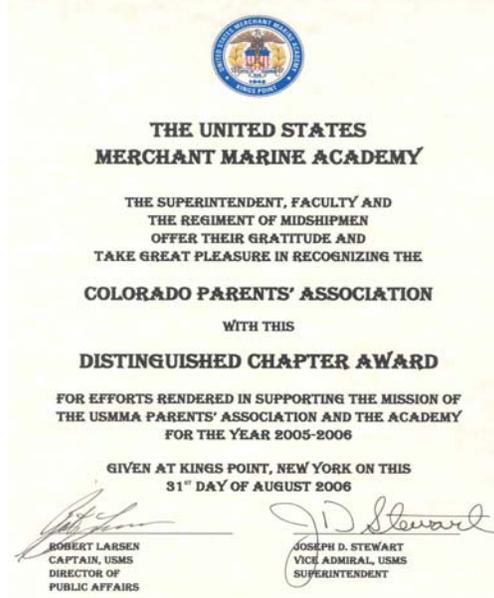




USMMA COLORADO PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



Congratulations to **Everyone** in our association (formerly known as a “club “) for this distinguished honor. This award is not received by all parents associations. There is a posted criteria. If you are interested in the actual criteria you can visit: <http://www.usmma.edu/parents>. National Handbook Section 7. What did you all do to earn this? Quite a bit! You joined our association; you supported boodle bags, attended meetings and most importantly supported our midshipman! Every time you volunteer for something with our association, whether it be this newsletter, boodle bags, the ball, organizing meetings, inputs to the our website, fundraising we get credit for it! If you help the band, a sports team, whatever makes Kings Point a better place for our midshipmen and you let me know, I record the event and it helps us earn points. So dig in and help when or wherever you can and lets get this honor for again 2007.

Congratulations to All!

A Note from the President

As the year of 2006 comes to an end, I want to thank a very special group of individuals that have contributed countless hours to support our midshipmen.

A very special thank you to Momi Dufault and Carol Mast for the many, many hours working to make sure our midshipmen and plebes have a wonderful Ball on December 28th. They have worked countless hours. Meeting at least 1 day a month since January 2006 and with the subcommittees more than that! Thank you ladies, I know the ball will be a very memorable event for all of us thanks to you! Well that is what I wrote in December...but then came the Blizzard of '06 and whoa Nellie. Talk about regrouping! Momi called everyone she had a phone number for to tell them that the ball had been cancelled, while Carol said for those of us that are sound and secure at the Broadmoor, let's party! She with other members of the ball committee, pulled off a wonderful evening for all of us that were present. At 2 PM we had 40 + participants, but when we sat down for dinner at 7 PM, we were up to 187! What a wonderful time, thank you so much!

Another special thanks to **Bev Halbach** for her many hours making USMMA jewelry and selling it on our website and EBay to support our kids. Bev and Mike support the football team in many other ways as well, they will volunteer for anything, anytime. and guess what, we get brother Nick next year for the class of 2011. Yippee! Many thanks to the Halbachs!

Bob Rossi, what are we ever going to do when Brittany graduates (Set back, set back...please)! You are a master and we cannot thank you enough for all your time and effort to make our website the best, sending us special articles and a big thanks from all of the other associations for helping them with their websites. Also, Bob has been responsible for implementing "Pay Pals" on our website, which has made supporting our midshipman a breeze! Bob with his wife Suzanne has made fundraising easy for our association with the sale of Syderco knives. Suzanne thank you so much for the shipping out the knives while Bob was off playing in Annapolis on the boat! :) He tells many of us he is actually working!

Need to get information out to everyone, well there's **Dawn Cooley**, it doesn't matter if she is at home, at work, out of town, she gets it done! Dawn is responsible for upgrading our roster so if you have moved this year, changed phone numbers. please send her the updated information. I ran across a lot of disconnected phone numbers while checking to see where are midshipmen were during the blizzard and if they needed any assistance, Dawn, thank you for all that you do, you are a treasure to our group!

Speaking of a *treasure*...well there's **Peggy Kirchner** our treasurer. She can tell you down to the penny our finances. But wait, she's not only our treasurer, she has volunteered with boodle bags, hosted picnics for USMMA families, helped with the ball, and so much more. We are letting her retire in February and Janelle Marriott will be assuming the roll. But Peggy, your smile and energy will always be with us. Congratulations on getting to retire...

we will miss you!

A very special thank you to all of our midshipmen, each and every day you make us proud.

And to anyone that I have missed, I apologize, you all have done so much, thank you all!

Happy New Years!

