



Press Release

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Governor Jeff Landry, Governor of Louisiana, to be honored as Maritime Person of the Year by the Propeller Club Port of New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS – The Propeller Club of the United States – Port of New Orleans is proud to announce that Governor Jeff Landry has been named the 2025 Maritime Person of the Year in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the maritime industry in Louisiana. This prestigious honor will be presented during the 91st Annual Maritime Person of the Year Gala, to be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at the Higgins Hotel in New Orleans.

The evening will begin with a 6:00 p.m. cocktail reception, followed by dinner and the award presentation at 7:00 p.m., and will conclude with a festive after-party. Cocktail attire is requested.

Governor Landry has demonstrated a strong commitment to enhancing Louisiana’s maritime sector through policy, investment, and infrastructure development. Notable achievements include:

- Establishing the first Governor’s Maritime Task Force since Governor Edwin Edwards' final term in 1992. This was accomplished through the creation of the Task Force on Navigation and Safety within the newly established Louisiana Ports, Waterways & Investment Commission.
- Allocating \$700,000 in state funding through the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD) to upgrade NOAA’s Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System (PORTS) by installing state-of-the-art air gap sensors on all bridges crossing the Mississippi River Ship Channel.
- Providing LDOTD funding to support an economic impact study highlighting the financial significance of the Mississippi River—one of the nation’s greatest natural resources.

These strategic initiatives, among others, underscore Governor Landry’s dedication to the advancement, safety, and economic potential of Louisiana’s ports and waterways.

The Propeller Club of the U.S. – Port of New Orleans proudly recognizes these efforts and celebrates Governor Landry’s forward-thinking leadership and long-standing service to the state.

Governor Jeff Landry's leadership is rooted in a deep commitment to Louisiana and a career dedicated to public service. A veteran of Operation Desert Storm, former police officer, and successful small business owner, Landry went on to serve as a U.S. Congressman and Louisiana Attorney General before being elected Governor.

As Governor, Landry has prioritized pro-growth policies—moving Louisiana's economic outlook from 31st to 18th in just over a year. In his first year, he enacted historic tax cuts for Louisianans', which has helped bring in over \$50 billion in investments to our State.

Governor Landry has led major education reforms—expanding school choice, empowering parents, and helping Louisiana achieve its highest student testing scores in a generation. The state has raised 11 spots on the Nation's Report Card in just 13 months.

On public safety, Landry has championed law enforcement and advanced criminal justice reforms aimed at accountability. Under his administration, violent crime in New Orleans has dropped by 43%—one of the steepest declines in the nation.

Governor Landry resides in Broussard with his wife, Sharon, and their son, JT.

Read full biography [HERE](#).

The Propeller Club aggressively promotes the maritime industry through many of its programs and partnering with other similar organizations. Their goal is to educate legislators and the public as to the importance and necessity of all waterborne commerce.

Today, the International Propeller Club of the United States is an international business network dedicated to the promotion of the maritime industry, commerce and global trade. There are more than 80 Ports in maritime locations around the world, including almost 30 in foreign cities.

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