



## **Al Durel**

Director of Operations

As Director of Operations for Port Freeport, Al Durel's major duty is to maintain the 'function' of the Port. This includes but is not limited to managing vessel/cargo operations, maintenance of the facilities, Port safety, and Port security. He serves as the primary point of contact for owners, agents, and industry. In addition, he also manages the financial affairs of Port Operations, Safety, and Security. On occasion, Al acts as a tour guide, which is always a lot of fun. This gives him an opportunity to 'showcase' the activities and abilities of the Port. Al has been with the Port since November of 1999.

Al believes Port Freeport offers something truly unique to its customers, and that the people behind the Port make the difference.

The maritime industry runs deep in Al's family. Long before he started in the industry, Al's dad and brother-in-law were managers for a stevedore company in New Orleans. Their influence and training gave him the foundation to become successful in this industry. He has held various positions throughout his career, including Ship Superintendent, Vessel Agency, Terminal Operator, Terminal Manager, and Port Captain.

## **Education**

University of New Orleans / Business Administration

## **Affiliations & Community Involvement**

Al serves on the PCT – Port Coordination Team, BMAT – Brazosport Marine Action Team, Lone Star Harbor Safety Committee, Member of the Executive Safety Committee, National Incident Management System (NIMS), AAPA Operations Committee, Member of Area Maritime Security Committee., Gulf Ports Association

## **Personal**

Al's biggest, most important accomplishment is raising three boys with his wife, Pam. All are very successful professionals in medicine.

## **Port Freeport**

Port Freeport is a leading port in the export of crude oil and natural gas liquids and ranked 6th in chemicals, 17th in foreign waterborne export tonnage, and 26th in containers. A 2022 Economic Impact Study by Texas A&M Transportation Institute revealed that, nationally, the Freeport Harbor Channel generates 266,300 jobs and has a total economic output of \$157.3 billion. Port Freeport serves Alliera, Atlantic Container Lines, AMPORTS, BASF, Chiquita Fresh N.A., Dole Fresh Fruit, The Dow Chemical Company, Enterprise Products Partners, ExxonMobil, Freeport LNG, Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Glovis, Grimaldi Lines, Hoegh Autoliners, Kirby Marine, Liberty Global Logistics, MEGlobal, NYK RORO, Oceanus Line, Phillips 66, Riviana Foods, Inc., Sallam Lines, Tenaris, U.S Department of Energy, Volkswagen Group of America, and Vulcan Materials Company.