



USMMA COLORADO

May 2006

Next Club Meeting & New Families Picnic Peggy and Dave Kirchner (Sarah Christenson, 2007)

June 25, 2006 ~ Indian Hills, Colorado

1 PM Meeting

2:30 – Eat ! Meet ! Greet!

A warm welcome to all the new families of the Colorado USMMA parents organization. It is our sincere hope that you will be able to attend this event. It is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to get to know each other. This will be a potluck event. We need help with the following food items for the meal.

2009 Parents – desserts

2008 Parents – salads/entrees

2007 Parents – salads/entrees

2006 Parents – Please be our guests!!



Directions to the Kirchner House:

If you are coming from the NORTH

- Take I-25 south
- West on I-76 (runs into I-70) to C470
- C470 south toward Colorado Springs until you intersect with Hampden Avenue / Highway 285

If you are coming from the SOUTH

- I-25 north
- C470 west (towards Grand Junction) until you intersect with Hampden Avenue / Highway 285

If you are coming from CENTRAL DENVER

- Hampden Avenue west until you intersect with C470 (stay on Hampden/285, do not exit onto C470)

Once you get to the intersection of C470 & Hampden:

Take Highway 285 south towards Fairplay (actually goes in a westerly direction into the mountains) for 4 miles. Turn right into Indian Hills on Parmalee Gulch Road and go 2.6 miles. Once past the Indian Hills Nursery, take the first left driveway. There will be balloons and the USMMA flag on the overhead gate. If you get lost, call 303.378.0781. We can talk you in. Do NOT rely on MapQuest. MapQuest thinks all 600 families in Indian Hills live at one address (the Community Center!)

We would like to have as many midshipmen there as possible. We need you to answer questions that come up from new candidates. It is an important meeting and a wonderful opportunity to catch up on new info and welcome new additions.

Boodle Bag Coordinators Needed

We are also looking for someone to chair the upcoming boodle bags (4/c family). The boxes will **need to be mailed early June** to be received for finals that begin on June 10.

Also, please look at your 2006-2007 schedule, we are looking for the following boodle bag coordinators for next year:

1 st trimester	2/c parent
2 nd trimester	3/c parent
3 rd trimester	4/c parent (recruitment at fall meeting)

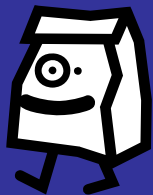
Midshipmen appreciate the boodle bags that they receive from us. Can we please ask your help again in the way of a contribution? Peggy Kirchner is in charge of this worthy effort and the money is used for nutritious snacks and postage. Please send donations to the address listed below:

Make checks out USMMA Parents Club of Colorado
c/o Peggy Kirchner
PO Box 683
Indian Hills, CO 80454

As we approach the end of our academic year, Peggy Kirchner, our treasurer, is looking for her replacement, Sarah will be 1/c next year. Peggy would like someone to volunteer soon so that they will have a full year to work with her. If you are interested please contact Peggy directly to find out what the job entails.

Where In The World Is Waldo?

Dylan Tumblin and Kurt Mast both from the class of 2008 are presently sailing on the USNS Yukon somewhere in the South China Sea heading to Japan. Both are serving as engine cadets.



Greetings to 2009 Parents!

We haven't received any information on your midshipman for the newsletter. We would love to share their accomplishments with all the other families. In many cases, we do not have their box numbers at the academy. We also do not know their split for sea duty. Please forward this information to Dawn Cooley this week. Her email address is: Dawn.Cooley@hfwholesale.com

Where Are They Going?

Adam VandenBoogaard has accepted an active duty commissioning as a Naval Flight Officer. He will begin flight school training in Pensacola, Florida in August, 2006.

Mike Mikulak has chosen to sail commercially. He currently has several offers to consider and has not made a decision at this time.

Eric Cramer will be commissioned in the United States Marine Corps upon graduation. He reports to Officer Candidate School at Quantico, VA in October/06 or January/07.

Kim Sercel has accepted a commission to the US Air Force and will report to flight school in January 2007.

Adam Hall will be in his sister's wedding and then head to the Long Beach area and try to get on a MEBA ship for one run. He is hoping to get a job with the Military Sealift Command and head to the Far East.



USMMA Officers 2006/2007

The list of officers for next year has just been released. The following is a list of the Coloradoans who will serve as officers during 06/07 academic year.

RX Nix, Alicia M

RCGC Hayes, Benjamin D

RHGC Youngman, David A

Our Academic & Athletic Stars

The class of 2006 is an outstanding example of academic excellence and we are proud to acknowledge several Colorado midshipmen.

A reception was held on May 8, 2006 to congratulate 32 of our finest at Kings Point for membership in the *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

5 members of this prestigious group are from Colorado!

Congratulations to :

Jordan Brown

Eric Cramer

Mike Mikulak

Kim Sercel

Adam Vanden Boogaard

Below is a more comprehensive list of special awards and recognitions that the Coloradoans have received.

Jordan Brown

The Joseph Lipset Memorial Award

(Established in 1955)

A ship's clock is awarded by the Kings Point Maritime Association to two Midshipmen in each graduating class who, through their leadership ability, have contributed the most to the success of the Regimental Band. The winners will be chosen by the Director of Music with the concurrence of the Commandant of Midshipmen.

Eric Cramer

The American Society of Naval Engineers Award

(Established in 1956)

A certificate and grant of \$250.00 awarded to the Engineer or Dual License Midshipman who exhibits the potential of a superior engineer by maintaining grades in the upper ten percent of the class in the engineering sciences: Statics, Dynamics, Hydraulics, Strength of Materials, and Thermodynamics. In addition, the recipient shall be eligible for and accept a Naval Reserve Commission. Selection made by a vote of the faculty members in the Department of Engineering who teach the engineering science courses.

National Veterans Of Foreign Wars of the United States Award

(established in 1997)

An engraved ship's clock to the Midshipman in each graduating class who has demonstrated excellence in both academic and regimental performance. In addition, this person has shown exceptional



leadership and patriotic qualities with regards to performance in an assigned Midshipman Officer billet and is entering active military service. Selection made by a vote of the Dean, the Commandant, and Department Head of Naval Science.

The New York Police Department and the New York City Fire Department Memorial Award

(Established in 2002)

Two U. S. Savings Bonds, having a maturity value of \$1,000.00 each, awarded by Dr. John Farrell in memory of his family and friends in the New York City Police Department and the New York Fire Department, who were lost at the World Trade Center on 11 September 2001, to two Midshipman in each graduating class. They are nominated by members of their graduating class as having demonstrated outstanding qualities of Americanism through service to the Regiment, and other accomplishments during the upper class years, and who have attained an average grade of "B" or better in the United States History courses. Selection made from a list of six nominees submitted by the Commandant to the Prizes and Awards Committee.



Michael Mikulak

New York Commandery, Naval Order of the United States Award

(Established in 1955)

A permanent plaque, awarded by the New York Commandery, Naval Order of the United States, to be displayed at the Academy, on which shall be inscribed the names of all the graduating Regimental Commanders who have successfully discharged the duties of that high office. In addition, an engraved watch will be awarded to each Regimental Commander. Commandant will approve selection.

The Regimental Commander's Award

(Established in 1997)

A Regulation Naval sword awarded to the Midshipmen in each graduation class for outstanding qualities of leadership, military bearing and devotion to the mission of the Academy which has resulted in their appointment and successful performance of duty as Regimental Commanders for the first and second rotation of Midshipmen Officers. Selection made by the Commandant.

APL Limited Award

(Established in 2000)

A cash award of \$1,000.00 for excellence in information technology is sponsored by APL Limited, an industry leader in the development and use of information technology in international shipping and

logistics. The award recognizes a graduating Midshipman who has distinguished him or herself in IT – either academically or through practical development and application of IT solutions to real maritime transportation and logistics problems.

Adam Vanden Boogaard

The Astronaut Elliot M. See, Jr. (AFCEA) Memorial Award

(Established in 1978)

An engraved ship's clock presented by the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, in memory of Astronaut Elliot M. See, Jr., Class of 1949, to a Deck or Dual License Midshipman in each graduation class for outstanding achievement and academic excellence in Marine Electronics. A perpetual plaque will bear the name of the winner. Selection made by vote of the faculty members in the Department of Marine Transportation who teach marine electronics courses.

The Society of Sponsors of the United States Navy Award

(Established in 1998)

A briefcase awarded to the Midshipman in each graduation class who earned the highest grade point averages in the Sea Year projects and is entering active duty in the United States Navy. Selection made by the Department of Professional Development and Career Services and Department of Naval Science.

Military Order of Foreign Wars Award

(Established in 1999)

A pair of binoculars inscribed with the recipient's name awarded to the writer of the best Leadership Essay from the DNS Navy Leadership course of AFROTC Leadership course that is going on active duty with the military. Selection made by a vote of the faculty members in the Naval Science.

David Yi

The Charles A. Fowler, Jr. Award

(Established in 2005)

A \$500.00 savings bond, presented by the American Legion, Great Neck Post #160, to the midshipman who is going into active service. Selection made by the Commandant's Office with the approval of the Academic Board.

Benjamin Hayes, 2007, has had an outstanding outdoor track season. He has run in the 4 X 400 meter relay, 110 meter hurdles, the 400 meter hurdles. He has bettered his personal best in the 400



meter hurdles twice and qualified for the East Coast Athletic Conference finals May 18-19th in Springfield, MA.

Dylan Tumblin, 2008, received his 4th consecutive gold star.

KayIn Badger, 2009, has earned her second gold star for academics.

Parents' Club Membership

We encourage all USMMA parents to become members of the USMMA Colorado Parents' Club. Membership dues are \$35/year and can be sent to Peggy Kirschner, P.O. Box 683, Indian Hills, CO 80454. She can also provide you with the Dues/ Membership form. Your Parent's Club can be a wonderful support group for new parents as well as parents of upperclassmen.

Additionally, thanks to Webmaster, Bob Rossi, you can now pay your annual dues via credit card on our USMMA Colorado Parents website!

Newsletter Input

Please send items of interest about our Colorado midshipman to patricia_barber@comcast.net for future newsletter publications.

Parents' Club Fundraisers

Activities Coordinator, Bev Halbach, will be selling flag pins and name badges at the Welcome Aboard Picnic in June. Pins are also available on our website, at www.usmmaparents.com.

Two other ongoing fundraisers are always present on our website. They are the [Sierra Trading Post](#) and [Spyderco Knives](#).

The Sierra Trading post is offering 5-10% of your order total to be donated to the USMMA Colorado Parent's Club, on purchases made through their link on our website. Additionally, there is a link to a coupon, valid through July 15, for 10% off all purchases over \$125.00. The Sierra Trading Post is a great source of outdoor apparel and gear.

Spyderco Knives, of Golden, is offering top quality marine and rescue knives at a greatly discounted price to our midshipmen and their families. Additionally, a portion of each order will be donated to our Parent's Club.

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The United States Merchant Marine Academy, founded in 1943, is a federal institution operated by the Maritime Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Its mission is to train young men and women from across the nation as merchant marine and naval reserve officers and awards them a Bachelor of Science degree. Midshipmen are required to spend one year of the Academy's four year program training at sea aboard U.S commercial vessels. Midshipmen must then pass a comprehensive third mate written examination, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard, for licensing as a deck officer, QMED (Qualified Member of the Engine Department), or engineering officer.
