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### American Maritime Partnership Names Rep. Duncan Hunter 'Champion of Maritime' for Commitment to Domestic Maritime Industry

**WASHINGTON (September 30, 2015)**– The American Maritime Partnership (AMP), the voice of the domestic maritime industry recognized U.S. Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-CA) Wednesday with the 2015 Champion of Maritime Award, which honored Hunter for his extraordinary support and dedication to the American Maritime Industry.

Rep. Hunter's longstanding support for U.S. maritime is demonstrated through his work as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation and as a member of the Seapower Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee. As the first Marine combat veteran of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan elected to U.S. Congress, Rep. Hunter understands the importance that the maritime industry serves in the everyday lives of our civilians and our service men and women.

"The true champions of maritime are the hundreds of thousands of highly-skilled service men and women in the American maritime industry who tirelessly work to protect our waterways -- such a strength in defense wouldn't be possible without the Jones Act," **said Rep. Hunter.** "I will continue to vocalize my support for the American maritime industry; one that creates good paying family -wage jobs, secures our borders, and fuels our economy."



**Tom Allegretti, Chairman of AMP, presents  
Champion of Maritime award to Rep.  
Duncan Hunter**

This past June, Rep. Hunter demonstrated his commitment to the U.S. maritime industry when he joined hundreds of veterans and active military at the American Maritime Partnership's Military to Maritime career fair in San Diego where he met with men and women looking to transfer their specialized skills earned from the military into a lucrative career in U.S. maritime.



Rep. Duncan Hunter joined by Paul 'Chip' Jaenichen, Sen. Mazie Hirono, Tom Allegretti, and Rep. John Garamendi in support for continued strength in the American maritime industry

"Chairman Hunter has been a tremendously valued champion for the domestic American maritime industry, serving as a leader who truly understands our industry's critical role to the vitality and security of our nation," **AMP Chairman Tom Allegretti said.** "From his time in the service to his seat as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime

Transportation, Congressman Hunter has

witnessed first hand what it takes to sustain a strong maritime industry and because of his dedication, we are honored to provide him with our highest honor - the Champion of Maritime Award."

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