

# Welcome A BOARD

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## POWER PLAY

The Port of Beaumont is handling cargo that will soon help light up millions of homes across the United States.

Deregulation of the power generation market and increasing demand for power have opened the field to new players and resulted in large amounts of heavy equipment being imported through the nation's ports, including the Port of Beaumont.

Thanks to state-of-the-art rail and wharf facilities, the port has established itself as an industry leader in the handling of Heat Recovery Steam Generators (HRSGs) and other power generation equipment.

HRSGs enable power plants to recover waste heat energy from exhaust gas that would otherwise be discharged into the atmosphere. They are large, complex pieces of equipment that cool exhaust gases, allowing energy to be converted to steam.

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**DONALD R. ALLEE**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# From the Director

**A**long with the rest of the civilized world, Port of Beaumont Commissioners and staff are deeply saddened by the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Our sympathies and condolences go out to all the families and friends who have lost loved ones during the attacks on our nation.

We join the international port community in grieving the loss of our colleagues at the Port Authority of New York and all those who died as a result of harm by evil forces.

The Port of Beaumont stands united with national leaders as they execute plans to protect citizens and bring an end to terrorism, both at home and abroad.

As part of that effort, the port has instituted additional security measures. For now, all port tours are cancelled and access to port facilities is limited to those who have legitimate business on our wharves.

Additional security measures will include searches of all vehicles entering the port.

In reality, this new activity is not so very different from what is normal routine at the Port of Beaumont. We have always considered safety and security a high priority. Port Authority Police will continue their mission of assuring the safety and security of customers, staff and all terminal users-24 hours a day, seven days a week.

As usual, these officers will work closely with the U.S. Coast Guard and local law enforcement agencies to assure safety on land and sea.

Terrorist attacks and threats have heightened our awareness, but will not deter the Port of Beaumont in its mission of providing jobs and economic opportunity for the people of Southeast Texas.

United we will stand, and united we will conquer these new challenges.



Donald R. Allee  
Executive Director



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**BIRD'S EYE VIEW** The latest bird's eye view of the Port of Beaumont reveals, lower right, the new 680-foot wharf extension at Harbor Island Marine Terminal. Across the Neches River, upper left, is the new roadway and railbed access to the port's Orange County property. Sheet pile bulkhead provides shoreline stabilization along this 240-acre tract and a foundation for future development of general cargo wharf facilities.

## SERVICE AWARDS

A September ceremony honored eight port employees with Service Recognition Awards. These employees have contributed a combined total of more than a century and a half of outstanding work and dedication.



From left: Peggy Burris, Chris Fisher, Barbara Smith, Don Allee, Robert Collier, Misty Schexnayder, and Kenneth Lynch.

**BARBARA SMITH**  
30 years, Accounting

**PEGGY BURRIS**  
25 years, Sales

**DAVID GARLINGTON**  
20 years, Maintenance

**ROBERT COLLIER**  
20 years, Security

**ROGER DIONNE**  
20 years, Maintenance

**CHRIS FISHER**  
20 years, Finance & Administration

**KENNETH LYNCH**  
10 years, Maintenance

**MISTY SCHEXNAYDER**  
5 years, Accounting

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### UNION POWER STATION PROJECT

In November, components of the nation's largest independent power plant were imported through the Port of Beaumont.

Twenty modules of Heat Recovery Steam Generator (HRSG) components were unloaded from the m.v. *Jumbo Vision*. The Dutch-flagged heavy-lift ship discharged the modules, which weigh between 80 and 153-metric tons, directly onto special rail-road cars at the new Harbor Island Wharf Extension. The modules, manufactured in Setubal, Portugal, and Surabaya, Indonesia, are 13 feet wide and 70 to 75 feet long.

The shipment is part of a total of eight HRSGs being furnished by Alstom Power, Inc., for a 2,200-megawatt power plant being built in El Dorado, Arkansas. Alstom is a worldwide leader in the supply of large HRSGs.

**“We appreciate the attention to detail exhibited to our cargo and look forward to a long relationship with the Port of Beaumont.”**

**FRANK RODRIGUEZ**  
Transportation Manager  
Alstom Power, Inc.

The modules are part of the \$1.1 billion Union Power Station project, which is being built to serve wholesale power customers in six states. The plant, which will be fueled by natural gas, will generate enough energy to power more than two million homes.

This was the second shipment of HRSG modules handled by the Port of Beaumont for Alstom. The first, discharged from another heavy lift ship in September, also consisted of 20 units that were transferred to the jobsite by rail. Alstom Transportation Manager Frank Rodriguez said the company plans to import 22 HRSGs through the Port of Beaumont in the next year. That will amount to about 200 modules, to be transported on 10 ships.



A HRSG module weighing 150 tons is eased over the side of the m.v. *Jumbo Vision* and placed on board a heavy-duty railcar for shipment to the jobsite in Arkansas.

A view into the cargo hold of the m.v. *Jumbo Vision* showing HRSG modules ready for discharge to waiting railcars.



Rodriguez said a key factor in making the port competitive was the excellent service provided by the stevedore, James J. Flanagan Shipping Co. Flanagan Shipping was stevedore for the *Jumbo Vision*.

### COTTONWOOD ENERGY PROJECT

In 2001, the port's 1,800 foot-long Harbor Island Wharf also handled modules for HRSGs and other power generation equipment for plants being built in Georgia, Louisiana and Texas.

