

USMMA COLORADO PARENTS ASSOCIATION



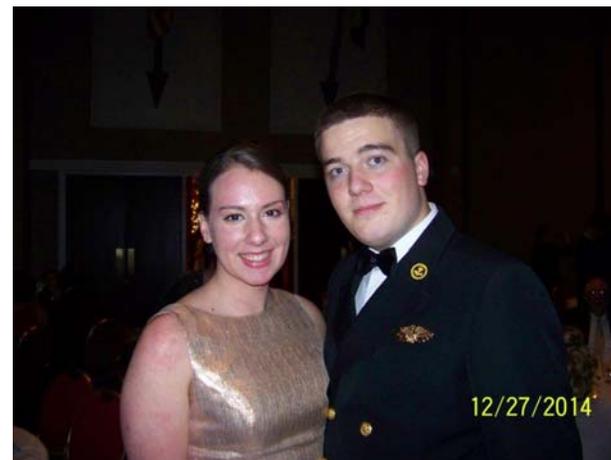
Newsletter

Spring 2015

CASAB- All Academy Ball 2014

The All Academy Ball was held on December 27th, 2014 at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, featuring food, dance and nachspiel with a Casino theme in addition to lots of door prizes. Dianne Iannone is soliciting input from the attendees as to which activities were successful and worth repeating for a future ball. Please contact Dianne to share your thoughts and suggestions.

dianne@iannone.info





Please go to our facebook page to see more pictures from the ball. While you are there, please "like" it. We are at 92 likes and Steve Bixler would like to reach the milestone of 100 likes.
<https://www.facebook.com/USMMAColorado?fref=ts>

A big THANK YOU to all the alumni and current families who donated funds to the ball. Donated money was spent to cover the cost of the midshipmen members attending the ball.

USMMA affiliated CASAB 2014 donors:

SILVER LEVEL

USMMA Colorado Parents Association

BRONZE LEVEL

Neil Jones & Company (alum class of 1952)

Carl Wright (alum class of 1951)

Other

Bernie & Deborah Watson (parents class of 2015)

Tom & Pat Walter (parents class of 2015)

Captain Barry Ingold (alum class of 1985)

Kenneth Johnston (parent class of 2012)

DeAnn Queen (parent class of 2015)

Kirk & Chris Skogen (parents class of 2014)

Kyle Dietz (plebe class of 2018)

John Koski (alum class of 1972)

Jackson Chandler (alum class of 1983)

Las Vegas Flagship Management Blue and Gray Golf Classic 2015

The Las Vegas Flagship Management Blue and Gray Golf Classic in Las Vegas on March 11, 2015, is already sold out. This yearly event is fast becoming the greatest Kings Point reunion event second only to Homecoming, and for people in the western half of the United States, it might be easier to attend. Last year this event saw over 150 attendees with a record 128 golfers. This year it is already sold out 3 weeks in advance.

If we had been lucky enough to be able to participate, Joe Martino reports about what we would have in store:

We start things off on Wednesday, March 11 at the newly renovated Nine Fine Irishmen inside New York New York Hotel and Casino. The USMMA Alumni Association and Foundation sponsors a two hour long welcome reception that takes place at the pub's outdoor patio which runs alongside the famous Las Vegas Strip. From there, the night and Las Vegas is yours (as long as you are able to get up and head to the golf course the next morning). The next day the group mus-

ters for breakfast and hops on a shuttle bus that gives you door-to-door service to Desert Pines Golf Course. That's right. Door-to-door, no driving necessary. The day is then filled with golf, laughter, stories and straight-up fun. After a short post-golf reception, Las Vegas is left for you to explore with your classmates, friends and family. As the night (or early morning) wraps up, the trip leaves everyone with new memories, new friends and a new love for Kings Point.
Joe Martino '86

This event might be a good place to make some connections. It is attended by alumni young and not-so-young who are at all levels of the maritime industry and other industries. Joe Martino '86 reports that at least 3 of his friends in attendance are presidents of their respective firms, including port operations, stevedoring and a major shipping line. Even though the event is sold out, Gregg Matalas of the USMMA Alumni Association has plenty of good things for volunteers to do during the event. You may contact him at gregg.matalas@alumni.usmma.edu



Joe Martino and Jim Tobin at Las Vegas in 2014

Cookie Café

The next Colorado date for Cookie Café is June 4th, the last of the year. This is also the day the USCG License Exam results will be posted for the class of 2015, so let's make this big and extra special. Dede Ormond is in charge and will keep us updated with emails as needed.

