



PRESIDENTS CORNER

As your new presidents, Larry and I are overwhelmed at the shoes we need to fill. For the past 3 years Judy Tumblin has put her time and seemingly endless energy into making the USMMA Colorado Parents Association one of the best (if not the best) in the country. Not only has she reached out to us as parents, but she has made an effort to stay in touch with our sons and daughters. Once again, at the Presidents' Conference the Colorado chapter was given the Distinguished Chapter Award by Vice Admiral Stewart. Judy's tireless efforts played a big part in our receiving this award. We believe that her outreach efforts and enthusiasm for Kings Point have also benefited the academy in recruiting new candidates from Colorado each year. Thank you Judy! We hope that you and Tom will enjoy your last year with Dylan at Kings Point.

Kudos is in order for many of our midshipmen and parents. Congratulations to Janelle Kibler-Silengo for being distinguished as a 2007 honor plebe! David Svoboda ('10) and Jonathan Dufault ('09) attended the Royal Marines School of Music in Portsmouth, England from June 18-July 1, 2007. David and Jonathan are members of the Regimental Band along with Aaron VanDenBerg ('10) and Andrew Anderson ('11). Thanks for entertaining us all with a fabulous 'Beat Retreat'. Larry received many positive comments from people around the country about our webpage. Thanks to Bob Rossi for your continued efforts. Lastly, a special thank you to Lilianna Cote for stepping up and taking over the Boodle Bag Chair position. Because of your willingness to help our midshipmen will be receiving lots of treats during finals week!

We are in service to you, parents and midshipmen, so please feel free to contact us any time with questions or concerns.
Jill and Larry

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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

**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.

BENEFITS TO OUR MIDSHIPMEN:

From our dues \$10 per midshipman and plebe is donated to the NY Parents Club who support and sponsor many events for our midshipman. This fee also is used for our midshipman to attend the Colorado All Service Academy Ball, boodle bags, misc.cards and senior gifts. So if you haven't already joined, would you please do so TODAY?

Make checks out USMMA Colorado Parents Association c/o Judy Tumblin 1314 Ruby Way Longmont, CO 80504 or you can pay on our website.http://www.usmmaparents.com/usmmaparents/buy_membership.cfm

**USMMA COLORADO
PARENTS ASSOCIATION
NAME BADGES**

Anyone interested in purchasing name badges contact Bev Halbach (303.403.9292). She will be placing another order on Dec. 1st. You may also order them at the Nov. parents meeting.

**USMMA COLORADO
PARENTS ASSOCIATION
DATES TO REMEMBER**

Parents Weekend and Homecoming Dates

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| 2008 September 6 | September 27 |
| 2009 September 5 | October 3 |
| Graduation 2008 | |
| June 16 | |



Colorado All Service Academy Ball



Dana Wunderlich
All Service Academy Ball Committee Chair
3962 S. Newport Way
Denver, CO 80237

PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE!!!

The 25th Annual All Service Academy Ball (ASAB) will be held Friday, December 28, 2007 at the Broadmoor resort in Colorado Springs. This is an exciting opportunity to honor Colorado's service academy cadets and midshipmen at the finest facility in Colorado.

On behalf of the United States Military Academy Colorado Parents Club, host of this year's event, we would like to take this opportunity to notify you of this upcoming event so that you can make room on your calendar to attend.

We will send you a formal invitation in November; in the meantime, you may contact your ASAB chair from your academy parent's organization regarding further information for this event. You may reserve your room at the Broadmoor at any time. The Broadmoor has given us a greatly reduced room rate and the hotel has agreed to offer special accommodations to any dignitaries that might attend.

We sincerely hope you will be able to attend this event to visit with the fine young men and women of our nation's service academies. If you have any questions, please contact your academies parent ball chair.

SARGENTS' CORNER:

By Tricia and Dick Sargent

Our visit to Kings Point was a great success. First Classman, Chris Barber, played a critical part in the planning and preparation for our visit. From dinner on the night of our arrival Tuesday in Delano Hall, breakfast and lunch on Wednesday, and breakfast on Thursday to personal visits with the Commandant, the Academic Dean, waterfront staff, many professors, and the entire coaching staff, Chris put us on an efficient schedule. Dick got to visit with each and learned ever-new things about the benefits of USMMA.

