



**AUGUST 2007**

***PRESIDENTS CORNER***

Well this is my final “presidents corner and newsletter”, it has been an honor working with all the wonderful Kings Point families. To the Class of 2007 midshipmen and families, we will miss you all (article about our 2007 midshipmen later in this newsletter). To the Class of 2011 plebe candidates and families you will NOT BELIEVE how quickly this has gone, 3 years from now you will be saying where did the time go! You will survive! To the Class of 2008 1st Class midshipmen and families....YIKES...it is here already! As you all heard from Admiral Stewart at the 2011 INDOC parade, the Class of 2008 has provided some of the best leadership through INDOC and presently he has ever seen. Congratulations!!! I know this year will be a tough balance between studying and playing hard. Use your time wisely! My best wishes to all of you! Judy

The next presidents corner will be from our new presidents Larry and Jill Svoboda...thank you for taking over, I know that you will be amazing!

***USMMA COLORADO PARENTS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 2007-2008***

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Updated roster attached for more details i.e. email and home addresses.

Please send corrections for the roster to our secretary Robyn Dodson-Coleman @ [dodsoncv@msn.com](mailto:dodsoncv@msn.com)

## ***USMMA COLORADO PARENTS ASSOCIATION***

We encourage all USMMA parents to become members of the USMMA Colorado Parents Association. Our annual dues are \$65 per year for Classes 2008, 2009, and 2010. This includes \$30 for boodle bags, \$10 per trimester including postage. Class of 2011 is \$35. It was decided that with all the additional first year expenses, that the assn. would waive the boodle bag fee for the Class of 2011. Donations for boodle bags are always welcome. The decision to include the fees for boodle bags was made to insure our boodle bag chair will have an established budget for each trimester and be able to provide a good healthy but fun bags of treats for our kids and pay for the postage to ship the goodies. Midshipmen appreciate the boodle bags that they receive from us. Now we are looking for a new boodle bag chair. If you are interested please contact Larry or Jill Svoboda to step up to the task. Gaye Vasquez our former chair will be more than happy to assist you in any way. We have a complete guide as to how, when and where to shop and mail the treats.

### ***BENEFITS TO OUR MIDSHIPMEN:***

We donate \$10 per midshipman and plebe out of the association dues to the NY Parents Club regardless whether your family is a member of the assn. or not. The NY Club supports our kids as if they were their own. They sponsor many costly events for our midshipman. We pay for our midshipman to attend the Colorado All Service Academy Ball (approximately \$55 each), boodle bags (substantial treats for finals) for all 3 trimesters, birthday, holiday and get well cards and senior gifts. As you can see without our fund raisers and 100% membership, we wouldn't be able to do all the wonderful things we do for our kids. So if you haven't already joined, would you please do so TODAY?

Remember, whether you are a member or not your son/daughter receives all the benefits of being a member, so won't you please support our assn. and send in your membership. Please send your dues to the address listed below:

Make checks out USMMA Colorado Parents Association  
c/o Judy Tumblin  
1314 Ruby Way  
Longmont, CO 80504

**or you can go to our website and pay there:**

[buy\\_membership.cfm](http://buy_membership.cfm)

### ***HELPFUL HINTS TO PLEBES***

(Compliments of former Plebes!)

Now that you have survived INDOC, and begin your Plebe year at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, things in your life are going to change! In case you haven't already noticed, (from the time spent in INDOC and as the first few weeks of class commence) this is no ordinary college. Yes, while your friends and family will be home carrying on with their day-to-day lives, your struggle through four years of difficulty has only begun. The important things to focus on are the positives; these are the things that will keep you going when it seems as if you just can't make it. Knowing that school is basically free, you are 20 minutes from the most happening city in the world, that sea year is right around the corner, and that everyone else is dealing with the exact same circumstances as you are, should be somewhat of a relief. After Acceptance Day, when you are entitled to some freedom on weekends, and the opportunity to go out and actually enjoy your Saturdays, things begin to look up. Working through your Plebe year will be a test of your **mental and physical stamina** and an excellent chance for you to learn more about yourself! The academic rigors will challenge

