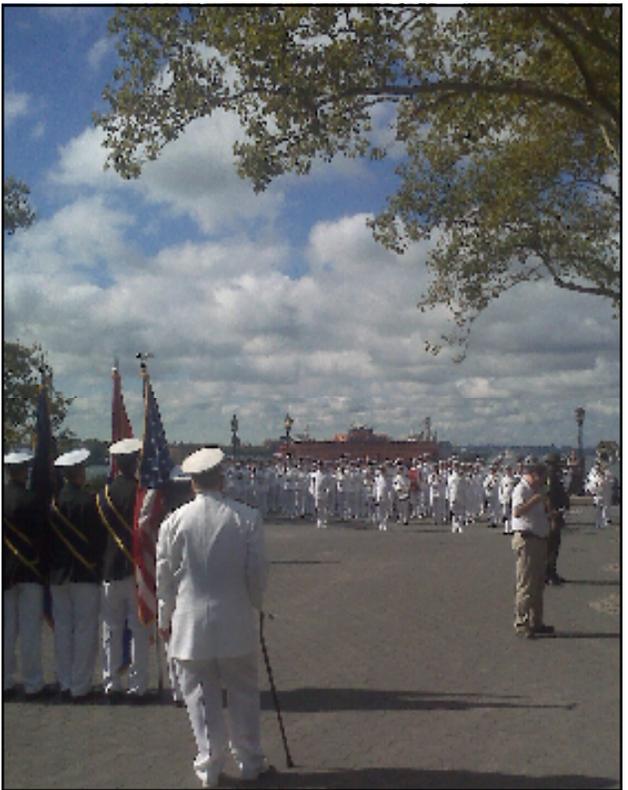




## Colorado Newsletter November, 2009

### ***USMMA Regimental Band performs with the Dutch Royal Marine Band in Battery Park***



The USMMA Regimental Band did “double duty” over Parents Weekend. Not only did they perform as usual at Beat Retreat and Acceptance Day Ceremonies, but they also played along side the renowned Dutch Royal Marine Band in Battery Park, in front of the Statue of Liberty in celebration of *Harbor Day* (Sept. 13), the Dutch discovery of the Hudson River and settling Manhattan (New Amsterdam) 400 years ago. USMMA Band Company were privileged to join together with the professional musicians of Holland, all 70 members who are in the Marine Band of the Royal Netherlands Navy. They paraded through the shady woods of Battery Park and stopped at the tip of Manhattan, in front of the Statue of Liberty with boats of all types and sizes sailing in the harbor behind them. They played patriotic pieces separately and together. USMMA Band Director, Captain Force, had the privilege of directing both bands for several pieces. He had also participated in Harbor Day 350, when he played the trumpet for 50 years ago, in front of Dutch Princess Maxima. (con't on page two)

## ***Regimental Band (con't from page one)***



Belatedly, many USMMA Parents wanted to offer thanks and appreciation to Captain Force for the excellent performances of the Regimental Band during Beat Retreat and Acceptance Day Ceremonies. Many of the Band Company parents also attended the performance at Battery Park.

Captain Force responded, "The performance was for the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (1609) of the sailing of Henry Hudson for the Dutch West India Company and the founding of New Amsterdam. We were included with the Band of the Royal Marines of the Royal Netherlands Navy one of the two premiere Marine Bands in the World! We played for the Dutch Maritime Delegation, the Crown Prince and Princess of the Netherlands and numerous State and National officials. The festival also paid tribute to the Sailing of Robert' Fulton's "Claremont" in 1809. I had played this same celebration (the 350<sup>th</sup>) in the First US Army Band (Governors Island, New York) as a young trumpet player for Crown Princess Beatrix in 1959. She is now Queen Beatrix. This marked the first time in the Dutch Royal Marine Band history that they played a joint ceremony with a student band! (and the Mids were great!!!)"

## ***Colorado October meeting***



Members of the Colorado USMMA Parents Association met October 17, 2009 at the home of Lisa and Mark Trigsted (Beau, 2013) in Broomfield. Members enjoyed appetizers as they discussed the upcoming All-Academy Ball, sea duty, sea projects, admissions, the scheduling problems with "Band of Sisters," and the recent Parents Weekend at USMMA. Fundraising efforts and state business were also covered at length. Attendance was excellent as everyone shared information on their midshipmen and their experiences.

