

USMMA COLORADO PARENTS ASSOCIATION



Newsletter

Summer 2015

Graduation Class of 2015

Fair Winds and Following Seas to the Class of 2015 who is getting ready to graduate in June:

- Justin Bixler
- Weston Cowden
- Lynae Harvey
- Adam Heimbrock
- Christopher Lucero
- Alexander Miller
- Diana Ormond
- Jonathan Pike
- Elliott Price
- Paige Queen
- Patrick Rice
- Kiel Silva
- Bernard Watson



**CONGRATULATIONS!
JOB WELL DONE!**

We are very proud of you. You have an engraved bell coming your way as a gift from the Parents Association.

If a Graduation Biography of your son or daughter has not been included in this newsletter, please submit, along with a photo, for publication in the Fall issue. kehill55@gmail.com

Patrick Rice

Patrick will be employed by Military Sealift Command. In mid-July, he will go to Norfolk, Va. for training and will then be given his assignment. At this point, he doesn't know where he will be or how long he will be on board.



Elliott Price

Elliott has taken a 3rd Mate position with the domestic tanker company, Seabulk and will be starting soon after graduation. He does not have a ship assignment as of yet, but will most likely come and go from Corpus Christi, TX. His schedule will be 75 days on, 75 off. He plans to live with his brother in Morrison, CO during his time off, join a local volunteer fire department, and work on restoring his '74 Ford Bronco.



Adam Heimbrock

Adam is going to work for Kirby Corporation in their offshore division. He is not sure where he will catch his ship, but he will be living in Colorado.



Justin Bixler

Justin Bixler is graduating from the USMMA with a Marine Systems Engineering Major with a Nuclear Power Concentration. He will be commissioning as an Ensign in the U.S. Coast Guard and was selected to be an Engineer on one of the new National Security Cutters, the Joshua James. His home port will be in Charleston, South Carolina. Before going to South Carolina, he will attend a U.S. Coast Guard Direct Commission Officer Course at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut for about four weeks. He will then move to Charleston, SC where he will work and reside.



making money and traveling the world (without thinking of the dreaded sea project).

Weston Cowden

Despite a tragic hardship during his college career, losing his dad in the 2012 Aurora theatre shooting, Weston persevered making me and I'm certain his dad and family proud. He has accepted a position as an Army engineer prior to attending seminary for Chaplaincy. Upon graduation, he will enjoy time with family and friends and traveling abroad, then move to fulfill his goals and dreams serving our country and God.



We love you Weston!
Mom



The Joshua James

Alexander W. Miller

Alex is still considering several options with US flag ships. He is leaning towards taking up residence with his parents in Denver, CO and working a four-weeks on and off shift. His interest is to pursue a law degree with a part-time and distance learning institution.



Bernard Watson

Buddy Watson has taken a position with Military Sealift Command. He hopes to start in August but does not have a particular ship or port assignment as of yet. Buddy passed the Fundamentals of Engineering exam, as well as the EPA Freon Technician Certificate. His goals include working quickly towards his 2nd Engineer license so he may use his Offshore Drilling minor and working towards an M.B.A. And of course,



Diana Ormond

Diana will be furthering her Engineering career by sailing as a Third Engineer with the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association (MEBA) or working with Military Sealift Command as a Shore Side Engineer. In addition, she will be furthering her education with Post Baccalaureate classes while continuing as a Martial Arts instructor. She will be living in San Diego, CA after graduation.



Welcome Class of 2019

We want to welcome at least 8 new plebe candidates, class of 2019, and their families to the USMMA Colorado Parents Association:

Merrick Bieger
Tyson Blauw
Ella Freimanis
Lily Jansen
Devon Klingman
Patrick Lyell
Corey Simoneaux
Christian Sucher

We hope to meet all of you at the Welcome Aboard Picnic on June 6, 2015.