you like you have never before been. It is essential to practice good study habits and time management. If you study well in groups, get classmates from your section to meet every night for a study session; if you perform better in an individual setting, make sure you get away from all distractions and places that could potentially disrupt your study time. ***The most important bit of advice is to seek out the tutors.*** They are there to help and to guide you through your course work with a much more personal touch than your regular professors can offer in the classroom setting. This brings up another good point. DO NOT be afraid to contact your professors for extra help! You will learn that the teachers at the Academy have your personal success in their highest interest. They want to see you succeed, but this can only happen if you have the desire to learn and make it apparent and you can, by seeking their help. There are always facilities available to you, whether it be one of the academic buildings in a classroom, or down in the ACE, a good place to study can be found, you must only seek it out. Your education here is truly what you make of it.

**It is up to you to determine your own future and success at this school.**

**Good luck and always remember,  
ACTA NON VERBA.**

### ***SURVIVAL TIPS - PARENTS WEEKEND!***

We hope all Plebe Candidate parents are planning to attend Parents' Weekend at Kings Point, Friday, **September 14 through Sunday, September 16.** It is so important to the kids! Not to mention fun and interesting for parents!! Who can't wait to see their Plebe Candidate in uniform? If you are not able to attend, be sure your Plebe Candidate has someone to leave Kings Point with - a roommate or friend, another Colorado family, or a sponsor family. Let Larry or Jill Svoboda know if your son or daughter will be alone, and they will be sure to stop by for a visit. It can be HOT at Kings Point in

September. Remember to wear a hat, comfortable walking shoes, and sunscreen, and carry a water bottle. Finding bottled water for sale can be a bit tricky at Kings

Point!! **Remember your camera!!** You will be allowed into the barracks. Pictures of those well-organized quarters are priceless!! Find out your Plebe Candidates schedule for Friday and arrange a meeting place. The lawn by the grinder (asphalt area where they form up) or the flag pole are good areas, better yet, meet at our associations table. On Friday our association will have a table set up with a white board for messages. Please send your flight info and where you are staying to the Svoboda's, you will be amazed how your plebe candidates cannot remember when you will be coming in! We will have that info when you son or daughter stops by the table. The Midshipmen and Plebe Candidates will sit together at Beat Retreat, Acceptance Ceremonies and at the football game. Be sure to arrive early at all events, as seating is first-come, first-served. Try to make Colors (flag rising) one morning. This is a very memorable event. If your Plebe Candidate is agreeable, you can attend one classroom session. Tour the Simulator and the Kings Pointer if you have the opportunity! Be sure to visit the ship's store and all the state parents' organizations tables where great Kings Point logo stuff will be for sale. Most of the state parents' organization tables take cash only; the ship's store takes cash, checks and credit cards.

**All Colorado parents will meet at 3:00 p.m. Friday, September 14, at the Colorado Parents Assn. fundraiser table on the green near the flagpole for a very brief meeting.**

Maps of the campus are available on the Academy website, and can also be picked up as you enter the grounds. This is a great opportunity for Plebe Candidate parents to get to know one another, and to pick the brains of the "veteran" parents!

Our Colorado parents will once again be selling flag pins and jewelry as a fundraiser. Classes 2009 and 2010, if you plan to attend Parent's Weekend, please contact Bev Halbach our fundraising chair to sign up for an hour or so to man the table, this if for Friday only! Class of 2008 parents you have worked hard for the past 3 years, now enjoy your 1/c year! You've earned your break! This is a great opportunity to support your Parents Assn., and can be accomplished while your M/N is in class, or otherwise occupied! Be sure to stop by our table to visit and buy a pin. Show that pin off to other parents and direct them to our table!! This along with our flag is our major fundraiser of the year.