## ***It's apple picking time!***



The USMMA Chapel Program had an off-campus event of Apple Picking in the Big Apple this fall. While they were there, someone spotted CBS News Anchorwoman, Katie Couric, and her oldest daughter, Ellie Monahan (age 18). The whole group of midshipman gathered for a photo. Colorado plebes Jim Enz and Katie Schmidt posed next to Katie Couric. Others in the photo include: 2012, Adam Wise; 2010, Christopher Adams; 2010, Robert Dunn; 2010, Jeffrey Hathcote; 2010, Michael Jimenez; 2010, Brian Roscovius; 2010, Cameron Ross; 2010, Jason Ryu; 2010, Jay Voishnis; 2011, Christina Becker; 2011, John Cataldi; 2011 Aaron Cummings; 2011, Christoph Gabaldo; 2011, Rebeca Galina; 2011, James Sanwald; 2011, Elizabeth Still; 2011, William Szigat; 2012, Renee Hogan; 2012, Emily Pierret; 2013, Michael Anderson; 2013, Christopher Bernard; 2013, Sean Carpenter; 2013, Dillon Clark; 2013, Kristin Critser; 2013, Justin Feltkamp; 2013, Christie Gallo; 2013, Victoria Hayes; 2013, Kaitlyn Heller; 2013, Eric Jaskoviak; 2013, Natalie Jones; 2013, Roshenda Josephs; 2013, Victor Lewis; 2013, Cassandra Lovitt; 2013, James McDonald; 2013, Benjamin Moer; 2013, Ryan Nonnenmacher; 2013, Geoffrey Polinder; 2013, Noel Richardson; 2013, Casey Roth; 2013, Lauren Seebode; 2013, Steven Webb,

## ***Proof it is October in Southern Colorado!***



Few states in the nation can prove October has arrived by the number of tarantulas crossing the roads. Though Northern Coloradans may not know it, Southern Coloradans have their cameras ready for the October tarantula movement. On the day of this photo, over 30 tarantulas were counted in one mile, just east of Walsenburg.

## ***Captain Force honored***

On October 16th, the Academy Director of Music, Captain Ken Force, USMS was honored with a Distinguished Alumni Award by the Manhattan School of Music at a special homecoming reception. The presentation was held in the school's Alan M. and Joan Taub Ades Performing Space as part of the 2009 All-Alumni Reunion.

Force is beginning his 38th year at the Academy and is wholly responsible for the Regimental Band's rise to become the "Pride of the Regiment" and "George M. Cohan's Own" when Force led an effort to preserve the Cohan family home on Steppingstone Lane from destruction.

He has directed the band through nine inaugural parades and initiated the "Tattoo", later becoming the "Beat Retreat" that is revered by both the parents and alumni annually at Parents Weekend and Homecoming. He has composed several marches and musical pieces including "Echo Taps", "The First Lady March" for Hillary Rodham Clinton and the "Presidential Pets March" in honor of nonhuman residents of the current White House.

He has brought a big band sound to marching with the Cohan trilogy of wartime songs and "Beyond the Sea" by Jack Lawrence (who also wrote "Heave Ho"). He is the author of the book "British Band Concepts in America." He has received numerous awards and recognitions, including a Lifetime Achievement from Usdan Center for the Performing Arts and Medal of Honor from the Daughters of the American Revolution for his dedicated service to the arts and historic preservation. Congratulations to Captain Force!



# The President's Corner

Hopefully, most of you were able to attend Parent's Weekend. It was good to meet up with other parents, compare notes, and hear what academy officials have planned for the school and our midshipmen. The Beat Retreat, Acceptance Ceremony and sporting events (especially the victory over Coast Guard) were highpoints but I'm sure all would agree that the time spent with our midshipmen was the best part of the weekend. The time went by too fast.

It's hard to believe, but the Fall Trimester is almost over. I know you may have heard from your son/daughter about how stressed they are at this time, but finals will be over soon and most will get to come home for a short and well deserved break. Please let them know they have a lot of people rooting for them to succeed. Remind them to take advantage of study groups with section mates and tutors. The small class sizes allow for direct interaction with their professors and they should be encouraged to do so. For those returning from sea, WELCOME BACK!! For those heading out to sea, remind them to keep on top of those Sea Projects. The new freedoms, excitement of travel and shipboard duties can make it difficult for them to dedicate the time needed to complete those assignments. The Sea Year is a unique aspect of the Kings Point experience and the Academy takes those projects VERY seriously.

