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Loomis Resident Receives Distinguished Alumni Award

Captain Bruce Johnston honored with Cal Maritime's first-ever Distinguished Alumni Award

VALLEJO, Calif., October 11, 2003 – The California Maritime Academy, a campus of the California State University, today honored Loomis resident Captain Bruce Johnston with its Distinguished Alumni Award. During homecoming ceremonies at Cal Maritime's Vallejo waterfront campus, Cal Maritime president Bill Eisenhardt presented Johnston with a Distinguished Alumni medallion for his record of commitment and service to the university, his community, and the maritime industry.

A graduate of Cal Maritime's class of 1948, Johnston has enjoyed a long and distinguished career in the US Merchant Marine, the US Navy, and the US Naval Reserve, as well as the construction materials business. He served as vice president and senior vice president for A. Teichert and Son in Sacramento for 21 years, before retiring in 1993.

“We are pleased to honor Captain Bruce Johnston with Cal Maritime's Distinguished Alumni Award,” said Bill Eisenhardt, president of Cal Maritime. “He has established himself as a leader and has brought distinction to Cal Maritime through his outstanding personal and professional accomplishments. He has achieved the success in life that we hope all of our graduates aspire to attain.”

Johnston began his maritime career sailing worldwide with Coastwise Lines. In April 1951, he was called to active duty with the US Navy and served throughout the Korean War, where he saw active duty off the coast of Korea and participated in secret operations.

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During his tenure as vice president of business development for A. Teichert and Son, Johnston became actively involved in many professional, civic, and government organizations, including the Auburn Rotary Club, Sutter Club, Cal Maritime Alumni Association, Council of American Master Mariners, Reserve Officers Association, and Navy League.

In 1983 Governor Deukmejian appointed Johnston to Cal Maritime's board of directors, on which he served as chairman for 10 years. He continues to serve as an advisor to Cal Maritime, currently focusing his efforts on the multi-year K-12/Higher Education bond measure, which, if passed, will provide each segment of Higher Education with at least \$330 million annually.

"I am very surprised, honored, and humbled to be awarded with Cal Maritime's Distinguished Alumni Award," said Bruce Johnston. "It's been 55 years since I graduated, but I still credit much of my success in life to the management and leadership skills I learned while at the academy."

Johnston was one of two Distinguished Alumni Award recipients. The other recipient is Cal Maritime graduate Edward Franklin Oliver, who accepted his award during graduation ceremonies earlier this year.

Cal Maritime's Distinguished Alumni Awards Program was established to recognize and honor graduates of Cal Maritime who have distinguished themselves and brought credit or distinction to the academy through their outstanding personal or professional accomplishments.

About Cal Maritime

Cal Maritime, a California State University campus, is the premier education, information, and technological resource center for the transportation industry of the Pacific Basin and beyond. Tucked away in San Pablo Bay's Morrow Cove in Vallejo, Calif., Cal Maritime provides students with a specialized education that combines classroom instruction, hands-on experience, and professional development. Cal Maritime offers students four-year degrees in business administration, facilities engineering technology, global studies and maritime affairs, marine engineering technology, marine transportation, and mechanical engineering.

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