

# USMMA COLORADO PARENTS ASSOCIATION



## Newsletter

Summer 2016

### Graduation Class of 2016

*Fair Winds and Following Seas* to the graduating class of 2016:

Jeremy Guettlein  
Thomas Hill  
Weston Iannone  
John Kirk  
Kevin McMahan  
Nathan Robbins  
Gus Sawicki  
Rachel Smith



The Class of 2016 at the Welcome Aboard Picnic in 2012

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

We are very proud of you. You have an engraved bell coming your way as a gift from the Colorado Parents Association.

If a Graduation Biography of your son or daughter has not been included in this newsletter, please submit, along with a photo, for publication in the Fall 2016 issue.

### Jeremy Guettlein

During his time at Kings Point, Jeremy was involved in a wide array of activities. He played club hockey, varsity tennis. He managed to maintain a balanced social life and keep his grades up throughout his time at Kings Point.



He completed his plebe year as a deck major and went out to sea for his first sailing period. He decided he would rather be an engineer, and proceeded to take a voluntary setback to switch majors. He is currently a Systems Engineering major and he is in the top 10% of his class.

During his time aboard four different cadet ships he visited many exciting ports throughout the world including San Diego, Honolulu, Guam, Shanghai (China), Gibraltar (Spain), Dubai, Mumbai (India), Oman and other ports he hopes to never return to such as in Pakistan and New Jersey.

During his senior year he served in several midshipman officer roles. He was a platoon commander during the first rotation and a battalion officer in his second. During his senior season for hockey, he lead the team in scoring with 16 goals and 6 assists, and ranked seventh in the scoring in the entire Metropolitan Collegiate Hockey Conference.

After graduation, he plans to sail for Military Sealift Command to start and eventually make his way into the oil industry.

## Weston Iannone

Weston is graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Marine Transportation and a Coast Guard 3<sup>rd</sup> Mate's License. He will be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Weston will report to Fort Benning, Georgia at the end of July 2016, where he will conduct up to a year of training before being assigned to his first unit.



two Second Team All Conference nods. His senior year, Gus was captain, earned First Team All Conference honors and set two school records. He also held regiment and company leadership positions.

Gus is proud of his black lab puppy, Tristian, who was accepted into the VetDog program. USMMA is the only service academy to participate in the guide dog program or even allow dogs on campus. Previously, only two mids were allowed to have dogs but the program has been expanded and there are 4 beautiful yellow lab sister puppies romping around campus this spring and summer.

## Thomas Olver Hill

I am graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Marine Engineering Systems with a concentration in Nuclear Power and a US Coast Guard License as a Merchant Marine Officer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Engineer, Unlimited Horsepower.

After graduation, I am taking an Active Duty commission as an Ensign in the United States Navy. I have been accepted into the Submarine Officer program, so I will be moving to Charleston, SC and starting at the US Navy Nuclear Power School in the fall of 2016. I should get to my first submarine 18 months later.



## Rachel Lynne Smith

Rachel Smith joined the class of 2016 at USMMA looking forward to meet new friends, learning about the maritime industry and gaining leadership skills that she would use upon graduating.

After Indoc she joined 1st CO and made a commitment to herself and her new company of classmates to be fully engaged in academy life and to stick with it no matter how tough it got. She successfully balanced academics and sports by staying on campus during the weekends and studying on the bus when she went to off-campus games. She enjoyed being part of the woman's volleyball, basketball and lacrosse teams.

Rachel will be joining the Military Sealift Command (MSC) after graduation and will be calling Colorado (and the beautiful Rocky Mountains) her home base for the next few years. She is looking forward to exploring many new seaports and keeping a journal of her adventures so she can share sea stories with her friends and family.

Shortly after graduation she is going to spend some quality time on the beaches on Maui, Hawaii.

Best Wishes to all of the graduates!



## Gus Sawicki

Gus Sawicki, (Superior/Monarch HS) will graduate with a BS in Marine Engineering Systems with a minor in Nuclear Engineering. He plans to sail on his license and hopes to have a job by graduation. Gus was a four year starter on the Mens Lacrosse team and earned



## Kevin McMahan

Kevin McMahan has really embraced his last year and a half at the academy by co-founding and running the COR (Climbing and Outdoor Recreation) club on campus and finishing up a lengthy stint as 1<sup>st</sup> Company CC from April to December of 2015. He is grateful for the many moments experienced and great friends made at USMMA, and will continue to hold onto these memories and relationships.