More than 25 modules for the Cottonwood Energy Project near Deweyville moved through the port in the fall. Foster-Wheeler Energy Services is constructing the \$497 million power plant.

In October, the 439-foot-long *Industrial Atlas* discharged a cargo of 23 pieces of equipment for HRSG units at the Deweyville jobsite. The modules, imported from Xinhui, China, each weighed 165 tons and were 80 feet long. Stevedore for the *Industrial Atlas* was Cooper/T. Smith Stevedores.

The Cottonwood Project modules were delivered via special, multi-axle, heavy-duty transport trucks. These vehicles, provided by Fagioli USA Inc., featured 16 axle lines with 128 wheels, along with four dollies of 64 wheels for crossing bridges on the route, including the Neches River Bridge.

“The Port of Beaumont was selected for all of these projects because of its excellent rail and highway connections, competitive labor costs, and heavy-duty wharves and off-wharf storage areas,” noted Executive Director Don Allee. “We are pleased that this summer’s completion of the new \$11 million Harbor Island Wharf Extension, is already having a major economic impact on the port and the community.”

“The railroads serving the port have been very responsive in helping us to deliver equipment to our new power plant partners. They have excelled in moving loaded cars to jobsites according to the rigid demands of the construction schedule,” Allee added.



The ‘oversize load’, a module for a heat recovery steam generator bound for the new power plant in Deweyville, moves via heavy duty transport truck from the port through downtown Beaumont.

# Command Performances

FOUR BRANCHES OF THE MILITARY THAT SHARE SPECIAL TIES WITH THE PORT OF BEAUMONT EXPERIENCED CHANGES IN COMMAND DURING 2001.



## **COAST GUARD MARINE SAFETY OFFICE, PORT ARTHUR**

Captain Eric A. Nicolaus, new commander of the Coast Guard Marine Safety Office, is responsible for safety and marine environmental programs in Southeast and East Texas and Southwest Louisiana. He assumed command from Capt. Glenn W. Anderson.

Nicolaus has served in a variety of occupations in the Coast Guard involving commercial vessel inspection and surveying, port engineering, commercial and military vessel repair, contracting and specification development; along with criminal, administrative and civil law enforcement.

He is a 1978 graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York. The captain earned a Master of Science, Mechanical Engineering degree from the United States Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.

Complimenting his previous experience as an expert witness in criminal and civil litigation, Nicolaus also earned a Criminal Justice degree at North Harris Montgomery Community College District.

Capt. Nicolaus and his wife, Margie, have three sons.



## **U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, GALVESTON DISTRICT**

Colonel Leonard "Len" D. Waterworth is the new District Engineer for the Corps' Galveston District. He comes to this district from the Pentagon where he served as the Engineer Branch Chief in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army. Prior to that he spent two years commanding the 91st Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood.

Waterworth's other tours of

duty include assignments at Ft. Bliss, Texas, Germany and NATO headquarters in Izmir, Turkey. During Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield, he served as the Engineer Planner for VII Corps.

Col. Waterworth received a commission from New Mexico State University with a Bachelor's Degree in civil engineering. He earned his Master's Degree in Construction Management from George Washington University, in Washington D.C., and is a recent graduate of the Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Waterworth replaced Col. Nicholas J. Beuchler, whose new assignment is at the Pentagon.



## **U.S. ARMY MILITARY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMAND, 842D TRANSPORTATION BATTALION**

In July, Lieutenant Colonel Timothy H. Civils, Jr.

took command of the Army's 842d Transportation Battalion, based in Beaumont. Prior to this command, he served in the Special Operations Command Europe in Stuttgart, Germany as Chief of Logistics Plans.

The Altoona, Pennsylvania native, whose career with the Army spans 17 years, has also served at Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Campbell, Kentucky; The Netherlands; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and South Africa. On assignment in Southwest Asia, his company supported the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Civils earned his commission through the ROTC program at Pennsylvania State University, where he was awarded a Bachelors Degree in Business Logistics. He holds a Master's Degree in Administration from Central Michigan University and is a graduate of the resident Command and General Staff College.

Civils assumed command from Colonel Jonathan White, who now leads the 3rd "Blitz" Brigade, 2nd Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Region in Fort Knox, Kentucky.



## **UNITED STATES NAVY MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND, BEAUMONT**

As the new commander of the Navy's Military Sealift Command-Beaumont,

Lieutenant Commander Peter Laches will lead sealift operations in the Gulf of Mexico, Central America and South America.

Laches grew up in Plainview, New York, and graduated from the University of Notre Dame. He was commissioned through the ROTC program in May, 1986.

Following Surface Warfare Officer's School in San Diego, California, Laches completed two deployments in the western Pacific. His previous tours of duty also include assignments as Combat Systems Officer in San Diego, Operations Officer for USS Shasta, and Fleet Support Ships Officer in the Operations Directorate. His last assignment was as Operations Officer, Naval Station Everett, in Washington.

He attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, and has completed Master's Degrees in Management and Business Administration.

Laches and his wife Lisa, are the parents of two daughters, Rachel and Elizabeth.

LCDR Laches assumed his current command from Lieutenant Commander Chris Arias. Before leaving Beaumont Arias was recommended for promotion to Commander. He is now a member of the faculty at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.