



November 2008 Newsletter



President's Corner
by Jill & Larry Svoboda

As I write this article, our plebes and midshipmen are well into finals week while seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. For our plebes, it signifies the completion of your first trimester at the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Congratulations! For our 1C midshipmen, you are well into your final year at King's Point. Where have the years gone? For our 2C and 3C midshipmen, (con't on Page 2)

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ALL SERVICE ACADEMY BALL

Make plans now to attend the 26th Annual Colorado All Service Academy Ball (CASAB) on Saturday, 27 December, at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. The Ball provides a unique opportunity for socializing and camaraderie among Colorado's Midshipmen and Cadets. Families and friends will enjoy this fun evening of special ceremonies, dinner, and dancing with their Midshipman or Cadet.

Look for your invitation to this formal event early November, at which time hotel room reservations may be made. The Broadmoor has generously given us, your family and friends, a special room rate on any or all of these dates: December 26, 27, 28. Please mention that you will be a guest at the

Colorado All Service Academy Ball. The deadline for hotel and dinner reservations is December 10. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

The USMMA Colorado Parents' Association is pleased to pay the dinner fee for those Midshipmen and Plebes whose families have paid their 2008-2009 membership dues. If your Midshipman or Plebe is attending the Ball, please remind them to bring their Service Dress Blue uniform home for winter break.

The CASAB is funded by ticket sales and donations. Several members of our Parents' Association responded to a 'Virtual' Fundraiser this past summer. We are very grateful to those of you who sent our committee a contri-



buton. If you were unable to send us something then, it's not too late to send something now. Much of the ball's expenses are paid by generous donors like you. Please consider an amount of any size today; it all adds up.

Mail contribution checks payable to CASAB to

CASAB c/o
Judy Tumblin
1314 Ruby Way
Longmont, CO 80504

Cookie Café at Kings Point

On Thursday nights, the smells coming from Land Hall are of cookies, cookies, and more cookies. The entire regiment is invited to take a break from studying to enjoy home baked cookies, milk, and hot cocoa. The cookies come from all over



the country and are baked by the parents of midshipmen. Our own Colorado Parent's Association has volunteered to bake cookies for the 'Cookie Café' on January 29 and March 26.

Christine Neil (Glenn, 2012) graciously volunteered to head up this effort so a big thank you goes out to her! Many parents have already volunteered to bake but we can always use more help. If you want to join in please contact Christine at: sew4th@juno.com

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you are at various stages of academics and sea duty depending on your splits. For those of you returning from sea, welcome back to land! For those of you about to set sail, may you have fair winds and following seas in the months ahead of you!

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Coleman-Dodson. Please contact her with any questions. Our next gathering will be the Colorado All Service Academy Ball. Details are in this newsletter.

On October 21st, Rear Admiral Allen B. Worley was named the new Superintendent of the United States Merchant Marine Academy. You may read his biographical

information at www.unitedstatesmerchantmarineacademy.edu. We want to take this time to thank Vice Admiral Joe Stewart for his many years as Superintendent. He will be greatly missed and we wish him and his wife Kathy the very best.

Larry and I wish to extend our gratitude

to all plebes, midshipmen, and families. With Thanksgiving quickly approaching, we are grateful for all of our King's Point families and for the support our sons and daughters receive when they are far away from home.

God bless all of you and God bless America!



You can email Vice Admiral Joe Stewart at kingspoint300@yahoo.com

Larry and I want to thank Kim and Gordon Crom for hosting a wonderful meeting in October. We had some lively discussion, lots of good food and social time, and decisions were made on several agenda items. We missed those of you who could not attend. You all should have received the minutes from Robyn

Notes from Our Mids (con't on page 3)

Fuschetto Ship Assignment

M/N 3/C **Ana V. Fuschetto**, of Swink, Colorado recently received her ship assignment for her first seaduty beginning on Nov. 12. She will sail aboard the Horizon Hawk, a 600 ft. plus, container cargo ship that runs from Tacoma, to Hawaii and Guam.



