

New era of cooperation continues with alumni groups

It was truly a long time in coming. But it was well worth the wait. For the first time in recent history, USMMA Parent Association officials and USMMA Alumni Foundation officers have been working together, collaborating and cooperating on issues that affect the academy and our midshipmen.

What arose from the three days of meetings and networking at the Baltimore USMMAAF meeting was a solid resolve to work together on important issues, unify state organizations to avoid duplications of services and to cooperate with the dissemination of information. To that end, the two organizations are joining forces to produce the new Regimental Calendar described in this issue. Also, newsletters will be cross-distributed, and membership lists and contact information will be passed between organizations. It is hoped that once an effective system of cooperation is in place, state groups from both alumni and parents associations will work together on such events as "Welcome Aboard" programs, so that there are not two luncheons on the exact same day, in two different locations in the same state, as has happened in the past.

The National Parents Association Board will be encouraging all state officers to contact local alumni chapters to coordinate planned activities and to encourage alumni participation in parent association events. The networking benefits for midshipmen can only be increased with this new cooperation. Local parent clubs will benefit from the increased knowledge and contact with alumni who know what our midshipmen are experiencing.

"Welcome Aboard, Alumni!" The USMMA Parent Association looks forward to a long and beneficial collaboration.



Parent representatives Suzanne Graboski and Mary Silva spoke to the USMMAAF board during the recent Baltimore Conference on issues facing the academy and the parents.



Midshipman panel members were guests at the luncheon, shown here with Dean Kumar, Chair Ivy Suter and Council President and host, Gary Hicks.



The USMMA Regimental Color Guard represented the academy well at the evening gala dinner event.



Few universities can boast such an impressive list of alumni as USMMA. At the board of directors meeting are Mel Tublin, Esq., '49, James H. Yocum, '47; VADM Albert J. Herberger, '55; and Robert P. Magee, '69, Chair of American Shipping Group.

Era of cooperation with USMMA alumni continues



Dean Shashi Kumar said one major problem facing the academy is filling several professor positions so late in the year, because initial funding was delayed.



Chapter Council President Gary Hicks has a long history of collaboration with local Parent Associations, and he is now making that a national effort.



Receptions and social gatherings at the 2009 Spring USMMAAF meeting proved beneficial for networking between alumni and midshipmen.



Shown at left, USMMAAF Chair Ivy Suter, '78, discussed financial issues and funding changes and assured the alumni that their funding was solid.



Washington State Alumni Chair Connie Buhl, '81, left, is already contacting Washington state parents. Gary Hicks, '76, welcomes Buhl to the reception.



Representative midshipmen spoke to the alumni and parent reps about their academy experiences and how the new changes are affecting their regimental, athletic, and academic lives at the academy. Here the midshipman panel answers questions from the USMMAAF board members.

Admiral Worley addresses issues, presents future plans

During recent meetings and events at the USMMAAF Conference in Baltimore, National Parent Association Officers had a chance to meet new Superintendent RADM Allen Worley and ask him about current issues and concerns at the academy. Worley also took time to discuss his future plans for Kings Point and to tell of getting settled into academy life at Kings Point.

Worley immediately dispelled rumors about funding problems at the academy. As explained in "Under Construction" in this issue, there never was a shortage of funding from MARAD, simply a delivery problem. Now a new CFO is in charge at USMMA, Kelly Flanagan, and Worley assures parents that funding is flowing again. In fact, an additional \$12 million has been added into figures, bringing the '09 budget to \$61 million. The 2010 budget is expected to rise to \$74 million. This ensures that all the activities that were rumored to be cancelled have now been funded or approved. These include Graduation events, and other events like June Ball, Parent's Weekend, the National President's Conference, and Graduation Awards ceremonies. Worley also said that once each individual line item is approved this year, it should automatically be requisitioned for upcoming years.

Additionally, in talks with Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, Worley said he is requesting an additional \$35 million per year over the next five years to handle large capital improvements on campus. "First we must replace Mallory Pier," Worley told the USMMAAF Board of Directors. "It will take approximately \$40 million for waterfront replacement. That is the first thing that must be done." Worley then said his priorities include renovation of Delano Dining Hall, the continued renovation of existing dormitories, renovation of Quarters A, making it a much more ecologically beneficial addition to the campus, and ultimately, his "dream goal" would be to have new indoor basketball facilities and improved athletic buildings in addition to O'Hara Hall. To reach these goals Worley said he is working closely with Secretary LaHood and he has a "Blue Ribbon Panel" making recommendations for the academy.

Another change that parents will notice immediately is that fees at the academy have been altered dramatically. Previously fees covered such expenses as June Ball, haircuts, and other activities that not every midshipman participated in. Under the new MARAD funding policy, fees can no longer be charged for those items. Consequently fees this year have dropped literally from thousands of dollars, to hundreds of dollars. Worley says that many items will now be paid for by federal funds and other items such as haircuts and June Ball will now have to be covered by the midshipmen.

Asked if midshipmen would eventually receive monthly pay as other academy cadets do, Worley responded that this was a complicated issue. If midshipmen begin receiving monthly pay, it would most likely mean a mandatory active duty requirement would have to be imposed at graduation, as all four other academies have. This might reduce the number of certified mariners going into the maritime industry, effectively contradicting the mission of the academy.