Judy Tumblin

Boodle Bag news

"38" Boodle Bags were sent to our Colorado Midshipman and Plebes for Fall finals. We encourage our sons and daughters to do their very best on finals with "Brain Power Goodies." Some of the items were granola bars, instant oatmeal, beef jerky, fruit snacks, crackers, nuts, candy, teas, cider and cocoa and last but not least Halloween bubbles and kazooos. The money from your parents dues help to provide these Boodle Bags.

NEEDED!!!

2009 parent to handle Winter Boodle Bags (approximately mid-February)

2010 parent to handle Spring Boodle Bags (end of May and early June).

We have lots of helpful hints to assist you in this worthwhile project. So won't you step up and volunteer?

Please contact Gaye Vasquez, if you are able to take on one of task at glvasquez@comcast.net or home phone 303.770.6583.

A very big thank you to Gaye for assuming the roll as chair. Our plebes and midshipman really enjoyed your thoughtfulness.



News About our Colorado Midshipman

Alicia Nix was the Regimental Executive Officer at the USMMA for the 1st part of 2006-2007

year. The RX is responsible for seeing that the RC's (Regimental Commander) orders and directives are carried out.

Alicia is also a licensed NY State EMT and volunteers at the Great Neck Fire Department.

Alicia hopes to follow in her brother's footsteps and go to the Air Force Academy (Matt Nix, class of 2003).

Congratulations Alicia on a job well done!

Brennen Halbach

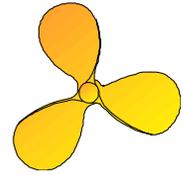
I am finally back to playing football after recovering from knee surgery (torn patella tendon) and missing the first two games of the season. I am back starting at center.



Last time out at sea, I went to the far east traveling to Japan Korea and china, had a great time with the crew and my fellow Coloradoan sea partner Per Rychecky. Also, we almost lost our passports and missed the ship in San Francisco and had to run 2 miles through Oakland... at night, because no cabs would come to this part of town because it was not the best place to be after dark. (we definitely stood out) it was a great adrenaline rush though, something to laugh about later. This time out I am going on an MSC oiler the USNS Rappahonock in the western pacific. Once again Per is on the ship with me, so we plan to have a good time together again. Although I am unsure of the exact route, I know we will end up in Singapore for about a month, I may not return. Should be a good time. After that, hopefully head to the Med or South America. I'll be enjoying my 21st birthday out at sea. Finishing up my sea year on a tug, and then a couple internships, one at Coors Brewery and a naval flight internship (we'll see if I fit in the plane). Oh and I earned another silver star. I think that's about it for me.

Dylan Tumblin

These are the ships I have been on and activities aboard:



M/V Cape Domingo - Reduced Operating Status Fleet in Charleston, SC

USNS Yukon - MSC Fleet Replenishment Oilier
Ports of Call: Darwin, Australia
Singapore

Yokosuka, Japan

Underway Replenishments with:

USS Abraham Lincoln Battle Group

USS Kitty Hawk Battle Group

USS Essex Amphibious Strike Group

USS Peleliu Amphibious Strike Group

USNS Walter S Diehl - MSC Fleet Replenishment Oilier

Ports of Call: Singapore

Underway Replenishment with:

USS Abraham Lincoln Battle Group

I transferred between the Diehl and the Yukon by a little boat while the ships were underway in the South China Sea.

M/S Pride of Aloha

Ports of Call: Honolulu, Oahu

Nawiliwili, Kauai

Hilo, Hawaii

Kona, Hawaii

Kahului, Maui

My internship was at Deytens Shipyard, Inc in North Charleston, SC where I worked as an assistant project manager for numerous ships in the yard. The president and owner of the yard is Kings Pointer, Loy Stewart Jr. '91.

Favorite moments at sea:

My time in Australia

Learning to surf in Hawaii

Working the underway replenishments with all of the USN vessels

Words of advice to all anyone who are about to go to sea or at sea now...work on your sea project daily!!!! (Actually that is my mothers advice...she has suffered through both of my tours and the last minute getting the projects done, they are always bigger then they seem!)

Jonathan Dufault

has been certified as EMT-Basic in the state of New York and is a member of the EMS Squad for the Academy. Also serving on the EMS squad are Alicia Nix, '07, David Youngman, '07, and Christopher Messaros, '09.

Jonathan was also a Drill Instructor (EDI) for the new Plebe Class of 2010 during INDOC

Ben Arnett

I am studying for finals that should be a varsity sport!!! Recently I have been involved in the color guard going to fancy dinners and such for free, I got to meet Alan Greenspan which was cool since I am in Economics class. I am going on the m/v Green Lake to Japan on the 2nd of November. I have a sea-partner who has been my roommate and is from California. I was on a trip to the Norwegian Dawn with the propeller club and we toured the ship and the bridge that was my first experience aboard a large ocean vessel.

