



Colorado Newsletter February, 2011

2010 Colorado All Service Academy Ball Report

by Carol Smith

The Twenty-Eighth Anniversary Celebration of the Colorado All Service Academy Ball was held on December 27, 2010 at The BRO^D-MOOR's Colorado Hall in Colorado Springs. It was an evening of military pomp and circumstance, wonderful food, energetic dancing, and good fellowship, all as a way to honor our sons and daughters who have chosen the path of the Federal Service Academies and those obligations. The Ball was the culmination of a year of hard work by the Ball Committee lead by Sarah Benson of the USMA. And it was agreed that our effort was worth it.

General attendance was down this year; perhaps the economy and the USAFA Independence Bowl Game that afternoon. The USMMA showed a 10% increase in our attendance (95 at final count) – thanks in part to the Heimbrach and Coleman-Dodson families that brought everybody to celebrate Karl and Jerry's final year at the academy. There were 17 midshipmen, and two graduates attending as well as many families. This year's CASAB committee was made of Carol Smith (POC), Karen Heimbrach (decorations), Linda Schmidt (registration and major after party food contributor), and Chris Skogen (registration). We shared Robyn Coleman-Dodson (secretary) with the USMA.

Our midshipman participated in all of the ceremonies: Karl Heimbrock (2011) and his brother Kyle gave a special rendition of the National Anthem; Cassandra Walters (2014) gave the Merchant Marine Toast; Nicholas Skogan (2014) represented the Merchant Marines in the POW/MIA Presentation; Anthony Gallozi (2014) was part of the Color Guard; Jerry Coleman-Dodson (2011) wielded the sword for the Cake Cutting Ceremony.

2010 Attendees: Derien Jastrebski (2011) & parents; Sarah Smith's (2012) parents; Tyler McDaniel (2014) and family; Brennan Halbach (2008) and guest; Joshua Johnston's (2012) father & fiancé; Krzysztof Nowacki (2014) and family; Cassandra Walter (2014) and family; Jerry Coleman-Dodson (2011) and a lot of family; Karl Heimbrock (2011) and a big family; Matthew Allen (2014) and family; Nathaniel Gorham (2014) and family; Lynae Harvey (2014) and family; Christopher Lucero (2014) and family; Nicholas Halbach (2011) and family; Anthony Gallozi (2014) and family; Molly King (2011) and family; Jim Ensz (2013); Andrew Tulenko (2012) and family; Nicholas Skogan (2014) and family; Darin Coleman (2009) and guest.

The plans for the Twenty-Ninth Anniversary Celebration of the Colorado All Service Academy Ball have begun. The United States Naval Academy at Annapolis will be the hosts. So save the date for some time between December 26-30, 2011. The Ball will probably be held at The BRO^D-MOOR's Colorado Hall in Colorado Springs. We can always use more committee members! There is one meeting per month March, April, May, August, September, October, November, and December. The meetings usually are on Sunday afternoon, last about 2 hours and are held somewhere between the Denver metro area and Colorado Springs.



The United States Merchant Marine Academy and United States Coast Guard Academy will co-host the Thirtieth Anniversary Celebration of the Colorado All Service Academy Ball in December 2012.

Mark your calendars and be prepared to volunteer as hosts!!!

The February Colorado meeting

Greetings USMMA Colorado Parents;

This is your reminder for our Spring semi-annual meeting. We have a change in location from what we previously publicized. Paul and Bonnie Diamond will be our hosts, as they were for our last February meeting. Chef Bonnie and USAFA academy grad Paul will supply Jambalaya and Beer/Wine. (Soft drinks and waters will come from the parent's association.)

"Side dishes and/or desserts would be welcome - especially with a Southern flare. If anyone can put on a mean cornbread or gumbo . . . that would be great." (from the Diamonds)

As time is short, please RSVP directly to Bonnie Diamond, as soon as you possibly can:

Bonnie Diamond diamond6217@msn.com or 303-681-3322

**Their address is 6217 Torrey Pines Drive
Larkspur, Colorado 80118**

Colorado All Service Academy Ball 2010 Photos



CASAB cake photo and photo of attending midshipmen on page 1, submitted by Pat Walter. (Cassie, 2014) All other CASAB photos from Carol Smith, (Sarah Smith, 2012)Thanks!