Worley also saw only strength in Kings Point's future. "Our enrollment is strong. We have 981 at the academy and 231 at sea. The class of 2012 numbered 307 and we have had to reduce the number of candidates in the class of 2013 to 294 only because we are renovating barracks and there are no more beds or space to accept more for this year. We are full. We already have rooms with three in them."



RADM Allen Worley

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Applications support that information. Admissions reports a strong increase in applications and also in the quality of applicants to USMMA. That increased quality will be necessary, as Worley and Academic Dean Shashi Kumar are tightening the academic requirements at the academy. "We can no longer allow two, three, or more chances with repeated set-backs," Worley told the USMMAAF attendees. "We will allow set-backs for serious illness or a family situation that requires the student leave the academy temporarily. But there will be no more repeated set-backs. Midshipmen need to take their studies more seriously and work harder."

In spite of the tougher academic standards, apparently the dropout rate for the current year to this point is no greater than in previous years, according to Dean Kumar, who also addressed the conference.

As new restrictions are also announced for alcohol usage by midshipmen (*see article on page 8*) and liberties are being reduced for upperclassmen, midshipmen will have more time on campus for studying. Worley also wants the upperclassmen to serve as "role models and give leadership training" to underclassmen. "Our upperclassmen need to be on campus more so they can help and guide our plebes and underclassmen. Our younger students need to be taught to be good leaders and the regimental officers need to lead by example. To do that they need to be here on campus so the underclassmen can be with them and learn from them. Upperclass officers can't be effective instructing underclassmen if they are not on campus during the evening hours and on weekends. They have to be here to be good role models and to make sure leadership is taught through example."

Asked about the much-publicized toilet paper shortage, Worley smiled and responded that there never was a toilet paper shortage, merely a "distribution problem." Apparently someone who was charged with picking up toilet paper did not pick up the right amount from the supplier. When mids saw the shortage, they panicked and started hoarding the supply. Worley assured parents that issue is now completely resolved.

Admiral Worley said he and his wife are settling into life in New York rather quickly. "My wife Margena had never been to New York before we crossed the George Washington Bridge to move here," Worley said. "So she has had quite an adjustment," he added with a laugh. For her part, Margena has busied herself gardening and she was quite happy to see the New York winter and the winds off Long Island Sound, disappear for the summer season. On campus the Worleys have been inviting midshipmen to dine with them in their temporary home, as they have not yet been able to move into Quarters A. "That house needs some major renovation," Worley said at the

Baltimore Conference. "When we re-do the house we need to make it a green building. We plan to incorporate as many green and LEED certified elements as we can into the renovation. That is the right thing to do. We are currently installing geo-thermal heating under the grinder in front of Delano and renovating Murphy Hall so it is more energy efficient. We need to do the same types of things to Quarters A." Worley gave no time frame for the completion of repairs to the home, adding that "Mallory Pier and the waterfront take precedent and need to be funded first."



Alumni attentively listen to Worley's address

The Value of Kings Point Graduates
by **VADM Albert J. Herberger, USN (Ret.) USMMA '55**
Presented during the Alumni Association 2009 Spring Meeting
Baltimore, MD April-30-May 1

The United States Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point) four-year program has a technically focused academic curriculum with significant "hands on" practical application of Marine Engineering, Nautical Science and Marine Transportation operations. During their unique Sea Year periods they put their classroom knowledge to the test of a real-life environment. This coupled with extensive laboratory, simulator and internships experience, across the broad spectrum of the Maritime field, prepare them well for the highly technical industry. There is also considerable computer and information technology exposure throughout the learning process.

Additionally, the early responsibility given in both the military aspects of the school's regimental system as well as during the At-Sea experience periods, provide an environment to develop self-discipline and self-confidence.

With this firm foundation the Kings Point graduates are well-prepared to serve as a licensed officer in the Merchant Marine; as a Commissioned Officer in the Armed Forces, particularly in the Navy, as well as ashore in a variety of management positions within the Maritime field, including Shipbuilding, Logistics, Port and Terminal Intermodal operations.

As the Maritime Industry develops advanced technologies associated with emerging security systems, high-speed ship hull forms and associated agile port and terminal systems in solving national security and commercial infrastructure problems, Kings Point graduates are going to be in great demand. Their early real experience and versatility makes them a unique, valuable human resource.

Much of the seasoned maritime workforce is retiring while the demand for both traditional and new skills is expanding. As the National Security requirements for Overseas Contingency Operations increase and our domestic and international trade expand, our national waterborne transportation system will need well-educated and experienced maritime professionals.

Kings Point is the largest source for maritime professionals.



USMMA Softball Team members were the guests at a post-game cookout sponsored by several parents and alumni in the Washington, DC area following their split decision with Catholic University on April 18. Some event sponsors were alum Joe Bennett, Sue and Joe Marino, of Alexandria, VA, parents of Sarah, '12; Debbie and Hal Saxton, of Annandale, VA, parents of Kimberly, '12; Cindy Thornhill, parent of Brittany, '08; Fred and Kathy Kogel, parents of Nicole, '12; and the LaValle family, parents of Jess LaValley, '10.

2009 President's Conference

The USMMA National Parents Association Executive Committee is pleased to announce to all State Presidents and Regional Vice-Presidents that the annual President's Conference 2009 is scheduled for September 10-11 on the USMMA campus.