M/N 3/C Ana V. Fuschetto will sail aboard the Horizon Hawk

Schirber's Sea Days

submitted by Jake's sister Hannah

3rd Class Midshipman Jake Schirber from Colorado and 2nd Class Midshipman Jay Smith from Alabama have spent the past three months over seas aboard the Sea-land Quality, a containership out of South Carolina. They have visited Spain, Italy, Turkey, Romania, Egypt and Greece. They just completed a three week visit in Greece due to a cracked engine block. They fixed it and have already set sail yet again. Schirber says he enjoys the work and loves being able to



M/N 3/Sea-Land Quality occupies 4 cranes at Luka Koper

sightsee. He's done jobs such as pulling two pistons out of a 24,000 horsepower engine, work on generators, welding various parts, and many other random repairs that are needed. As far as sea projects go?? Better get em done, boys! They started their trip home when they left Greece on Tuesday, Oct. 14th. After a couple brief stops in Spain and Italy again, they're very near to home and should be in New York on Nov. 7. where they will return back to school. Their trip has been filled with adventure and sight-seeing along with hard work, great experiences, and a lot of new knowledge. There's no where else other than KP that you could get this kind of experience. We look forward to welcoming these midshipmen as well as many others back to Kings Point in early November as they prepare for school on Nov. 11th.

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Coleman-Dodson Counterterrorism Internship with NYPD

When I think police, I think traffic tickets and donuts. So this summer when I did a counterterrorism internship with the New York City Police Department, I really didn't know what to expect. I did the internship with another Kings Pointer, Zach Brown '09, and two West Pointers. This traffic ticket and donut image of police is of a traditional police force that exists to enforce the law and protect the local citizens. The police do this by reacting to crimes. When a crime is committed, anything from jay walking to murder, the police work to punish the offender and assist any victims. But this reactive approach to crime wasn't working for NYC. The crack epidemic and the pro-ceeding gang wars in the 1980s, and both attacks on the World Trade Centers forced the department to look at crime in a new way. Instead of reacting to crime, could the force work to prevent crime? A new approach began in the Transit Police with Detective Jack Maple who poured over reams of computer printouts to determine the areas with the most crime. Police officers could then be preemptively positioned in these areas. Mayor Rudy Giuliani bought into this new procedure and the process was further refined and applied to the entire force in a statistical mapping procedure called COMPSTAT. In a COMPSTAT session the head of each precinct is called before a board of his superiors, each who has a detailed printout of all crime and other relevant information in the precinct. The head of each precinct makes a presentation of the situation and the floor is then opened for questions. The officer is grilled over the details of each crime committed in his precinct and what the officers in the precinct are doing to solve these problems. According to the NYPD, this method proved very successful for the city which is now roughly tied with Boise, Idaho for the amount of crime per year.



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terrorist attacks have been committed by locals to the area of the attacks who have self radicalized with only ideological ties with al Qaeda, they do not receive orders from the group. The report also laid out the steps to self radicalization so the NYPD can attempt to prevent them from happening in the city. Another unorthodox step the NYPD has taken is to station detectives in various major cities around the world to serve as liaisons with local police departments. An example of this in action was during the 2005 London Subway bombings. The NYPD detective in London was updated by the London Metropolitan Police and the detective was able to update the NYPD in real time. This allowed the NYPD to scramble an immediate response based on the methods of the London terrorists in the case of a unilateral attack on NYC. (Con't on page 4)

NYPD is also trying to use a preemptive approach to terrorism as sands of deaths on September 11 proved that a reactionary re- longer a viable option. We visited the intelligence department of was very impressive; similar to the intelligence agency of a small scope of their operations and the caliber of employees. The head department, was the head of the Directorate of Operations at the him a brain trust of ex government employees and Ivy League had a briefing from his special assistant who had recently pub- spelled out how the NYPD was looking at terrorism. Entitled *the West* it argued that since September 11, the majority of ter-

We also visited the Counterterrorism Department which works to provide training and antiterrorism measures to all levels of the

NYPD Counterterrorism Units Mission Statement

The New York City Police Department (NYPD) is the primary local authority defending against a terrorist attack in New York City. Built upon the realization that the City could not rely solely on the federal government for its defense, the Counterterrorism Bureau was created by Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly in 2002 as the first unit of its kind in the nation. Since then, the Counterterrorism Bureau has been at the forefront of this new aspect of municipal policing: counterterrorism for local law enforcement. The mission of the Counterterrorism Bureau is to develop innovative, forward-looking policies and procedures to guard against the threat of international and domestic terrorism in New York City. One such policy puts uniformed counterterrorism executives in the rank of Inspector in positions to lead borough and citywide counterterrorism activities. Furthermore, the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) has been enhanced with a dramatically larger complement of NYPD investigators and supervisors.