Colorado All Service Academy Ball 2010 Photos



The 2010 CASAB



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Softball Team heads to Orlando, Florida for Spring Training

The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Softball team will continue their annual tradition by travelling to Orlando (FL) for Spring Break during March 5-12. We encourage all USMMA parents, friends and family to come out to the games and support the Mariners while away from home. **Jim Tobin '77, Pete Rackett, Charlie Pravata and Gregg Matalas** will be down for the games on Monday and Tuesday. We look forward to seeing everyone! If anyone wishes to host any team meals or activities, please contact me, **Gregg Matalas**, Director of Marketing / Blue & Gray, USMMA Alumni Association and Foundation, 300 Steamboat Road, Kings Point, NY 11024: 516-773-5544 (Direct); 516-482-5308 (Fax); gregg.matalas@alumni.usmma.edu
If you would like to make a donation directly to the softball team, please go to www.usmmaaf.com/makeadonation and type SOFTBALL in the notes section. Funds will be forwarded to the Softball Team in the gift process to the Athletics Department.

Team Sponsored Picnic: Sunday, March 6, 2011

Local USMMA Alumni will be sponsoring a picnic for the team on Sunday, March 6. Details are still TBD. We will email details when they become available.

Team Sponsored Dinner: Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Julie Berke of Cocoa, FL is sponsoring a team meal at **Buca di Beppo** at the Florida Mall on Tuesday, March 8 at 4 p.m. Julie Berke is sponsoring the meal for the team and coaches. We invite you all to attend, just please note that we are all on our own for food. (Julie is taking care of the team and coaches.) We will have plenty of room in Buca's Banquet area. This is always a great evening. **ALL ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. Here is the address:** Buca di Beppo--Florida Mall-8001 South Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, Florida 32809; T: 407-859-7844; F: 407-859-6403; www.bucadibeppo.com

Softball Information

Monday, March 7 – vs. Thomas College – 8 a.m. – Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex

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Tuesday, March 8 – vs. Mount St. Mary College – 8 a.m. - Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex

Tuesday, March 8 – vs. Mount St. Mary College – 10 a.m. - Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex

Thursday, March 10 – vs. Penn State Hazleton – 12 p.m. - Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex

Thursday, March 10 – vs. Penn State Hazleton – 2 p.m. - Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex

Disney Softball Challenge

ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex; 700 S. Victory Way, Kissimmee, FL 34747

Notes from our Mids

M/N Glenn S. Neil USMMA 2012

Glenn S. Neil class of 2012, is currently completing part of his Junior year sea duty aboard the (Steam Ship) S/S Chemical Pioneer. The ship transports a variety of chemicals all along the Gulf of Mexico and the Eastern Seaboard from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Connecticut to Louisiana and Texas to Puerto Rico and ports along the way. The assignment aboard the S/S Chemical Pioneer provides an opportunity to meet needed requirements of gaining first hand knowledge by working a steam propulsion ship. Thanks to his proud Dad for submitting these photos!



Stern of the S/S Chemical Pioneer



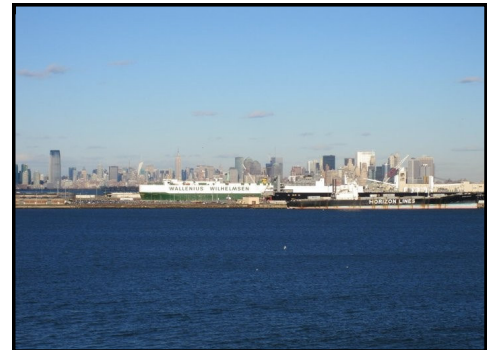
S/S Chemical Pioneer



New York Harbor



M/N Glenn S. Neil, 2012



Ports on the Eastern Seaboard

Colorado Officers and Committee Chairs

Co-Presidents: Scott and Susan Jerlow (Adam, 2012) / Chris & Mary Nicholl (Preston, 2012); **Co-Vice Presidents** - Mike & Karen Piper (Michelle, 2013) / Sue Cirocco (Ryan Moorman, 2013); **Treasurer** - Jolene Johnson (Grant, 2013); **Secretary** - Linda Schmidt (Kathryn, 2013); **COLORADO COMMITTEE CHAIRS:** Web: Jim & Carol Smith (Sarah, 2012); Newsletter - Mary Jane Fuschetto (Ana, 2011); Cookie Cafe - Christine Neil (Glenn, 2012); ASAB - Carol Smith (Sarah, 2012); Senior Gift - Mike & Alesia Schirber (Jacob, 2012); Cards - Shannon O'Connell (Derien Jastrzebski, 2011); Alumnae Liaison - Mike Mussler (Robert, 2011); Hospitality - Dan & Julie Tulenko (Andrew, 2012); Fundraising - Russ Johnson (Grant, 2013); Boodle Bags - Paul & Bonnie Diamond (Philip, 2011); Mentoring/Membership - Open; Class of 2011 Parents - Mike & Jan Mussler (Robert, 2011); Class of 2012 Parents - Mike & Alesia Schirber (Jacob, 2012); Class of 2013 Parents - James & Lisa Ensiz (Jim, 2013).