We need to send 250 dozen, so if a family could commit to 10 dozen or more, we should be in good shape. If you don't bake, is there someone you can ask to participate? A grandmother, a sibling, a young adult who needs some community service hours? When you ask around, you find that there are lots of people in your life who would like to have an excuse to do some baking, especially for such a good cause. Alternatively, you may donate money for the purchase of fruit and juices.

I have found that sending cookies by Priority Flat Rate is easier and gets them there in two to three days. I send them the Saturday before or even Monday two days before. Watch for emails about the shipping labels once we get closer.

Take a look at the Cookie Café link for inspiration: <http://kpcookiecafe.com/>

Make sure the cookies you send are sturdy enough to hold up during shipping and that you pay attention to the wrapping instructions from the cookie ladies. Once you get used to it, it is pretty easy to do.

At a board meeting before Christmas it was decided to gift a CD/iphone player to the Cookie Café. This has been accomplished and we received a thank-you email from Lisa Pino with a picture attached. They are thrilled to be able to have music during Cookie Café.



Boodle Bags



Karen Price has sent us this report:

It's finals week at USMMA and 33 Boodle Bags were mailed out on Feb. 23rd. Each bag cost the CO Parents Association about \$11.42 and just look at all those goodies! I received some great feedback from a 1C saying how they would appreciate more healthy snacks and less candy which just produces a brief sugar high and then a crash. This trimester each bag contained 2 packets of cup o' soup and a small bag of pretzels to replace some of the candy, and each drink mix packet was electrolyte fortified. (Next tri I'm considering adding breakfast drink packets.) The dry erase markers remain a non-edible favorite for their use during study groups and on their message boards.

Serving our Mids,
Karen Price, Boodle Bag Chairperson.

Newsletter

The Board has decided that this quarterly newsletter should be sent (by email) to Alumni as well as parents of current students. If you do not wish to be on the distribution list, please let Kristin know at kehill55@gmail.com

Graduation Bells

Work on the 2015 Graduation Bells is underway. An email has gone out to all 2015 parents regarding their membership status in order to calculate what portion of the bell will be paid by the Parents Association.

The bells are made from a 12x9 inch piece of hardwood with routed edges, on this is mounted a very loud brass bell engraved with Kings Point and year of graduation, and below the bell a brass name plaque engraved with the graduate's name. Volunteer wood-working parents put it together every spring.

The bells will be delivered to each graduate as opportunities present themselves. They weigh about 8 pounds before any packaging so mailing them would be too expensive.

Below is a picture of a bell belonging to Krzysztof Nowacki (2014). This is the only 2014 bell that still has not been delivered to its owner. Please advise John Hill or Dianne about finding Krzysztof's family.



With Penguins Looking On



We all know our Mids find themselves in some pretty amazing places. Here is a picture of our son, Elliott Price with his sea partner, Neil Conlin at McMurdo base in Antarctica, just over a year ago.

What do a couple of 21 year old guys do for fun in Antarctica? Why, they go to the beach, of course! Swathed in orange survival suits, towels in hand, they head out for a dip. Skinny dipping is frowned upon, so underneath they wear swim trunks and water shoes to protect their feet from the jagged lava rocks. With a group of penguins standing by (wondering, no doubt, what these crazy humans are doing) the guys strip off their suits and dash across the SNOWY BEACH into the water. After fully submerging and uttering a few expletives, they sprint back to their towels and survival suits. The air temp was 21 degrees F with a wind chill of 11, and the water temp was a balmy 29 degrees F. Acta non verba!

