





of the Nassau County Police Department will be great! Arrive early; seats go quickly!

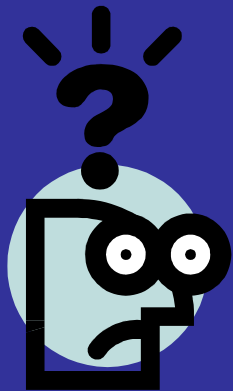
Your plebe will be able to leave Kings Point with you after the football game on Saturday, returning on Sunday evening. Don't plan too many activities. Experience tells us he or she will want to sleep, visit with you, eat junk food and shop a little. Remember how few items he or she was allowed to take in July? After Acceptance, your Plebe will be allowed a few more creature comforts. Be prepared to haul some "stuff" (especially their favorite civilian clothes!) from home, as well as shop while in NY. He or she may need more personal hygiene items, school supplies, a fan, possibly an iron. If you can obtain a street map of Long Island ahead of time, your driving will be much easier. (The Long Island (New York City to Montauk) and Nassau County maps have been invaluable! They are available at most gas stations and hotel gift shops, as well as at [www.hagstrommap.com](http://www.hagstrommap.com)) A cell phone or calling card is a great idea - your Plebe will want to spend some time calling friends and family. Be sure to return your Plebe to Kings Point on time! Traffic can be a problem; we recommend dinner near the Academy.

Be sure to meet up with other Colorado parents on Friday at 3:00. Judy Cramer and Ann Hall will be at Kings Point Thursday through Sunday. You can reach Judy at Kings Point on her cell phone at 303-810-4960 or Ann on hers at 719-661-4623. If you have any questions about Parents' Weekend, be sure to call Ann or Judy. Have a great time with your Plebe at Kings Point!

## Helpful Hints to Plebes

### (compliments of former Plebes!)

Now that you have survived Indoc, and begin your Plebe year at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, things in your life are going to change! In case you haven't already noticed, (from the time spent in Indoc and as the first few weeks of class commence) this is no ordinary college. Yes, while your friends and family will be home carrying on with their day-to-day lives, your struggle through four years of difficulty has only begun. The important things to focus on are the positives; these are the things that will keep you going when it seems as if you just can't make it. Knowing that school is basically free, you are 20 minutes from the most happening city in the world, that sea year is right around the corner, and that everyone else is dealing with the exact same circumstances as you are, should be somewhat of a relief. After Acceptance Day, when you are entitled to some freedom on weekends, and the opportunity to go out and actually enjoy your Saturdays, things begin to look up. Working through your Plebe year will be a test of your mental and physical stamina and an excellent chance for you to learn more about yourself! The academic rigors will challenge you like you have never before been. It is essential to practice good study habits and time management. If you study well in groups, get classmates from your section to meet every night for a study session; if you perform better in an individual setting, make sure you get away from all distractions and places that could potentially disrupt your study time. The most important bit of advice is to seek out the tutors. They are there to help and to guide you through your course work with a much more personal touch than your regular professors can offer in the classroom setting. This brings up another good point. DO NOT be afraid to contact your professors for extra help! You will learn that the teachers at the Academy have your personal success in their highest interest. They want to see you succeed,





**The Colorado  
Parent's  
Association will  
be selling Flag  
Pins at Parent's  
Weekend as a  
fundraiser.  
Please let Ann  
Hall or Judy  
Cramer know if  
you can help out!**

and will probably join another ship for the last two months of his sea year.

After performing EMT duties during Indoc, **Mike Mikulak (2006)** reported aboard the SeaLand Defender, a cargo container ship, for a tour along the west coast of the United States, and then on to the Orient. Mike will have stops in Alaska, Japan, South Korea and China. You can follow Mike's journey at [http://schedules.maersksealand.com/prs2/content/find\\_schedule.jpg](http://schedules.maersksealand.com/prs2/content/find_schedule.jpg)

**Adam VandenBoogaard (2006)** (after a week-long summer break) departed New York, on the container ship M/V Endurance on July 5. He has nearly completed his first tour, with port calls at Norfolk, VA; Charleston, SC; Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy; Salerno, Italy; Haifa, Israel; Izmir, Turkey; and La Spezia, Italy. His ship is scheduled to return to New York on August 12, and will repeat the tour on August 13. Adam is putting in many hours on his sea project, and must be on the bridge for all arrivals and departures (which is seriously impacting his sleep schedule, since many are in the wee early hours!). He has had many opportunities to venture off the ship at various ports, and has seen sights many of us can only dream of! You can follow Adam's journey at <http://www.ponl.com/products/corp/apps/vessel/Servlet>

## Our Academic Stars!

Members of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy's Engineering Department will participate in the "Marine Environmental Engineering Technology Symposium," August 21-22, in Arlington, VA. The conference is sponsored jointly by the American Society of Naval Engineers and the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers.

Once the academic year has begun in earnest, please keep your newsletter editor, Lea VandenBoogaard, advised of any special academic achievements by your midshipman for inclusion in this section.