However, because of all the mandatory new changes in by-laws, the format of this year's conference will feature more time for association business and less time for featured speakers. Therefore, to allow time for the speakers, there will be no question and answer forum following the speeches. Any questions you may have for individual speakers must be sent in advance to National Co-chairs Ann Hall at ann_hall42@q.com, or Mary Silva at moms11@comcast.net. Questions must be received at least three weeks prior to the conference. The Co-chairs will forward your questions to the appropriate speaker and request that the speakers address your issues during their speech. The board apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.



Academy issues important Information Technology security warning

The following message is an important security reminder sent to all parents from Superintendent Admiral Allen B. Worley and the Department of Information Technology at USMMA.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Reminder on Security of online government accounts at USMMA or other federal facilities such as TSA (Transportation Security Agency); When a new midshipman is issued their USMMA e-mail account they will establish an online user account and password that will keep their personal information private and access to the federal IT network secure from unauthorized users. Parents are reminded that they are not authorized users because their son or daughter is now a Midshipman at the USMMA and the use of another person's federal IT account or accessing the system with their password is illegal. So please be aware of these restrictions when a new midshipman is first applying for a Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC) card, each prospective midshipman creates their own personal account, chooses a user identity and password, and then agrees to the Terms and Conditions for use of the account. Candidates/Midshipman (Plebes) may choose to share the information their on-line TSA account provides to them, BUT they cannot share the account credentials or access. Please help by reminding them to keep these account credentials secure. It is important that we (USMMA) avoid the compromise of personal TSA on-line accounts, and if a prospective midshipman suspects access of their account by anyone else, they should at the very least change the password—and not share it with anyone. Parents, family, or friends should not seek to gain access to TSA on-line accounts issued in the name of their midshipmen and once enrolled at USMMA with online access to our Academy Information Technology System the midshipmen must guard their access credentials to avoid unauthorized intrusion. Thank you for your cooperation, support and understanding.

Post Office contract station closes on USMMA campus

Because the Academy Postal Unit, which is a U.S. Post Office contract operation, has been deemed unprofitable by the USPS, it will be closing on May 15, 2009. USPS also closed post offices that they deemed unprofitable at the U. S. Coast Guard Academy and several other colleges. However, the USMMA Mailroom will continue to provide mailing assistance to midshipmen for purposes of packages, helping to determine correct postage for their items, and providing "priority mail" supplies. They will be able to drop off and pick up packages left by the Postal Service, etc. at the mailroom. The Navy Federal Credit Union, if your mid has an account, can issue bank checks free of charge. The mids can purchase postal needs on line using a credit card at <http://www.usps.com/> You could also now include stamps in boodle bags and send them along with your plebe candidates. Thank you for your support and cooperation in this matter.

Alcohol Regulations Implemented

To all parents and midshipmen: Please note that the following release has been received from Superintendent Allen Worley, as a reminder of alcohol regulations for all midshipmen. Please make sure that your midshipman follows all rules, especially over the graduation weekend. It would be tragic to have a midshipman face a disciplinary action just before graduation. Thank you for your cooperation.

USMMA Midshipmen Regulations on Alcoholic Beverages has been changed effective today (6/09/09) to read as follows. For the purposes of these regulations, the term "alcoholic beverages" will include all forms of beer, wine, distilled liquors, and other fermented drinks regardless of the amount.

a. Consumption of any alcoholic beverage by Midshipmen will be in conformance with federal, state and local laws and the Academy's guidelines. Any alcohol abuse or drunken behavior constitutes grounds for disciplinary action. Midshipmen must accept the consequences for any misconduct occurring following consumption of an "intoxicating beverage." No person under 21 shall consume alcoholic beverages.

b. Midshipmen are, at all times, prohibited from introducing, or causing to be introduced, possessing or using intoxicating beverages on board any vehicle, boat, ship, military installations, or the Academy grounds, outside the provisions of these regulations. Should alcoholic beverages be authorized to be served by the Superintendent, they must not be removed from the designated areas. Such authorization must be in writing from the Superintendent or delegated authority and in no case will the operator, pilot, coxswain, or any crewmember actively engaged in the navigation, sailing, or driving of a vehicle or vessel consume alcohol. For any event or function on or off the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy grounds that is sanctioned by the Academy, the USMMA Parents or Alumni Association/Foundation, or an affiliated Non-Appropriated Fund Instrumentality (NAFI) or any event that involves an organization or team of the USMMA a "0-0-1-3" policy on the consumption of alcoholic beverages by midshipmen shall apply. The "0-0-1-3" policy is defined as zero (0) drinks for any midshipman under the age of 21, zero (0) drinks without a designated driver (this also means zero drinks for the designated driver), only one (1) drink per hour at an event, and no more than three (3) drinks at any event/activity.

c. Any Midshipman observed to be intoxicated at a time when liberty has not been available and no functions with alcoholic beverages scheduled that day or evening, will be charged with Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages, a Class I Violation.

d. Midshipmen 21 years of age and older may consume alcohol at scheduled social functions while on Team Movements if permission is both requested and granted in writing on the Team Movement and the Officer Advisor is present. In such an event the Officer Advisor may not consume alcohol. A Midshipman will always be responsible for his/her actions and the Midshipmen In Charge (MIC) is always responsible for the actions/behavior of other members of the Team Movement. The MIC will also be responsible for ensuring that there is a "Designated Driver" of any Academy vessel or vehicle and for ensuring that the "Designated Driver" does not consume alcohol.