Karen Price





USMMA COLORADO PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

NAME:		DATE:	
Address:		City:	
Email:		Zip:	
Plebe/Midshipmen Name:		Phone #:	
Qty.	Membership	Price	Line Total
	Plebe Parent	\$ 50.00	
	Midshipman Parent	\$ 75.00	
	NMMI Associate Member	\$10.00	
	Alumni	\$ 25.00	
	Name Badge		
	Name Badge (1 st) :	\$20.00	
	Name Badge (2 nd) :	\$15.00	
	Parent of: _____ Class of: _____		
	Fundraising		
	King Soopers Reloadable Card	\$ 5.00	
	Safeway Reloadable Card	\$ 5.00	
	Acta Non Verba Book	\$30.00	
	Spyderco Knives (<i>In Stock Items Only</i>)		
	USMMA Flags		
	2'x3' w/Grommets	\$ 45.00	
	3'x5' w/Grommets	\$ 65.00	
	Jewelry		
	Earrings	\$ 10.00	
	Necklace	\$ 8.00	
	Cell Phone Bogle	\$5.00	
		TOTAL DUE	

USMMA Colorado Parents' Association

| <http://www.usmmaparents.com/> |

Paid to: _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ Chk. Amount _____ PayPal _____ Total Paid: _____

Yearbook 2013-2014

The 2013-2014 yearbook is said to have been finished up at the end of January. The production should take about 6 weeks. If you ordered one, look for mid March to find it in your mailbox.

Greeting Cards

Christmas greeting cards this year were mailed with a surprise gift courtesy of the McMahans. Also, it is rumored that a Chipotle gift card has found its way into birthday greetings this year! **Thank You** so much to Joanne on behalf of all our students and their families!!

Useful Links

Colorado Parent Association Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/USMMAColorado?fref=ts>

Colorado Parent Association Web Page:
<http://www.usmmaparents.com>

2014 Colorado All Service Academy Ball:
<http://www.coloradoasab.org/>

Kings Point Cookie Café:
<http://kpcookiecafe.com/>

Long Island Railway/Bus reloadable card:
<https://www.easypaymetrocard.com/vector/static/accounts/index.shtml>

Flight tracker:
<http://flightaware.com>

Ship tracker:
<http://www.marinetraffic.com>

Please submit useful links to kehill55@gmail.com

Odds and Ends

Birthday Cake for your plebe or midshipman can be ordered from Crystal Enterprises, at 516-321 9896. Cakes will be delivered at lunch Monday through Friday. Cost is \$21. Payment must be mailed to Crystal Enterprises, Inc. USMMA, 300 Steamboat Rd., Kings Point, NY 11024-1699

Soliciting for pictures and tales: Please contribute to our Newsletter and a Thank You to all of you who sent input for this issue. We are always in need of stories and pictures, tales from Sea Year, even everyday accounts of life at the Academy.

Please engage your plebes and midshipmen to send pictures and write-ups as well. It doesn't take much and means a whole lot to the rest of us to be part of your lives.

Send to: kehill55@gmail.com

Please help update

The student list towards the end of this newsletter is in need of updates. We are looking for:

Company
Major
Split
Other (extracurricular)
Sports
Leadership positions

Send to: kehill55@gmail.com

Mentors: Looking for parents of midshipmen who have completed the 100 or 200 days at sea to mentor parents of the midshipmen who are just preparing for their first trip. If interested in being a mentor or wanting a mentor, please contact Dianne at dianne@iannone.info

To remove your name from our mailing list, please email kehill55@gmail.com
Questions, submissions, comments to kehill55@gmail.com

Calendar Items

For the complete Academic Calendar for the 2015-2016 school year, please go to:

<http://www.usmma.edu/academics/registrar/academic-calendar-2015-2016>

Be mindful that changes are made frequently.

Please note these 2014-2015 Colorado specific dates:

2015

March 20 Navy League Spring Social
Contact Linda Morris at denvernavy@militaryevents.us

June 4 Colorado sponsored Cookie Café
The last of the year!

June 6 Welcome Aboard Picnic:
1300 at the home of Joanne and Mark McMahon

June 20 Class of 2015 graduation

June 30 Class of 2019 indoc starts

August 8-9 Acceptance Weekend

September 4-7 Parents Weekend

2016

June 18 Class of 2016 graduation

Board and Chairs 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 Academic Years

Position	Board 2014-2015	New Board 2015-2016	Contact
President	Iannone, Dianne	Iannone, Dianne	dianne@iannone.info 714.309.9022 (cell) 303.663.0763 (home)
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Fundraising	Watson, Deb	OPEN	debwatsoncpa@qwestoffice.net
Graduation	Price, John	Hill, John	riptide@gmail.com
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Recruitment	Miller, Robert	Miller, Robert	cousmma@comcast.net
Webmaster	Miller, Regina	Miller, Regina	cousmma@comcast.net

Thank You to Ann Strand (2018), Jeannette Jones (2018) and Joanne McMahan (2016) who have volunteered to serve on the board! All positions are important to the success of our parents association.