Kevin will receive a Bachelors degree in Marine Systems Engineering with a concentration in Offshore Drilling. The future will reveal his career path as he places applications with a variety of companies and wraps up his challenging and exciting endeavor of graduating from the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

## Nathan Robbins

Nathan Robbins, of Los Alamos, New Mexico, is graduating with a Marine Engineering and Shipyard Management degree. He is very excited to start a career sailing with MSC, reporting July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

His future plans are to sail for a year and then start working on his master's degree in Mechanical Engineering through Purdue. After he has fulfilled his commitment, he plans to enter graduate school with his master's and work towards a PhD.



## John William Kirk

John's journey through Kings Point differed from that of most. A medical issue that developed during a long return flight from the Persian Gulf interrupted his progress midway through his second sailing. After the mixed blessing of spending three months stranded in Colorado with Mom and Dad, he received orders about five days before the start of 1<sup>st</sup> Tri to return to Kings Point.



His last final exam marked the culmination of his First Class year, which included rotations as RWX and RWO. He completed the academic requirements for a BS in Marine Engineering Systems with a concentration in Offshore Engineering, and somehow carved out enough time for other pursuits, including the overhaul of the main engine of the Lightship Ambrose, and another later mentioned. Icing on the cake was being the 2016 recipient of the Jack Sussi Memorial Award, the highest honor awarded by the Waterfront at the annual Dining In.

Prior activities included the Varsity Offshore Sailing Team, with which he spent three years, two as Team Captain. In 2014 he co-captained Orbit, a NYYC One-Design Swan 42, during the semiannual Newport-Bermuda Race.

As of this writing, John is in transit to spend approximately ninety days at sea working as an engine cadet for Crowley aboard the Lone Star State. Although USMMA was graciously willing to allow him to walk with his class, he elected to ship out immediately following finals so that he has sufficient time to complete his required sea days, sit for his licensing exams, etc., and be back in Colorado in time for his oldest sister's wedding in September, and see his younger sister and rival before she leaves for a medical internship in India the week after.

What the future holds remains to be seen. John has received several offers, including from Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) Norfolk, and Military Sealift Command (MSC). Both coasts beckon – the West because it's home, and the East because of a delightful young woman named Suzanne who has one year remaining at NYU. Decisions, decisions.

Raymond William Kirk

# Class of 2016 Rings the Bell!

Gus Sawicki



Jeremy Guettlein



Kevin McMahan



Weston Iannone



Rachel Smith



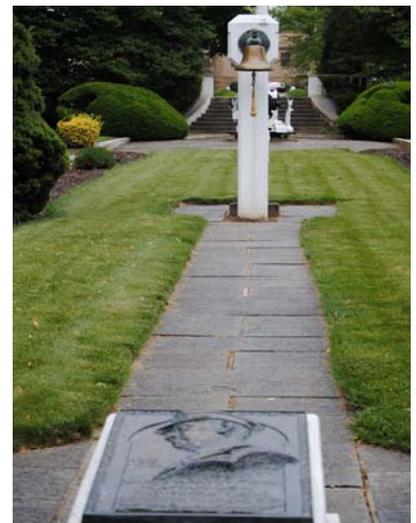
Thomas Hill



Nathan Robbins



John Kirk.  
The bell is waiting for you in the fall. Best of luck!



## Welcome Class of 2020

We want to welcome new plebe candidates, class of 2020 and their families, to the USMMA Colorado Parents Association:

Axel Bonney  
Daniel Garcia (New Mexico)  
Micah Grissom  
Keith Heimbrock  
John Henderson  
Kyleigh Kappas  
Filipa Martinovic  
Zachary Polliard  
Ricardo Pruneda-Castro  
Zac Polukoff (Utah)  
Greg Royal

### Greg Royal

My name is Greg Royal. I'm from Evergreen, Colorado and go to Evergreen High School.

I was on the football team, swim team, and track team. Skiing has been one of my favorite hobbies and I was able to get my PSIA (Professional Ski Instructors of America) Ski Instructors Level One Certificate. I was a Volunteer Ski Instructor for NSCD (National Sports Center for the Disabled) and I taught young disabled children how to ski.

I've also been a part of Civil Air Patrol for the past three years, ranking up to Cadet 1st Lieutenant.