e. First Class Midshipmen 21 years of age and older may consume alcohol at the Midshipmen Activity Center (Midshipmen Pub) during authorized hours of operation or at events approved by the Superintendent. Midshipmen on restriction are not allowed in the Pub. When alcoholic beverages are authorized to be served, they will not be removed from the designated areas. Consumption of alcohol in the Midshipmen Pub, when authorized, is a privilege for First Class Midshipmen only and is not authorized for any underclass midshipmen regardless of their age. First class midshipmen 21 years of age who are invited to dine or attend a social gathering at the home of a faculty or staff member on the grounds of the USMMA are still subject to the 0-0-1-3 policy and the staff or faculty host will ensure the enforcement of the USMMA midshipmen regulations within their homes/grounds on the campus.

f. Midshipmen will employ their position, rank, and leadership experience to prevent others from drinking unlawfully and/or irresponsibly. Midshipmen of legal drinking age will not provide alcohol to underage Midshipmen. Furthermore, Midshipmen will not condone the serving of alcohol to underage Midshipmen or consumption of alcohol by underage Midshipmen. Toleration of this act will be a Class I offense. Midshipmen of superior class/rank, when aware of unlawful or irresponsible drinking by another Midshipman, must take affirmative action to make the offender aware of his/her offense, and if unable to correct the offender's behavior, the superior Midshipman must remove himself/herself from the place where the offense is taking place. In every case, the superior Midshipman must report the event to an appropriate academy official. Violation of this paragraph of the regulations may or may not be considered an "alcohol-related" offense depending on the circumstances of the case involved.

g. Midshipmen assigned watch on a given day may not consume alcohol on that day or within 12 hours of assuming the watch.

h. Midshipmen will be charged with being in violation of this regulation if they remain in a room or place where they are aware that alcoholic beverages are unlawfully present or being used unlawfully or irresponsibly by a Midshipman. The only way a Midshipman may relieve himself/herself of this charge is to leave the room or place as soon as he is aware of the presence of alcoholic beverages. Violation of this paragraph of the regulations may or may not be considered an "alcohol-related" offense depending on the circumstances of the case involved.

j. Midshipmen will become familiar with SUPERINTENDENT'S INSTRUCTION 2006-26, Academy Alcohol Policy. It details the Academy policy concerning alcohol abuse, education, prevention, rehabilitation, and counseling.

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**Did anyone notice that
50 foot whale?**

Mariners aboard the SeaRiver Kodiak, part of the Exxon-Mobil crude oil tanker fleet, recently gained media notoriety when they ported in Valdez with a 50 foot Humpback Whale draped across their bow. The crew, accompanying escort tugs, and the pilot boat had not noticed the unfortunate whale until the port crew radioed from the dock. The condition of the carcass required Exxon to immediately hire a team, at considerable expense, to remove the vile smelling mess from the front of the ship and tow it back out to open water. While media representatives blamed the ship for killing the whale, representatives of the crew maintained the whale must have been dead before it lodged on the front of the tanker.

Oddly enough, less than a week later, the U.S. Coast Guard sent out several warnings to other tankers that parts of the shipping lanes were blocked by a large, bloated, floating Humpback whale carcass approximately 50 feet long. Apparently, this whale didn't like open waters.

**Mark your calendars!
Be sure and attend
the Annual
Parent's Weekend
and Acceptance Day
September 11-13, 2009
Look for the tentative
weekend event
schedule in this
newsletter and
register on-line
later this
summer at the
www.usmma.edu
website**



Happy USMMA softball players celebrate a season that left them tied with the U.S. Coast Guard Academy for the Superintendent's Trophy. A duplicate trophy is being made.

Under Construction

by Mary Jane Fuschetto

“Under construction” seems a fitting method of describing the current situation at Kings Point. So much change has happened in the last year, that many parents and midshipmen have been bombarding the National Parents Association leaders with hundreds of questions about the future of the academy and how to resolve simple day-to-day situations that have arisen because of all the changes. It is hoped that the start of good, open communication with the National Parent Association through this National Newsletter and other channels can help calm fears and rumors as the academy goes through “reconstruction.” As someone who has been around USMMA since 1996, it is hoped that this article helps explain the current situation at the academy. **This is my personal observation and analysis of our current USMMA situation and in no way reflects the opinion of the administration or the National Parent Association.**

First, a little past history to bring plebe parents up-to-date. For far too many decades USMMA had functioned on a mere shoestring, never acquiring the adequate funding needed to maintain the high standards that had been set for our academy. In one past year, our entire academy budget was equal to what West Point was allocated that year to renovate their dining hall! Previous administrations throughout the years tried various methods of gaining funding. Some were successful and others were not. Throughout history the most loyal and generous funders of Kings Point were always our alumni.

When Admiral Joseph D. Stewart came on campus in 1998, the entire academy was in total disrepair. I know. I photographed Jones Hall wearing a mask and boots to protect myself from the layers and layers of bird droppings covering the floors, cracked sinks and damaged stairways. Broken cots littered the hallways. Small squirrels climbed in and out of broken windows. Lead warning signs were above our drinking fountains. Urinals in barracks were broken, heaters didn't work and a building filled with asbestos sat in the middle of campus, wrapped in yellow “warning” tape. The academy had no funding to remove it. Stewart did all he could to acquire adequate federal funding and many attempts were successful. We see the fruits of those labors today on campus: Jones Hall and other company barracks are already renovated, the asbestos building is long gone, and landscaping and general infrastructure are upgraded.