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Christian Sucher

My name is Christian Sucher and I was born and raised in Colorado Springs, CO. We lived in Wyoming for one year during 9th grade, but then came back to the Springs where I went to The Vanguard School for the rest of high school. I played varsity tennis for three years, having played since elementary school during the summers. I have participated in various clubs and activities over the years, including chess club, student government, and Boys State. I enjoy gaming and sleeping. I have a warped sense of humor. I also have an awesome younger brother and a GREAT mother and father.



Corey Simoneaux

I am a proud member of the USMMA Class of 2019. I graduated from Legacy High School in Broomfield, CO in 2014. I am a 2nd degree black belt and certified instructor

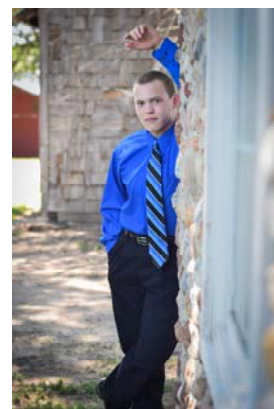


for Tang Soo Do, a Korean style martial arts. With the help of my USMMA mentor, Colonel Dick Sargent of Golden, CO, I received a USMMA sponsorship to attend the New Mexico Military Institute in the Fall of 2014. The military institute has been a big help to my personal growth and has prepared me for the USMMA, particularly in area of time management. At the academy, I am targeting the choir program and possibly the soccer team. My area of study is deck major. My

Merrick Bieger

Since his birth in Las Vegas, Nevada on July 5, 1997, Merrick always finds himself striving to do the best he can.

Whether it is in one of his many sports, his academics, or his volunteer work, he always pushes himself to the peak of his ability, and beyond. When not studying for school, he always looks for ways to improve the world around him in any way he can, be it volunteering for the American Cancer Society, playing key roles in community events, doing projects with his USAFJROTC Corps, or even helping his family do some hefty work. An avid black-belt in Tae Kwon Do, Merrick loves reading, writing, drawing, making music, and getting education on anything he can. He prides himself on responsibility, determination, and his ability to help no matter how tired or exhausted he may be.



Patrick Lyell

(picture only)



Alumni Reports

Donald Dodge (2014)

Donald Dodge (2014) has sent us this report of his route to Navy Flight School.



Donald on the wing of his T-6 training plane

My current location is with a training squadron/wing (VT10 – Wildcats) located in Pensacola, Florida at the Naval Air Station. I'm here pursuing my dream in the field of Naval Aviation, being trained by the USN, to become a Naval Flight Officer. These highly trained individuals perform duties such as air navigation, weather forecasting, weapons management and operations, duty officer tasks, and a multitude of other collateral aviation duties. I was able to receive this opportunity through a commission at the United States Merchant Marine Academy located in Kings Point, NY, in which every student performs a four-year collegiate education while performing a full year of ocean-going sailing duties with merchant vessels. It required much research and dedication, but I felt this school was personally the best route to take to achieve my aviation goals. I still have about another eight to twelve months of training to complete before I get to become a war-fighter, at which point I will join an active flight squadron. It's a long road, but the trials and tribulations will make the reward that much sweeter.

Donald passed the Contact Phase of his Primary exam this month. This is the first of three phases in Primary Flight Training. Instrument training is next and then navigation. Congratulations!!



API (Aviation Preflight Indoc.) class

Midshipman Report Michael Havanar (2017)

Glant Havanar has kindly sent us this report about her DS Michael Havanar's internship in Florida.

Michael Condie Havanar did his internship with Captain Richard Grimison (USMMA 86), the Harbor Pilot in Cape Canaveral Florida. Michael spent two weeks learning



about the Canaveral Harbor, learning about the vessels that come into this very busy port, and the life and position of a Harbor Pilot. The two weeks he was there were very active weeks for vessels. Pictures of many ships the boys brought into port are included here, as well as Canadian Submarines and cruise ships. The boys also were able to attend a special flight of the Blue Angels and witness a private rocket launch of a Space X Falcon 9 which is being periodically launched in preparation for the DSCOVR space weather mission.