Dick's 50th Class Reunion at USNA was the magnet to our trip to the East Coast, and of course we could not miss the opportunity to see "our kids." Although it was Finals Week, many students stole a minute to join us for breakfast, lunch, or dinner to catch us up on the latest experiences. Some, whose schedules prohibited mealtime, greeted us from the pathways and across the halls. It was a joy to speak to each of them if only for a moment.

Finals Week is always a stressful time in any school. Calculus and Chemistry seemed to jangle everyone's nerves, particularly the Plebes who are still trying to work out time management, rules, regulations, career decisions, parental expectations, upperclassmen harassment, professorial idiosyncrasies, academic and athletic schedules, and all the other things newcomers' experience. I say they were nervous--all except Kristen Hatton and Darien Jastrzebski, who always seem calm and prepared for any new experience. We visited with the following, some for a full mealtime and others in passing:

Andy Anderson
Kalyn Badger
Aaron Baldwin
Chris Barber
Callie Beeler
Nick Cote
Phil Diamond
Jerry Coleman-Dodson
Lindsey Eriksson
Brennen Halbach
Nick Halbach

Jeffrey Hathcote
Kristen Hatton
Karl Heimbrock
Derien Jastrzebski
Christine Jaszlics
Gary Kuehn
Kurt Mast
George Matthews
Chris Messaros
Tamara Reul
Jake Schirber
Dylan Tumblin
David Vasquez

We regret that we did not have the pleasure of seeing Nick Alexander, Dan Gamito, and David Svoboda.

Each has his/her story. Each has victories and challenges. Some have earned leadership honors, not the least of which was that Andy Anderson was selected to strut his stuff as one of the class Drum Majors in the band. Some are earning East Coast accolades for their athletic prowess in competitions. Each sends love home to family and friends. They are so appreciative of the care packages the parent organization sent. Nick Halbach, still glowing over "gummie bears," recounted each item lovingly. Others chimed in to recall the pleasure of a gift from home, emails, and letters.

It was a pleasure to see them. We love them all!

Administrators, faculty, and coaches told us that our Colorado Kids—the Sargent Family they are called—are doing very well. For the most part they were well prepared to face stringent academics, challenging athletics, and the variable requirements of sports, band, and sea projects.

We cannot overemphasize Chris Barber's efforts to schedule staff on the half hour so Dick could maximize his time with each. That will certainly help your students as well as newcomers. Chris also coached me on travel to the Metropolitan Museum of Art where I researched artwork to use in my upcoming series, *Power Women: Lessons From the Ancient World*. Finally, Chris took it upon himself to mentor some of our/your plebes who were worried about academics. Long ago we "adopted" Chris as our grandson. Now we know why. What a guy!

USMMA COLORADO PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

USMMA 2007 PARENTS WEEKEND

The 2007 Parents' weekend was a great time and our Colorado parents were well represented. It was wonderful seeing so many of you there and getting to know more of you better. For those of you not in attendance, we had a much drier weekend than in 2006. With the exception of some brief showers on Saturday morning, it was a beautiful weekend! It began as usual with registration and the chance to accompany our plebes and midshipmen to classes. It was impressive to see the high quality of professors at the Academy as witnessed in both Thermal Dynamics and English classes. Hopefully, all of the plebe candidate parents were able to see their son/daughter's sleeping quarters including a good look at their sock drawer! The Beat Retreat was once again an outstanding performance of the Band Company under the leadership of Captain Force. This very impressive performance is both inspirational and amazing especially when you consider the large number of 4th class plebes involved. The Band Company works very hard to perform at this caliber and we are all proud of those midshipmen who dedicate themselves to this vital function at the Academy. On Saturday morning the skies were clear so that the parade and acceptance ceremony could be held outside. Congratulations to all of our new Colorado plebes! As for the day in athletics, the women's volleyball team won their match while the football and soccer teams were not as fortunate. It was a great day for Mariner sports, nonetheless! We look forward to seeing you at next year's Parents' weekend! The schedule for both 2008 and 2009 are now posted on the USMMA Parents' Page web site.