## Colorado M/N Sports & Activities

The Regimental Band of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy will participate in the Canadian Military Music Festival in Quebec city, Canada, August 20-24. The Academy band was one of just 18 musical groups from around the world invited to be part of the festival, which is seen by an audience of thousands.

For up-to-date information on all Kings Point athletics, the KP Athletics Weekly Newsletter is for you! The yearly subscription to the KP Athletics Newsletter includes a copy of the KP Football Program, the All-Sports Guide, Men's and Women's Basketball Program, and upon request, any other printed materials from the athletics office. Cost is \$35/year, or free if you donate \$250 to Kings Point athletics (Blue and Gray Club or a specific sport). Send a check, along with your name, address, and your midshipman's name and sport to:

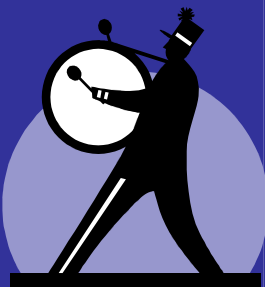
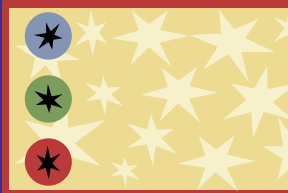
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Feel free to contact  
any one of us with  
ANY questions you  
might have!

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## Help Us Out

Please forward box numbers, email addresses and birthdays for your Plebe Candidates to Dee Mikulak as soon as possible. Please keep Lea VandenBoogaard advised of any activities that your Plebe or Midshipman is involved in for inclusion in our newsletter. We expect to publish the newsletter once per quarter. Also, please keep Dee and Lea informed of any address changes, both residential and email. If you are unable to receive the newsletter via email, a copy will be mailed to you.

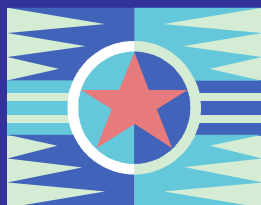
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## New Commandant of M/N

CAPT Robert G. Allee, USMS, has been appointed the Commandant of Midshipmen effective July 27, 2003. Since June 1999, CAPT Allee has served as Associate Professor of Marine Transportation and Master of the T/V (Training Vessel) KINGS POINTER. Prior to joining the USMMA faculty, CAPT Allee had a distinguished 31-year career in the U.S. Navy and Merchant Marine. CAPT Allee graduated from the USMMA in 1968. In 1971, he was called to active duty as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy. During his career, he commanded the USS DECATEUR, USS TRIPPE, Maritime Prepositioning Ships Squadron TWO and had a number of other shoreside tours.

CAPT Allee served as Sealift Commander during the initial U.S. operations in support of the 1992-1993 United Nations peacekeeping missions in Somalia. His last assignment was as Deputy Director of Logistics Plans and Policy on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations. Upon retirement from the Navy in 1994, CAPT Allee served as General Manager at two Federal Marine Terminals, locat4ed in Cleveland, Ohio, and Albany, New York, respectively.

Welcome, CAPT Allee!





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## “Acta Non Verba”

For 60 years, the United States Merchant Marine Academy has successfully fulfilled its mission of educating our country’s brightest leaders, instilling in them the belief that actions speak louder than words.

In this anniversary year, a wonderful book of photographs by Mary Jane Fuschetto (mother of Angelina, class of 2001), “Acta Non Verba” is available through the Academy bookstore for \$39 plus shipping. True to the USMMA motto, the words in the text are few. The 129 photographs of Academy life speak more memorably than words. For family and friends it is a chance to see what they may not experience. For midshipmen, it is an opportunity to remember past challenges and successes.

It may be possible to receive a quantity discount if the books are purchased through your Parent’s Association. An update will be published in the next issue of your newsletter.

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## Academy Unearths Memorial

On Thursday, May 22, 2003, the day seamen celebrate National Maritime Day, a memorial was found by workings digging up an old road at the Merchant Marine Academy. A large marble cross, inscribed in capital letters,

***U.S. LIBERTY VESSEL***

***J.P. HENDERSON***

***SEPTEMBER 3, 1943***

gave workers pause as they thought they had found a mass grave. The story of the ship is well-documented in maritime and warfare annals. The J.P. HENDERSON, named after a proponent of Texas’ annexation to the United States, who later became its first governor and a U.S. Senator, was one of the many Liberty ships produced en masse to combat German forces. Built in 1938, the J.P. HENDERSON was en route from New York to Liverpool when it collided with the J.H. SENIOR tanker carrying fuel and other flammable substances. Both caught on fire, and of 67 sailors and National Armed Guard members on the vessel, only four survived.

Officials at Kings Point said there is no mass grave on the grounds. However, they don’t know exactly how or when the tombstone ended up there, or why it was buried.

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## Parent’s Association Meeting

A Parent’s Association Meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 5, 2003. We’re hoping to combine a meeting with the preparation of “boodle” bags. Booodle bags are prepared and mailed to all Colorado midshipmen around finals. They include snacks, instant drinks, etc. Details on when and where the meeting will be held will follow.