

USMMA COLORADO PARENTS ASSOCIATION



Newsletter

Summer 2014

Welcomes and Farewells

We want to welcome 11 new plebes, Class of 2018, and their families to the USMMA Colorado Parents Association:

- Alexander Barton (Castle Rock)
- Kyle Dietz (Loveland)
- Emily Gramer (Denver)
- Alexander Groen (Arvada)
- Austin Haire (Ignacio)
- Patrick Hegarty (Parker)
- Sheridan Jones (Longmont)
- Douglas MacDonald (Littleton)
- Justus Martin (Eaton)
- Sarah Milfasky (Aurora)
- Charlie Strand (Boulder)

We hope to meet all of you at the Welcome Picnic on June 14, 2014.

Fair Winds and Following Seas to the Class of 2014 who is getting ready to graduate:

- Casey Cannon
- Donald Dodge
- Kelly Hodges
- Christopher Maloney
- Marie Morrow
- Krzysztof Nowacki
- Nicholas Skogen

**CONGRATULATIONS!
JOB WELL DONE!**

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



All Done, Now What?

Christopher Maloney

Christopher will be commissioned in the USMC at graduation and will report to the Marine Corps Basic School for officers in September 2014.

Nickolas Skogen

Regimental Emergency Services Commanding Officer, MIDN LCDR Nicholas Skogen, son of Kirk and Christine Skogen of Aurora Colorado. Nicholas has been an Engineering Major during his four years as a Midshipman at Kings Point and will graduate with a B.S. in Marine Engineering.



He has accepted a position with *Kirby Offshore Marine* as an Assistant Engineer for their Atlantic Articulated Tug and Barge Fleet and plans to reside in Albany, NY at least initially, possibly residing in the Austin Texas area later in the year.

Marie Morrow

Marie Morrow will be 3rd Mate with Military Sealift Command upon graduation.



Kelly Hodges

Kelly Hodges has signed on with in Norfolk, VA as a Nuclear Engineer working on nuclear propulsion systems for aircraft carriers and submarines. She will start mid-July 2014.



Donald Dodge

Donald Dodge, Band Co., will be taking his commission to the Navy going into the Aviator Flight Program. He will be reporting to Pensacola, Florida, but will have a TAD (Temporary Assignment Detail), possibly in Colorado.



Casey Cannon

Krzysztof Nowacki



Colorado contingent to Class of 2014 at the Welcome Aboard picnic June, 2010
Picture borrowed from our web site.

Students in the News



Press Release from the United States Merchant Marine Academy:
Colorado student, **Lynae Harvey (2015)** has been appointed Regimental Training Officer. Please see the full text below.

KINGS POINT, N.Y. - CAPT Jay Kennedy, Commandant of Midshipmen has announced the First Rotation Regimental Officers for Academic Year 2014-2015. Members of the Regimental Staff pictured above are as follows - Back Row, Left to Right: Regimental Adjutant Antonio Mistrion, Regimental Executive Officer, Rebecca Resor, Honor Board Vice Chairman, Reese Grabowski, Battalion Commander (First Battalion), Barada Moncraive. Front Row - Left to Right: Regimental Training Officer, Lynae Harvey, Regimental Operations Officer, Emily Boyson, Regimental Commander, Nicholas Harvey, Battalion Commander (Second Battalion), Alexander Rubio.

Updated: Friday, May 16, 2014

Year One at Kings Point in 8 Easy, Bearable Phases

This article was found on the Service Academy Forum and captures, in a nut shell, trials and triumphs during USMMA Plebe year. You are a

- Plebe Candidate** from Indoc to Acceptance
July-September
- Plebe** from Acceptance to Recognition
September-April
- Midshipman** from here until Graduation

I took some liberties with Jasperdog's article as far as paragraphing, grammar and references to dates in order to enhance readability. The original article can be found here:

www.serviceacademyforums.com/showthread.php?t=20218

Last week, at a Welcome Aboard event, I was asked by an incoming Plebe Candidate what I could tell him to help him get through his first year at USMMA. There's often lots of advice, most of it good advice in this forum on these sorts of subjects, but to me, the best piece of advice I can think of, is: "eat the elephant one bite at a time."

When you are 18 and want to go out in the world, a year or even 11 months seems like a long time. The fact is, your first year at USMMA is really a series of phases and in those phases the atmosphere, focus and mood changes. I look at each year at KP as having 8 phases. When you, as incoming Plebes, are having those hard moments - and everyone has them - "WTH did I come here? Life here "stinks"? Who is that "jerk" with his arm around my girlfriend in that picture on Facebook at "state u"? etc. It helps to realize it's not another 11 months until life changes for you, but maybe 8 weeks or less. So here's the USMMA Calendar in Jasperdog's 8 phases.

