

USMMA COLORADO PARENTS ASSOCIATION



Newsletter

Spring 2016

All Service Academy Ball 2015



The annual CASAB (Colorado All Service Academy Ball), took place on a frigid evening in December at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. The USMMA was well represented and we have only had positive feedback from the evening's events. The after-ball casino night was a huge hit and is likely to be continued in the future.

It was fitting that our Parents Association president, Dianne Iannone, introduced the Merchant Marine students as they filed in one by one during the opening ceremonies.

Attending Midshipmen and Plebes volunteered for several honored activities in contribution to the Ball's success. We are particularly proud of our plebe Lily Jansen who sang the National Anthem acapella. She also presented the toast to the Servicemen and Those Deployed. Martin DuBois represented the USMMA in the Color Guard, Weston Iannone represented the Academy in the POW/MIA presentation. Thomas Hill presented two toasts, one to the Military Veterans and the other to the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Michael Havenar was the proud Cake Cutter representative with the help of his little brother, Cooper, already a veteran

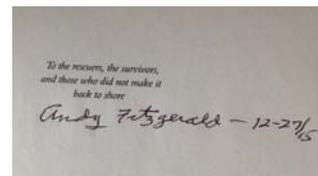
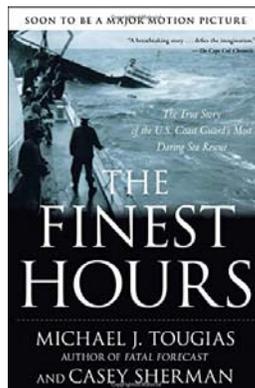
formal ball attendee.

Also present at the ball was a very special guest, Coast Guard engineer Andy Fitzgerald. Mr. Fitzgerald was one of four crewmembers on a small Coast Guard vessel sent out to rescue the crew on the oil tanker the SS Pendelton, that had been split in half during an epic blizzard in 1952 off the coast of Cape Cod. 33 men were saved off the stern half of the ship.



This true story has been written and published as a book by the title *The Finest Hours*, as well as made into a film that opened in theaters last month.

Dianne bought a copy of the book for each Midshipman in attendance at the ball, and we were so grateful to Mr. Fitzgerald for autographing the copies. Truly a keepsake!





The Midshipman meal tickets to the Ball were all paid for by the Colorado Parents Association. The following people donated to this cause:

- Carl Wright (alum 1951)
- John Hersman (alum 1968)
- Barry Ingold (alum 1985)
- Kenneth Johnston (2012 alum father)
- Chris & Kirk Skogen (2014 alum parents)
- Deb & Bernie Watson (2015 alum parents)

The following people donated to the CASAB general fund:

- John Hersman (alum 1968)
- Barry Ingold (alum 1985)

All Service Academy Ball 2016

Planning for the next ball is already underway, believe it or not. The core planning committee has already planned the first meeting for the 2016 CASAB. It is the turn of the USMMA and the USCGA together to host this ball and the many executive board and individual positions need to be filled. See below for the flyer that has been distributed. Please consider participating in this very fun event. And, yes. Food is involved!

Time to put on your DANCING SHOES!

Planning for our 2016 CASAB Holiday ball is underway! Looking for Colorado Moms and Dads of current Midshipmen and Cadets from all five Federal service academies to form our 2016 planning committee, making the best holiday ball yet!

The 2016 CASAB ball will be Co-Chaired by both Glant Havenar USMMA 2017: realtormomrocks@gmail.com and Ann West USCGA 2018: ann@marqart.com

We are presently looking for POCs which is a point of contact to represent each service academy on an executive committee level, a treasurer, and various individual positions with the executive board. Please contact either Ann or Glant for more details. The more the merrier!

The holiday ball is the highlight of the year for all our Colorado DDs and DSs and your help is needed to ensure that this year is no exception. As is our custom, our Colorado ball will be held the last week of December 2016 at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs.

Our first planning session for the 2016 ball will be held at the home of Jeff and Bernice Johnson on Sunday March 13th, 1:00pm—3:00pm in Highlands Ranch. You may call 303-471-5630 for address and directions.

Please bring a light snack to share with the group. Please RSVP so that we may have an idea of who is interested in putting on a fabulous ball for all our Mids and Cadets!

Congratulations

In the last issue of the newsletter Midshipman Nathan Robbins was left off the list of Midshipman Leadership Positions for 2nd Rotation, 2015-2016 school year. Nathan is now the CAO (Company Academic Officer) for 4th Company. Congratulations, Nathan!!