I am reaching out to everyone again, asking that you all PLEASE consider volunteering for the USMMA Colorado Parents Association 2015-2016 executive board. Many of the positions will be vacated by 2015 parents whose midshipmen are graduating and the 2016 parents graduate in 17 months. The term of office for members of the Board is one year. Any member may be elected or appointed for additional terms without limit.

The positions still needed to fill are as follows:

Nominations Committee Chair
Fundraising
CASAB Point of Contact

If you would like more information about any of the above positions and/or want to volunteer, please let Dianne know ASAP!!!
dianne@iannone.info

USMMA Students, Colorado

Class of 2015	Company	Major	Split	Sports/Extracurricular	Leadership 1st. Rotation 14/15
Bixler, Justin	4th		B		
Cowden, Weston	1st	Engine	A		
Harvey, Lynae	Band		B		RTO
Heimbrock, Adam	3rd		A		RTOA
Lucero, Christopher	4th		A		
Miller, Alexander	4th	Engine	B	Waterfront Chief Engineer/ Power Squad/Auto Club	4CWO
Ormond, Diana	3rd		A		REO
Pike, Jonathan	2nd		A		
Price, Elliott	4th	Deck	A		
Queen, Paige	Band		A		
Rice, Patrick	1st		A		
Silva, Kiel	2nd	Engine	A		2PC3
Walter, Cassandra	2nd	Deck	A	Color Guard/Volleyball	RCGC
Watson, Bernard	2nd	Engine	B	Wrestling	
Class of 2016					
Guettlein, Jeremy	1st	Engine	B	Hockey	
Hill, Thomas	2nd	Engine	A	EMT	CTO PO RESCO PO
Iannone, Weston	3rd	Deck	A	Color Guard/Waterfront EMT	RESCO PO, CC PO, SEAL/EOD Club co-president
Kirk, John	1st	Engine	A		
McMahan, Kevin	1st	Engine	B		
Robbins, Nathan	4th	Engine	A	Football	
Sawicki, Gus	2nd	Engine	B	LaCrosse	
Smith, Rachel	1st	Engine	B	Volleyball/ LaCrosse	
Valdiconza, Luke	3rd	Engine	A	EMT	
Class of 2017					
Blauw, Spencer	3rd				
Finnin, Emily	3rd			LaCrosse	
Garcia-Lance, Danielle	1st				
Havenar, Michael	1st	Deck	B	Swimming	
Martinovic, Marjan	Band				
Ormond, Patricia	Band				
Class of 2018					
Barton, Alexander	4th				
Dietz, Kyle	1st				
Gramer, Emily	3rd	Deck	A	Volleyball	
Groen, Alexander	1st				
Haire, Austin	2nd				
Hegarty, Patrick	4th	Deck	B	LaCrosse	
Jones, Sheridan	Band				
MacDonald, Douglas	2nd				
Martin, Justus	3rd				
Milfasky, Sarah	2nd				
Strand, Charlie	1st				

Acronym List

2PC3	2nd Company Platoon Commander Flight Deck
4CWO	4th Company Company Watch Officer
BC	Battalion Commander
BX	Battalion Executive Officer
CC	Company Commander
CHBC	Company Honor Board Chairman
CTO	Company Training Officer
CX	Company Executive Officer
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
PO	Petty Officer
RC	Regimental Commander
RCGC	Regimental Color Guard Commander
REO	Regimental Evaluations Officer
RESCO	EMS Commanding Officer
RTO	Regimental Training Officer
RTOA	Regimental Training Officer's Assistant
RX	Regimental Executive Officer
SEAL/EOD	SEa Air Land / Explosive Ordinance Disposal Club
SSO	Strategic Sealift Officer
STCW	Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping