorized herein will be continued in use until no longer serviceable.

3.02 The Director, Office of Management Services, shall be responsible for:

- 1 Reviewing and approving specifications for replacement flags to assure they meet present standards.
- 2 Submitting recommendations for changes in design or specifications to the Maritime Administrator for approval.

Section 4. Use of Flags:

4.01 Official Maritime Administration flags as described in this order may be displayed in offices, at installations, and aboard Maritime Administration ships as determined by the Maritime Administrator, the Region Directors, or the Superintendent, United States Merchant Marine Academy.

4.02 Personal flags, as described in this order, may be displayed in the office or headquarters building of the appropriate official, at official functions at which the official participates, and on a Maritime Administration ship when the official is aboard.

4.03 At an official function or aboard ship, the personal flag displayed shall be that of the highest ranking officer present, of the highest level organization.

Section 5. Flag of the United States:

5.01 The following officials of the Maritime Administration are authorized to display in their respective offices the flag of the United States procured at public expense:

Maritime Administrator
Deputy Maritime
Administrators
Chief Counsel
Associate Administrators
Director, Office of
Personnel

Superintendent,
United States
Merchant Marine
Academy
Region Directors
Security Officer

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5.02 The Associate Administrator for Administration and the Region Directors are authorized to procure U.S. flags for display in appropriate offices and at public events, such as oath taking or public hearings, where the presence of the flag is deemed particularly appropriate; and for display in public places in keeping with the honor and respect due the national colors.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Warren G. Leback". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the left of the printed name and title.

CAPTAIN WARREN G. LEBACK
Maritime Administrator

Pursuant to section 201(c) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 App. U.S.C. 1111(c)) and DOT Order 1000.14A, Official Seal and Signatures of the Department of Transportation, the Maritime Administration hereby prescribes its official seal. The seal may be used for adornment purposes only. For any other purposes the official seal of the Department of Transportation shall be used. Adornment purposes shall mean that the Maritime Administration seal will be solely limited to: use on the Maritime Administration flag and on plaques. The seal is described as follows:

(1) A shield argent paly of six gules, a chief azure charged with a fouled anchor or; shield and anchor outlined of the third and surmounted by an eagle displayed with wings inverted proper; all on a gold disc edged blue within a white border, encircled by a gold rope outlined in blue, and bearing the inscription "Maritime Administration 1950 United States of America 1950" in blue letters.

(2) The shield and eagle perched on it are associated with the United States of America and denote the national scope of maritime affairs. The outer rope and fouled anchor are symbolic of seamen and waterborne transportation. The date "1950" has historical significance, indicating the year in which the Maritime Administration was created.