Michael and Bryan

The thing that really struck me as simply amazing is that this man, Captain Grimison, who was referred to Michael only through a mutual friend, welcomed my son, whom he had never met, along with his roommate Bryan Bumgarner (California 2017) to Florida for two weeks. He gave the boys one of his private guest houses to live in, fed them and entertained them, taught them so much, all in the name of being a part of the KP family. Captain and Mrs. Grimison completely made a difference in the lives of two midshipmen without even knowing them. That is what KP is all about.

Glant



Midshipman Report Thomas Hill (2016)

Thomas is home and has taken time off polishing up his Sea Project Report to write this short essay about his Second Sailing.

My name is Midshipman Thomas Hill Second Class, and I have just returned from my second sailing period. I was out at sea for 195 days, in both Louisiana and California. I am in the class of 2016 at the Merchant Marine Academy, majoring in Marine Systems Engineering – Nuclear Power.

My first ship was the SS Altair (launched 1974 as SS Sea-Land Finance), a former Military Sealift Command (MSC) Roll On – Roll Off (RO-RO) in Marrero, Louisiana. The ship is now owned by MARAD and is in Reduced Operating Status. Altair, along with her sister ships, is among the fastest cargo vessels ever built. I spent much of my time onboard this ship working on the evaporator, which is used to produce the massive amounts of water that the steam plant aboard Altair consumes. She was home to the largest boilers ever installed on a commercial ship. I was on this ship for a month before my orders to an active MSC ship came through.



Sunset over the Mississippi River from the aft house looking forward aboard SS Altair

My second ship was the USNS Henry J. Kaiser (T-AO 187) (launched 1986), the lead ship of the Kaiser-class fleet replenishment oilers operated by MSC. She was docked at Naval Air Station North Island in Coronado, California. Kaiser is the San Diego duty oiler, meaning she is responsible for all Underway Replenishment (UNREP) operations performed with Naval vessels in

the San Diego area. Kaiser was at sea 5 days a week conducting UNREP operations. I spend the vast majority of my time aboard Kaiser chipping paint in the engine room.



USNS Henry J. Kaiser



USNS Kaiser refueling a Canadian warship, HMCS Winnipeg

My third and final ship was USNS Sioux (T-ATF 171) (launched 1980), a Powhatan-class oceangoing tugboat also owned and operated by MSC. She was docked at Naval Base San Diego, on 32nd street in National City, California. I was only underway aboard Sioux for three days for a diving/salvage training operation with a number of Navy divers and Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel. After this, she entered a Vessel Repair period, during which I assisted with a lot of contractor management issues, as the shipyard workers were constantly cutting corners in their assigned work. I believe this to have been a valuable leadership opportunity.



USNS Sioux



SS Altair Stateroom



Removing the bull gear assembly from USNS Sioux through a hole cut in the flight deck.



USNS Kaiser Stateroom



USNS Sioux berthing

Cookie Café

The next Colorado date for Cookie Café is June 4th, the last of the year. This is also the day the USCG License Exam results will be posted for the class of 2015, so it was decided to make this Cookie Café big and extra special. Dede Ormond is in charge and has kept us on our toes as far as volunteering to bake and add graduation themed decorations to the cookie boxes. If you have not mailed your contribution yet, it is too late. Just keep Cookie Café in mind when you get an urge to bake this summer and stick the cookies in the freezer so they are ready for the next Colorado date in the fall.

Take a look at the Cookie Café link for inspiration:
<http://kpcookiecafe.com/>

Boodle Bags

Our Boodle Bag Chairperson, Karen Price, mother of Elliott Price, is graduating. She will put together her last boodle bags in time for the Coast Guard exam in June. Karen sent us this report:

There are 34 boodle bags going out this trimester - 13 this week for the 1/Cs' USCG licensure exams and the rest on June 8th. Each bag, including postage, cost the Parents' Association approx. \$12.66.

It has been an honor to serve the Colorado Midshipmen and candidates these past 3 years!

Karen Price

However, our students will not be wanting for goodies. Jeannette Jones is taking over the Chairperson position. Welcome, Jeannette!

