

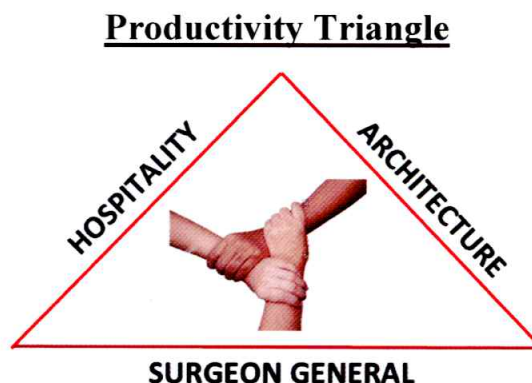
LEGACY

Re: SL7 Expo Support Letter
To: Whom It May Concern

8 January 2025

The world has changed. Projects in the 21st-century have become harder. Fighting the next war with the last war's rules can be risky. Planners & strategists must dig deeper into the tool box.

The SL7 Expo is a new approach to National Security. The Human Factor is the keel of our ship. Money for recruiting offices & re-enlistment bonuses is obvious. Add programs to build motivation, pride, & social trust. These programs will raise productivity of uniformed services & civilian industries.



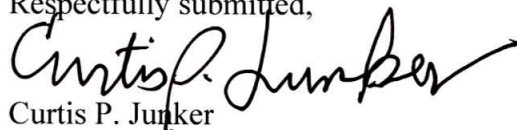
Beyond simple meals, Hospitality is willingness to give strangers goodwill, entertainment, and R&R. Construction provides shelter, but Architecture adds imagination & aesthetics in a way that raises the sense of wellbeing. The Surgeon General offers leadership for helping people get along and work together. Done right, a floating community center is a salty social magnet that mixes hard-core military & sea-loving civilians. This builds new friendships, partnerships & recruiting. (See *Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation: The U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory on the Healing Effects of Social Connection and Community*. Washington, DC: USPHS, 2023.)

After conversion & berthing of an inactive SL7/T-AKR, the SL7 Expo will support: revitalization of the US Merchant Marine, shipbuilding, crewing, education, related commercial industries, the DOD & armed forces, new innovations in marine engineering & naval architecture, public learning of the lessons of maritime history, inspiring pride in our sea heritage, new inter-agency friendships, and raising trust to work together within the climate of diversity.

When we support the SL7 Expo with letters, labor, legislation, and cash & in-kind donations, we support ourselves. (See "The Overlooked Base of National Security: An Interagency Planning Proposal Written at the Request of the SL7 Expo Study Group," 2025.)

Please study this SL7 Expo proposal. Our National Security needs All Hands On Deck.

Respectfully submitted,


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