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MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 21, 2011  
**TO:** All House Members  
**FROM:** Rep. Mark Longietti  
**SUBJECT:** Proposed Legislation – Merchant Marine Compensation

In the near future I intend to re-introduce legislation that would amend the Merchant Marine World War II Veterans Bonus Act. It would give credit for those that trained with the U.S. Maritime Service during World War II between December 7, 1941 and August 15, 1945.

In order to become enlisted in the United States Merchant Marine individuals had to receive training from the U.S. Maritime Service. However, the PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs will not consider time spent in training with the U.S. Maritime Service as service time in the United States Merchant Marine, even though the current statute contains the phrase, "including training".

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Bob Brownawell in my office at 772-4035 or by email at [rbrownaw@pahouse.net](mailto:rbrownaw@pahouse.net).