Greeting Cards

Joanne McMahan is our greeting card chair. She sends out cards for birthdays and holidays. This year she has been including a \$5 gift card to Chipotle; no doubt a big hit for the midshipmen. The greeting cards themselves are super simple with a quick note to let plebes and midshipmen know we hope they have a great birthday and that we wish them a wonderful year. Cards are sent out about twice a month, irregularly spaced depending on how the birthdays fall.

Colorado All Service Academy Ball (CASAB)

The CASAB Committee for 2015 has had two meetings already. Dianne Iannone (2016) is the Point of Contact (POC) for the USMMA. Glant Havanar (2017) and Kristin Hill (2016) is filling in where needed. Please see if you can spare some time and be part of this fun committee. Representatives from all five Service Academies meet once a month to plan the big Christmas season Ball.

Hosting the Ball rotates among the Academies; this year it is the Navy. Next year the Ball is hosted by the Coast Guard and the Merchant Marine together. That is why it is important to get more families to participate and learn the history and traditions involved.

You may contact Dianne at dianne@iannone.info

Graduation Bells

Work on the 2015 Graduation Bells is still underway. An email has gone out to all 2015 parents regarding their membership status in order to calculate what portion of the bell will be paid by the Parents Association.



The bells are made from a 12x9 inch piece of hardwood with routed edges, on this is mounted a very loud brass bell engraved with Kings Point and year of graduation, and below the bell a brass name plaque engraved with the graduate's name. Volunteer woodworking parents put it together every spring.

A miracle will have to happen for the 2015 bells to be ready in time for the Welcome Aboard Picnic on the 6th of June. The wood and the name plates are ready, but the actual brass bell is still on a boat from China. The bells got delayed, ironically, due to the shipping strike on the west coast. Once they reach the company we ordered from, they still need to be engraved.

Once finished, the bells will be delivered to each graduate or their family as opportunities present themselves. They weigh about 8 pounds before any packaging so mailing them would be too expensive.

USMMA

Welcome Aboard Picnic

What: To meet the Candidates and Their Families

When: Saturday, June 6th, 2015

Time: 12:00 – 3:30 pm

Hosted by: Mark & Joanne McMahan (Kevin 2016)

Where: Saddle Rock Clubhouse

6800 South Liverpool Street, Suite A

Aurora, CO 80016-2319

(Yes, in shopping center. Sandwiched between Bev's Kitchen and Tribeca of NY, across from Grandview High School)

Dress: Casual . Kids of all ages (including Plebe Candidates) invited to bring swimsuits and swim from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. during General Meeting.

Lifeguard on duty

We are planning to have a Pot Luck

Look for a message from www.signupgenius.com

President 2013-2015 - USMMA CO Parents Association

Dianne Iannone (Weston 2016)

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Class of 2019

Colorado All Service Academy Ball 2015



US Military Academy
West Point, NY



US Naval Academy
Annapolis, MD



US Coast Guard Academy
New London, CT



US Merchant Marine Academy
Kings Point, NY



US Air Force Academy
Colorado Springs, CO

Please SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, December 27, 2015

The 33rd annual Colorado All Service Academy Ball (CASAB) will be held on Sunday, December 27, 2015, at the Broadmoor hotel in Colorado Springs, through the cooperative efforts of the Colorado State Parents Associations of the five federal service academies: U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and the U.S. Air Force Academy. This year's host will be the U.S. Naval Academy. Promoting camaraderie and social interaction among cadets and midshipmen from each service academy is the goal of the Colorado All Service Academy Ball. The ball also provides a comfortable setting for families and friends to enjoy themselves and each other while observing formal military displays by their cadets and midshipmen such as: color guard, invocation, POW/MIA remembrance, toasts, presentation of cadets and midshipmen from each academy, and an outstanding speaker. A formal dinner, dancing, and professional portraits round out the evening's activities.

