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CHANTILLY, VA--(Marketwire - June 14, 2007) - TV Worldwide, a web-based global TV network, announced today that in cooperation with the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, its Maritime TV Internet TV channel (www.MaritimeTV.com) would produce a free live webcast of Arizona Senator John McCain's commencement address to the Academy's class of 2007 at Kings Point, N.Y. The webcast is another in a series of Maritime TV programs produced for the "Tell America," campaign (www.TellAmericaTV.com), which is attracting national attention in response to a groundswell of support from all sectors of the industry to get the word out to Americans on the critical importance of revitalizing the U.S. maritime industry for U.S. economic and security interests. The live webcast will include the entire commencement ceremony and is also made possible through the support of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Foundation.

Maritime TV coverage of the event will begin at 9:30 AM ET on Monday, June 18, 2007 with a pre-ceremony program featuring representatives from the academy and the maritime industry in preparation for the ceremony which begins at 10 AM. Senator McCain, also a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, will deliver the keynote address at commencement exercises to the 213 members of the class of 2007, who have been trained as Merchant Marine and Naval Reserve officers, represent 38 states and the Republic of Panama.

"We are pleased to be able to produce this important simulcast featuring Senator McCain's address to the class of 2007," commented Dave Gardy, Chairman and CEO of TV Worldwide. "With the recent interest generated from the "Tell America" campaign webcasts, we expect extensive participation from on-line viewers worldwide and we're provisioning our servers to meet the demand."

During the graduation ceremony, the academy superintendent, Vice Admiral Joseph D. Stewart, will present third mate licenses to 120 members of the class. Third assistant engineer licenses will go to 93 midshipmen. All graduates receive a bachelor of science degrees.

Thirty-eight members of the 2007 class will be commissioned for active duty service in the Armed Forces: 17 in the U.S. Navy; five in the Marine Corps; nine in the Coast Guard; one in the Air Force; and six in the Army. In addition, one graduate each will take a reserve commission in the Army National Guard, the Army Reserve and the Coast Guard Reserve.

Thirty-three women are part of this year's class, bringing the total number of academy female graduates to 585. [USMMA, in 1974, was the first federal academy to admit women.]

Commencement marks the end of a demanding academic and regimental training process for the class of 2007. Each midshipman, in addition to classroom studies, has spent a year at sea in a work-study program aboard various U.S.-flag merchant vessels.

Seventy percent of the '07 class spent all or part of their sea year assigned to Naval auxiliary vessels forward deployed to the Middle East and/or aboard commercial vessels chartered to carry military supplies in support of U.S. operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. USMMA is the only federal academy with students in a combat zone.

Honorary degrees will be presented during the commencement exercises to Kenneth A. DeGhetto of Livingston, NJ, a 1943 Academy graduate who served as Chairman of the Board of the Foster Wheeler Corp. and who heading major fund campaigns on behalf of the Academy; and to George Searle of East Brunswick, NJ, one of the early proponents of recognition and veterans' status for the merchant mariners of World War II.

The academy, which is operated by the Maritime Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation, was dedicated by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1943. Its college level, four-year program is fully accredited. Nearly 21,000 academy graduates have served the maritime industry and the Armed Forces both at sea and ashore.

People around the world can participate online through the webcast, accessible simultaneously through www.tvworldwide.com, www.maritimetv.com and www.TellAmericaTV.com. Viewers should tune in online at 9:30 AM (ET) on June 18th and have the free Windows Media Player installed and tested prior to the event. Technical questions during the event can be directed to 703-961-9250, ext 223.

About the United States Merchant Marine Academy and the American Maritime Industry

A glimpse at a map of the United States shows us that we are a maritime nation. To the east is the Atlantic Ocean; to the west, the Pacific; off our southern border, the Gulf of Mexico; in the north, the Great Lakes; and crisscrossing our states, great rivers like the Mississippi and other inland waterways.

Every hour of every day, ships of all types ply the waters in and around our nation. They leave our ports laden with U.S. goods bound for foreign markets, or arrive in our harbors with merchandise and materials for American consumers.

There are tankers traveling along the west coast with raw petroleum for our refineries; Great Lakes vessels loaded with iron ore, coal or other minerals for America's industry; huge containerhips in Eastern ports, their box-like containers filled with manufactured goods; general cargo ships in the Gulf unloading pallets of coffee and crates of fruit; tugboats pushing and pulling barges carrying the Midwest's grain.

These kinds of vessels, owned by U.S. companies, registered and operated under the American flag, comprise the U.S. merchant marine. This fleet of highly productive ships is a major part of our system of commerce, helping guarantee our access to foreign markets for sale of our manufactured goods.

Moreover, in time of war or national emergency, the U.S. merchant marine becomes vital to national security as a "fourth arm of defense." Our merchant ships bear the brunt of delivering military supplies overseas to our forces and allies. The stark lessons of twentieth century conflict prove that a strong merchant marine is an essential part of American seapower.

The nation's economic and security needs met by the U.S. merchant marine are compelling. Today, the United States imports approximately 85 percent of some 77 strategic commodities critical to America's industry and defense. Although we, as a nation, account for only six percent of the world population, we purchase nearly a third of the world's output of raw materials. Ninety-nine percent of these materials are transported by merchant vessels.

A ship at sea does not operate in a vacuum. It depends on a framework of shoreside activities for its operations. This industry includes companies which own and manage the vessels; ports and terminals where cargo is handled; yards for ship repair; services like marine insurance underwriters, ship chartering firms, admiralty lawyers, engineering and research companies; and increasingly today, intermodal systems of trucks and railroads to distribute goods around the country.

But the most important element in a productive merchant fleet and a strong transportation industry is people -- men and women who are intelligent, dedicated, well-educated and competent.

The purpose of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy is to ensure that such people are available to the nation as shipboard officers and as leaders in the transportation field who will meet the challenges of the present and the future.

The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy is privileged among the nation's five federal academies to be the only institution authorized to carry a battle standard as part of its color guard. The proud and colorful battle standard perpetuates the memory of the 142 Academy cadet/midshipmen who were casualties of World War II. During times of war, members of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard engage in combat, but the students at their respective service academies do not. However, the students of the USMMA receive an integral part of their training at sea, and in the Second World War often found their lives in peril as they sailed through enemy-controlled waters or unloaded precious cargo in overseas combat areas.

The Academy is operated by the Maritime Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

About TV Worldwide and Maritime TV

As a pioneering global Internet broadcasting and streaming media company, TV Worldwide (www.tvworldwide.com) developed the first Internet TV network of community-based Internet TV channels, including Maritime TV (www.MaritimeTV.com). Each channel serves targeted, special interest demographic audiences worldwide, ranging from the community of people with disabilities to the Homeland Defense industry, Fortune 500 companies, 15 federal government agencies including the Department of Homeland Security, and numerous International Associations, including the National Association of Broadcasters, use TV Worldwide's live and archived state-of-the art video streaming content applications and Internet TV channels. In recognition of the company's unique achievements in new media, TV Worldwide was selected by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) to webcast the 58th annual Emmy awards for Technology and Engineering in December of 2006 and the Daytime Entertainment Emmy Awards live from Hollywood in June of 2007. TV Worldwide has been named one of the streaming video industry's "Hottest Streaming Companies" by Streaming Magazine and CEO Dave Gardy was honored by the magazine as one of the 50 Most Influential People in Streaming Media. Mr. Gardy also currently serves as the President of the International Webcasting Association (IWA) (www.webcasters.org). He is a 1980 graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

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