The Acceptance Day Ceremony, as part of the Regimental Parade on Saturday morning will mark the acceptance of the Class of 2011 into the Regiment and will no longer be Plebe Candidates, but now a Plebe! Another very important step in the process in becoming a midshipman. Find out where your son or daughter will be standing during the parade and Recognition ceremony; you want to get the best pictures possible! They will also be sworn in to the United States Naval Reserve. Friday night's BEAT RETREAT shouldn't be missed. This is an ancient military ceremony dating to 1554 when drum beatings were used to summon outlying troops back to camp. The Kings Point Beat Retreat will showcase the talent of more than 200 midshipmen, including the Regimental Band, the Color Guard and the Star Spangled Banner Brigade. The guest appearance by the Pipe and Drum Corps of the Nassau County Police Department will be great! Arrive early; seats go quickly and bring water as it can be very hot in there!

Your Plebe will be able to leave Kings Point with you after the football game on Saturday, returning on Sunday evening. Don't plan too many activities. Experience tells us he or she will want to sleep, visit with you, eat junk food and shop a little. Remember how few items he

or she was allowed to take in July? After Acceptance, your Plebe will be allowed a few more creature comforts. Be prepared to haul some "stuff" (especially their favorite civilian clothes!) from home, as well as shop while in NY. He or she may need more personal hygiene items, school supplies, a fan, possibly an iron. If you can obtain a street map of Long Island ahead of time, your driving will be much easier. The Long Island (New York City to Montauk) and Nassau County maps have been invaluable! They are available at most gas stations and hotel gift shops, as well as at [www.hagstrommap.com](http://www.hagstrommap.com)) A cell phone or calling card is a great idea - your Plebe will want to spend some time calling friends and family. Be sure to return your Plebe to Kings Point on time! Traffic can be a problem; we recommend dinner near the Academy.

**Be sure to meet up with other Colorado parents on Friday at 3:00 for a brief Parent's Meeting. Judy Tumblin will be at Kings Point Thursday through Saturday. You can reach Judy on her cell phone at 303.638.5835. If you have any questions about Parents' Weekend, be sure to call Judy.**

**Have a great time with your Plebe Candidate soon to be Plebes at Kings Point!**

**Gone but not forgotten:**

Joseph Bixby

Bryan Day

Dan Shjandemarr

All have chosen to leave the academy this year to pursue other adventures. We wish them all well.



## BOODLE BAG NEWS

### NEEDED:

- Boodle Bag chair-organize, create list by class for those not out at sea and insure that boodle bags are sent in adequate time for finals
- 2009, 2010 and 2011 Parent to do the actual purchase and shipment of boodle bags.
- 2009 Parent-1st trimester mid—October
- 2010 Parent-2nd trimester mid-February
- 2011 Parent-3rd trimester May-will handle both Senior licensing boodle bags as well as bags for classes 2009, 10 and 11.



## NEWS FROM 2007 GRADUATES

Sarah Christenson  
 Art Dahlin  
 Ben Hayes  
 Joe Herd  
 Tyler Marshburn  
 Alicia Nix  
 Laura Nichols ssshhhh!!!  
 David Youngman

Navy Flight  
 MSC  
 MSC  
 USCG  
 Navy Seal  
 Air Force Flight  
 Navy Intel  
 MSC



Sarah Christenson



Alicia Nix

WE WISH YOU ALL  
 FAIR WINDS AND  
 FOLLOWING SEAS!



Art Dahlin



Joe Herd



SARAH



ALICIA



ART

## 2007 RINGS THE BELL



DAVID



LAURA



JOE

2007 Parents we would love to have a picture of your missing midshipmen for our memories!

Speaking of missing...where was Ben Hayes when everyone was taking their license exams and ringing the bell....well Ben was off running his heart out at Nationals, breaking records and winning races. Ben was Athletic Player of the Week many times during the year. Not only did he break records, he was also the first midshipman in the pool after change of command. Way to go Ben!