Invitations will be sent out in November. Generous room discounts, explicitly for this event, have been provided by the Broadmoor. Reservations may be made once you have received your invitation. Please mention that you will be a guest at the Colorado All Service Academy Ball.

This will be an exciting and memorable evening to honor Colorado's cadets and midshipmen who are presently attending a service academy. We sincerely hope you will be able to attend. Please contact the person listed below, your academy's point of contact for this event, if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at this year's ball.

USMMA Colorado Parents Association Point of Contact:

Dianne Iannone

USMMA Colorado Parents Association President
Parent of Midshipmen Weston Iannone, class of 2016
303-663-0763 dianne@iannone.info

US Merchant Marine Academy Parents Association website:
usmmaparents.com

ColoradoASAB.org or at facebook.com/ColoradoASAB.org



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NAME:		DATE:	
Address:		City:	
Email:		Zip:	
Plebe/Midshipmen Name:		Phone #:	
Qty.	Membership	Price	Line Total
	Plebe Parent	\$ 50.00	
	Midshipman Parent	\$ 75.00	
	NMMI Associate Member	\$10.00	
	Alumni	\$ 25.00	
	Name Badge		
	Name Badge (1 st) :	\$20.00	
	Name Badge (2 nd) :	\$15.00	
	Parent of: _____ Class of: _____		
	Fundraising		
	King Soopers Reloadable Card	\$ 5.00	
	Safeway Reloadable Card	\$ 5.00	
	Acta Non Verba Book	\$30.00	
	Spyderco Knives (<i>In Stock Items Only</i>)		
	USMMA Flags		
	2'x3' w/Grommets	\$ 45.00	
	3'x5' w/Grommets	\$ 65.00	
	Jewelry		
	Earrings	\$ 10.00	
	Necklace	\$ 8.00	
	Cell Phone Bogle	\$5.00	
		TOTAL DUE	

USMMA Colorado Parents' Association

| <http://www.usmmaparents.com/> |

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Yearbook 2013-2014

The 2013-2014 yearbook is supposed to have shipped May 15, 2015. If you ordered one let's hope you have received it by the time you read this newsletter.

Useful Links

Colorado Parent Association Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/USMMAColorado?fref=ts>

Colorado Parent Association Web Page:
<http://www.usmmaparents.com>

2015 Colorado All Service Academy Ball:
<http://www.coloradoasab.org/>

Kings Point Cookie Café:
<http://kpcookiecafe.com/>

Long Island Railway/Bus reloadable card:
<https://www.easypaymetrocard.com/vector/static/accounts/index.shtml>

Flight tracker:
<http://flightaware.com>

Ship tracker:
<http://www.marinetraffic.com>

USMMA:
<http://www.usmma.edu/>

USMMA Alumni Association and Foundation:
<http://www.usmmaaf.com/s/1175/hybrid/start.aspx>

Please submit useful links to kehill55@gmail.com

Odds and Ends

Birthday Cake for your plebe or midshipman can be ordered from Crystal Enterprises, at 516-321 9896. Cakes will be delivered at lunch Monday through Friday. Cost is \$21. Payment must be mailed to Crystal Enterprises, Inc. USMMA, 300 Steamboat Rd., Kings Point, NY 11024-1699

Soliciting for pictures and tales: Please contribute to our Newsletter and a Thank You to all of you who sent input for this issue. We are always in need of stories and pictures, tales from Sea Year, even everyday accounts of life at the Academy.

Please engage your plebes and midshipmen to send pictures and write-ups as well. It doesn't take much and means a whole lot to the rest of us to be part of your lives.

Send to: kehill55@gmail.com

Please help update

The student list towards the end of this newsletter is in need of updates. We are looking for:

Company
Major
Split
Other (extracurricular)
Sports
Leadership positions

Send to: kehill55@gmail.com

Mentors: Looking for parents of midshipmen who have completed the 100 or 200 days at sea to mentor parents of the midshipmen who are just preparing for their first trip. If interested in being a mentor or wanting a mentor, please contact Dianne at dianne@iannone.info

To remove your name from our mailing list, please email kehill55@gmail.com
Questions, submissions, comments to kehill55@gmail.com

Fundraiser

Shop at [AmazonSmile.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and a percentage of your purchase cost can be donated to the USMMA Colorado Parents' Association, a registered non-profit organization.