At USMMA, I plan on playing football, as a Long Snapper and Lineman, hopefully. I am truly excited to enter the class of 2020, as USMMA was by far my first choice of schools.



### Kyleigh Kappas

My name is Kyleigh Kappas and I am from Parker, Colorado. I am graduating this May from Douglas County High School in Castle Rock.

I was fortunate enough to receive an Appointment from Congressman Coffman and Congressman Buck. I am very honored and thrilled to have the opportunity to attend The Merchant Marine Academy. I also feel it's a blessing to receive an amazing education while also serving my country.

Everything I have done and been a part of has lead me to this experience. Throughout high school I had the opportunity to lead my school in being the Student Body President and involved in student council for four years. I also had the opportunity to represent my school at Girls State, where I enjoyed learning and practicing the democratic process. In high school, I was also a part of National Honor Society, Link Crew, FBLA, and Community Service Club.

One thing that is near and dear to my heart is playing volleyball. I have been playing competitive volleyball for six years now. I played at the varsity level for three years and had the opportunity to be a starter and team captain. Playing volleyball is a huge part of me and I am fortunate enough to have the opportunity to play at Kings Point next year. At KP I hope to join a couple leadership clubs and just be involved with my class.

I have two amazing parents named Tony and Lou Ann Kappas and I owe everything to them. They have helped tremendously throughout this process. I can not wait to begin my journey at Kings Point. Thank you and God Bless!



## Micah Grissom

Micah Grissom was born in Denver, Colorado. He was raised in Parker, Colorado with two brothers and two sisters. He attended Parker Core Knowledge Charter School and then Valor Christian High School, in Highlands Ranch. Micah played soccer from kindergarten through high school.



While at Valor, Micah traveled on three international mission trips to Guatemala, Mexico and the Bahamas. Throughout high school he participated in the National Honor Society and the Civil Air Patrol. Micah also volunteered weekly at Parker Adventist Hospital and at Cherry Hills Christian Church.

Micah would like to study Marine Transportation as a Deck Officer while at the Merchant Marine Academy. He also hopes to participate in the Auto Club, Climbing and Outdoor Recreation Club, Pistol and Rifle Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and several other clubs and activities. Micah enjoys many outdoor activities, especially hiking, skiing, archery, and snowshoeing.

## Keith Heimbrock

I graduated from Heritage High School and attended NMMI for their Academy Prep program.

I pursued an academy as opposed to traditional college for the opportunity to serve our nation and obtain an advanced education while doing so.



At the Academy I plan to study Marine Engineering with a minor in Electrical Engineering.

I will play on the football team all 4 years and potentially the baseball team my plebe and senior year, as well.

## Axel Bonney

Axel Bonney is the son of James and Amanda Bonney. He has a younger brother Travis. He graduated with honors from Canon City High School, Colorado at age 18. He participated in Soccer for four years, Track for two years, Student Counsel for one year, and NHS for two years. Axel's family is exceptionally proud of his success in high school. His character shows in his accomplishments and relationships with others. High school was one chapter of many to come. His appointment to the US-



## Ricardo Pruneda-Castro

My name is Ricardo Pruneda-Castro, I am from Highlands Ranch, Colorado. I was formally a Sponsored Merchant Marine Prep at New Mexico Military Institute. I enjoy mountain biking, camping, packing, hiking, and any other outdoor activities. I'm honored and excited to be a part of the class of 2020!

## Zac Polukoff

Zac Polukoff is from Park City, UT and has been attending prep school at Milton Academy in Boston, MA for Jr. and Sr. years of high school.



He played hockey and is in the jazz band. Zac loves to ski and mountain bike and squeeze his pug Dutch. Even though he grew up land locked and mountainside, he has enjoyed being on the water in MA and is looking forward to time at sea while at KP, NY.

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## 1st Rotation 2016/2017 Leadership Positions

Three Colorado Midshipmen were awarded leadership positions for 1st Rotation 2016/2017:

**Danielle Garcia-Lance ICHRO** is the Company Human Relations officer for 1st Company.

**Marjan Martinovic RBM** is Regimental Bandmaster for Band Company.

**Patricia Ormond CXB** is the Executive Officer for Band Company.

Congratulations to all. We are very proud of you!

## Landmark Academic Honor Roll

Several Colorado/New Mexico students were named to the *Winter* Landmark Conference Academic Honor Roll. The Honor Roll recognizes student athletes with a GPA of 3.20 or higher. Congratulations to **Nathan Robbins**, Men's Indoor Track and Field and **Sarah Milafsky**, Women's Basketball!

