

USMMA COLORADO PARENT ASSOCIATION



Newsletter

Fall 2013

Celebrations - Cards from Home



Courtney with cards ready to be mailed for the September birthdays. (Photo credit: Ensz family)

My name is Courtney Ensz and I live in Seibert, Colorado. I attend Flagler High School and I am going to be a big bad senior this year.

During my sophomore year, I began sending cards to the Academy when my brother was a second class midshipman. I send the plebes more positive and encouraging cards than compared to the upper classmen. I think this gives them more of a confidence boost and that is totally worth it. It is fun to find encouraging stories for the cards.

I also really enjoy meeting the midshipmen in person (Christmas Ball and times at the Academy) when I can put a name to an actual face.

I send birthday, Christmas, and graduation cards.

My parents and I plan on continuing as card chairs until next summer when I will go off to college.

Courtney Ensz (Card Chair assistant)

More celebrations - Birthday Cake at Lunch

For \$20 you can order a birthday cake to be delivered during lunch (Monday—Friday) to your Midshipman's table. The cake is large enough to share with all the table mates. A picture will be taken and emailed to you. Please note the new phone number! Contact NANA Services at (516) 773-0081.

Please submit birthday pictures to share!



Thomas Hill (2016) 20th birthday.
Photo credit: NANA Services

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated to Kirk Skogen's gift. We were able to present him with a \$75 Bass Pro gift card and a hand bell, a replica of the USMMA bell rang upon passing the Coast Guard licensing exams.

Also **thank you** for the donations for the Black Forest fire victims. We collected clothes, kitchen items, and gift cards.

Cookie Cafe

Cookie Café is a non profit 501c3 organization run and supported by USMMA parents, family and friends. It is open every Thursday afternoon on campus from 13:00 to 17:00 to students, faculty and administration and serves baked goodies with milk, coffee, tea, lemonade or hot chocolate. All is free of charge. Check out their web-site at

<http://kpcookiecafe.com/>

All goods are donated; Colorado parents are signed up for November 14, 2013 and April 10, 2014. These are the days when we are responsible for filling the tables. Cash donations are also welcome. Ann Rice is our Cookie Café Chair. She will send out emails about due dates and shipping labels in October. Be prepared to bake more cookies than you have ever seen in your kitchen, and then try to fit them into a box...



Last April's Colorado sponsored Café. Photo: Credit: Dianne Iannone

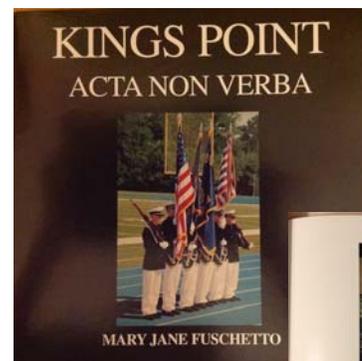
Christmas already?

This year try to think of Christmas presents that can do double duty, be a wonderful and unic present to someone and at the same time help support the USMMA Colorado Parents Association.

Mary Jane Fuschetto, USMMA National Parents Association Chair, is the editor of a beautiful Coffee Table Book entitled **Kings Point: Acta Non Verba**. It is for sale from Mary Jane through the Colorado Parent Association for \$25 plus shipping. \$5 of the purchase price will go to the Association. Please contact Deb Watson to place an order: debwatsoncpa@qwestoffice.net

Another great Christmas present could be a copy of the **Cookie Café Cookbook**. Details about this can be found at <http://kpcookiecafe.com/>. The book is a compilation of recipes from parents, friends and alumni and contains lots of pictures of happy midshipmen stuffing their faces of the baked goodies. The book sells for \$20 plus shipping and can be ordered at midshipmanmorale@gmail.com.

Photo from Kings Point Cookie Café web site.



Cover and sample page from Mary Jane's book.
Photo credit: Kristin Hill

Help raise \$30,000 for
USMMA Midshipman Morale
We are halfway there!!!
Read the fun reviews on Facebook:
"KP Cookbook 2012"



350 pages - \$20 plus shipping
midshipmanmorale@gmail.com

Please go to our web site <http://www.usmmaparents.com/> for more gift ideas, pictures and easy and secure ordering options for **Spyderco Knives**, made in Colorado., **Earrings, Necklaces and Zipper Pulls** with miniature American and USMMA flags.

Large **USMMA Flags**, 3'x 5', are on sale for \$75 each, originally \$95. There are 2 different kinds, one with a gold fringe and another with a pole hem. Please Contact Dianne Iannone or Deb Watson if you are interested in purchasing these.

Other USMMA flags are available through the web site. A 2'x3' flag is \$45 and 3'x5' is \$65.