You shop. Amazon gives.

Use this link for your purchases:
<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-2485360> or Click on the Logo above.

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to the USMMA Colorado Parents' Association whenever you shop on [AmazonSmile.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

You must establish that you want Amazon's donation to go to the USMMA Colorado Parents' Association.

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The next time Amazon.com is visited, there will be a verification "Do you want to continue with AmazonSmile". Choose Yes.

The buyer pays the same as when shopping at Amazon.com. Amazon will donate 0.5% to the non-profit.

Calendar Items

For the complete Academic Calendar for the 2015-2016 school year, please go to:
<http://www.usmma.edu/academics/registrar/academic-calendar-2015-2016>

Be mindful that changes are made frequently.

Please note these 2015-2016 specific dates:

2015

- June 4** Colorado sponsored Cookie Café
The last of the year!
- June 6** Welcome Aboard Picnic for the Class of 2019
12:00 to 3:30 pm
Saddle Rock Clubhouse
6800 South Liverpool Street, Suite A
Aurora, CO 80016-2319
Please see flyer in this newsletter
- June 20** Graduation Class of 2015
- June 28** CASAB meeting
- June 30** Class of 2019 indoc starts
- July 19** Midshipmen report back
- July 20** Classes start
- August 7-9** Acceptance Weekend
- August 30** CASAB meeting
- September 4-7** Parents Weekend
- October 4** CASAB meeting
- October 25** CASAB meeting
- November 15** CASAB meeting
- December 6** CASAB meeting
- December 19** CASAB meeting, POCs only
- December 27** CASAB All Academy Ball
Colorado Springs
Please see flyer in this newsletter

2016

- June 18** Graduation Class of 2016

Board and Chairs 2015-2016 Academic Year

Position	Board 2015-2016	Contact
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USMMA Students, Colorado

Class of 2016	Company	Major	Split	Sports/Extracurricular	Leadership 1st. Rotation 15/16
Guettlein, Jeremy	1st	Engine	B	Hockey	
Hill, Thomas	2nd	Engine	A	EMT	CTO2
Iannone, Weston	3rd	Deck	A	Color Guard Waterfront EMT	RESOPS
Kirk, John	1st	Engine	A		RWX
McMahan, Kevin	1st	Engine	B		CC1
Robbins, Nathan	4th	Engine	A		
Sawicki, Gus	2nd	Engine	B	Lacrosse	BOPS1
Smith, Rachel	1st	Engine	B	Volleyball/ Lacrosse	BAO
Valdiconza, Luke	3rd	Engine	A	EMT	
Wehking, Shawn					
Class of 2017					
Blauw, Spencer	3rd				
Finnin, Emily	3rd			Lacrosse	
Garcia-Lance, Danielle	1st				
Havenar, Michael	1st	Deck	B		
Martinovic, Marjan	Band				
Ormond, Patricia	Band				
Class of 2018					
Barton, Alexander	4th				
Dietz, Kyle	1st				
Gramer, Emily	3rd	Deck	A	Volleyball	
Groen, Alexander	1st				
Haire, Austin	2nd				
Hegarty, Patrick	4th	Deck	B	Lacrosse	
Jones, Sheridan	Band				
MacDonald, Douglas	2nd				
Martin, Justus	3rd				
Milfasky, Sarah	2nd				
Strand, Charlie	1st				
Class of 2019					
Bieger, Merrick					
Blauw, Tyson					
Freimanis, Ella					
Jansen, Lily					
Klingman, Devon					
Lyell, Patrick					
Simoneaux, Corey					
Sucher, Christian					