In the *Spring* Landmark Conference Academic Honor Roll we find **Justus Martin**, USMMA baseball and **Rachel Smith**, Women's Lacrosse.

Congratulations to all! We are so proud of you!!

## Annual Welcome Aboard Picnic June 11, 2016

Welcome Class of 2020  
Congratulations Class of 2016

Please mark your calendars for the Welcome Aboard Picnic June 11, 2016 from 12:00-15:30 at

Saddle Rock South Clubhouse  
6800 South Liverpool Street, Suite A  
Aurora, CO 80016.

Pizza and cake will be provided by the Parents Association. We will do potluck for salads, drinks and desserts.

Make sure you visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084daca722ab9-usmma1> to sign up for something to bring or something to do.

If your Midshipman or Graduate is home, please let them know that they are more than welcome to join us. It would be tremendous for the 2020 Plebe Candidates to meet current students and graduates.

Also, for the 2016 Graduates, we will have all your Graduation Bells on display and ready to be picked up. The Parents Association is looking forward to present the bells to each graduate.

## Boodle Bags

Boodle Bags were mailed May 7th to be enjoyed while the 2016s are studying for the Coast Guard exam. Jeannette Jones is in charge and has sent us this report:



*I really enjoy putting the boodle bags together. It is my way to know the Colorado kids at the Academy.*

*The biggest challenge when I took over doing boodle bags as a plebe mom was trying to figure out the splits and make sure I got the correct bags in the mail. But now I am a pro after one year.*

*It does not take much time once I have the goodies purchased. I do want to try and use the parent get-togethers to allow everyone to help more in assembling the bags.*

*I try to be creative with the bags when time allows. On a recent trip to Hobby Lobby I found the cute foam stars so those seemed perfect to use for the outside of the boodle bags this time.*

*I am always willing to take ideas for good snacks and things to put in the boodle bags. The midshipmen like the protein more than the sugar the last time they were polled. Send ideas to [jeannetteAJones@comcast.net](mailto:jeannetteAJones@comcast.net).*

## Cookie Café

Our St. Patrick's Day Cookie Café was a great success for those who did not get to participate in the Parade in New York City.



Dede Ormond is in charge of coordinating Cookie Café obligations for the Colorado parents. She has sent us this report:

*I would like to personally thank each and every one of you for helping make Colorado Cookie Café a huge success this last school year. We were one of the few Parents Associations that contributed so many cookies. Our Midshipmen truly appreciated the home baked goodness you sent. We will try to pick similar dates next school year to accommodate the Midshipmen returning from a break so they can take the baked cookies back with them, saving on packaging costs.*

*Thanks again to Dianne Iannone, Kristin Hill, Beverly Kaye, Sharon King, Diana Guettlein, Kathy Dietz, Marilyn Jansen, Lynne Lyell, Susan Wolbrueck, Nobuko Simoneaux, Jeannette Jones, Rebecca Blauw, Dolores Barton, Susan DuBois, Glant Havanar, Dede Ormond, Diane and Tim Johnson, Rhonda Grammer, Jane Martin, Colleen Sherrill, Tamara and Allan Baer, Tammy Robbins, Joyce Jones.*

*If I missed your name, I apologize.*

*Thank you for your support.*

*Dede Ormond*

## The Carpet was Blue, the Chair was Red and the Admiral was Scary

*On 30 March 2016, three US Merchant Marine Academy first classmen boarded a flight bound for Washington, DC. Midshipmen Alex Helbig and Elizabeth Rose accompanied myself, Midshipman Thomas Hill, to Naval Reactors at the Washington Navy Yard.*

*We applied, along with many of our peers, to be Submarine Officers and Nuclear-trained Surface Warfare Officers in the US Navy. Many of the applicants were offered interviews at Naval Reactors, but only the three of us decided to take the Navy up on her offer.*

*We had a series of technical interviews encompassing math, physics, electricity, calculus, thermodynamics, and chemistry on 31 March. Each interview was in a closed room with an engineer from Naval Reactors. On 01 April we returned to Naval Reactors (after a sleepless night) to interview with the director of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, ADM James F. Caldwell Jr.*

*The Admiral was very intimidating, and making one's way to his office was a long series of standing in different rooms and waiting on aides. In the end, my interview with the Admiral lasted only a few minutes (Submarine commanders don't have time for niceties), and all I can remember is the blue carpet and his eyes looking straight through me.*

*After leaving his office, I was informed by an aide that I had been accepted and was handed a contract with a signing bonus. Midshipmen Alex Helbig and Elizabeth Rose were both accepted into the Surface Nuke Officer program, and I into the Submarine Officer program.*

Submitted by Thomas Hill

Congratulations to all three of you from the Parents Association!!!