But when federal funding fell short, non-appropriated funds, many given through generous parents and alumni, were used to fill the shortfall, as they had been used for over 30 years. MARAD notified the administration that they no longer approved of this method of paying for various academy needs. However, they also did not manage to supply the funding needed to replace that donated funding. With MARAD and Admiral Stewart disagreeing, Stewart was gone, along with several other top administrators, none of whom have ever been accused of any illegalities. All expenditures were documented and accounted for, however, some were not used in the manner required by MARAD.

At this point an entirely new financial system was put in place by MARAD. Instead of going line-by-line through an already-in-place system, making changes as needed in each area, MARAD immediately took over all funding and budgeting for the entire academy and completely discarded any on-campus system that had already been established. The entire financial system was now directed from Washington, DC. For a brief time, no checks were signed on campus. What resulted was absolute chaos. Eventually this method of funding resulted in delays in payments, not because the money was not there, but simply because there were no systems in place to deliver that money. In the change over to a different funding system, waterfront staff left, coaches were not rehired, faculty and staff morale was low because no one was sure if their position would be converted into the new funding or not, lawsuits were filed, and MARAD set about replacing four upper level administrators at the exact same time. Any school system would suffer under such rapid changes.

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Bulldozers make way for the installation of new geothermal heating systems as barracks in the background are being renovated.

Under Construction (con't)

Adding to the turmoil was that Admiral Stewart and his wife Kathy were immensely popular. While there were certainly officials at MARAD and in other areas that did not share that opinion, many alumni, parents and midshipmen alike, found the couple to be open, very communicative, honest and welcoming. Stewart set a standard as a “great communicator,” sending out hundreds of handwritten notes and daily e-mails to parents, alums and midshipmen, speaking at Parent Association and Alumni Foundation functions all over the country, inviting parents and midshipmen into his home, and knowing almost everyone by name after meeting them only one time. It would not be easy to replace such a respected leader.

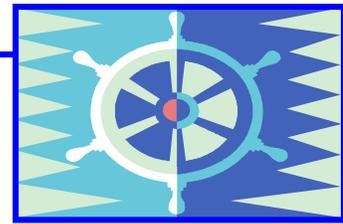


After a few months of interim administrative leadership, new Superintendent Admiral Allen B. Worley and his wife Margena arrived on campus. Through no fault of their own, they were thrown into a maelstrom of chaos. Half-finished construction projects were in process. Funding was not yet running smoothly. The faculty and staff were disenfranchised and morale was at rock bottom. Paranoia was everywhere and a great deal of communication was taking place on private cell phones, home computers, and through secret notes passed at the SeaFarer. MARAD was still controlling the purse strings through Washington and the new Superintendent had to deal with issues as mundane as the distribution of toilet paper. Additionally, Admiral Worley was hired knowing he had to tow the party line or he would go the way of previous Superintendents. As the new kid on the block, Worley also had to learn all about his new academy at the same time he was handling issues that would tax even a long-time administrator. Unfairly, Worley also bore some of the brunt of anger over the poorly-handled exit of Stewart and the unfortunate handling of funding changes, which certainly did not involve him in anyway.

While Admiral Worley and Margena are truly kind, warm, lovely people, they are very different from the Stewarts. We should not expect them to be otherwise. While many parents miss the immediate e-mail communications we had in the past, Worley is making many solid changes at the academy. He is tightening academic standards and setback policies. He has changed operations at the pub and implemented enforcement of new alcohol usage restrictions for midshipmen. Liberty policies for upperclassmen are now under review and the changes Worley wants should create more shared leadership time between regimental officers and underclassmen. Additionally, Worley is going after more funding for Kings Point, as all of his previous predecessors have done before. He is meeting with politicians, legislators, and alumni in an effort to get the academy adequately funded in the future and to continue the capital improvement projects that are so badly needed. He has stated that his goal is to replace the docks, build a new athletic facility, finish the renovations of the barracks, and renovate Quarters A, using more green building practices. He says he plans to work with Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, to make USMMA “the jewel of the Department of Transportation.” He has also assured Parent Association leaders that rumors of his quick exit from Kings Point are completely false. He says he did not come to USMMA to get through this initial very difficult period, only to leave once everything begins running smoothly.

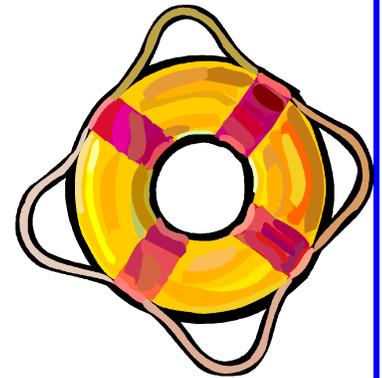
And “run smoothly,” it will—EVENTUALLY. We ask that all midshipmen, parents, alumni and everyone else involved in the Kings Point family, be patient. Funding is gradually flowing again and there are increases in funding already allocated for upcoming years. Small issues that seemed so large a couple of months ago are now resolved. The Band is still going to march and be an integral part of our academy. Graduation is going as planned. Awards are being presented as always. Parents Weekend and the Annual President’s Conference will also continue as in the past, with a few changes in funding. Waterfront staffing issues are being handled, ever-so-cautiously. Dean Kumar is working hard to hire new qualified professors for several open slots. And most importantly, there is no shortage of toilet paper. There should be no more rumors of Kings Point closing. (In fact, the ever-increasing demands for Maritime officers and the newly-increased funding for USMMA, should ensure our continuation for a very long time.) We also hope that rumors of all kinds will gradually disappear from various blogs and websites. There is no benefit in passing panic or misinformation. It is the hope of our Parent Association that everyone will join in welcoming Admiral Worley and his wife Margena, with the kindness and generosity shown to his predecessors. Thrown into a very difficult situation, he is working hard for the betterment of the academy. Please greet the Worley’s, welcome them to Kings Point, and support them during this difficult transition. Turn to your National and State Parent Associations with questions and concerns, and together we can all weather this storm and benefit from the “reconstruction” of USMMA.

