

USMMA COLORADO PARENTS ASSOCIATION



Newsletter

Winter 2013

Reflections



Kirk, Chris, Nick and
Matt Skogen

Season's Greetings to all!

I hope everyone has had a memorable year. As I write this I'm reflecting on how fast time passes. Hard to believe it's been nearly four years since our son Nicholas found out his boyhood dream of attending a Federal Service Academy was becoming a reality! Nor could my wife Christine or I imagine the ride we were in for as well.

How excited we were for him and then for ourselves when we realized we could go along with him on this incredible journey. I'm referring of course to our own USMMA Colorado Parents Association. We had so many questions, where do we begin? To have the opportunity to establish new relationships with other parents like ourselves that shared a common interest. It was both exciting and comforting to know we could network with others and learn from their personal experiences.

You probably gathered we are big fans of this group to say the least! I am probably preaching to the choir but wanted to highlight anyway all the benefits one can reap from our members and Club Membership. For a small membership fee combined with some pretty easy fund-

raisers our Parents Association annually provides many services to our USMMA Midshipman. Without a doubt these young men and women are the future leaders of our great Nation, Military and Worldwide Industry.

Care packages we call Boodle Bags are sent to every MIDN at the end of each trimester to encourage them in times of trial and study. They receive personalized cards for birthdays and holidays showing we are behind them to edify their spirits when they find themselves so far from home and family and friends. The Amazing All Service Academy Ball (CASAB) held in their honor every December. The Parents Club pays the dinner fare for every Colorado MIDN. When a taste of home is just what a weary student needs, the Cookie Café is there for them. Not only do our members bake dozens of cookies throughout the year, many parents travel to KP to be there in person! In addition the Club sends financial support to the NY Parents Association, the local chapter that is there supporting all our sons and daughters as if they were one of their own. Graduates receive a handsome brass bell plaque, a replicate of the very one they ring upon passing the Coast Guard exam at the end of their final year. These are just a few of the items the Parents Club does on a regular basis, year in and year out. For the parents we have several opportunities to come together throughout the year for networking, fellowship and support. Christine and I have made new lifelong friendships and we will always hold dear to our hearts the fine men, women and parents we've been so blessed to get know over the past four years.

So, if you haven't already, I strongly encourage you to become a member and get involved with this worthwhile organization; it will change your life but more importantly, your efforts will have a lasting impact on the life of a Kings Point Midshipman.

Respectfully,

Kirk D Skogen
Father of MIDN 1st Class
Nicholas J Skogen RESCO



Boodle Bags

Karen Price sent out our Boodle Bags in time for finals week, as always, to keep our hardworking students' spirits up. This tri's bags included a dry erase marker and munchies of all sorts: fun-size candy bars, chewy granola bars, fruit snacks, cheese/peanut butter crackers, caramels, drink mix pkts, dum dum suckers, hard candies, gum, a trail mix pkt., jerkey and Karen's famous homemade Double Dark Chocolate Espresso Brownie (pg. 13 in the Cookie Cafe Cookbook)

Karen buys in bulk and is always looking for ideas from the Mids. on what useful non-food item they would like that is under \$1. The cost of this tri's bags was just over \$12 a bag, which also covered postage.

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

Karen has done some research for us after it became evident that we don't actually know what *Boodle* is, in spite of engaging in this activity. She is herewith submitting her findings:

Fun Boodle Facts:

At the October Parent's meeting someone brought up the question of where the idea for boodle bags came from. It was decided this would be a newsletter worthy topic, so here are a few fun facts about Boodle. The word 'boodle' is considered an Americanism; its origin is from the early 16th century Dutch word 'boedel,' indicating property. While certainly a positive thing in EVERY plebe and midshipmen's mind, I was quite surprised to find 'boodle' also has a somewhat shady reputation. It is synonymous with words like plunder, cheat, flimflam, bilk, and graft. Here is what Dictionary.com has to say:

boo·dle

noun, verb, boo-dled,boo-dling. *Slang.*

noun

1. the lot, pack, or crowd: *Send the whole boodle back to the factory.*
2. a large quantity of something, especially money: *He's worth a boodle.*
3. a bribe or other illicit payment, especially to or from a politician; graft.

4. stolen goods; loot; booty; swag.
verb (used without object)

5. to obtain money dishonestly, as by bribery or swindling.

Unfortunately, I was unable to find someone with knowledge of the exact birthday of the USMMA boodle bag, but I'm sure it has been a tradition at the Academy for as long as there have been moms and dads thinking of their kids far from home. And hey, if a boodle bag is considered bribery for time spent studying for finals, I'm all for it!

As a seasoned 'boodler' I have one favor to ask, it would make my job much easier in the future if you as parents would take a moment to update the roster if for some reason your son or daughter's company changes. It breaks my heart to think of how left out a plebe or midn might feel when their boodle bag is delayed.