## 2014-2015 Yearbook

Have you received your yearbook? It was printed and sent out mid May. If you think you are missing your copy you need to contact Herff Jones at [www.YearbookOrderCenter.com](http://www.YearbookOrderCenter.com), or email them at [yearbookordercenter@herffjones.com](mailto:yearbookordercenter@herffjones.com)  
The order number for the yearbook was 4941

## Colorado Service Academy Information Day 2016



Robert Miller who was in charge of representing the USMMA at the Colorado All Service Academy Information Day in April was very pleased with having collected names of more than 60 potential candidates for the Class of 2021.

A huge thank you to our parents association members and alumni members who helped out: Colonel Dick Sargent, Ed Truett '76, Larry Byers '61, Adam Heimbrock '15, Kaleigh Kappas '20, John Henderson '20, Dede Ormond, Dianne Iannone, Ed Klingman, Kurt Heimbrock, Marilyn Jansen, Roy Heimbrock, Sharon King and Susan Wolbrueck.

## Colorado All Service Academy Ball CASAB 2016

The CASAB committee is already hard at work. Karen Heimbrock is the POC (Point of Contact) for the USMMA. Please contact her to make yourself available to the many committees that plan activities for the Ball. The Merchant Marine and the Coast Guard are co-hosting the 2016 Ball.

Please see the Save-the-Date flier in this newsletter for more details.

# Colorado All Service Academy Ball 2016



US Military Academy  
West Point, NY



US Naval Academy  
Annapolis, MD



US Coast Guard Academy  
New London, CT



US Merchant Marine Academy  
Kings Point, NY



US Air Force Academy  
Colorado Springs, CO

**Please SAVE THE DATE**

**Wednesday, December 28, 2016**

The 34th annual Colorado All Service Academy Ball (CASAB) will be held on Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at the Broadmoor hotel in Colorado Springs, through the cooperative efforts of the Colorado State Parents Associations of the five federal service academies: U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and the U.S. Air Force Academy. This year's host will be the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and U.S. Coast Guard. Promoting camaraderie and social interaction among cadets and midshipmen from each service academy is the goal of the Colorado All Service Academy Ball. The ball also provides a comfortable setting for families and friends to enjoy themselves and each other while observing formal military displays by their cadets and midshipmen such as: color guard, invocation, POW/MIA remembrance, toasts, presentation of cadets and midshipmen from each academy, and an outstanding speaker. A formal dinner, dancing, and professional portraits round out the evening's activities.

Invitations will be sent out in late October or early November. Generous room discounts, explicitly for this event, have been provided by the Broadmoor. Reservations may be made once you have received your invitation. Please mention that you will be a guest at the Colorado All Service Academy Ball.

This will be an exciting and memorable evening to honor Colorado's midshipmen and cadets who are presently attending a service academy. We sincerely hope you will be able to attend. Please contact the person listed below, your academy's point of contact for this event, if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at this year's ball.

**USMMA Colorado Parents Association Point of Contact:**

Karen Heimbrock

Parent of Lieutenant Karl Heimbrock 2011 and Plebe Keith Heimbrock 2020

[five5ks@aol.com](mailto:five5ks@aol.com) or 303.931.3113

USMMA Colorado Parents Association website: [www.usmmaparents.com](http://www.usmmaparents.com)

[coloradoasab.org](http://coloradoasab.org) or at <https://www.facebook.com/ColoradoASAB.org>

## Fundraisers

Membership Dues  
AmazonSmile  
Grocery Store Reloadable Gift Cards  
Spyderco Knives  
Acta Non Verba Book  
USMMA Flags  
Jewelry and Keychains  
Christmas Ornaments

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>



You shop. Amazon gives.

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.

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



**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 for prices.

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, as well as scissors.

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>

## Wooden Ornaments

This is our newest fundraiser, an any occasion ornament designed by Jean Larson, Kevin McMahan's (2016) aunt and arranged by Susan Wolbrueck. They are cut from balsa wood and are laser engraved. Choose from three different designs, anchor, propeller design or a combination of the two.