Did you know?

The U. S. Merchant Marine Academy Colorado Parents Association is now on Facebook. Please let us know if you cannot find it. These newsletters, as well as National Newsletters and issues of Kings Pointer magazines can be viewed on our website: www.usmmaparents.com.

New National Parents Association Website

The USMMA National Parents Association website will now be linked to the USMMA Alumni Foundation website rather than to the main home page of the academy. For up-to-date information on the USMMA National Parents Association, we ask you to go to the new site: <http://site.usmmanationalparentsassociation.info> This website should be fully updated and operational within the next week. Also, we can now be found on most search engines by typing in "USMMA National Parents Association."

Notes from our Mids

USMMA SWIMMING AND DIVING



Feb. 11 -13, USMMA hosted the Landmark Swimming and Diving Conference Championship.

The Men's team won their 10th consecutive championship and 4th consecutive Landmark championship. Men won by 125.5 points over Susquehanna.

Senior Nick Halbach from Wheat Ridge Colorado won both 1Meter (529.55) and 3Meter Boards (615.45) setting a new 3 meter board conference record and USMMA Record. Nick was also one of seven Mariners named to the All Conference First Team for the men.

On the women's side, USMMA Women's team placed 4th at the Landmark Championship. Moved up 1 place and scored 108 more pts than last year.



The Halbach Family



Colorado Plebe Lynae Harvey (Thornton, CO) consistently placed first in the 1Meter boards and **3/C Katie Schmidt** (Colorado Springs, CO) dominated the 3Meter boards. Both Lynae and Katie were two of four Mariners named to the All Conference First Team for the women.

Nick Halbach's mom, Bev, did a tremendous job helping them to improve their skills by coaching the duo during Colorado Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks.



METS Results

Nick Halbach won the Metropolitan Collegiate Championship 1 meter diving event 2/18 with a score of 548.60.

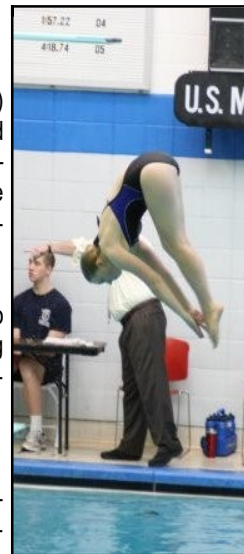
Katie Schmidt placed 9th in 3 meter diving, with her personal best score of 304.85.

NCAA Records

1 Meter Diving 557.90 Gabe Korteum St. Olaf 3/21/02

3 Meter Diving 577.05 Jeff Gorton Kalamazoo 3/18/00 Nick is looking to add 2 more national champion banners for USMMA at nationals, March 21 – 26 in Knoxville, Tennessee.

(Thanks to Linda Schmidt for this submission!)



Notes from our Mids

Derien Jastrzebski, 2011



Derien Jastrzebski writes: "I joined Winter Indoor track and have been really enjoying it. I attached two pictures from track. Rattan, Hodges, O'Toole, and myself (Jastrzebski) broke the Academy 4x200 meter relay Record from 2010 this past week at Sesquahana University. Rattan, Marrow, Mulligan, and myself (Jastrzebski) broke the Academy record for the 4x400 meter relay from 1993 also this past weekend at Sesquahana University. I also attached a picture from the All-Academy Ball with my parents. Hope you are doing well!!! M/N Derien Jastrzebski, 1/C; First Battalion Executive Officer." Thanks, Derien!



Thomas Gooding, 2014

Proud USMMA father Gary Gooding writes, "Plebe Thomas Gooding 2014, is doing well at USMMA." Gary's new e-mail address is gfgooding@gmail.com. Please update your contact info.

How the Class of 2011 Spent a "Hot" Valentine's Day: Firefighting School



Colorado Midshipman Ana Fuschetto 1/C, in the black hat bending down, mans the hose in the middle of this photo.



Twenty-two of Kings Point's finest!



THE TOUGHEST MUD RUN ON THE PLANET

Could we sponsor a USMMA team of "Tough Mudders"?

"Tough Mudders" are the latest extreme sporting event; in 2011 the number of participants are expected to exceed the Ironman competitions with 120,000+. It is different from other competitions like marathons, because they encourage, and even at times demand teamwork to complete the obstacles. June 25 and 26, Beaver Creek, CO will be one of 15 event sites for 2011!

How could our *Welcome Aboard* Picnic Sat. June 25 fit into this? Should we meet somewhere nearby and watch a group of our midshipmen go through the course? Bring opinions to the General Meeting on Feb. 26 at the Diamond's house in Larkspur. Nick Halbach is looking to put a

team together. Entry fee is \$130 until mid-March. If an individual raises \$150 in contributions for the Wounded Warriors, they get a fee refund of \$25. Anyone up for making contributions to a Colorado USMMA team?