Tentative 2009 Parents Weekend Calendar of Events (subject to change)



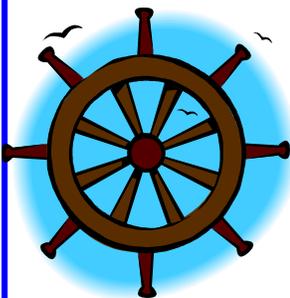
FRIDAY, September 11, 2009

9/11 Memorial Ceremony – 0750 at War Memorial
OPEN CLASSROOM VISITATIONS 0745 – 1600 Visits are on a space available basis. All classrooms are open for visitations except for Physics and Chemistry laboratories. This is your opportunity to visit the classrooms and observe the learning atmosphere your midshipman experiences. Obtain your midshipman's class schedule and have him/her ask the instructor if there is space for you to attend.
PARENT'S REGISTRATION, INFORMATION AND TICKET PICKUP 0900 – 1500 Wiley Hall
TOURS OF THE STEAM AND RADAR LABS – 0900 – 1100 Tours begin at 0900, 0930, 1000, and 1030 at Fulton and Gibbs
TOURS OF THE SOLAR HOUSE 0930 – 1100 Tomb Field
TRAINING VESSEL KINGS POINTER 1000 – 1200 Mallory Pier – Open for Visitors
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DoIT) TOUR AND DEMONSTRATION 1030 – 1130 CAORF, Second Deck, Samuels Hall
FAST FOOD BARBECUE LUNCH (CASH ONLY) 1100 – 1330 Barney Square
MIDSHIPMAN LIFE PANEL 1300 – 1400 Ackerman Auditorium (topics to be determined)
ENGINEERING SIMULATOR DEMONSTRATION 1400 – 1500 CAORF Ground Floor
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DoIT) TOUR AND DEMONSTRATION 1500 – 1600 CAORF, Second Deck, Samuels Hall
FAMILY DINNER 1630 – 1830, Delano Hall (cost TBD)
BEAT RETREAT PROGRAM 1930, O'Hara Hall – Guests invited (cost TBD)
Dress for Friday is informal: e.g. slacks and sport shirts for men; dresses, skirts or slacks for women.



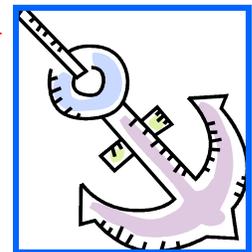
SATURDAY, September 12, 2009

COLORS FORMATION 0725
CLASS OF 2013 GROUP PHOTO 0810, Tomb Field
HOSPITALITY HEADQUARTERS 0800 – 1000, Land Hall (Refreshments sponsored by Kings Point Maritime Association)
DORMITORIES OPEN FOR VISITORS 0800 – 0930
Waterfront Parents Weekend Open House
Dinghy Sailing – Laser North #1 National Qualifier (home)
FORMAL PARADE AND ACCEPTANCE DAY CEREMONY 0930, Tomb Field (In event of rain – O'Hara Hall)
BUFFET LUNCH* FOR MIDSHIPMEN, PARENTS AND GUESTS 1100 – 1245, Delano Hall (cost TBD)
*Prepaid tickets and registration packet are to be picked up at Wiley Hall on Friday between 1000 and 1600 – additional meal tickets may be purchased at the commissary entrance.
MEN'S SOCCER – CCNY 1200 Lower Roosevelt (Home)
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL – STATEN ISLAND 1200, home
REGIMENTAL MARCH-ON 1400, Tomb Field
FOOTBALL – USMMA VS Coast Guard 1430, Tomb Field
**Football Game tickets may be purchased in on Friday in Wiley Hall from 0900 to 1500 and O'Hara lobby on Saturday morning between 0930 and noon. After noon, they may be purchased at Tomb Field gates.
Ticket Prices-Reserved \$9.00, General Admission \$7.00
AFTER THE FOOTBALL GAME, LIBERTY COMMENCES FOR 1/C, 2/C AND 3/C.
PLEBE CLASS MUSTERS 30 MINUTES AFTER COMPLETION OF FOOTBALL GAME. PLEBE CLASS LIBERTY COMMENCES AND EXPIRES AS DIRECTED BY THE REGIMENTAL COMMANDER.
Dress for Saturday is casual. Low-heeled shoes are recommended.



SUNDAY, September 13, 2009

Waterfront - Parents Weekend Open House
Dinghy Sailing – Laser North #1 National Qualifier (home)
LDS 0930
CATHOLIC MASS 1000, Mariners Chapel
BRUNCH 1030 – 1230, Delano Hall - Parents may attend Midshipman Brunch (payable at door)
PROTESTANT SERVICE 1115, Mariners Chapel
We encourage you to visit our American Merchant Marine Museum on Campus.
Friday 1000 – 1700
Saturday 1100 – 1630
Sunday 1300 – 1630



ATTENTION PARENTS!! LAND HALL IS THE DESIGNATED MEETING AREA FOR MIDSHIPMEN AND PARENTS.