Nick forgot!



Here's a picture of family weekend. What a fantastic weekend.

Nick forgot we were going to wear the same color, but as soon as he saw us, he remembered.

The Cote's

Congratulation to Janelle Kibler-Silengo Class of 2011 Honor Plebe



Janelle was recognized at the Acceptance Day Parade, September 15th, as one of 10 Honor Plebes from the Class of 2011. This came as a result of her hard work during INDOC. The plebes are measured during INDOC on PRT (physical readiness test) and command inspection scores. After the completion of INDOC, the nominations come from DI's (drill instructors) evaluations and the recommendation from the OIC (officer in charge) during INDOC. The final approvals are made by their CO (company officer – paid representative of the commandant's department). Congratulations Janelle! Colorado has had several honor plebes from the past, Callie Beeler '08 and David Vasquez '08, so it shows you that there is no such thing as the Honor Plebe Curse! Again congratulations Janelle and all of the Class of 2011 in you success at INDOC, and completing your first trimester!

The Young Aviators



On October 11, 2007, 2/C Midshipmen from Colorado (pictured above from left to right, Benjamin Arnett, Kalyn Badger, Michael Phillips, and Jonathan Dufault) attended Aviation Survival Training (AST) at the Naval Air Station in Norfolk, VA. The AST course is a pre-requisite course for all midshipmen who will be participating in Naval Aviation Internships during their sea year. The course is designed to train students in basic survival techniques in the event of an emergency in the water. Instruction covered many aspects of water survival including (but not limited to) survival swimming techniques, life preserver functions, rescue/survival items, signaling devices, and underwater breathing devices. Having completed this course and a pre-flight physical, the Midshipmen are cleared to fly in a Naval aircraft for their

internships. This is a rare opportunity for midshipmen desiring to become Naval Aviators.

Surprise Visit for Ana!

I was in Massachusetts for about 24 hours on August 29. On the spur of the moment my daughter and two grandkids and I decided to drive down to New York and sneak into Kings Point and surprise our daughter Ana with an impromptu birthday party. (Her 19th birthday was Aug. 23.) I contacted the volleyball coaches and they told me to come to the volleyball practice with the party supplies. I also happened to have a famous Rocky Ford Colorado watermelon and a cantaloupe with me, and I knew we had three Colorado girls on the team, so I took them too. As soon as the practice ended, we were surrounded by 14 very hot, thirsty and hungry volleyball players who tore into the watermelon as fast as I could cut it! Then I looked up to see PC Derien Jastrzebski of Lafayette, CO, eating watermelon as she said, "This is Colorado melon, isn't it. I am so homesick! I miss Colorado so much! I love this melon--it reminds me of home!" Janelle Kibler-Silengo of Frisco and Ana also joined the other team members in eating the entire watermelon in about one minute! I just thought it was so cute that Derien was so anxious to get anything that even vaguely tasted of Colorado! All three Colorado girls are playing volleyball very well, according to both coaches and I really enjoyed the brief time I got to visit with all of them.

Hope to see you again at the next Colorado meeting, Mary Jane and Rocco Fuschetto

NEWS FROM OUR MIDSHIPMAN

I contacted our sons and daughters last week and asked for an update from them on how they are doing. The following pages are in their own words the answer.



I first wanted to thank you for all of the support that you provide for us; the entire parent's association is just amazing. Also, thanks for the boodle bags, they are definitely a pick me up for finals. I also wanted to apologize that it took me so long to respond to your emails, it gets ridiculously busy around finals week, we barely have time to breath.

