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From: Master, USNS GEN HUGH J GAFFEY (T AP 121)  
To: Commander Military Sea Transportation Service, Pacific Area

Subj: Ship's Safety Committee Meeting

Ref: (a) COMSTS INST 5100.17, Chapter 1-1-5, para C (2), Page 1-1-8

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), the Ship's Safety Committee met at 1515, 30 Jan 1967.

Members present were:

Captain Joseph C. Petrosky (Chairman)	Master
Mr. Harold E. Hottle (Safety Officer)	First Officer
Mr. Morris S. Chamberlain	Chief Engineer
Mr. Gerald E. Kinsella	Chief Steward
Mr. Robert M. Jones	Purser
LCDR Adolphus F. Jaeger, USN	COMILDEPT
LT John C. O'Donovan, MC, USNR	Medical Officer

2. Accidents. Since the last safety meeting of 30 Dec 1966, there was one lost time accident.

a. Rolando A. Mauro, Utilityman; employee was carrying two boxes of trash, when foot caught in ladderwell and employee fell, causing possible back injury or muscle strain - 1 Jan 1967. Hospitalized for bed rest, Sasebo, Japan.

3. Old Business (from Ship's Safety Committee Meeting of 30 Dec 1966).

a. Items corrected/or in process of correction.

- (1) 3.a. (5) Punched out mesh exhaust screens. CORRECTED.
- (2) 4.a. (8) Synchronization cargo winches #1 and #6. CORRECTED.
- (3) 4.a. (9) Loose searchlights by #1 boat and between #5 and #7 boats. CORRECTED.
- (4) 4.a. (10) Rusted and leaking barrels on stbd poop deck. CORRECTED.
- (5) 4.a. (11) Missing ladder on #1 lifeboat. CORRECTED.
- (6) 4.a. (13) Absence of "Danger" sign on capstan control room. CORRECTED.
- (7) 4.a. (14) Excess grease/oil drip on deck from #2 cargo winch. CORRECTED.
- (8) 4.b. (2) Missing fire equipment during troop lift. CORRECTED.
- (9) 4.b. (3) Instruction to crew personnel to respond to ringing bell which denotes person locked in freeze box. CORRECTED. ALSO PHENOLIC PLATES WILL BE ORDERED (AS PERTAINS THIS PRECAUTION).
- (10) 4.b. (11) Improperly marked dial thermometers in walk-in reefers. CORRECTED.

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4. New Business.

a. Safety Hazards/Deficiencies submitted at Departmental Meetings.

(Departmental meetings for January 1967 were held as follows: Deck: 10 and 30 Jan; Engine: 9 and 24 Jan; and Steward: 2 and 23 January 1967)

- (1) Missing padeye on promenade deck door. CORRECTED.
- (2) Missing nut on door of door on ladderwell #11. CORRECTED.
- (3) Kick pipe sticking up one foot above deck on 3rd deck near former childrens' playpen. CORRECTED.
- (4) Broken pipe rail stanchion port side #5 hatch.
- (5) Brake pedal #5 winch not working properly. CORRECTED.
- (6) Deck Dept Suggestion: that inflatable life raft be added to ship allowance list for emergencies at sea, vice use of life boat. (NOTE: THIS SUGGESTION EVOLVED FROM ARTICLE IN "DAMAGE CONTROL BULLETIN")
- (7) Used razor blades found in soap dish in troop shower. TROOPS INSTRUCTED IN PROPER DISPOSAL.
- (8) Five lighting panels in #5 hatch have been seriously damaged by carelessly handled eye beams. HEAVY STEEL FRAME WORK REQUISITIONED TO PLACE OVER PANELS.
- (9) Engine Dept Safety Suggestions:
  - (a) No cardboard containers allowed in engine rooms.
  - (b) Paint will not be allowed in machine shop.
  - (c) All paint and white lead to be kept in paint lockers.
  - (d) Rags and paper towels kept only in containers so designated.
  - (e) Tools to be placed back on racks/in boxes at end of day.
  - (f) When refilling any empty containers with other chemicals, containers must be thoroughly cleaned and labeled.
- (g) While ship at anchor, all personnel debarking or embarking wear life jackets.
- (10) Steward Dept Safety Suggestions:
  - (a) Paint ladderwell Fr 110 from 2nd to 3rd deck with bright, white paint. (Several persons have slipped on this ladder).
  - (b) Instruct ship personnel proper manner of ascending and/or descending Jacob's ladder, i.e., use side grip on chain or rope, and not grip the rungs.
  - (c) Clean up spillage, liquid or solid immediately.
  - (d) Recent accidents in the department suggest human failure (carelessness) as cause of accidents -- not ship deficiency.
  - (e) Refrigerated foods to be handled as per instructions on the carton.
  - (f) Food not to be brought into living quarters.

b. Suggestions/Safety Hazards/Deficiencies submitted by Safety Committee.

- (1) Master suggested programming a system for establishment of guard posts and roving patrols of MP's to prevent troops from sitting on rails and lifeboats.
- (2) Master suggested that when ship at anchor, two small style work life jackets be provided at side port for use by personnel ascending or descending ladder.
- (3) In the same area, it was suggested that a 5 gallon bucket and line be used to hoist personal packages, thus giving personnel ascending ladder full use of both arms.
- (4) Final suggestion concerned boats coming alongside in rough weather: that written orders be given the watch at the gangway/side port to refuse boarding privilege even to the point of removing Jacob's ladder.

5. The meeting adjourned at 1600.

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