Our best fundraiser is the reloadable grocery store gift-cards from **King Soopers** and **Safeway**. In addition to being a thoughtful present, we should all use them every time we shop for groceries. Everybody spend money at the grocery store so why not make your grocery dollars do double duty. Here is how to do it:

Purchase card from Deb Watson for \$ 5.00 as initial credit.

Reload the card at the Service Counter at the grocery store or at the check stand before you pay for groceries. Use creditcard, check or even cash for this, up to \$500. Then use the reloaded giftcard to pay for your purchases. The USMMA Parents Association will get 5% each time a card is reloaded.

Oodles of Boodles

The plebes, 1st classmen, and A split MIDNS will be getting ready to take their 1st Trimester finals the week of Oct. 28th. To satisfy the study munchies and let them know we're thinking of them, I will be sending each a gallon size goodie/boodle bag on behalf of the CO Parents' Association. I usually time their arrival for the Thursday or Friday before finals week so they can be enjoyed over the weekend, too.

The bags usually consist of the coveted and Academy famous CO Beef Jerky from the local Hickory Ham Co. in Castle Rock, CO, and useful item such as post-its or index cards, chewing gum, assorted candy and salty snacks, a homemade Double Dark Chocolate Espresso brownie, (courtesy of yours truly) and a few drink mix pkts.

Each company's bags are boxed up and shipped separately in flat rate priority mail boxes. Upon arrival they are traditionally delivered by a plebe volunteer from each company who in turn gets a few extra goodies for their service.

I am always looking for suggestions on what to put in the bags while still keeping them small and staying within budget, so feel free to pump your MIDN for info. and pass it along!

Submitted by Karen Price

Boodle Bag Chairperson

\$30 of the membership dues of the Midshipman parents goes towards a Boodle Bag contribution. You may donate additionally by visiting the web site at <http://www.usmmaparents.com/>

Class of 2014 Class Rings and Ring Dance



Pictures and article submitted by MIDN LCDR Nicholas Skogen 1/c

Pictured are the class rings of M/N LCDR Nicholas Skogen, class of 2014. The class as a whole designs the class crest during their plebe year as a step towards recognition and is a symbol of class unity and camaraderie. The class of 2014's rings have gold in them that was taken into space by astronaut and KP alum, CAPT Mark Kelly, USN, KP '86, there are also several rings from alumni in their legacy class, 1964, who have passed on



and willed their rings for this purpose. The Midshipman orders their rings during their 2/C year. They design and choose stone based on their own personality.

Left: Nicholas Skogen
Right: Alex Cline

On August 17, the class of 2014 celebrated their ring dance at Capitale in New York City. The “Ring Dance” is when the first class Midshipmen christen their class rings in water from the seven seas and is the culmination of their three years at the academy and all the work they have put in to make it this far. Pictured is Colorado Midshipman LCDR Nicholas Skogen 1/C and his date Laura Kline at the USS Intrepid museum.



Whidbey Island, Washington

Donald Dodge (Band Co 2014) did his internship in June/July at the Naval Air Station (NAV) on Whidbey Island, WA. Here he is pictured standing in front of the F-18 he went up in. The face shot is when he is sitting in “second seat” behind the pilot. They did several “touch and go” missions and a few flight “sorties”. The helicopter was used for Search and Rescue training operations. Donald was lowered via a cable and then carried over water and tree tops to experience how rescuers do their work

Story and pictures submitted by
Donna Dodge



Colorado All Service Academy Ball 2013



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

Saturday, December 28, 2013

The 31st annual Colorado All Service Academy Ball (CASAB) will be held on Saturday, December 28, 2013, 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. Air Force Academy. 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 cadets and midshipmen 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:
Chris Skogen

Parent of Midshipman Nicholas Skogen, 2014
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USMMA Colorado Parents Association website: www.usmmaparents.com

coloradoasab.org or at <https://www.facebook.com/ColoradoASAB.org>

Useful Links

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

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

Colorado All Service Academy Ball:
<https://coloradoasab.org/Home.html>

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

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

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

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

Please submit useful links

Odds and Ends

For **2013-2014 Regimental Calendars**, contact Suzanne Graboski at kpmom2011@yahoo.com

2012-2013 Yearbooks will be mailed out the week of November 23, 2013. This according to Herff Jones Yearbook Company.

Mentors: Looking for parents of midshipmen who have completed 1st sailing or 2nd sailing to mentor parents of the midshipmen who are just preparing for their 1st sailing. If interested in being a mentor or want a mentor, please contact Dianne at dianne@iannone.info

Association Membership: If you are a parent of a plebe or midshipman, please consider a membership in the Parents' Association. Currently only about half of the parents are members. Membership is \$40 for Plebe parents, \$65 for parents of Midshipmen and \$10 for anyone who wants to become an associate member for the purpose of staying in touch with email updates, newsletters or just simply supporting the work that the organization does on a daily basis. Parents are not eligible for Associate membership. Please visit our web site at

<http://www.usmmaparents.com>

for easy, secure and convenient payment of dues. Only members current on dues are eligible to vote at general membership meetings.