Anyway, I am doing really great, I am the Company Training Officer in 2nd Company and I really enjoy my job. It is a lot of work, and consumes a lot of my time, but there are some very rewarding moments to it as well. I am an A-splitter so I just got back from sea before this term, I had a decent experience. I went to sea with a very good friend of mine, Beth Tonachel from the Virgin Islands. We spent 70 days on the Pride of Aloha,

a cruise ship in Hawaii. Then we went to the Persian Gulf for 90 days aboard the USNS Walter S. Diehl, a tanker. To finish up my steam time I went aboard the SS Wright and played war games with the US Navy. I attached a picture of my self and my sea partner, just in case you had any extra room, if not that is understandable.

Anyway, thanks again for all of your support, it really does keep us going. Hope you have a great break with your son.

Very Respectfully,
M/N LTJg Kristen Hatton, 1/C
CTO 2nd Company

Hello Everyone,

As odd as this may sound to some, I am thoroughly enjoying myself. I was home-sick for all of three days during Indoc, and then I fell right into place. Never before have I had to actually work academically, even after going through a college prep program in high school, and that has been a good thing for me.

I am a dedicated member in Power Squadron; specifically the academy yacht, The Mariner. We bring anyone from academy faculty to CEOs of successful companies on a mini cruise into New York City. It's been a great way to get to know people and to enhance my socializing skills. My crew and I have also gone on weekend trips. The first one was the Coast Guard Game, the second was to Greenport L.I., and the most recent was to Oyster Bay for the Oyster Fest (that trip was on The Liberator). The Greenport trip was, to say the least, very interesting. On the way back we hit some pretty bad storm swells, and The Mariner was rocking and pitching like I have never experienced. I was at the helm when it first hit, and that was exciting! At one point, the water went straight over the fly bridge and actually hit the people on the stern! This is a 75 foot yacht! It was pretty bad for about four or five hours (we only went 9 knots max) but it eventually calmed down.

I hope everything is great in Colorado. I won't be back until Christmas, so until then I hope everyone stays safe and enjoys autumn. Take care. Very Respectfully,

Plebe Lindsey Eriksson
2nd Company Class of 2011

Hi,

So I am doing well. I was CTOPO this last trimester, so I had the opportunity to train the Third Company Plebes and watch them grow. I also joined the Pistol Team, which meant I got to shoot 9mm's a couple times a week. And my grades aren't too shabby- I hope to get above a 3.4 this tri.

I am about to go out sea for 8 months, as all second class a-splitters do. I am going to do a flight internship in PAX River (Maryland) for 2 weeks, and then after that I will be flying to the Persian Gulf to meet the Leroy Grumman. The Grumman is an MSC oiler. I have no idea what my run will be, but I was told that I will fly to the Persian Gulf to meet the ship. The ship will be working in the Persian Gulf and then it will trek back to Norfolk, where it will continue working. Since I am a Shopper, I have to do engine time as well as deck time. So with that said, I will be doing my engine time on this ship- which I am pretty excited about. But I don't feel at all prepared to be in the engine room. I have a sea partner, but I have never met him- but from what I have heard, he is a good guy.

Going back to the flight internship- I am very excited to have the opportunity to get some time in different aircraft- especially an F18. I do not know what squadron I am with yet, but I have heard only good things about PAX River, and really hope to learn a lot and enjoy myself. I want to be a Naval Aviator, so this will be a great opportunity to witness firsthand what squadron life is like.

To be qualified for the internship, the midshipman had to go to Norfolk and take the AST (Aviation Survival Training) Course. Out of 10 people, 4 were from Colorado! I will attach a picture. (We made sure to get the Colorado Kids together for a picture to send you guys!) It was lot of fun though. It was a ten hour drive, each way, and we stayed in the BOQ- which was really nice. The day started off with classes. We learned about possible medical conditions you may encounter in the air, such as hypoxia and its effects. We then got to go into a hyperbaric chamber, and breathe through the aviation masks. We practiced taking them off and putting them back on. After that we continued with classes. They went through spatial disorientation, and did some demonstrations. They brought in a new seat from an F18, and we learned about the parachute, seat, and of course, the ejection handle. We learned about the flight suit and went through the survival equipment found in the suits. Then we went through parachuting- learned about what to do in different situations, and how to land. Finally, we learned what to do if we crashed into the water and had to escape from the cockpit while in

the water. We then put on our swimsuits, full flight gear, including the G-suit, steel-toed boots and helmet, and had to pass some swimming tests. This is where we had to get qualified. We each had to tread water/float for two minutes, swim 25 yards, and blow up our life-ring around our necks. We also had to swim under water through a kind of maze/two boxes- and escape from the "cockpit" and then do it again with blackened goggles on. The flight gear was extremely heavy-especially when wet, but it was it was still fun. Everyone passed- and are now qualified for their flight internship! So that's about it here. I need to study for finals now- if I can only find some motivation.