Phase 1 – Reporting Aboard and Indoc through Parent's Weekend (8 weeks)

USMMA is at its best and its worst for Plebe Candidates. The worst part: You will likely realize just how different your next four years will be from your high school friends' who are going to "normal/regular" colleges. The best part, aside from the heat and humidity, the campus, especially the waterfront, is really beautiful this time of year. Also, you will start to realize just how great the opportunities after graduation will be and that you are a part of the Kings Point family, even if a big

part of that familial aspect of the institution is "misery loves company" for Plebes. Finally, you will start to understand why all Kings Pointers punk and pull pranks on their friends.

Phase 2 – Parent's Weekend until end of first trimester (8 weeks)

Once the second and third class A-splits go to sea and the B-splits return, everyone in the regiment, except your class, has been to sea for at least some of their training. This is the first sort of "exhale" from the culture and attitude that has been very regimentally focused. Also, over the upcoming week you will see some of your classmates who had academic issues depart. This all causes the focus and the priorities to be clearly grounded and fully understood by all:

- 1) Academics first and foremost
- 2) Stay sane and do whatever it takes. You now understand the pressure of the accelerated academic year, which usually means your sports or extra curriculars come second.

Phase 3 - Start of second tri through Christmas break: (7 weeks)

More of the same but you and most of your class know what it will take to get through this phase and you are determined to do so.

Phase 4 – New Years through end of second trimester finals also known as the dark days of winter (10 weeks)

It's dark, it's cold, you are sick of cleaning toilets, etc. – Hang in there, find something to stay sane with. Southerners find a way (route) to walk to get to class that doesn't involve marching where the cold, biting wind off the Sound stings your face. Also, help those guys having academic trouble, and understand that as much pressure as you might be dealing with, they are dealing with more. Oh, and don't worry about "recognition" – as the guys from Brooklyn say: "just "fuggeddaboutit" right now". Some sick, upper classmen will just taunt you with it.

Phase 5 – End of second trimester through Recognition (3 or 6 weeks?)

Could be two or three weeks, could be more, but likely through the last week or so of April (~6 weeks) – Really a time to sit back and understand that the flicker you see at the end of the tunnel that is plebe year, is really probably a light and not a train. In other words, while you probably can't wait for recognition and plebedom to

come to an end, you can quietly accept that it will soon. Just don't give those who break your chops about that sort of stuff any more satisfaction that they are not plebes like you. For those who will be going B split, focus on making sure your GPA at the end of this first year gives you some cushion as Sea Years usually aren't where your GPA goes up...

Phase 6 – Recognition until the end of License Exams (not yours, theirs) (6 weeks)

So, now the tides are turned. That Regimental Officer who drove you crazy since Indoc. Where's he lately? Oh yeah, pulling his hair out and studying for License. Those cool first class zombos, all confident and laid back, who you watched these past few months with envy. Yep, they're pulling their hair out, too! – Hey, it's only the rest of their lives they're worried about. You, a fourth classman, sure you're the lowest on the "totem pole", but guess what: – Compared to some of those guys right now, your life is pretty good.

Phase 7 – End of License to June/Kings Point Week-end (2 weeks)

Enjoy life, pass finals and just don't do anything too stupid, and if you do, try not to get caught...

Phase 8 – Kings Point Weekend (4 days)

Class of 2018 You made it through year one in eight easy, reasonable phases.

Class of 2014 WOW, you're thinking : "What a long, strange trip it's been..."

Buckle up and enjoy the ride folks: it's always exciting and strangely, often fun.

Welcome Picnic and General Meeting June 14, 2014



The welcome picnic marks the end of the fiscal year and the beginning of the new fiscal year for the Parents Association.

We say Goodbye to our graduating families and welcome aboard fresh new faces.

The practical aspect of this is that we have a new Board ready to take over Association business as of July 1st., our membership dues are due, and we need to refocus on how to generate enough revenue to cover our expenses for another year.

What is it that we do that costs money?

- Greeting Cards (sent to Midshipmen/Plebes)
- Boodle Bags (sent to Midshipmen/Plebes)
- Graduation Gifts (sent to Midshipmen/Plebes)
- Office Supply (facilitates above activities)

We generate income by charging dues for membership in the Parents Association in addition to various fundraisers:

- Merchant Marine Flags
- Name Tags
- Jewelry
- Spyderco Knives
- Merchant Marine themed jewelry
- Book: Mary Jane Fuschetto: *Kings Point Acta non Verba*
- Grocery store reloadable gift cards

Our biggest fundraiser is the reloadable gift cards from **King Soopers** and **Safeway**. These will be available for purchase at our Welcome Aboard Picnic/Summer General Meeting.