Source: http://home2.nyc.gov/html/nypd/html/administration/counter_terrorism_units.shtml

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NYPD. As part of an officers training the Department created mockups of the houses used to create the explosives used in the 2005 London Subway Attack and the 2005 University of Oklahoma bombing (not officially a terrorist attack). They also recreated the bomb and van used in the 1993 World Trade Center Bombing. The purpose of these mockups is to show police officers what differentiates a bomb lab from an ordinary crime scene (to see what we saw here's a video on the http://www.scribemedi.com/2007/10/01/nypd_counterterrorism/). The counterterrorism also devises protocols and works on the technical aspects of combating terrorism. For department coordinates daily surges of policemen on previously determined locations extra security or give a show of force. The day we were there two officers from every verged on the financial district. As another example, the counterterrorism department radiation detectors in the Financial District.



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We also had a lot of fun; I really enjoyed the NYPD shooting range as I had automatic before. We shot 9mm pistols, and also MP-5s, and M-4s. We went to the where officers are trained to drive cars and went through an obstacle course. The instructor took us on a little ride that was better than a roller coaster, we did burnouts in reverse at a speed of at least 80 mph. As two of us went to the USMMA, they arranged a tour of the Queen Mary II by the Chief Engineer and the NYPD intelligence liaison for the ship. We also escorted the ship out of the port on harbor patrol boats. We did a ride along in the 75 precinct in Brooklyn which is a rough neighborhood. With only one stabbing our night was uneventful.

never shot an
driving course

The NYPD really does have first class special units. Their snipers are allowed to cover the President, their divers dive with Navy Divers, Harbor Patrol fills in for the Coast Guard, etc. The reason that the NYPD goes above and beyond the requirements of an average police force is not only because NYC is huge, but because they are not just policing NYC. For example if a person in Longmont, CO radical-work he is not going they are not at risk issues. However tempt an attack on We stood outside Department and he the country. Thus becomes the prob-

"We stood outside the Stock Exchange with a member of the Counterterrorism Department and he told us the spot we were standing was the most at risk spot in the country. ."

tion, dedication, However I think the city has done its utmost to prepare to meet future attacks and takes the threat very seriously. I was grateful that they allowed me to learn from their failures and successes.

lem of the NYPD. It's scary to think that despite all the preparation and even successes of the NYPD the city is still very vulnerable.

Parents' Weekend and Acceptance Day - A Remarkable Experience!



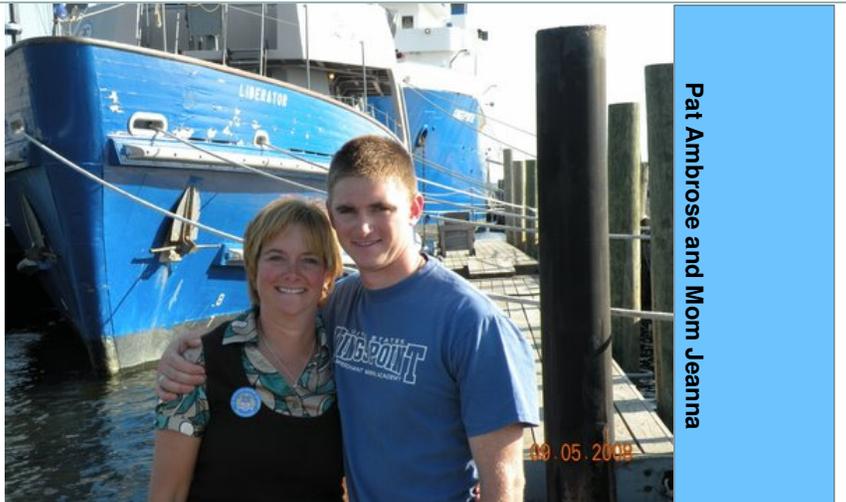
Beat Retreat—Kacey Rohloff at right

Acceptance weekend was over the top! We were fortunate to have visited with Admiral Stewart, what a fine man. The formal military ceremonies were quite impressive. The Beat Retreat - although WARM- was outstanding, especially the marching band playing with the bagpipe brigade. Watching our offspring taking their oaths was heart stopping. The weekend ended too soon. We look forward being a part of the USMMA experience along with all of you.

