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RICK SHANNON
PRESIDENT
ATLANTIC RO-RO CARRIERS USA

Rick Shannon has more than 40 years in the transportation industry, holding senior positions in world-wide shipping companies. His career covers most of the major areas in the world including South-Central America, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa, Europe and the Far East. He has extensive experience in the Middle East including Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Dubai. He headed up projects for the building of airports, terminals, buildings with complete turn-key operations throughout the Red Sea and Persian Gulf. He represented Society General de Surveillance on many of the construction projects.

He entered the Soviet Union as the General Agent USA for all 17 Soviet Union ocean shipping companies in 1991. As the Soviet Union was going through the turbulent times in the early 1990's of privatization, the basic infrastructure could not adapt to the overnight changes. State owned companies disappeared and private entrepreneurs now had control of all areas within Russia. A period of mayhem followed.

In 1995 a new group had formed, Atlantic Ro-Ro Carriers, and Rick became their first president in October 1995. The 2 ship operation between the U.S. East Coast and Gulf to St. Petersburg has grown to its present 6 ship dedicated USA/St. Petersburg service. It is the only liner service offering break-bulk, project freight, ro-ro capability as well as containers.

Rick has concentrated on working with Russian Customs and Russian diplomatic entities for the past 21 years as well as U.S.A. regulatory bodies. In 2002 after 2 years of negotiating, Rick was able to put into the Russian Customs law, Order 441, a transparency method of offering customs clearance at the Port of St. Petersburg which was mandated to be customs cleared within 3 hours. The project worked but resistance from the Russian side made it difficult to continue.

Rick has been a member of most of the major trade organizations for many years and in 1994 became one of the first members of the American Chamber of Commerce in St. Petersburg.





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Rick has received the medal “The Veteran of Cold War on the Seas” from the Joint Council of Veterans-Submariners of the Navy, received an honoree appointment as Major General in the Cossack Army in 1999, was honored by the Russian Orthodox Church in 2000 at the Waldorf Astoria in New York along with Victor Chernomyrdin, Former Prime Minister of the Russian Federation and Yuli Vorontsov, Chairman of the Board of AIG Investment Bank & Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary General for the CIS. He has also been on the Board of Directors of the House of Hope in Russia since 1996, a free alcohol American-Russian rehabilitation center in St. Petersburg.