Jerry Coleman-Dodson

Is currently enjoying his Plebe year. He is an engine major and ran cross country.

Victor Price

I am in 4th Company. I am apart of Newman Club, the Computer Club, and the Swim Team. In addition, I am trying to become the Plebe Petty Officer for CITO4 (Company Information Technology Officer of 4th Company).

Where Are They Now

Class of 2006

Kim Sercel received from the Superintendent and his wife for leadership at USMMA the **BERNADINE R. FARRELL AWARD** (Established in 2005)

A \$1,000.00 savings bond presented by the Superintendent's wife, Mrs. Joseph D. Stewart, in memory of Bernadine R. Farrell, to the midshipman in each

graduating class who has extended their leadership in support of their classmates. Selection made by the Superintendent and Mrs. Kathy Stewart. Kim will be commissioning into the USAF reserves as a 2 Lt at graduation. Kim received the Top Gun Award at AFROTC summer indoctrination and has since been told she has been selected for a UPT (Undergraduate Pilot Training – date and base not yet determined) assignment after she commissions active duty in October of this year. Her plans until then are after graduation, to sign on with the union and if possible sail out of Charleston. While in port awaiting a ship, she intends to support local port operations through the union and to also begin accruing private pilot hours at the local aero club. With the news recently that an Initial Flight Training indoctrination course contract was awarded to Doss Aviation out of Pueblo Airport, there is a chance that Kim could be coming back to Colorado for IFT before she goes to UPT.

Eric Cramer

Eric just completed Officer Candidate School at Quantico and is now a 2nd Lt.

He will be at Quantico for another year, while completing basic, and his MOS. Eric's comments about OCS, was that between USMMA and Scouts, he was well prepared !

Adam VandenBoogaard

Adam is a 2nd Lt. on active duty commission from the US Navy. He is living in Pensacola, FL with three other 2006 KP graduates. He is in flight training to become a Naval Flight Officer. Adam reported for training at the end of August and used his free time after graduation o improve his golf game and make frequent trips to the beach.



Mike Mikulak

Mike had his first sailing assignment July 11 on a tanker in the Pacific for 120 days. He is heading to San Diego January 28 for his 2 weeks AT (annual training). Mid-March he will be in class for a new industry required certification. He will be sailing again by April 1. He has established residency in Long Beach, CA and is looking forward to using his education and sailing the world for financial compensation. As he enters the commercial shipping industry, he realizes what a fabulous education he obtained through Kings Point-truly a wonderful place to be "from" and well respected by the industry at large.



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★ Please keep the Crom (Ben '10) family in your thoughts and prayers as their older son is heading back to Iraq for his 2nd tour. I will
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COLORADO ALL SERVICE ACADEMY BALL (CASAB) Committee UPDATE

*******Treasurer needed— 2-3 year commitment. Contact Carol Mast for more information.*******

We need 2 new members from our association to join the committee. We will be co-hosting the ball with Coast Guard in 2008. The committee has found that the service academies hosting the ball have the best luck if they handle the reservations the year before. Guess what that is us this year!!!!

There is no re-inventing the wheel, all the information is available, timelines, etc. Judy Cramer was on the committee for 2004 and is more then willing to help you out.

If you think you might be interested, The wrap up meeting for 2006 CASAB will be this Saturday, February 3 at 1 PM at 11 Mountain Oak. Littleton, CO 80147 (this is in the Ken Caryl Valley off C470). More information? Contact Momi Dufault or Carol Mast.

Class Ring 2008

The design for the class ring for the class of 2008 has been decided. For any parents needing payment information the contact is as follows:

Balfour Inc.
PO Box 149056
Austin, Texas 78714
1 800.996.8636
Account BK00036



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Newsletter—**OPEN** Commitment publish newsletter 4 times a year. Word is not the best option for producing a newsletter, MS Publisher or Adobe Pagemaker the best. Contact Judy if you are able and willing.

NEXT PARENTS' MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2007
@ Judy Tumblin
1314 Ruby Way
Longmont
303.678.1181

2PM

Agenda

- Farewell to the Class of 2007
- Sea Duty—what every parent should know
- Elections for new officers
- CASAB update

POTLUCK
RSVP by February 3 to Judy !

Parents Weekend and Homecoming

2007	September 15	September 29
2008	September 6	September 27
2009	September 5	October 3

Graduation

2007	June 18
2008	June 16

This comes from the Superintendent so that you can plan your travels.

Mark your calendars!