We would like to thank Lisa and Mark Trigsted for hosting the Parents' Meeting on Oct. 17 - We truly enjoyed spending time in their gorgeous home and visiting with such a great group of parents. For those that weren't able to attend the meeting, please be sure to read the minutes that were emailed out on Oct. 24. If you have any questions or comments, please be sure to contact us. Our next meeting will be in February at the home of Paul and Bonnie Diamond. (More info. will be sent in January) Jan - this is from your email: Parents: What areas of your son's or daughter's education or experiences at Kings Point do you most need information? Information about different ports, necessary supplies, how internships are gotten? Email us (presidents) and we will get the answers or plan an upcoming speaker for a Parent's meeting. Be sure to take advantage of the excellent information available on our web site: [www.usmmmaparents.com](http://www.usmmmaparents.com)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: We would encourage all of you to make plans to attend the Colorado All Service Academy Ball on Monday, December 28th at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. I can tell you this is one of the best nights of the year!!! You will be receiving a formal invitation in the mail in November.

We would like to thank the following people for volunteering for new positions in the Parents' Assoc.: Russ Johnson, Treasurer; Linda Schmidt, Secretary; Lisa & Mark Trigsted, Class 2013 Parents; Chris & Mary Nicholl, Membership Chair; Scott & Susan Jerlow, Mentoring Chair, Julie Tulenko, Hospitality Chair. Our sincere appreciation goes out to all the others that continue to give their time and support to the Parents' Assoc. and to our midshipmen/plebes.

Finally, we would like to wish you and your families a safe and blessed holiday season. God bless you all and we hope to see you at the Broadmoor!

Sincerely, Alesia & Mike Schirber, Mike & Jan Mussler

## ***Update from our Cookie Lady!***

THE COMMANDANT HAS CHANGED HIS MIND AND BAND OF SISTERS CAN MEET AGAIN AT LUNCH. THANKS FOR ALL YOUR TIME AND EFFORT. LAST WEEK, AFTER GOING THROUGH ALL THE PROPER CHANNELS, I SAT DOWN AND WROTE A LARGE EMAIL TELLING THE ADMINISTRATION WHAT BAND OF SISTERS IS ALL ABOUT, AND THE DIFFERENCE IT IS MAKING. I BELIEVE THAT EVERYTHING TOGETHER HAS FINALLY TURNED THE TIDE. THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR EFFORTS. I AM SURE THEY PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART

Changing the subject, I think we need a sound system, for Cookie Cafe. We found the little box we bring does not do a good job. It's too loud nearby, and most students cannot hear it without a speaker system that is mounted on the wall. (USAA Bank, who were here on campus on Thursday, gave us the money for the locked cabinet we desperately needed for supplies. I bought it, and have it in my garage. Gene and I will put it in our van the next time we go to KP).

We had 434 out yesterday. The week before was the only week this year that we have gone below 400. I guess it's very popular!!! By the way, if you look on the [kpcookiecafe.com](http://kpcookiecafe.com) website, you will see that we have many weeks with no parent associations signed up. I will have to cancel those weeks, unless we have help. If you put out any newsletters, I would appreciate you alerting the parents groups. Thanks. Carol

# Acceptance Day, 2009



The rain stopped just long enough for the formal 2013 class photo to be taken in the stands of the football stadium.



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 ★ A picture says it all: ★  
 ★ "Candidate no more", Lisa ★  
 ★ Trigsted, pinning son Plebe ★  
 ★ Beau Trigsted, 2013, after ★  
 ★ Acceptance Day Ceremonies ★  
 ★ at USMMA. ★  
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Proud Mom, Lisa Trigsted, with Plebe Beau Trigsted, 2013, after big win against Coast Guard for Secretaries Cup.



Proud dad Mark Trigsted, with Plebe Beau Trigsted, 2013, after being accepted.

# Acceptance Day, 2009



Katie Schmidt , daughter of Linda Schmidt , Colorado Springs, drummer at the Beat Retreat .



Photo upper left, Colorado Plebes Cannon, Schmidt, and Johnson.

Photo above, Regimental Wonder Dog, Robbie.

Photo at left, Plebe Candidate Beau Trigsted, 2013, son of Mark and Lisa Trigsted, Broomfield.



Lisa Trigsted, Plebe Katie Schmidt, 2013, and mom, Linda Schmidt at football game vs. Coast Guard.



Photo at left, Admiral Allen Worley with Plebe Katie Schmidt.

Photo at right, Colorado Plebes Grant Johnson and Casey Cannon, with Casey's brother Kelly Cannon.