Anchor



Propeller



Combo



Price is \$12.00 + \$2.95 USPS shipping. They will be available for purchase at the June Welcome Aboard Picnic.  
Beautiful pictures by Glant Havanar.

## Parents Association Annual Dues

Dues are due July 1st for the 2016-2017 school year. Please check the order form in this newsletter to determine which membership group is appropriate for you.



**USMMA COLORADO PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

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<b>NAME:</b>		<b>DATE:</b>	
Address:		City:	
Email:		Zip:	
Plebe/Midshipmen Name:		Phone #:	
<b>Qty.</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Line Total</b>
	Plebe Parent	\$ 50.00	
	Midshipman Parent	\$ 75.00	
	NMMI Associate Member	\$10.00	
	Alumni	\$ 25.00	
	<b>Name Badge</b>		
	Name Badge (1 <sup>st</sup> ) :	\$20.00	
	Name Badge (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) :	\$15.00	
	Parent of: _____ Class of: _____		
	<b>Fundraising</b>		
	King Soopers Reloadable Card	\$ 5.00	
	Safeway Reloadable Card	\$ 5.00	
	Acta Non Verba Book	\$25.00	
	USMMA Wooden Christmas Ornament	\$12.00	
	Spyderco Knives (In Stock Items Only)		
	"My Heart is at Sea" sterling silver pendant		
	Copper, Brass or Silver keychain		
	Earrings	\$10.00	
	Necklace	\$8.00	
	<b>USMMA Flags</b>		
	2'x3' w/Grommets	\$ 45.00	
	3'x5' w/Grommets	\$ 65.00	
		<b>TOTAL DUE</b>	

**USMMA Colorado Parents Association**

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## 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/>

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

2015 Colorado All Service Academy Ball:  
<http://www.coloradoasab.org/>

2016 Colorado All Service Academy Ball  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1557770654514632/>

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>

## 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



Michael Havanar enjoying his birthday cake.

### 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](mailto:kehill55@gmail.com)

## Epilogues

From Dianne Iannone, President

It has been a great honor and privilege to serve as president of the USMMA Colorado Parents Association for the last three years. Chris and I have met so many people along this journey and made some new life long friends. Who knew when Weston accepted an appointment to the academy that we would become so involved.

The parents association has seen an increase in membership, new fundraisers, and adding New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming families to our fold. That is exciting! I always say “our parents” are the most wonderful people and so kind and generous with their time, donations and support. I truly hope that continues.

Although I may no longer be president, I won't be far away....I will continue serving on the executive board of the USMMA National Parents Association in the role of state chapter liaison and also as the Regional VP for the Rocky Mountain Region. I ask you all to support the incoming board with as much enthusiasm as you have me.

I would be remiss not to thank my husband, Chris and daughter, Lindsay for their unwavering support of me in this role. Many an hour as been spent on emails, phone calls, meetings, traveling, computer, etc. in order to carry out the responsibilities of this job. I could not have done this without their support and love. My sincerest gratitude to the current board and chairpersons who work tirelessly for our organization. A special thanks to outgoing officers John Hill, VP and Joanne McMahan, treasurer. I wish you and your sons nothing but the best upon and after graduation. I know we will forever remain in touch. Thank you to all of you too, for your support.

I wish you all well....parents and midshipmen! The classes of 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 will always hold a special place in my heart.

Special shout out to class of 2016! Congratulations on your graduation.

Acta Non Verba,  
Dianne Iannone (proud mom of Weston 2016)

From Kristin Hill, Newsletter Chair

It is with a joyous but heavy heart that I write this Newsletter, the last one of the school year but also the last one that I am responsible for as the editor of the Colorado Parents Association's Quarterly Newsletter. Our son, Thomas Hill, is graduating in June and so are the 2016 parents. It is bittersweet in many ways.

I have published this Newsletter for three of the last four years, and now I am happy to leave it in the capable hands of the Lyells. I know they will take on the challenge and make it better. This is what is so wonderful about the four year turnover of students as well as parents. New ideas have a chance to be tried, to blossom or be rejected depending upon their viability.

When we first started the Newsletter many years ago, it was our only means of communication other than the telephone. With the advent of email, web site and Facebook there are so many ways to keep everyone abreast of all the happenings, but the Newsletter has so far survived. I would like to think it has become the go-to place for information, pulled from many sources, and kept together for easy reference.