Thank you for the gift package! And thanks for your continued support!

V/R,

Midshipman Kalyn Badger, 2/C

I am doing well and this term has kept be extremely busy. I have begun to participate in Marine Corp Options and decided to pursue a commission as a Marine Aviator. I have had a good fall baseball season and I can not wait for the spring to come around to start playing once again.

Thanks

Dylan Tumblin

Ma'am,

I updated my info by just plugging it into the spreadsheet, I hope that's ok. Other than that, there's no really funny stories to share at this time, other than we taped one plebes chair and other random items to the ceiling and "rearranged" his room for him. I didn't list this in the spreadsheet, but I'm also doing Marine Ops as well as the airsoft team/club.

Can't wait to come home in a week!!!

Jake Schirber

HI.

I am doing well. We have our last volleyball tournament this weekend 10/19-20 in NYC and then volleyball is over right before finals se we can come home for Fall Break. I played Defense Specialist in volleyball so I wear a different colored jersey than the rest of the team so I get used to the constant joking that I put on the wrong jersey again...Haha. Am looking forward to being the wrestling team manager this winter as well as some spring volleyball. The three other plebe girls in 1st Company play basketball so I am kind of the lone "woman" out!

Classes are going well, even calculus and chemistry!

Thank you!

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I'm not doing so well. I've gotten 4 hours of sleep in the past 3 days. I've been swamped with tests, papers, and physicals. Every week it seems I have a new physical. I'm ready for the trimester to be over. I'm ready for cross country to be over. I just want to get the PRK (eye surgery) over with and recover by making up all the sleep that I've missed. KP is like a three ring circus just before finals because teachers realize how far behind they are, and they have to move quickly in order to get the material in. This turns into a solid few days where everyone is bombarded with tests, quizzes, and term papers.

Thanks

David Vasquez 2008

Doing well, in Lacrosse looking forward to fall break.
Thank you,

Plebe Philip Diamond
4th company

Mom,

Can't you just write it? You know everything about me. OK I am doing well; this term has kept me extremely busy. I have joined Marine Ops. I have had a good cross country season; I won the Alumni Race this year. I leave for my first Sea Year soon.

Thanks

Midshipman Gary Kuehn 2010

Please send your stories for our next newsletter to Gary and Susanna Kuehn at email:

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TOP FAQ'S SEA YEAR

1. KP arranges flights from KP to assignment, assignment to assignment, assignment back to KP
We CAN NOT arrange flights to homes.
2. There is NO guarantee of leave during sea period.
3. 1st time sailor goal is 110-120 commercial sea days.
4. 2nd time sailor MUST obtain the balance of days to bring commercial sea time to 300 days.
5. Chain of command for cadets is through the ATR:
ALL MATTERS REGARDING THE SCHOOL OR SEA ASSIGNMENT MUST GO VIA THE ATR
6. Work day is 8hours/day, 7days/week, 2 to 3 hours spent on sea project; cadet turns to for all extra-ordinary routines (docking, undocking, anchoring, etc.).
7. Sea Year Guide has answers to most questions: **READ THE SEA YEAR GUIDE!** prior to contacting ATR with question.
8. **CADETS ARE TREATED AS ADULTS** while under our authority and are expected to act as adults on board ships.
9. Should have a credit card during Sea Year for convenience/emergencies.
10. From Dental Department: must have had the approved dental appointments and be cleared to go to sea.

NOTE: For additional information on the Sea Year please visit the USMMA Parents Web Site

<http://www.usmma.edu/parents/default.htm>