Congratulations to the Class of 2009!



New calendar proceeds benefit National Parent's Association and the Alumni Foundation

For the first time the USMMA National Parent's Association and the USMMA Alumni Foundation have collaborated together to fund a new Regimental/Academic Calendar. The full-color calendar will list almost all USMMA Regimental activities, the academic schedule, valuable contact information on the National Parent's Association and will include pictures of our Kings Point midshipmen. They make excellent gifts for parents and family members who want to schedule visits out to the academy or simply keep track of what their midshipmen are involved in on any given day.

Initially a project of the Mid-Atlantic Parents Association last year, the calendar proved so popular that it was decided to make the fund-raiser a national project.

One calendar will be given as a gift to each family of Candidates of the Class of 2013 at Indoc.

The USMMA National Parents Association and the National Alumni Foundation are in the process of publishing a 2009-2010 Regimental/Academic Calendar. The beautiful, full color calendar will feature all the important dates for the upcoming academic year. Local photographer, Alan Abrams, <http://www.alanabramsphotography.com> has generously donated many breathtaking photos of the campus and activities to enhance this year's publication.

Calendars will be for sale at \$15 each plus approximately \$5 shipping and handling. Proceeds of the sale will go to offset the cost of the publication and any extra will go to the National Parents Association and the Alumni Foundation.

To preorder the calendar, send \$20 check (payable to USMMA National Parents Assoc.) along with shipping information to: Suzanne Graboski, 3950 Bluewater Drive, Moneta, VA 24121; 540-525-0399 (cell) 540-721-5697 (home)

Attention State

Presidents, and RVPs

In an effort to improve Parent Association communications and streamline our data base, we ask that all state presidents and/or RVPs notify the National Parent Association as soon as new state Presidents are elected. Since not all states hold their elections at the same time, it is difficult to keep track of who is in office and who is no longer serving. Later this summer we hope to publish a complete and accurate contact list of all national and state chairs and their terms of office, with the eventual goal of maintaining a data base of contact information for all members.

If you are currently an out-going state president, a newly elected state president, or an RVP in charge of a state without a club, please send the names of your state club president to rmjfuschetto@yahoo.com or anthony@usmma.edu. Be sure and include address, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and the beginning and ending dates of the term of office.



Robbie, the regimental puppy, relaxes in the arms of Suzanne Graboski, Mid-Atlantic Region Parents Association President.

New column submissions requested

The USMMA National Parents Association newsletter will be starting a new column and your help is requested. "Kings Point Contacts" will feature stories about coincidental KP contacts that often occur in the most obscure places. For example, if your midshipman is changing planes in a distant airport someplace and just happens to run into a fellow Kings Pointer or alumni, we would hope you would submit this story. Or if you were driving on an interstate and someone pulled you over just to tell you they saw your bumper sticker and that they also have a son or daughter at Kings Point, please submit this story also. We hope to show the incredible worldwide network that is generated through Kings Point. Send all submissions to "rmjfuschetto@yahoo.com."



New by-law changes proposed for Parent Association

New regulations issued by the Maritime Administration have necessitated numerous changes in the by-laws of the United States Merchant Marine Academy National Parents Association, in order to keep the Parent's Association "at an arm's length" from the academy and provide more independence in financial issues. These are the **proposed changes to the by-laws, as proposed on February 27, 2009, via teleconference with the National Executive Advisory Board. Deletions are in green and new wording in red.** These by-laws were originally submitted March 15, 2000; at the Parents Association President's Conference, approved September 15, 2000; Revised June 24, 2005; Revised August 31, 2006; Revised December 17, 2007.

Under Article I General: h. "Parents Club" **Associations** means any chartered State or Local Parents organization.

Under Article II, Purposes and Powers: Section 2. Powers: The Association and its Officers, **under the direction of the Office of the Director of Public Affairs of the Academy**, shall carry out the purposes set forth in this Article.

Under Article III, Membership: Section 2. Qualification for Regular Membership: Any person who is the parent of a currently enrolled Midshipman or a Midshipman who has been graduated from the Academy **for no longer than 18 months** shall be eligible for Regular Membership. Only Regular Members may be elected or appointed to be Officers as described in Article I, Section 3c of these by-laws.

Under Article IV, Selection of Officers: Section 1. National Co-Chairs and Regional Vice-Presidents: Selection Process: Applicant(s) are to complete a volunteer/Nomination Form (this is a volunteer self-nominating process). **Single parents may also apply.** The completed form is to be **sent mailed** to the **Special Programs Officer (Parents' Program Coordinator)** National Co-Chairs by May 15th on the odd year. The applicants' form will be reviewed and decided upon by the **Special Programs Officer, Director of Admissions, Director of Public Affairs, CEO of the USMMA Alumni Foundation** current National Co-chairs, **and the Superintendent.** Final selection will be made by June 1st.

Under Article V, Terms of Office: Section 2. Term of Office. The term of office for State and Local Presidents shall be for 12 months. Each chapter officer term shall commence in June with elections in February or March. Officer notification to the National Parents' Program **Coordinator Director** must be submitted by the previous officer by May 1st.