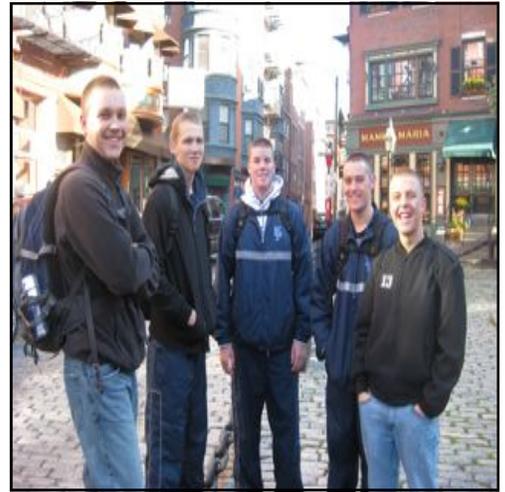


## **Notes from our Mids**

### **Grant Johnson, 2013**



Proud mother Jolene Johnson writes, "Grant has had a good first term. He is on the color guard team and the crew team which got him off the academy most weekends. The photo at left is of our two kids on Parent's Weekend and the one at right is of the crew team in Boston."



### **Sarah Smith, 2012**

Proud mother Carol B. Smith writes about daughter Sarah, 2012. "I really enjoyed the email from Glenn Neil's dad and then suddenly realized that I could send you one too.

This is Sarah's ship, shown at right. The M/N Alliance New York in a port showing the variety of vehicles that go on a roll-on/roll-off cargo ship (RO/RO). The Alliance New York can take 6100 car equivalent units. Several of the decks can be moved up and down as the need for more or less head space is required.

Sarah will be home this Friday night for about 2 weeks. Then she will return to the academy to fly to Kuwait with her sea partner, Spencer Grinnell, 2011, Virginia, (engine.) The M/N Alliance New York travels around the Persian Gulf and at some time will go west through the Suez Canal to Egypt and back to the United States to Charleston and Philadelphia.

I guess a visit to dry dock is in the plans, maybe in Kuwait or maybe in Portugal (Sarah's choice, as if she has one). Sarah is so excited to go to this part of the world. She is finishing up finals and shared her secret - keep up with your classes every day - don't wait until it is time to cram for finals (wish I had learned this many years ago.) We told Sarah about Ana's trip to the deep freeze - she is now inspired to work hard and do a great job on her sea year project." Proving she is truly a Colorado girl at heart, Sarah sends her signature image at right.



## **Notes from our Mids**

### **Jerry Coleman-Dodson at the Peruvian Maritime Academy**



Photos have been supplied by proud mother Robyn Coleman-Dodson, of son Jerry, who has spent a year studying at the Peruvian Maritime Academy in Peru. Jerry has been perfecting his Spanish and following the much more rigid discipline of the Peruvian school. Due to a MARAD technicality, to take part in this exchange Jerry had to leave USMMA and has had to seek a new nomination and re-apply to USMMA so that he can graduate with his class next year. Robyn writes that in the photo centered above, Jerry is marching at the far right, carrying a machine gun in the Peruvian parade. In other photos Jerry is clearly seen with the lightest hair.

### **Ana Fuschetto, 2011, selected for "Operation Deep Freeze"**



The photo at left shows what a midshipman does over fall break when finals are done and all that remains to be done is stay warm, say good-bye to the family dog, and pack to travel to Antarctica. Ana Fuschetto is one of two midshipmen chosen to sail aboard the "American Tern," the only container ship that travels to Antarctica. The 70 day trip in late December or early January, will supply the station on Antarctica and return accumulated trash from the station. It will begin as soon as the summer season begins in the southern hemisphere and ice begins to clear. The trip includes passage to New Zealand. Having to stay at USMMA through the beginning of November for volleyball play-offs, Ana hopes to get additional sea days on a tugboat and any other ship that will return in time for her to leave on Operation Deep Freeze.



# Colorado All Service Academy Ball

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## SAVE THE DATE

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2009**

The 27th Annual Colorado All Service Academy Ball (CASAB) will be held Monday, December 28, 2009, at The Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. This is an exceptional opportunity to honor Colorado's service academy cadets and midshipmen.

On behalf of the U.S. Air Force Academy Colorado Parents' Club, we take this opportunity to notify you of this event, so that you can reserve this important date. A formal invitation will be sent in November.

The Broadmoor has generously given us, your family and friends, a reduced room rate. You may reserve your room at any time once you receive your invitation. Please mention that you will be a guest at the Colorado All Service Academy Ball.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to attend this memorable event and visit with these young men and women of our nation's service academies. If you have any questions, please contact the people listed on this notice.

See you at the Ball!



## **Roster of Board members and committee chairs for 2009-2010**

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