



## June, 2008 Newsletter

The new list of Plebe Candidates that will comprise the Colorado USMMA Class of 2012 has been received from the Academy. Please warmly welcome these new Plebe Candidates and their families into our USMMA Colorado Parent's Association.

### Plebe Candidate List for the Class of 2012

Kendall Lloyd	Wetmore, Co.
David Tucker	Castle Rock, Co.
Christopher Adamson	Colorado Springs, Co.
Andrew Barela	Bennett, Co.
Aaron Brunhofer	Denver, Co.
Kimberly Glore	Highlands Ranch, Co.
Jacob Henthorn	Aurora, Co.
Adam Jerlow	Parker, Co.
Christopher Manzi	Colorado Springs, Co.
William Miller	Arvada, Co.
Glenn Neil	Fort Collins, Co.
Preston Nicholl	Lakewood, Co.
Kacey Rohloff	Fort Collins, Co.
Steven Thatcher	Louisville, Co.
Andrew Tulenko	Longmont, Co.
Sarah Smith	Arvada, Co.

**USMMA Colorado Parents' Association  
cordially invites you to a  
Welcome Aboard Picnic  
Midshipmen and families of  
2009, 2010, and 2011  
Saturday, June 21, 1-4 PM  
At the home of  
Kurt and Karen Heimbrock (Karl 2011)  
9749 East Ida Circle  
Greenwood Village**

We will be welcoming the Class of 2012 and their families so we want everyone to come and show their support. Each family will be filled with many questions, as we all were not too many years ago. We have a large class entering King's Point this year from Colorado thanks in large part to the tireless work of Colonel and Dr. Sargent.

#### **Schedule for the afternoon:**

- 1:00 – Association meeting
- 2:00 – Welcome 2012 plebe candidates and families
- 2:30 – Lunch provided by the Heimbrocks!
- 3:15 – Announcements, Q & A, class picture, cake
- 4:00 - Wrap-up

Please RSVP to: Jill and Larry Svoboda  
303-431-7745  
[ljsvoboda@msn.com](mailto:ljsvoboda@msn.com)

Please include how many will be coming from your family so the Heimbrock's know how much food to prepare.



## Colorado honorees for 2008 Graduation Awards

Colorado midshipmen were well represented among the recent awards announced by USMMA Superintendent Admiral Joseph D. Stewart for the class of 2008. Eight of the 13 Colorado midshipmen in the class of 2008 received awards.

**Callie West Beeler**, a Logistics and Intermodal Transportation Major from Brighton, CO, daughter of Rob and Amy Beeler, received the Julie A. Berke Achievement Award. She received a diamond enhanced solid gold anchor pin that was presented by Ms. Julie A. Berke to honor her selection as the female midshipman who has demonstrated achievement in athletics, excellence in scholarship, qualities of leadership and character, and who has significantly advanced women's athletics at the Academy. Beeler was selected by the Physical Education Department and Athletics Department Head.

**Brennan Michael Halbach**, a Logistics and Intermodal Transportation Major from Wheat Ridge, CO; parents, Mike and Bev Halbach, was selected by the Naval Science Department to receive the Military Order of Foreign Wars Award. Halbach received binoculars for being honored as the midshipman writer of the best Leadership Essay from the DNS Navy Leadership course or AFROTC Leadership course that is going on active duty with the military.

**Kristen Leigh Hatton**, daughter of Byron Hatton and Dawn Cooley, is a Marine Engineering Systems Major from Loveland, CO, who has been awarded the Aloysius A. Norton Award. She received \$300 for being chosen as the midshipman who wrote the best analytic essay or humanities sea project on a work of poetry, drama, fiction, or literature and film. Hatton was selected by the Humanities Department for the award that was established by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, in memory of Professor Aloysius A. Norton, who loved literature and kindled that love in young people, guiding them through their reading, in their development of a deeper life of the spirit.

**George Lewis Matthews**, a Logistics and Intermodal Transportation major from Castle Rock, CO, son of Tom and Linda Matthews, was selected to receive the Ralph Peat Memorial Award, established by Armed Forces Insurance Company in memory of Ralph Peat, Class of 1961. Matthews received a regulation sword and \$500 for his selection as the midshipman who has contributed to the Academy's Waterfront Program, is entering active military service, and who has demonstrated excellence in academic and regimental performance. Matthews was selected by the Director of Waterfront Activities, Naval Science Department Head, the Academic Dean and the Commandant of Midshipmen.