Under Article VII, Responsibilities of National Co-Chairs:

1. Serve as Chief Executive Officers for the USMMA Parents Associations.
2. **Member** to the Board of Directors of USMMA Alumni Foundation, Inc.
3. Interface with local Parents Association Presidents and Parents Program **Coordinator Director.**
4. Attend National and Regional meetings with Academy staff, alumni and parents.
5. Develop agenda for Annual National Parents **Club Association** Presidents conference.

Under Article X Meetings: Section 1. Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting of the Board shall be held at the Academy each year in conjunction with and preceding Parents Day Acceptance Weekend. It shall be referred to as the Parents' Association Presidents' Conference. All other meetings will be held electronically via E-mail, fax or by mail, or as deemed necessary by the National Co-chairs or Parents' Program **Coordinator Director.** It is recommended that the Regional Vice-President Board Members communicate with the local Parents Associations in their region at least twice a year.

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Under Article XI Funding: There will be no dues imposed on the members of the USMMA National Parents' Association. Expenses will be covered by fund-raising activities decided upon by the National Co-chairs and the Regional Executive Advisory Board. Local Parents Associations shall never be obligated to contribute to the National Parents Association for any cause. A budget and an audited statement of the income and expenses shall be provided to all members of the USMMA National Parents' Association. Local Parents' Association Presidents may copy and distribute these reports to all local Association members. **A Treasurer will be appointed by the National Co-Chairs to administer monies collected by the National Association. The term of office will be at the National Co-Chairs discretion. Treasurer responsibilities will include (but not limited to):**

- **Chair Finance Committee (if one is established by the National Co-Chairs)**
- **Assist National Co-Chairs, Regional Vice Presidents, and Parents' Program Director with developing a balanced budget for the fiscal year**
- **Attend meetings when called and the Annual Presidents' Conference.**
- **Monitor the finances of the Association, including income and disbursement**
- **Give a monthly report to the board of the status of the budget**
- **Give a report at the Presidents' Conference on the Association's financial position and results of operations**
- **Sign any and all financial documentation as necessary**
- **Sign checks that are payable to vendors with National Co-Chairs Approval**

Article XIV Chapters: Section 2. The Constitution, Bylaws and Amendments of such State Chapters shall not be in conflict with the Constitution or By-Laws of the Association, and shall be reviewed and must be approved by **a committee comprised of the following: Special Programs Officer (Academy Parents Coordinator), Director of Admissions, Director of Public Affairs, CEO of the USMMA Alumni Foundation, the current National Co-Chairs. Deputy Superintendent and the Superintendent.**

Section 6. All Chapter Presidents and Members shall follow the proper chain of command regarding all Chapter activities and communications with the Academy as they relate to Chapter activities. All contact with the Academy shall be through the **Parents' Coordinator and the Office of the Director of Public Affairs Program Director.**

Under Article XV Committees: Section 1. The National Co-Chairs of the Association may appoint any or all of the following and any additional committees as may be deemed necessary. All committees shall render reports to the Annual Meeting and periodic reports as needed. The National Co-Chairs, **the Director of Public Affairs and the Academy Parents Coordinator** may be a member of each committee.

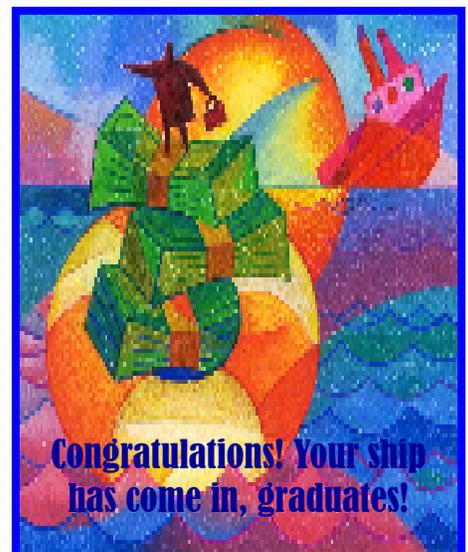
a. **Project ACTA and Governmental Affairs Committee:** This Committee shall: **Coordinate its activities with the Academy, including Disseminating** timely information to State Presidents regarding pending legislation of concern to the Academy.

Tell America Committee. This committee shall have as its purpose to increase public awareness of the Academy. It will coordinate the activities of the various state organizations. **under the guidance and supervision of the Public Information Office.** Increased public awareness can be achieved by the formation of a Parents Speakers Bureau for presentations to local organizations such as the Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary, and other organizations.

Parents Weekend Committee: This committee, **working through the Office of Public Affairs and with the Academy Parents Coordinator,** shall promote attendance and participation by parents in both the Parents' Weekend and the Presidents' Conference.

New regulations for donations

New funding regulations enacted by MARAD require that the USMMA Parent Association no longer run their funding through the academy. Instead, the National Parent Association, as well as the National Alumni Foundation, now have separate accounts that can accept donations from anyone wishing to contribute. However, instead of making out a check to "USMMA," the associations request that checks be made out to the "USMMA National Parent Association" or the "National USMMA Alumni Association." If checks are simply written to "USMMA," they will be deposited into the academy's general fund. In order for the Parent Association to use your donations for their own events such as graduation breakfasts, Beat Retreats, and Parent Weekend programs, they need to be written to "USMMA Parent Association." Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and donations are always gratefully accepted.



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