Interview with the Regimental Commander



We are proud of the Regimental Commander this rotation who is Thomas Hill from Colorado. He was recently interviewed by Jacob Weaver, the Regimental Public Affairs Officer. The interview can be found below:

Weaver: Where are you from?

Hill: Arvada, Colorado. Arvada is northwest of Denver, nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. It's a great place to grow up.

Weaver: What made you want to attend Kings Point?

Hill: I wanted to come to Kings Point because I like working on engines and I heard that if you came to Kings Point, you could work on bigger engines. I like restoring muscle cars back home, so coming here is kind of an extension of that.

Weaver: What is your major?

Hill: Marine engineering systems with a concentration in nuclear power.

Weaver: What other regimental positions have you held here at Kings Point, and how do they compare to your current position as RC?

Hill: Last rotation I was the Company Training Officer (CTO) in Second Company, and before that I was the Regimental Emergencies Services Executive Officer Petty Officer and Company Training Officer Petty Officer.

Speaking to the Emergencies Services assignment specifically, that was not as regimented as the other positions. Being an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) officer involves a lot of training and mentorship and more training. The most important thing is ensuring that everyone on the squad has a good background in Emergency Medicine and New York State EMS Protocols. As an EMT, you are subject to a lot of state and federal laws that come from outside the academy. The same effect is not felt as Regimental Commander. I also really enjoyed being CTO; I felt like that was a big leadership challenge for myself. It was a lot of fun kind of “working in the trenches” every day with the plebes, even though sometimes it made me feel like a plebe again myself.

Weaver: How would you compare being RC to CTO?

Hill: Being RC takes a lot more organization, I found. Not that being CTO is disorganized; being a CTO gives you a lot more latitude, and more opportunity to think on your feet, and manage people, and get to know people. As RC you sometimes get stuck in the rut of answering emails and going to meetings.

But on the flip side, RC is really cool because you get involved in all aspects of academy life, not just the training side of things. In addition, the position has given me the power to make a lot of changes in the Regiment. That is a double-edged sword, however. Power and responsibility go very much hand-in-hand.

Weaver: Who is your favorite Professor?

Hill: Recently I would have to say Marine Engineering Professor Brian Ackerman. His expertise and demeanor in the classroom has made learning about engineering a lot of fun, and he always ties in a real life picture of engineering, rather than sticking strictly with the text book. Now that we are seniors, he brings in a lot of input from the class members, which brings to light all kinds of different experiences. In addition, he has supported my classmates and I in an endeavor to volunteer rebuilding the engine room of the *Lightship Ambrose (LV87)* at the South Street Seaport in New York.

Weaver: Were you or are you currently involved in any clubs or sports at the academy?

Hill: I have been involved in the Auto Club off and on, but recently I have been very busy attending to my du-

ties as Regimental Commander. All of our clubs, sports and extracurricular at the Academy provide great opportunities for midshipmen. Plebe year and third class year I ran track and cross country. In track I ran the mile. I was never the best runner on the team, but I am thankful I was offered the opportunity to compete at the collegiate level. Being able to travel with the team as a plebe was an invaluable experience.

Weaver: What was your favorite experience while at the academy?

Hill: My best experience was serving as an EMT officer during Indoctrination for the class of 2018. Being in charge of indoc was really cool, and it is a nice time to be on campus, if you’re not a candidate of course. Not having any classes allowed me ample time to focus on building and guiding the EMTs to maximize their success with minimal interference from classes and other regimental duties. Like any focused, intensive leadership course, it gave me the opportunity to make mistakes, and learn from those mistakes.

Weaver: What was your favorite experience while at sea?

Hill: My sea year experience is kind of unique in that I am one of the only midshipman with over 300 days at sea, and I never left the United States. I’ve been to California, Hawaii and Louisiana, which does not happen to a lot of people. Towards the end of my sea year I had the opportunity to get on a submarine for ten days, and that was a really neat experience. I was on the USS Missouri. That experience also solidified my plans for post-graduation.

Weaver: What do you plan on doing after graduation?

Hill: After graduation I plan on taking an active duty slot in the Navy as a Submariner. I would be attending Nuclear Power School in South Carolina immediately after graduation. I am looking forward to this challenge.

Weaver: What is some advice you would offer for anyone looking to attend Kings Point?