What is it? A giant obstacle course over 7 miles long, having crazy events to complete such as those pictured below, running through mud, sliding in snow, carrying logs, running through fire and electric fields. See www.toughmudder.com for more details. Only the top 5% of finishers are timed. The average time to complete the course is 2:15:00. Usually 4 hours is the longest finisher (maybe because the rest quit.)



SPYDERCO KNIVES

Our parent organization is approved by Spyderco as a retailer for their knives. Knives are something all Midshipmen need for sea duty. Mike Mussler set up an amazing deal with Spyderco for engraved knives with the USMMA seal. Unfortunately, the model of knife is NOT available any longer, but our seal and design still is available. We need a parent to head up the effort for selling these personalized knives.

What makes these knives special and world renowned: Steel blades that won't rust and stay sharp, even under the most corrosive ocean weather; Our seal and personalization for the knife owner available to be engraved at Spyderco; Knives specially designed for the military, rescue workers, divers, engineers.

Sales Ideas: Contact the Shipping Companies and ask them to offer them for the USMMA Cadets or their employees as incentives for company gifts. Spyderco can set up engraving for the Shipping companies logos. Set up an ad in KP Alumni magazine the Kings Pointer.

The model in the photo shows the three blade designs with space on the handle for engraving. These may be good for engineers. However, for deckies, this may not be allowed because they do not have the blunt rescue tip that our previous model had.

ARE YOU THE PERSON WE NEED TO COORDINATE THE KNIFE fundraising? Volunteer at the February general meeting!



In Memorium—You will be missed, Mike!
Our sympathy and support to the Halbach Family



Michael Gerard Halbach of Wheat Ridge died at the age of 53 on January 21, 2011. Mike was born on May 19th, 1957, in Chicago, Illinois to John and Anna (Kenny) Halbach. He spent his childhood in Chicago and Arvada and graduated from Arvada High School in 1975 having lettered in football and baseball. He attended Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa with a baseball scholarship where he played baseball all four years and earned a BS Degree in Psychology. He was an active member of the Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity. Upon graduating he returned to Colorado where he met his wife Beverly (Beauchamp) of Arvada and they were married on July 4th, 1981. Mike was a successful sales professional his entire career, most recently for Preferred Paper Products of Boulder, Colorado.

He is survived by his wife Beverly, his sons Brennan and Nicholas of Arvada and Wheat Ridge, respectively; his parents, John and Anna Halbach of Arvada, and was the oldest of seven siblings and is survived by his brothers Chris (Michelle), Karl (Noreen), Pat (Susan), Joe (Jennifer), and his sisters, Jennifer Little (Bob), and Sheila Quintana (preceded in death by James Quintana), his uncle James Halbach, and aunts' Rosemary Halbach and Ellen Horton, and Mike and Bev's three pugs, Yoda, Turbo and Winston and their foster dog, Charlee.

Mike lived the majority of his life in the Jefferson County area, enjoyed coaching and attending his sons' athletic competitions and sporting events, golfing, vacations with his family, and regular trips to Blackhawk with Bev. Mike was an active participant in the Umpires Association of Colorado (UAC) and served as one of the primary evaluators of umpires for the program. Mike was known for his dry sense of humor (often mistaken for grumpiness), hanging out with his friends and family, following the Broncos and Rockies and generally enjoying life. Mike was active in volunteer activities including the USMMA Colorado Parents Association, USMMA Gridiron Club, USMMA Lane 9 Club and the Wheat Ridge High School and Ralston Valley High School Booster Clubs.

Mike was a very patriotic man and though he never served in the military, he cared deeply for the men and women who sacrificed their lives for this country. Donations can be made in honor of Mike to "Freedom is Not Free".

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"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

1 Cor. 13:13



Michael G. Halbach
 May 19, 1957 ~ January 21, 2011

In Loving Remembrance

In Loving Memory

Mike G. Halbach

Date of Birth	Date of Death
Sunday, May 19, 1957	Friday, January 21, 2011
Chicago, Illinois	Wheat Ridge, Colorado

Prayer Service
 Wednesday, January 26, 2011 ~ 10:30 AM
 Shrine of St. Anne Catholic Church

Officiating
 Deacon Rodger Creel

Pallbearers
 Brennen Halbach ~ Nicholas Halbach
 Chris Halbach ~ Karl Halbach
 Pat Halbach ~ Joe Halbach ~ Bob Little

Honorary Pallbearers
 Joel Quintana ~ Chris Little ~ Brandon Little
 Jesse Halbach ~ Ethan Halbach ~ Colin Halbach

Committal Service
 Mount Olivet Cemetery