## WELCOME CLASS OF 2011



Philip Diamond	4th Co	Larkspur
Aaron Baldwin	3rd Co	Brighton
Jacob Schirber	3rd Co	Ft. Collins
Andrew Anderson	Band Co	Wellington
Nicholas Halbach	3rd Co	Wheat Ridge
Kurt Heimbrock	3rd Co	Greenwood Village
Robert Mussler	3rd Co	Nederland
Nicholas Cote	3rd Co	Arvada
Derien Jastrzebski	1st Co	Lafayette
Janelle Kibler-Silengo	3rd Co	Frisco
Ana Fuschetto	2nd Co	Swink
Molly King	3rd Co	Fountain
Lindsey Eriksson **	2nd Co	Arvada

\*\*Not shown

## NEXT PARENTS MEETING

**NOVEMBER 10, 2007  
@ THE HEIMBROCKS  
9749 East Ida Circle  
Greenwood Village**

**1-4PM**

### Agenda

**All Service Academy Ball  
USMMA Presidents Conference update**

**Food provided by the Heimbrock's**

## **ALL SERVICE ACADEMY BALL SAVE THE DATE**

December 28, 2007 at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs will be this year's annual Colorado All Service Academy Ball (CASAB). All 5 Federal Service Academy's will be attending. This is a wonderful time. More information will be available soon. The primary fund raiser for the ball is selling Pizza Pals . The cost is only \$11 and can be redeemed for any pizza even those that cost \$22. If you are interested in purchasing them, please contact Judy Tumblin, @judytumblin@comcast.net or 303.638.5835  
Ball volunteers NEEDED!!!!  
Call Momi Dufault, ball chair  
719.591.9533

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Parents Weekend and Homecoming Dates

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

**GRADUATION  
JUNE 16, 2008**

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

## NEWS ABOUT OUR MIDSHIPMAN

George Matthews '08



George Matthews at Fort Irwin, summer internship

This is a letter written to the academy regarding George...Congratulations George, you make us so proud!

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The performances of our Midshipmen continue to impress the Military community nationwide. Besides the recent success of our 4 Midshipmen at Air Assault School, who, by the way, received accolades from the Commanding General of the Corps of Cadets at West Point, another one of our Midshipmen, M/N George Matthews 1/c was recently awarded the Army Achievement Medal for his outstanding performance during his summer internship at the National Training Center, Ft. Irwin California.

M/N Matthews chose to give up the majority of his summer break to do a summer internship with the 1/11<sup>th</sup> Armor Cavalry Regiment (ACR) out in the Mojave Desert at Ft. Irwin CA. The 11<sup>th</sup> ACR at Ft. Irwin is an Active Duty Army Unit with a primary mission of testing and assisting Military Units during their final phase of mobilization exercises prior to shipping out for overseas conflicts. Prepared to perform whatever duties was expected of him, M/N Matthews was surprised to learn upon his arrival that the Unit he was assigned to had received a change of mission, and they themselves were preparing for their own overseas deployment.

Within hours of his arrival, M/N Matthews was loaded on a UH60 Blackhawk helicopter and transported to the middle of the Mojave Desert to linkup with his unit that had already begun their Field Training Exercises. While there M/N Matthews learned the intricacies of combat mission planning at the Squadron level through Intelligence, Operation Orders and Sand Tables. He even served as a member of the Squadron Commander's

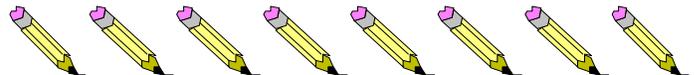
(O-5) Personal Security Detail (PSD). He was later assigned as an Assistant Platoon Leader (APL) to one of the Platoons out on the "front lines." It was there that his performance earned him the Army Achievement Medal. Here is what his achievement recommendation read:

*CDT Matthews served with 3<sup>rd</sup> PLT Bravo Troop, 1/11 CR from 28Jun07 to 13Jul07. While assigned to the Unit, CDT Matthews quickly demonstrated his tactical proficiency, easily mastering Troop and PLT SOP's. During Troop STX, CDT Matthews single handedly apprehended the high value target ensuring mission success. Additionally during Squad Live Fire Exercises, CDT Matthews was instrumental to the success of his Platoon and the Troop by easily accomplishing any assigned mission.*

M/N Matthews performance clearly demonstrates the caliber of students we all are producing here at the United States Merchant Marine Academy. The number of awards that Active Duty Army Units give out during training exercises are limited and the fact that the 1/11<sup>th</sup> ACR chose to recognize him as instead of one of their own says a lot. Additionally, to be recognized by such a unit as the 1/11<sup>th</sup> ACR is truly a privilege and an honor.

Outstanding job to M/N Matthews and kudos to all those who continue to work hard producing such fine, young students here at the Academy.

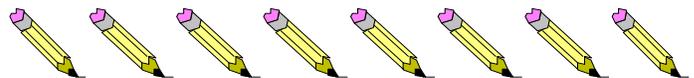
Respectfully,  
SFC Peter Swiderski  
NYARNG  
Army Liaison Team  
United States Merchant Marine Academy



Do you have a story to share or a midshipman to brag about, please send your stories to:  
Sue & Gary Kuehn, newsletter editors.  
garykuehn98@hotmail.com

Newsletter dates and deadlines

November	input deadline	October 15
January	input deadline	January 15
June	input deadline	May 15
August	input deadline	August



## Baldwin earns academy appointment



By [JoAnn Knutson](#)

06/26/2007

Aaron Baldwin is the third Brighton High School graduate to receive an appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

Since he was a young boy, Brighton High School graduate Aaron Baldwin, dreamed of being in the service. Baldwin's dream came true recently when he became the third person in the history of Brighton High School to receive an appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

Baldwin is the son of Jane Baldwin and Taul Johnson of Brighton. His inspiration to serve in the Merchant Marines came from his grandfather, Frank Baldwin, who flew Corsair planes for the Marines during World War II. The younger Baldwin's cousin also graduated from West Point. As a Green Beret, he has served three tours in Iraq.

"My grandfather was more like a dad to me when I was young, before my mother got married," Baldwin said. His grandfather died during his freshman year in high school.

Baldwin first considered the United States Naval Academy. But after some research, he settled on the Merchant Marines. He reports to Kings Point, N.Y., July 5 to complete two weeks of regimental training before starting classes as a plebe candidate to study naval engineering.

"If anything breaks, it's my job to get out a wrench and fix it," Baldwin said of his future career. "You can't just run to Wal-Mart and buy what you need. I've got to be like MacGyver."

Baldwin received nominations to the academy from Colorado Sens. Wayne Allard and Ken Salazar and former Congressman Bob Beauprez. During his four years at Brighton High School, Baldwin's grade point average and high SAT and ACT scores, coupled with his extracurricular activities and community service, helped earn him the appointment.

He is a four-year letter recipient in tennis and swimming, mentored underclassmen as a member of the LINK Crew and volunteered his time preparing and serving meals to the homeless at the Denver Rescue Mission.

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**Do you have a copy of a newspaper article about your midshipman? Please send it to our newsletter editors Sue and Gary Kuehn so they can include it in our next newsletter.**

*SEA YEAR...IT'S NOT ALL WORK...WELL AT  
LEAST FOR SOME!!!!CAN BE FUN!*

*Dubai....snowboarding???*  
*Yes that's Brennen Halbach...*  
*NOT MISSING COLORADO AT*  
*ALL!*



*Dylan Tumblin*  
*coming back from*  
*working on an engine*  
*and in the engine room*



*Brittany Rossi '08 and Callie*  
*Beeler '08 enjoying Sea Year in*  
*Hawaii*



*Callie Beeler and Brittany Rossi*  
*on deck of their ship.*



*Callie Beeler and Brittany Rossi*  
*Statue of Liberty in NY*

