

## The Propeller Club of the United States Port of Los Angeles/Long Beach

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# MEMBER

## *Spotlight*



### **Rich Molony**

The Propeller Club of LA/Long Beach is proud to salute member Rich Molony in this quarter's member spotlight. Rich is General Manager of the National Lines Bureau in San Pedro.

The National Lines Bureau was established in 1942 by a group of Longshoremen who saw a need for qualified, reliable lines handlers in the Port. The company was one of the only companies of its kind in the Port of Los Angeles and was a family owned and operated business for over fifty years. The company was sold to Marine Terminals Corporation (now Ports America) in 1997 and is still going strong.

Rich is a relative newcomer to the transportation industry. His first career was with the LAPD where he spent 27 years and was last assigned as a lieutenant at LAPD's South Bureau Homicide. Some career highlights for Rich were helping plan for the Department's involvement in the 1984 Olympics and the lead role he played in orchestrating the Pope's visit in 1986. In 1992, after retiring from LAPD, Rich was offered a "great deal" to join National Lines Bureau.

A graduate of California State University Dominguez Hills with a degree in Economics, Rich considers his job a fascinating one and the complexity of operations continually challenging. He loves dealing with the shipping companies and longshoremen and his excellent people and managerial skills, well honed during his years as a lieutenant, have served him well at NLB.

Some of the advantages of working for the NLB have included some wonderful travel opportunities, helping develop standards for the line handling business and seeing the processes and procedures in the business become much safer and more accurate. He worked with the European Boatmen's Association, the Pacific Coast Lines Coalition (which has a safety and education focus) and he helped establish the International Boatmen / Linesman Association.

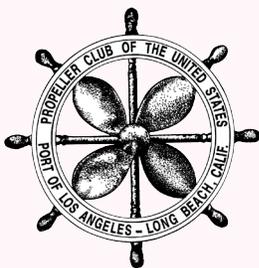
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The Molony family's presence in California dates back to 1850 when Rich's great grandfather at age 16 transplanted to California from Iowa at age 16. He was a wheelwright, a tradesman who straightened wagon wheels, and after relocating to Los Angeles founded the Molony Carriage Works. Family members have been leaders in LA for over 160 years, serving as LA City Fire Commissioners, parish priests and teachers at USC Medical School.

Rich has two sons, a daughter and six grandchildren ranging from 3 to 12 years old. He is an avid golfer (his favorite places to golf are anywhere he can get a tee time!) and a passionate barbless hook fly fisherman.

Rich joined the Propeller Club in 1992 upon joining NLB and still attends almost every Propeller Club event and has been active in planning for the Seafood Feast. He values the camaraderie with fellow Propeller Club Members and the business opportunities the Club fosters.



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