Time has come to step aside, say goodbye, and become a supportive alumnus member from the sidelines. Like our young men and women at the Academy, the parents have also forged strong bonds with one another. We were also students in a sense, with a steep learning curve for some of us, but with a common goal: support our Plebes and Midshipmen.

There are good ships and wood ships,  
and ships that sail the seas.  
But the best ships are friendships,  
and may they always be.

Kristin Hill

## Calendar Items

For the complete Academic Calendar for the 2016-2017 Academic Year, please go to:  
<http://www.usmma.edu/academics/registrar/academic-calendar-2016-2017>  
Be mindful that changes are made frequently.

2016-2017 USMMA Color Calendar may be ordered through this facebook link:  
<https://squareup.com/.../item/usmma-color-calendar-presales>  
The price is \$20.00 and shipping is free. It will ship during the last half of June.

Please note these specific dates:

### 2016

- May 31-June 3** Coast Guard License Exams
- June 3** Bell ringing
- June 11** Colorado Parents Association Welcome Aboard Picnic  
1200-1530  
Saddle Rock South Clubhouse  
6800 South Liverpool Street, Suite A  
Aurora, CO 80016
- June 16-18** Graduation Weekend
- June 18** Commencement Class of 2016
- June 28** Indoc Class of 2020 starts
- July 1** Parents Association Membership dues are due to our Treasurer
- 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.
- Dec. 28** CASAB Colorado All Academy Ball  
Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs

## 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.

### **Officers:**

President: **Susan Wolbrueck**, [susan@caferace.com](mailto:susan@caferace.com), 719-685-2475

Vice President: **Wenonah Macdonald**, [wenonahm80127@gmail.com](mailto:wenonahm80127@gmail.com), 303-933-7997

Treasurer: **Chris Simoneaux**, [chris.simoneaux@gmail.com](mailto:chris.simoneaux@gmail.com), 720-245-5941

Secretary: **Glant Havenar**, [realtormomrocks@gmail.com](mailto:realtormomrocks@gmail.com), 303-246-4552

### **Committee Chairs:**

Cards-

Newsletter-Lynne & Kelly Lyell, [lynnelyell@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnelyell@yahoo.com), 970-214-1338

Boodle Bags-Jeannette Jones, [jeannetteajones@comcast.net](mailto:jeannetteajones@comcast.net), 303-618-2413

Cookie Café-Dede Ormond, [ormondll@gmail.com](mailto:ormondll@gmail.com), 303-972-2551

Facebook-Lynne & Kelly Lyell, [lynnelyell@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnelyell@yahoo.com), 970-214-1338

Webmaster-Regina Miller, [mregina@comcast.net](mailto:mregina@comcast.net), 303-484-8744

Recruitment Chair-Robert Miller, [robxmiller@comcast.net](mailto:robxmiller@comcast.net), 303-484-8744

Colorado All Service Academy Ball (CASAB) Point of Contact (POC)-Karen Heimbrock,  
[five5ks@aol.com](mailto:five5ks@aol.com), 303-931-3113

Nominations Chair- open

**BOLD=board member** (4 officers, Nominations chair and 4 committee chairs)

## USMMA Students, Colorado

Class of 2017	Company	Major	Split	Sports/Extracurricular	Leadership 1st. Rotation 16/17
Blauw, Spencer	3rd				
Finnin, Emily	3rd			Lacrosse	
Garcia-Lance, Danielle	1st				1CHRO
Havenar, Michael	1st	Deck	B		
Martinovic, Marjan	Band				RBM
Ormond, Patricia	Band				CXB

### Class of 2018

Barton, Alexander	4th				
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				
Bouchot, Andrew					
Dubois, Martin	3rd			Crew	
Jansen, Lily	1st				
Klingman, Devon	1st				
Lyell, Patrick	Band				
Simoneaux, Corey	4th			Sandhurst, Praise band, CFC, Radio/Media, Mariner's Chorus	
Sucher, Christian	4th				

### Class of 2020

Bonney, Axel					
Garcia, Daniel					
Grissom, Micah					
Heimbrock, Keith					
Henderson, John					
Kappas, Kyleigh					
Martinovic, Filipa					
Polliard, Zachary					
Polukoff, Zac					
Pruneda-Castro, Ricardo					
Royal, Greg					

## Acronym List

1CHRO	1st Company Human Relations
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
CAO	Company Academic 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
RBM	Regimental Bandmaster
RC	Regimental Commander
RCGC	Regimental Color Guard Commander
REO	Regimental Evaluations Officer
RESCO	EMS Commanding Officer
RESOPS	EMS 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 Ordnance Disposal Club
SSO	Strategic Sealift Officer
STCW	Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping
Zombo	Midshipman Ensign



**UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY  
KINGS POINT WEEKEND 2016 SCHEDULE**



**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2016**

- 1700 Class of 2016 Reports back to the Academy
- 1800 Brief for Class of 2016 – Ackerman Auditorium
- 1900 Change of Command Rehearsal – Powell Oval

**THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2016**

- 0730 2016 Class Photo – Tomb Field
- 0800 Graduation Rehearsal—Tomb Field (Class of 2016 muster on Steamboat Road)
- 1030 Awards Convocation Rehearsal - Ackerman Auditorium
- 1130 Change of Command Ceremony- Powell Oval-Wiley Hall
- 1200 Barbecue for Midshipmen, Parents & Guests at Eldridge Pool (Rain location: Delano Hall)  
Midshipmen free; Parents and Guests, Faculty & Staff – \$ 18.00 per person – Advance ticket sales (\*)
- 1900-2300 Senior Cruise – Sponsored by the Class of 2016 (See your midshipman for details)

*Dress for Thursday is casual: e.g., slacks and sport shirts for men; dresses, skirts or slacks for women.*

**FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2016**

- 0800 Colors Formation – Powell Oval
- 0700-0900 Information and Hospitality Center – Land Hall (Sponsored by the USMMA Parents Association)
- 1000 Awards Convocation - Ackerman Auditorium
- 1200 Awards Luncheon – McNulty Campus - Advance ticket sales (\*\*)
- 1430-1530 Baccalaureate Service -Speaker: RDML Brent Scott, CHC, USN. Deputy Chief of Chaplains and the Chaplain of the Marine Corps.
- 2000-2400 Graduation Ball - Eldridge Pool Area  
(Rain Location: Delano Hall) All invited.  
Advance tickets required (Midshipmen free) (\*\*\*)

*Dress for Friday daytime is casual. Dress for Parents and dates attending the Ball is formal (Dinner Dress White Jacket or equivalent for military personnel, black tie, tuxedos, dinner jackets, or dark suits for men; cocktail dresses or gowns for women).*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2016**

- 0800 Colors Formation – Powell Oval (weather permitting)
- 0700-0900 Information and Hospitality Center – Land Hall – Sponsored by the USMMA Parents Association
- 1000 Commencement Exercises – Tomb Field
- 1200 Luncheon sponsored by the Alumni Association & Foundation (AAF) (\*\*\*\*)

*Suggested dress for Saturday is lightweight sport jackets for men; dresses, skirts, or pantsuits for women. Uniform is Service Dress White or service equivalent for military personnel.*

**NOTE: RV's are no longer allowed on campus.**

NOTE: The Graduation Ceremonies will be held on Tomb Field, **rain or shine**. In the event of inclement weather, please wear appropriate weatherproof clothing. We discourage the use of umbrellas while seated in the stands, to avoid obstructing the view of other guests. Also note that the ceremony will be simulcast in Ackerman Auditorium, rain or shine, for guests wishing to watch the Ceremony indoors.

**\*Meal tickets for Thursday Lunch BBQ must be purchased in advance from the Delano commissary. Tickets must be purchased by June 7<sup>th</sup>. Payment by cash or check, checks should be made out to "Crystal Enterprises".**

**\*\*Reservations for Friday's Awards Luncheon will be available by invitation via Eventbrite.com, site open on May 1<sup>st</sup>. For further information please contact Fran Wagner at [wagnerf@usmma.edu](mailto:wagnerf@usmma.edu).**

**\*\*\* Tickets for the Graduation Ball can be purchased via the Eventbrite website at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com), site open on May 15<sup>th</sup>, search USMMA Graduation Ball 2016. For further information, contact Nik Rachowicz via email at [rachowiczn@usmma.edu](mailto:rachowiczn@usmma.edu).**

**\*\*\*\*Saturday luncheon sponsored by the AAF on McNulty campus immediately following the graduation ceremonies. For further info contact Lisa Donitz at [lisa.donitz@alumni.usmma.edu](mailto:lisa.donitz@alumni.usmma.edu) or 516-773-5658.**