Thank you!!! Karen Price

Colorado All Service Academy Ball (CASAB)

Signing up for the All Academy Ball needs to be at the very top of your To-Do list. The **deadline is December 10th 2013.**

Please contact Christine Skogen at ckskogen@msn.com for any questions and also check out the web site at <http://www.coloradoasab.org/>

With our Midshipmen dressed in their finest, the Ball consists of a formal dinner, dancing, professional portraits in spectacular surroundings at the famous Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs.



2012 CASAB. USMMA students from Colorado. Picture is borrowed from the CASAB website listed above. Please check it out for more inspirational pictures and information.

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
ckskogen@msn.com 303.641.9372

USMMA Colorado Parents Association website: www.usmmaparents.com

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

Cookie Café

Cookie Café News from Ann Rice

A big thanks to the many parents and other volunteers who baked cookies and other treats and/or sent money to fulfill Colorado's Cookie Café commitment of 275 dozen cookies for the November 21st Cookie Café. It is a lot of work, but greatly appreciated by the midshipmen! Our second and final Cookie Café date this academic year is on April 10th. , 2014. I will start rounding up volunteers and commitments in February. Stay tuned and thanks again for the help.

Ann



With love from Colorado Nov 21, 2013



Victor Guettlein (2016) Nov 21, 2013

Don Dodge (2014) Nov 7, 2013



Weston Iannone (2016) Oct. 31, 2013



Thomas Hill (2016) Nov 14, 2013



The best hug! Michael Havenar (2017) and his mom Glant Nov. 21, 2013



Michael Havenar (2017) Nov 21, 2013

There are lots more pictures at the latest Cookie Mom links:

- <https://plus.google.com/photos/113340904267239161213/albums/5946198110230522865>
- <https://plus.google.com/photos/113340904267239161213/albums/5946171866188113697?sort=1>
- <https://plus.google.com/photos/113340904267239161213/albums/5949057424985602689>

Christmas is upon us

but it is still not too late to pick up some Christmas presents that can do double duty: be a wonderful 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

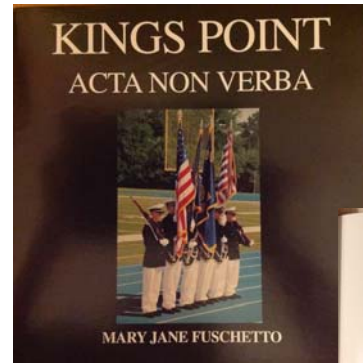
Another great Christmas present could be a copy of the **Cookie Café Cookbook**. Details about this can be found at <http://kpcookiecafe.com/>. The book is a compilation of recipes from parents, friends and alumni and contains lots of pictures of happy midshipmen stuffing their faces of the baked goodies. The book sells for \$20 plus shipping and can be ordered via email at midshipmanmorale@gmail.com. Don't forget that this is where we will find the recipe for our very own Karen Price's *famous homemade Double Dark Chocolate Espresso Brownies* on page 13.

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 Golden, Colorado., **Earrings**, **Necklaces** and **Zipper Pulls** with miniature American and USMMA flags.

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

My Frozen Turkey Just Laid an Egg!

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:



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

Photo from Kings Point
Cookie Café web site.

- 1) Purchase card from Deb Watson for \$ 5.00 as initial credit. debwatsoncpa@qwestoffice.net
- 2) Reload the card at the Service Counter at the grocery store or at the check stand before you pay for groceries. Use credit card, check or even cash for this, up to \$500.
- 3) Use the reloaded gift card to pay for your purchases. The USMMA Parents Association will get 5% each time a card is reloaded.

5% of \$500 is \$25.00. Your holiday dinner just earned \$25 to our association with minimal effort and no expense to you. If you used a credit card that earns airline miles to reload the gift card, the same 500 dollars just put you that much closer to a free ticket to New York.

Kings Point Sports Volleyball

Kelly Hodges
(2014)
Senior Night
2013



Kelly was honored at Senior Night, the last game of the 2013 Volleyball season. She was the only senior on the team. They beat CCNY 3 to 1 and Kelly had eight kills during the game. A wonderful closure to her Kings Point Volleyball career.

Kelly has played Volleyball for Kings Point all four years, the last three of which she was the Team Captain. She started her Volleyball career at Faith Christian Academy before entering the Merchant Marine Academy.

For more details, check out this website:

<http://www.usmmasports.com/sports/wvball/2013-14/releases/20131030dj77yb>

Parent Weekend Pictures 2013

Dianne and
Weston (2016)
Iannone at the
Academy



Michael Havenar (2017) with his family at the Academy.



Paige Queen (2015) with her family at Kings Point



Thomas Hill (2016) and his mom Kristin

Sea Year

Jonathan Pike
(2015)



The picture above was taken about a year ago on the bridge of the **Horizon Kodiak** somewhere off the Aleutians in Alaska.