Hill: The best advice I could give is to keep an open mind and explore all of your options. Even if you’re not sure that you want to attend Kings Point, I think you should still look in to the school, because you might find that what we have to offer is very interesting. I think for students who are well motivated and determined to succeed, that they are going to be very successful at Kings Point.

Cookie Café

The Colorado sponsored Cookie Café date is approaching very quickly. It is March 17, which also happens to be St. Patrick's Day. If

you ship Priority Mail, please do not ship any later than Monday, March 14th. You may also include St. Patrick's Day decorations for the Café ladies to use to make Land Hall cheerful for the holiday.



Hopefully, these pictures of our Midshipmen will inspire us all to start baking. If baking is not your thing, a monetary donation is very much appreciated and used for purchasing fruits and berries in season, a very popular and arguably a healthier alternative to the cookies.

The Cookie Café ladies have specific requirements for the mailing label and have provided a pre-made label that is available only through our Cookie Café chair person. We must promise to not publish it anywhere. The reason for this is that they want to control the sources from where the cookies originate. Also, this label has the date printed right on it to indicate which



Thursday they have been baked for.

Dede has sent a link to this label on email to everybody. Please make sure you change the date for when the cookies are to be used to March 17, 2016. If you think you have not received emails from Dede, please contact her at dormondll@gmail.com or you may contact me at kehill55@gmail.com

We are seriously low on cookie numbers, so please, please help out! On March 1st we were short about 200 dozen! Girl Scout cookies is a good alternative this time of year.

Updated USMMA National Parents Facebook Page

Please check out the new and improved National Parents Association facebook page: National USMMA Parents, Alumni and Friends Information page.

Dianne has accepted a position on the USMMA National Parents as the Rocky Mountain Region VP, replacing Kirk Skogen and is also a member of the National Parents Executive Board. Congratulations, Dianne!

New Facebook Page

Our current Facebook chair person, Ann Strand, has created a new, closed facebook page for our parents association: CO USMMA Parents Association Membership Group. This is a page that supplements the existing pages that are already out there. The purpose is to provide a platform for fun and encouraging stories, house-keeping items such as meeting planning, cookie café baking, committee help etc. You will find it by opening Facebook, writing *CO USMMA Parents Association* in the search bar and click on join to see if you are eligible.

Welcome to new Plebe Candidates

Four Plebe Candidates have found our association so far and we would like to welcome them to the class of 2020. They will be featured in the next issue of the newsletter. We hope their parents would like to join the Parents Association and that they may find the information we are able to provide helpful in supporting their son's or daughter's new endeavor.

Midshipmen in the News

Nate Robbins
(2016)

Disc
thrower



Good Luck to our midshipmen who are participating in the 50th Sandhurst competition at West Point on April 9th. **Weston Iannone** and **Corey Simoneaux** are part of this group.

Lightship Ambrose

Twelve first class midshipmen from the Kings Point engineering class of Mr. Ackerman have volunteered to help overhaul the main engine of the National Historic Landmark Vessel, the lightship Ambrose. The ship is located at the Seaport Museum in New York City.

The Ambrose was the first floating lighthouse to guide vessels through the Ambrose Channel off the entrance to New York Bay. The ship started its career in 1823. Several lightships were engaged in this activity. They were eventually replaced by the Ambrose Light Tower and still later by a buoy.

The diesel engine that is being restored was installed in the ship in 1933. It replaced the original steam engine.

The purpose of the restoration is not to power the vessel, but to create an interactive exhibit for hands on demonstrations for educational purposes.

Colorado midshipmen involved in this project are **Thomas Hill, John Kirk and Gus Sawicki.**



Fundraisers

**AmazonSmile
Reloadable Gift Cards
Spyderco Knives
Acta Non Verba Book
USMMA Flags
Jewelry**



Please check the order form in this newsletter, and our web site for prices. <http://www.usmmaparents.com>

Shop at **Amazon Smile** and a percentage of your purchase cost can be donated to the USMMA Colorado Parents Association, a registered non-profit organization.

Use this link for your purchases:
<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-2485360>

The next time Amazon.com is visited, there will be a verification "Do you want to continue with Amazon Smile?" Choose Yes.

The buyer pays the same as when shopping at Amazon.com.

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to the USMMA Colorado Parents Association whenever you shop on Amazon Smile. You must establish that you want Amazon's donation to go to the USMMA Colorado Parents Association.



You shop. Amazon gives.