Renewal of **Colorado Drivers Licenses** when your midshipman is not in Colorado. Visit <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?blobcol=urldata&blobheader=application%2Fpdf&blobkey=id&blobtable=MungoBlobs&blobwhere=1251770680113&ssbinary=true> to print out the required one page form, DR 2989, from the State of Colorado, Department of Motor Vehicles. It takes 20 working days to process the form, so allow plenty of time. There is no fee required for Military applicants, but a letter from the Commanding Officer stating why you are unable to take care of this in Colorado is required.

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 need more Ring Dance stories and pictures, tales from Sea Year, even everyday accounts of life at the Academy. Please engage your plebes and midshipmen to send pictures and write-ups. 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

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

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Nomination		
Recruitment	Miller, Robert	
Webmaster	Miller, Regina	

Two positions remain unfilled for the 2013-2014 Academic Year: **Nomination** and **Fundraising**. Please see if you can spare the time to contribute to the Association.

Contact Association President, Dianne Iannone for details.
dianne@iannone.info

Important Dates 2013–2014

DATES	EVENTS	LOCATIONS
September 2013		
3	Deadline for President's Conference issues	
5	USMMA National Parents Presidents Conference	New York
6 - 8	Parents Weekend, Acceptance Day,	USMMA, New York
17	USMMA CO Parent Assoc. Executive Board Meeting	5:30 pm Village Inn by DIA, CO
30	Uniform change	
October		
5	USMMA Colorado Parent Association General Meeting	12:30 DeVry University, Denver, CO
		look for Sign-up Genius email
28 - Nov. 1	First Term finals	
November		
1	2015(A) and 2016(A) report to Sea Duty	
1-11	Fall Leave	
2	USMMA Colorado Parent Association and Colorado Alumni Chapter Tailgate Party	USAFA, Falcon Stadium
	Air Force v Army football game	Colorado Springs, CO
11	2015(B) and 2016(B) return from Sea Duty	
12	2015(B) and 2016(B) turn in Sea Project	
13	Second term begins	
14	Colorado parents Cookie Café	
26 - Dec. 1	Thanksgiving Leave	
December		
10	Last day to make reservations to Academy Ball	
20 - Jan. 5	Winter Leave	
28	Colorado All Service Academy Ball (CASAB)	Broadmoor, Colorado Springs
January 2014		
February		
March		
3 - 7	Second Term finals	
7	2016(B) reports to Sea Duty	
7 - 16	Spring Leave	
16	2016(A) returns from Sea Duty	
17	2016(A) turn in Sea Project	
April		
10	Colorado parents Cookie Café	
21	Uniform change	
May		
16 - 23	Final exams class of 2014	

USMMA Students from Colorado

Class of	Company	Major	Split	Other	Sports
Class of 2014					
Cannon, Casey	1st		A		
Dodge, Donald	Band		B		
Hodges, Kelly	2nd		A		
Lucero, Christopher	4th		A		
Maloney, Christopher	2nd		A		
Morrow, Marie	4th		A		
Nowacki, Krzysztof	3rd	Deck	A		
Skogen, Nicholas	2nd		B	EMT	
Class of 2015					
Bixler, Justin	4th		B		
Cowden, Weston	1st	Engine	A		
Harvey, Lynae	Band		B		
Heimbrock, Adam	3rd		A		
Miller, Alexander	4th		B		
Ormond, Diana	1st		A		
Pike, Jonathan	2nd		A		
Price, Elliott	4th	Deck	A		
Queen, Paige	Band		A		
Rice, Patrick	1st		A		
Silva, Kiel	2nd	Engine	A		
Walter, Cassandra	2nd		A		
Watson, Bernard	2nd	Engine	B		Wrestling
Wehking, Shawn	2nd		A		
Class of 2016					
Guettlein, Jeremy	1st	Engine			
Hill, Thomas	2nd	Engine	A	EMT	Cross Country
Iannone, Weston	3rd	Deck	A	EMT	Color Guard/Waterfront
Kirk, John	1st	Engine	A		
McMahan, Kevin	1st	Engine	B		
Otterson, Alec	4th				
Robbins, Nathan	4th	Engine	A		Football
Sawicki, Gus	2nd	Engine	B		LaCrosse
Smith, Rachel	1st	Engine			Volleyball
Valdiconza, Luke	3rd	Engine	A	EMT	
Class of 2017					
Blauw, Spencer	3rd				
Finnin, Emily	3rd				
Garcia-Lance, Danielle	4th				
Ormond, Patricia	Band				
Havenar, Michael	2nd				Swimming

Please help with information to fill out this table.
Submit to Kristin at
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