**Brittany Suzanne Rossi**, daughter of Bob and Suzanne Rossi, a Logistics and Intermodal Transportation Major from Grand Junction, CO, received The Captain S. Fraser Sammis Award that was awarded by the National Cargo Bureau to the Marine Transportation MIDN who displays outstanding interest, imagination, endeavor and academic achievement in the field of cargo handling, stowage and securing, based upon outstanding performance in the cargo portion of the Midshipman's Sea Project and academic excellence in the marine materials handling sequence. Selected by the Marine Transportation Department, Rossi received a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond and a National Cargo Bureau engraved medallion. (con't on p. 3)



## The President's Corner

By Larry and Jill Svoboda

When you receive this newsletter, our 2008 midshipmen will be 2 weeks away from graduation! We want to dedicate this article to them in appreciation for their 4 years of hard work. We are very proud of each and every one of them. We also want to wish them the very best as they travel the 4 winds to serve as officers in various branches of military service and the shipping industry. The following is an alphabetical listing of our Colorado USMMA graduates and their post-graduation plans:

**Christopher Barber** – Active duty Marine Corps as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant

**Callie Beeler** – TransOcean Shipping/ Assistant Dynamic Positioning Operator

**Brennan Halbach** – Naval Flight Training

**Kristen Hatton** – Deck on a tug – east coast

**Eric Lowe** – Sailing out of the West Coast with the union MEBA

**Kurt Mast** – Military Sealift Command

**George Matthews** - Sailing

**Brittany Rossi** – Military Sealift Command – Deck Officer

**Per Rychucky** – Naval Flight Officer training

**Stephen Spindler** – Coast Guard

**Robert Tenenholz** – Military Sealift Command – Deck Officer

**Dylan Tumblin** – Marine Corps Flight training

**David Vasquez** – Naval Flight training

A final note to the graduates: As you leave King's Point, always remember to be grateful to the people who helped you get to this point in your lives. Your families, friends, teachers, and other mentors are your roots. Don't forget them as you now use your wings to fly.

## Colorado honorees announced for 2008 Graduation Awards (con't)

**Robert Lawrence Tenenholz**, Highlands Ranch, CO, received four separate awards. The son of Larry and Loretta Tenenholz, received the Reserve Officers Association of the U.S. Award, a \$500 U. S. Savings Bond awarded to the midshipman whose outstanding qualities of leadership and military bearing, and whose appreciation of the need for a strong Merchant Marine Naval Reserve, has contributed most to the advancement of the Reserve Officers concept at Kings Point. **Tenenholz**, a Logistics and Intermodal Transportation major was also selected by the Marine Transportation Department to receive the Larkin Navigation Award, to honor the Marine Transportation MIDN who has attained the highest average grade in the navigation courses. This Alumni Foundation award includes an engraved chronograph and Tenenholz' name on a perpetual plaque outside Ackerman Auditorium.

**Teneholz** was also selected to receive the Matthew Fontaine Maury Award. Presented by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, this award honors the Marine Transportation midshipman who ranks among the highest ten percent in the Deck courses in Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics and who is outstanding in leadership and military bearing. Finally, **Teneholz** was selected to receive the Captain Garrison Connor Award. He was selected for achieving above average grades on the Deck Portion of the Sea Project, receiving excellent shipboard evaluations from his senior officers aboard ship during his sea year period, for having a keen interest in all aspects of the sea going profession and for exhibiting the dignity, bearing, and sense of responsibility expected of a future ship's captain.

**Dylan Thomas Tumblin**, son of Tom and Judy Tumblin, a Marine Engineering and Shipyard Management Major from Longmont, CO, was selected by the Department Heads of Marine Engineering, Marine Transportation, Professional Development and Career Services and the Commandant's Department with final approval of Prizes and Award Committee to receive the Vice Admiral Richard R. McNulty Award. Tumblin received an engraved desk set and plaque for being chosen as the midshipman who is first in the "Total Person" concept. Tumblin was selected on the basis of his total performance as borne out by his order of precedence in scholarship, aptitude and sea year service.

**David James Vasquez**, son of Doug and Gaye Vasquez, a Maritime Operations and Technology Major from Centennial, CO was selected by the Naval Science Department to receive the Navy League, Long Island Chapter Award. He received an inscribed sword for attaining the highest average grade in Naval Science and entering Active Naval Service. **Vasquez** also received the National Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. Award, and was presented with an engraved ship's clock for being honored as the midshipman who has demonstrated excellence in both academic and regimental performance, has exhibited exceptional qualities of patriotism and leadership through performance in an assigned Midshipman Officer billet, and is entering active military service.

**Mark your calendars now!**  
**Make sure and attend the Annual Parent's Weekend Sept. 5-6 at Kings Point.**  
**Events begin with Morning Colors at 7:40 a.m. Friday and finish with the USMMA football game at Tomb Field, 2:30 p.m. Saturday.**  
**Make reservations early!**  
**For more information log onto [www.usmma.edu](http://www.usmma.edu)**

## Roster of Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairs for 2008-09

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

President: Larry and Jill Svoboda (David '10) 303.431.7745

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Alumnae Liaison: Judy Tumblin (Dylan '08) 303.678.1181

Hospitality: Kerry Reul (Tamera '09) 303.425.6452

Cards: Open

Senior Gift: Mussler and Schirber (listed above)

Membership: Open

***"Only as far as we seek can we go; only as much as we dream can we be."***

## Notes from our Mids

Several Colorado mids sent notes to let us know what they were doing after graduation, what their plans were for the summer, something their parents didn't know about, and what was the biggest shock or surprise they have encountered at Kings Point.

**From Dylan Tumblin:** "After graduating in June I am planning on taking three to four months off, depending upon my orders, before I report to Quantico, VA for USMC OCC. This summer I plan on enjoying a summer in Colorado, the first one in a couple years, getting ready for the Marine Corps, and visiting friends who will already be starting work."

**From Derien Jastrzebski:** This summer, I am returning to Colorado for 2 weeks of relaxation on the lake and then am returning to USMMA to be a Drill Instructor. This year has been one of the most eye-opening experiences I have ever had, and it taught me so much about myself, my family, and those around me. I cannot wait to come back as a 3/c to play volleyball, go to sea, and see what all this place has in store for me for the next three years! Thank you Mom and Dad for being the best ever! Thanks for doing the CO news letter!

**From Kristen Hatton:** (After graduation) I plan on working for Electric Boat Corporation in Groton, Connecticut. I will be repairing and maintaining the nuclear propulsion plants aboard submarines. I am really looking forward to it. I am set to start in August so I plan on having a very nice, relaxing summer considering I haven't had one of those in 4 years. Thanks so much for putting this together, I know my parents really enjoy it. Sorry I can't send more detailed answers, have to study for license. Thanks again.

**From Per Rychecky:** After graduation I will be heading down to Pensacola, FL to become a Naval Flight Officer in the Navy. Over the summer I will be working in Denver at a recruiting station until my school starts in October so I am looking forward to relaxing and home cooked meals. My biggest shock at Kings Point was the amount of information you can memorize in just a few days when it comes to license. In response to "Tell us something about your life at USMMA that your parent's have no idea about," He responded, "No comment."



A few Colorado mids took time out of studying for finals to send a hello home to their parents and all the members of the Colorado Parents Club. From left are: Darin Coleman '09, Philip Diamond '11, Ana Fuschetto '11, Per Rychecky '08, Janelle Kibler-Silengo '11, Derien Jastrzebski '11, Brennen Halbach '08, Brittany Rossi '08, George Matthews '08, and forming the backward "C" in Colorado, Callie Beeler '08.

## Notes from our Mids (con't)

**From Janelle Kibler-Silengo:** After almost eight months of EMT classes I will be working as an EMT this summer for the incoming class of 2012 (assuming I passed the license test). I am really looking forward to getting involved this summer and putting my new skills to use. Although I will only be home for two weeks I am excited to spend time with all of my friends who will be at Kings Point for a variety of reasons (EMT, Waterfront Officers, DIs or Summer School).

**From David Vasquez:** After graduation, I will be doing some male modeling for Calvin Klein until October when I join the French Foreign Legion. Really, I'll be going to Naval Flight School at NAS Pensacola, FL in October. In between then, I'll be working recruiting duty in Downtown Denver. Nothing is official yet since I haven't received my orders or heard if I've been cleared physically. Everyone is in the same boat as I am.

**From Ana Fuschetto:** 1) I don't plan on graduating in '08, 2) Over the summer I look forward to going home and seeing my friends and then returning shortly to be a DI. 3) My parents pretty much know it all. 4) I can't think of any major shock.

**From Brennen Halbach:** After graduation I will be pursuing a career in the United States Navy and attending flight school in Pensacola, FL. Actually having a summer would be nice. Relaxing and BBQing and finally getting to do some things that I have wanted to do. If I tell you something my parent's have no idea about, then it wouldn't be a secret anymore.

**From Karl Heimbrock:** I am going to be working full time all summer. My parents know just about everything that I'm doing here. My biggest shock/surprise was how tough some of the classes are.

**From Kurt Mast:** I will be working for MSC (Military Sealift Command) starting in late July. I plan on doing as much relaxing as possible. So far I have completed 6 of 7 license exams and I feel pretty good about my chances of passing the first time. I am an Engineer and I am from Golden.

**From Nicholas Halbach:** Im looking forward to going out to sea this summer and seeing all that there is to see in Northern Europe and the Mediterranean.

**From Robert Tenenholz:** After graduation I plan on sailing for MSC. Over the summer I look forward to seeing my family, golfing, driving my car, starting my job, and not having to report back to KP. My biggest shock at Kings Point was the 11 month school year, that was not in the brochure.

**From Ben Crom:** Hey! Thanks for doing this, I'm sure it'll prove to be nice for all of our parents. Over the summer I plan on escaping the dreariness of the northeast and soaking in some mountain fresh air, playing with my dogs, free loading off my parents, and drinking all of their wine. Something about my life at USMMA that my parents have no idea about is that I have managed to get away with not making my rack for three straight weeks now. I routinely see how far I can grow my sideburns out before I get yelled at for not shaving, my personal best is 4 days; It's a fun game I play with the powers that be. My biggest shock at Kings Point is how strong and extreme my feelings towards Kings Point would be... and how much I would miss home. Turns out mowing the lawn and cleaning the kitchen at home REALLY weren't such earth-shattering tasks; nowadays I'd kill for that level of responsibility. (or lack thereof!)

**From Patrick Ambrose:** Hola!!!! I am looking forward to doing nothing this summer, absolutely nothing to do with pencils, engineering paper, and calculators... I AM looking forward to stock piling some sleep for next tri. Something my parents don't know is that although we have talked about it many times, I have no idea what my plans are when I come home. All I know is that I am coming. The biggest shock is that I have been in college for 2 years and I am 20 years old but I still feel like I am 15...

**From Darin Coleman:** I was told recently that I will be reporting aboard the USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) on 21 JUNE. I worked with LT Bierman at school to have the opportunity to sail aboard one of the naval vessels that has a primary mission of flying. It should be an awesome opportunity to see what the Navy is like and what to expect when going into the Navy after graduation. Besides this, I will be back at Kings Point early for INDOC. Should be an exciting summer overall.

**From Eric Lowe:** I'll be shipping out after graduation through the union hall MEBA on the West Coast after graduation, and looking forward to it.

**From Gary Kuehn:** This summer I look forward to fishing and camping with the family, driving/working on my car, and coming back to be a Drill Instructor. There are too many things to list about my life at Kings Point that my parents don't know about. For instance, when describing the regiment to them, I get quite a few confused looks. The biggest shock at Kings Point is how much this place actually changes people's personality when on campus compared to society. Kings Point seems to bring out different personalities/actions in people, for better and for worse.

**From Callie Beeler:** Callie has accepted a position from TransOcean Shipping, based out of Houston. She will be working on a deep sea drilling ship as Assistant Dynamic Positioning Operator. She is very excited about this opportunity and so are her parents!!

## World War II Vets attend Feb. meeting



Pictured above are two World War II veterans who attended the Colorado Parents Club Feb. 9 meeting at Tom and Linda Matthew's home in Castle Rock. Pictured above left to right are Master Sargent Charles Henry Seggelke (grandfather of Chris Barber, 08), Engineers Mate First Class Curt Mast (grandfather of Kurt Mast, 08) and Carol Mast (mother of Kurt Mast.)



The long and the short of it! Proving Kings Pointers come in all sizes, Plebes Ana Fuschetto and Ben Stur-navent take a break before marching in the annual Memorial Parade.

### Update from Jenna Ambrose

Jenna Ambrose, mother of Patrick '10, and Colorado Parent's Club treasurer recently underwent surgery for a brain tumor. According to a brief e-mail, Jenna says she is "overall, amazing." Good news!

### A note from

### Admiral Stewart

All of our Colorado midshipmen are outstanding, and our Colorado parents are wonderful. This is a great time of year at the Academy, though a bit stressful. The seniors are in their third day of the license exams---I'm certain they're going to give us another victory over the Coast Guard. Everyone else is in their final few days of classes. The Academy looks good---the grass is green and there's lots of stuff in bloom. And the weather is beautiful---cool and sunny, great running weather. I feel privileged to be allowed to serve here. From watching our magnificent midshipmen do all that they have to do so well it gives me a constant reminder--that from struggle comes strength.

Admiral Joseph D. Stewart

### Colorado Admission Representatives

While every parent, alumni and midshipman should be working constantly to recruit the best and the brightest for Kings Point, the following are admissions representatives listed with the USMMA Admissions department and recruiting in the Colorado area. If you feel you may know of a potential plebe candidate, please have them contact one of these admissions representatives listed below to help with their application. Anyone interested in becoming a Kings Point Admissions Representative should contact the USMMA Admissions office.

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