Acta non Verba book by Mary Jane Fuschetto is a beautiful coffee table book with full page photographs from the Merchant Marine Academy.

Flags

We have USMMA flags in stock, 2'x3' and 3'x5' with grommets. They will ship immediately. Please check the order form enclosed in this newsletter.

Our biggest fundraiser is the **Reloadable Gift Cards** from **King Soopers** and **Safeway**.

Here is how YOU can participate!

Everyone buys groceries and gasoline, so please consider purchasing Reloadable Gift Cards from the USMMA Colorado Parents Association. These prepaid cards carry no additional cost to you, yet the Parents Association receives 5% or 3% of each card's value for our fund raising efforts. Gift Cards are an effortless way to give to the Parents Association. We use these funds for our Midshipmen.

We have the following Reloadable Cards available for purchase:

- \$5 King Soopers (5% back)
- \$5 Safeway (3% back)

The \$5 fee shows up as credit on your card.

The Reloadable Cards must be purchased from us. After that, the cards may be reloaded at the register or Customer Service Desk BEFORE checkout. Any merchandise (except other gift cards) may be purchased with a Reloadable Card. You can also use it to buy fuel. You must continually reload your card as the balance gets low. The Parents Association earns 5% or 3% every time you reload.

Please see order form in this newsletter.

Spyderco Knives is another one of our fundraisers. The knives are made right here in Golden, Colorado. They make a great gift for your midshipman who is headed out to sea.

Their knife sharpening system is ingenious and is the best way I know to put a new edge on kitchen and hunting knives.

Please check it all out at the Spyderco web site:
<https://www.spyderco.com/>
and then order through the Colorado Parents Association. <http://www.usmmaparents.com>

Susan Wolbrueck has been working on some exciting **new fundraising** items to be revealed soon.



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	
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USMMA Colorado Parents' Association

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

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Yearbook 2014-2015

All the data for the 2014-2015 yearbook has been lost and the yearbook committee is desperately working on recreating it. The yearbook will therefore be very delayed. You may still place your order online at www.YearbookOrderCenter.com using order number 4941.

Useful Links

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

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

CO USMMA Parents Association Membership Group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1672451942974399/>

2015 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>

USMMA:
<http://www.usmma.edu/>

USMMA Alumni Association and Foundation:
<http://www.usmmaaf.com/s/1175/hybrid/start.aspx>

USMMA Parent, Alumni and Friends Information Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/usmma.parents.class.of.2018/>

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. Credit cards are accepted or a check can be mailed to: Crystal Enterprises, Inc. USMMA, 300 Steamboat Rd., Kings Point, NY 11024-1699

Henry Baer enjoying his cake.
Happy Birthday, Henry!!



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 encourage 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 needs 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

Calendar Items

For the complete Academic Calendar for the 2015-2016 Academic Year, please go to:
<https://www.usmma.edu/academy-life/regiment-midshipmen/2015-2016-regimental-calendar>

Be mindful that changes are made frequently.

Please note these specific dates:

2016

- March 5-13** Spring Leave
- March 14** Last day to mail cookies to Cookie Café
- March 17** Colorado sponsored Cookie Café
- April 11** Battle Standard Dinner at Kings Point
- May 31-June 3** Coast Guard License Exams
- June 3** Bell ringing
- June 11** Colorado Parents Association Welcome Aboard Picnic
1200-1600
Saddle Rock South Clubhouse
6800 South Liverpool Street, Suite A
Aurora, CO
- June 16-18** Graduation Weekend
- June 18** Commencement Class of 2016
- June 28** Indoc Class of 2020 starts
- July 17** Regiment returns
- July 21** Classes start
- Aug 5-7** Acceptance Day Weekend. Ceremony morning of August 6th.
- Sept 1** USMMA Alumni Association and Foundation sponsored NY Mets game
- Sept. 2-5** Parents Weekend and Labor Day. Parade Sept. 3rd.

Board and Chairs 2016-2017 Academic Year

New Officers and Committee Chairs are in place for the 2016-2017 Academic Year. Please support our leaders by helping out in any way that you can. **Thank You** to all who have volunteered for positions and also a huge **Thank You** to our outgoing members for all their hard work.