Jonathan is now getting ready for his second Sea Year trip, this time to a warmer climate. His new ship is the **Jean Anne** (MMSI: 367003380), a RORO that sails between San Diego, CA and 4 ports in Hawaii. He will be celebrating his 21st birthday on the ship on December 18—or maybe on the beach???

Happy Birthday, Jonathan!!



Weston Iannone
(2016)



Weston's ship is the **Green Point** (MMSI 368294000), a Vehicles Carrier, sailing from Richmond, CA to Port Hueneme, CA, then Guam, Japan, Korea, Vancouver and finally Tacoma, WA.



MMSI or Marine Mobile Service Identity is a nine digit identifier sent over a radio frequency channel to uniquely identify a ship. Plug this number into www.marinetraffic.com to track a ship in real time.

Thomas Hill
(2016)



Thomas is getting ready for his first Sea Year journey. His ship is the **Matson Mahi Mahi** (MMSI 366563000), a container ship that sails between Long Beach, CA, 5 ports in Hawaii and Oakland, CA.

Thomas just celebrated his 21st birthday on November 25th. in Corning, New York. Happy Birthday, Thomas!!

Please submit pictures and stories of our Kings Pointers' Sea Year experiences. kehill55@gmail.com

Extra Extra Extra

Dianne has confirmation from **USMMA Commandant Jay Kennedy** that he will honor us by being our Guest Speaker at the meeting on February 22, 2014 in Castle Rock. Please see our calendar for details



Birthday Cakes

With the awarding of new contracts to the food service at the USMMA there is also a change in the Order-a Birthday-Cake-for-Lunch program.

Now please order from Crystal Enterprises, at 516-773-0081, and ask for Mia. Cakes cost \$21.00 and you must mail a check to Crystal Enterprises at USMMA, 300 Steamboat Road, Kings Point, NY 11024-1699. Identify your check with student name, grad year and company.

It is unclear if they take pictures and send to your email like NANA Services did. We just ordered a cake for Thomas Hill (2016), 21 years old, but received no picture.

Useful Links

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

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

2013 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>

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 are always in need of 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 also. 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

Board and Chairs 2013-2014 School Year

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CASAB (Ball)	Skogen, Chris	
Cookie Café	Rice, Ann	
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Graduation	Skogen, Kirk	
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Newsletter	Hill, Kristin	kehill55@gmail.com
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
November 2013		
21	Sea Duty begins for 2015(A) and 2016(A)	
25	Sea Project turn in for 2015(B) and 2016(B)	
25	Second term begins	
26 to Dec. 1	Thanksgiving leave	
December		
2	Second Term Reconvene	
10	Last day to make reservations to Academy Ball	
20 to Jan. 5	Winter Leave	
28	Colorado All Service Academy Ball (CASAB)	Broadmoor, Colorado Springs
January 2014		
6	Second Term Reconvene - again	
20	ML King Holiday	
February		
17	President's Day holiday	
22	USMMA Colorado Parent meeting	Faith Lutheran Church
	Guest speaker is Commandant Jay Kennedy	303 N. Ridge Road, Castle Rock 80109
March		
7	Second Term Ends	
10 to 13	Second Term Finals	
13 to 16	Spring Leave	
about 16th	Sea Duty ends for 2016(A) ????	
17	2016(A) turn in Sea Project	
18	Third Term begins	
April		
9	Shipping Out Fair	
10	Colorado parents Cookie Café	
21	Uniform change	
tba	Federal Academy Info Night in Colorado	
May		
16	Third term ends for class of 2014	
19 to 24	Final exams for class of 2014	
19	USCG Lifeboatman exam Class of 2017B	
26	Memorial day holiday	
27	Class of 2014 License Preparation begins	
June		
2 to 7	Class of 2014 USCG License exams	
9	Class of 2014 License retakes	
13	Third term ends	
14 - 19	Third Term finals 2015(B), 2016(A) and 2017	

USMMA Students, Colorado

	Com- pany	Major	Split	Other	Sports	Leadership positions
Class of 2014						
Cannon, Casey	1st		A			
Dodge, Donald	Band		B			
Hodges, Kelly	2nd		A		Volleyball	Captain of Volleyball team
Lucero, Christopher	4th		A			
Maloney, Christopher	2nd		A			
Morrow, Marie	4th		A			
Nowacki, Krzysztof	3rd	Deck	A			
Skogen, Nicholas	2nd	Engine	B	EMT		RES CO
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	Deck	A		Colorguard/Volleyball	
Watson, Bernard	2nd	Engine	B		Wrestling	
Wehking, Shawn	2nd		A			
Class of 2016						
Guettlein, Jeremy	1st	Engine			Hockey	
Hill, Thomas	2nd	Engine	A	EMT	Cross Country	EMS RES Ex PO
Iannone, Weston	3rd	Deck	A	EMT	Color Guard/ Waterfront	RES CO PO, CC PO, SEAL/EOD Club co-president
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					
Havenar, Michael					Swimming	
Ormond, Patricia	Band					