-Mary & Chris Nicholl



Kacey Rohloff and Sarah Smith



Pat Ambrose and Mom Jeanna



Rohloffs at the Waterfront



Pat Ambrose and Dad in the steam lab!

Pizza Palz Fundraiser

Contact Judy Tumblin at judytumblin@comcast.net to purchase Old Chicago Pizza Palz coupons for \$11 each. Each Pizza Palz can be redeemed for any Old Chicago Pizza up to \$22. Great for stocking stuffers, to send along in a greeting card, or to have on hand for the next time you're in the mood for pizza!



If you haven't paid your 2008-2009 USMMA Colorado Parents' Association dues, you can pay through the **DUES** USMMA website or usmmaparents.com or send a check payable to USMMA Colorado Parent Association to:

Jeanna Ambrose
PO Box 1421
Fairplay CO 80440

Dues is \$35 for Plebe year, \$65 for midshipman

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| Membership | <i>Open</i> | | |

Maritime industry looking for solutions to shortages of qualified crew

Reprinted from Oct/Nov 2008 Professional Mariner Magazine, by Richard O. Aichele:

The shortage of available crewmembers has been growing for years. Employers have responded by working closely with maritime academies, seamen's unions and apprenticeship programs.

"It used to be that there were too few jobs and too many people looking," said Maritime Administrator Sean T. Connaughton. "The tide has turned and that situation is reversed."

Increased oil exploration is one cause.

"In the past there was a relatively stable pool of vessels that were utilized 50 percent of the time," said Tucker Gilliam, Crowley Maritime Corp.'s director of East Coast and Gulf Coast petroleum services. Now they are utilized 80 percent of the time, requiring more people. Coupled with the new boats built in the past two years and those now on order, it translates into greater demand for mariners."

The shortage of experienced officers can be traced back slow period of the 1980s and 1990s.

"Anyone who graduated from a maritime academy and sea would have to wait a year between jobs, so they left said Ira Douglas, Crowley's manager of marine recruiting ment. "A result is the manpower gap of 35-to-40-year olds there now."

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The stringent STCW licensing, training and security requirements implemented in the late 1990s "really shut down a lot of the hawespipers that traditionally were the industry's resource for mariners coming in and also made it a lot more difficult for mariners to upgrade licenses," Douglas said. New security mandates like TWIC will be another hiring challenge.

Under the previous rules, a prospective deepwater mariner could get a letter of intent from a company, give it to the Coast Guard, get on a ship and learn while being paid. After enough sea time, that person could take a 50 question test and become an able seaman, an oiler or perform another duty. With SCTW, a person now has to go to school first for safety training, learn firefighting and other skills, and pass a background check, said J.C. Wiegman, director of training for the Seafarers International Union.

The SCTW requirements have had long-term benefits, however.

"I don't consider the new rules to be a bad thing," said John Witte Jr., executive vice president of Donjon Marine in Hillside, N.J. Witte explained that better-trained individuals enable crews to "avert potential problems and help avoid putting people and equipment at unnecessary risk." Douglas noted that incident rates after STCW have shown improved performance and safety.

Training requirements for mariners to advance are increasingly complex and expensive, although the Coast Guard's National Maritime Center is working to restructure and centralize the mariner licensing and documentation programs. Maritime academies and schools are also important.

"It is at the point that if you don't attend an academy, it's impossible to become an officer," Gilliam said.

Marine employers are using a variety of recruiting tactics by working with maritime academies, seamen's unions and apprenticeship programs. Assisting mariners with financial aid and scheduled time off to attend Coast Guard-approved training courses will become increasingly important for retention.

"The industry's benefits, including earning a very livable wage, will have to be sold to prospective employees," Douglas said.

Meeting the retention challenge "is not rocket-science stuff. Treat people well and do right by them" Gilliam said.

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