Position	NEW Board 2016-2017	Board 2015-2016	Contact for 2015-2016
President	Wolbrueck, Susan (2019)	Iannone, Dianne	dianne@iannone.info 714.309.9022 (cell) 303.663.0763 (home)
Vice President	OPEN	Hill, John	riptide@gmail.com
Secretary	Havenar, Glant (2018)	Havenar, Glant	realtormomrocks@gmail.com
Treasurer	Simoneaux, Chris (2019)	McMahan, Joanne	joanne_McMahan@yahoo.com
Alumni Chapter President	Truett, Ed	Truett, Ed	ed.truett@comcast.net
Greeting Cards	Jansen, Marilyn (2019)	McMahan, Joanne	joanne_McMahan@yahoo.com
Boodle Bags	Jones, Jeannette (2018)	Jones, Jeannette	JeannetteAJones@comcast.net
CASAB (Ball) POC	Heimbrock, Karen (2020)	Iannone, Dianne	dianne@iannone.info
Cookie Café	Ormond, Dede (2018)	Ormond, Dede	ormondll@gmail.com
Facebook	Lyell, Lynn (2019)	Strand, Ann	annstrandphoto@gmail.com
Fundraising	OPEN	OPEN	
Newsletter	Lyell, Lynne and Kelly (2019)	Hill, Kristin	kehill55@gmail.com
Nominations Chair	OPEN	Wolbrueck, Susan	susan@caferace.com
Recruitment	Miller, Robert (2015)	Miller, Robert	cousmma@comcast.net
Webmaster	Miller, Regina (2015)	Miller, Regina	cousmma@comcast.net

USMMA Students, Colorado

Class of 2016	Company	Major	Split	Sports/Extracurricular	Leadership 2nd. Rotation 15/16
Guettlein, Jeremy	1st	Engine	B	Hockey	BAO
Hill, Thomas	2nd	Engine	A	EMT	RC
Iannone, Weston	3rd	Deck	A	Waterfront, EMT, Sandhurst	
Kirk, John	1st	Engine	A		RWO
McMahan, Kevin	1st	Engine	B		
Robbins, Nathan	4th	Engine	A	Track & Field, Capstone Lead	CAO
Sawicki, Gus	2nd	Engine	B	Lacrosse team captain	
Smith, Rachel	1st	Engine	B	Volleyball/ Lacrosse	RAO

Class of 2017

Blauw, Spencer	3rd				
Finnin, Emily	3rd			Lacrosse	
Garcia-Lance, Danielle	1st				
Havenar, Michael	1st	Deck	B		
Martinovic, Marjan	Band				
Ormond, Patricia	Band				

Class of 2018

Barton, Alexander	4th				
Bouchot, Andrew					
Dietz, Kyle	1st				
Gramer, Emily	3rd	Deck	A	Volleyball	
Groen, Alexander	1st				
Haire, Austin	2nd				
Hartman, Tyler (Utah)					
Hegarty, Patrick	4th	Deck	B		
Jones, Sheridan	Band	Engine	A	Digital Photo, Ethics	
MacDonald, Douglas	2nd				
Martin, Justus	3rd				
Milafsky, Sarah	2nd				
Strand, Charlie	1st				

Class of 2019

Baer, Henry	Band				
Blauw, Tyson	2nd				
Dubois, Martin	3rd			Crew	
Jansen, Lily	1st				
Klingman, Devon	1st				
Lyell, Patrick	Band				
Simoneaux, Corey	4th			Sandhurst, Praise band, CFC, Radio/Media, Mariner'sChorus	
Sucher, Christian	4th				

Acronym List

2PC3	2nd Company Platoon Commander Flight Deck
4CWO	4th Company Company Watch Officer
BAO	Battalion Academic Officer
BC	Battalion Commander
BOPS1	Operations Officer
BX	Battalion Executive Officer
CC1	Company Commander 1st. Company
CHBC	Company Honor Board Chairman
CTO2	Company Training Officer 2nd Company
CX	Company Executive Officer
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
PO	Petty Officer
RAO	Regimental Academic Officer
RC	Regimental Commander
RCGC	Regimental Color Guard Commander
REO	Regimental Evaluations Officer
RESCO	Regimental Emergencies Services Commanding Officer
RESOPS	Regimental Emergencies Services Operations Officer
RTO	Regimental Training Officer
RTOA	Regimental Training Officer's Assistant
RWO	Waterfront Officer
RWX	Waterfront Executive Officer
RX	Regimental Executive Officer
SEAL/EOD	SEa Air Land / Explosive Ordinance Disposal Club
SSO	Strategic Sealift Officer
STCW	Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping
Zombo	Midshipman Ensign