Acronym List

2PC3	2nd Company Platoon Commander Flight Deck
4CWO	4th Company Company Watch Officer
BAO	Academic Officer
BC	Battalion Commander
BOPS1	Operations Officer
BX	Battalion Executive Officer
CC1	Company Commander 1st. Company
CHBC	Company Honor Board Chairman
CTO2	Company Training Officer 2nd Company
CX	Company Executive Officer
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
PO	Petty Officer
RC	Regimental Commander
RCGC	Regimental Color Guard Commander
REO	Regimental Evaluations Officer
RESCO	EMS Commanding Officer
RESOPS	EMS Operations Officer
RTO	Regimental Training Officer
RTOA	Regimental Training Officer's Assistant
RWX	Waterfront Executive Officer
RX	Regimental Executive Officer
SEAL/EOD	SEa Air Land / Explosive Ordnance Disposal Club
SSO	Strategic Sealift Officer
STCW	Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping
Zombo	Midshipman Ensign

UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY KINGS POINT WEEKEND GRADUATION 2015 SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015

1700 Class of 2015 Reports back to the Academy
 1800 Brief for Class of 2015 – Ackerman Auditorium
 1900 Change of Command Rehearsal – Powell Oval

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015

0730 2015 Class Photo – Tomb Field
 0800 Graduation Rehearsal—Tomb Field (Class of 2015 muster on Steamboat Road)
 1030 Awards Convocation Rehearsal - Ackerman Auditorium
 1130 Change of Command Ceremony- Powell Oval-Wiley Hall
 1200 Barbecue* for Midshipmen, Parents & Guests at Eldridge Pool (Rain location: Delano Hall)
 Midshipmen free; Parents and Guests, Faculty & Staff – \$ 18.00 per person – Advance ticket sales
 (*)
 1900-2300 Senior Cruise – Sponsored by the Class of 2015 (See your midshipman for details)

Dress for Thursday is casual: e.g., slacks and sport shirts for men; dresses, skirts or slacks for women.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2015

0800 Colors Formation – Powell Oval
 0700-0900 Information and Hospitality Center – Land Hall (Sponsored by the USMMA Parents Association)
 1000 Awards Convocation - Ackerman Auditorium
 1200 Awards Luncheon - Wiley Hall - Guests \$ 27.37 per person; (**)
 1430-1530 Baccalaureate Service -Speaker: Rear Admiral Margaret Grunn-Kibben, U.S. Navy Chief of Chaplains – Mariners Chapel
 2000-2400 Graduation Ball - music by STAGES - Eldridge Pool Area
 (Rain Location: Delano Hall) All invited.
 Advance tickets required (Midshipmen free/all others \$10.00 per person) (***)

Dress for Friday daytime is casual. Dress for Parents and dates attending the Ball is formal (Dinner Dress White Jacket or equivalent for military personnel, black tie, tuxedos, dinner jackets, or dark suits for men; cocktail dresses or gowns for women).

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2015

0800 Colors Formation – Powell Oval (weather permitting)
 0700-0900 Information and Hospitality Center – Land Hall – Sponsored by the USMMA Parents Association
 1000 Commencement Exercises – Tomb Field

Suggested dress for Saturday is lightweight sport jackets for men; dresses, skirts, or pantsuits for women. Uniform is Service Dress White or service equivalent for military personnel.

NOTE: The Graduation Ceremonies will be held on Tomb Field, **rain or shine**. In the event of inclement weather, please wear weatherproof clothing. We discourage the use of umbrellas while seated in the stands, to avoid obstructing the view of other guests. That the ceremony will be simulcast in Ackerman Auditorium, rain or shine, for guests wishing to watch the Ceremony indoors.

***Meal tickets for Thursday Lunch BBQ must be purchased in advance from the Delano commissary. Tickets must be purchased by June 10th. Payment by cash or check, checks should be made out to “Crystal Enterprises”.**

****Reservations for Friday’s Awards Luncheon will be available by invitation via Eventbrite.com. For further information please contact Fran Wagner at wagnerf@usmma.edu.**

***** Tickets for the Graduation Ball can be purchased from the individual Class Presidents or the Regimental Officer.**

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