Here is how YOU can participate!

Everyone buys groceries, so please consider purchasing Reloadable Grocery 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. Grocery 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 Reloadable Card must be purchased from us. After that, the cards may be reloaded at the register or Customer Service Desk BEFORE checkout. Any merchandise (except gift card 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 do.

There are two ways to purchase the Reloadable Cards:

Call Deb Watson at [970-867-4682](tel:970-867-4682), order your cards and mail her a check.

Come to a Meeting and purchase cards. It's that easy! The meetings are in October, February, and June.

You have helped to support our Midshipmen!

What you've done is spend money you already would have buying groceries for your family, and you've helped raise funds for the USMMA Colorado Parents' Association!

If you have any questions about the **Reloadable Grocery Card Program**, please contact Deb Watson, Treasurer, [970-867-4682](tel:970-867-4682) or email debwatsoncpa@qwestoffice.net


Submitted by Deb Watson

Dues are Due

Dues are due on July 1st. for the upcoming school year. Plebe Parents \$50, Midshipman Parent \$75, NMMI Associate Member \$10.00, Alumni \$25. Enclosed with this newsletter is an order form that can be used to pay dues and also order any item you may have missed out on in the past. Print it out, fill it out and bring it to the Picnic along with your check, or go online to the website and use paypal. You may also mail your check to **Deb Watson, PO Box 1156, Fort Morgan, CO 80701**. Deb likes checks the best so we avoid paying paypal fees.

USMMA Admission Forum

Do you know someone who might be interested to learn about the admission process, career opportunities or life at the USMMA? The Colorado Parents Association is sponsoring an informational event that would be a good first step.



**United States Merchant Marine Academy
Admission Forum**

**Saturday
July 19, 2014
1:00 - 3:00 PM**

Purpose of Event: Learn about the opportunity to serve your nation while earning a college degree at the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Representatives will give details on the Academy experience, admission process and career opportunities available to graduates. Seating is limited. **RSVP TODAY!**

Location: Most Precious Blood Parish Center
Address: 2227 S Colorado Blvd. Denver, CO 80222
To RSVP: Email COUSMMA@comcast.net with your name.

Sponsored by: USMMA Colorado Parents Association
Questions: Contact us at COUSMMA@comcast.net



USMMA COLORADO PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

NAME:		DATE:	
Address:		City:	
Email:		Zip:	
Plebe/Midshipmen Name:		Phone #:	
Qty.	Membership	Price	Line Total
	Plebe Parent	\$ 50.00	
	Midshipman Parent	\$ 75.00	
	NMMI Associate Member	\$10.00	
	Alumni	\$ 25.00	
	Name Badge		
	Name Badge (1 st) :	\$20.00	
	Name Badge (2 nd) :	\$15.00	
	Parent of:	Class of:	
	Fundraising		
	King Soopers Reloadable Card	\$ 5.00	
	Safeway Reloadable Card	\$ 5.00	
	Acta Non Verba Book	\$30.00	
	Spyderco Knives (<i>In Stock Items Only</i>)		
	USMMA Flags		
	2'x3' w/Grommets	\$ 45.00	
	3'x5' w/Grommets	\$ 65.00	
	Jewelry		
	Earrings	\$ 10.00	
	Necklace	\$ 8.00	
	Cell Phone Bogle	\$5.00	
		TOTAL DUE	

USMMA Colorado Parents' Association

| <http://www.usmmaparents.com/> |

Paid to: _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ Chk. Amount _____ PayPal _____ Total Paid: _____

Memorial Day Parade 2014 Great Neck, NY Eyewitness Account

Our field representative and reporter at large, Cooper Havenar, brother of Colorado student Michael Havenar (2017) was out and about in Great Neck for the Memorial Day weekend and kindly submitted this report with pictures:

I went to the Memorial Day parade in Great Neck New York with my Mom and Grandma. I was excited to see my brother.

The USMMA class of 2017 and the Regiment command of the class of 2015 walked in the parade. The parade is for the soldiers that died in all the past wars.

I met the commandant Captain Kennedy and he was very nice. The Grand Marshall was an 86-year-old Navy Veteran and he drove in a convertible. The regimental band led the parade and played music that was very patriotic.

I walked the whole parade route with my brother Michael and 1st company.

All the people of Great Neck came out to watch the parade and cheered and clapped for our Midshipman. It made me feel really happy to be at the parade because the soldiers that died will not be forgotten.

By Cooper Havenar



Glant , Michael and Cooper Havenar



Captain Kennedy and Cooper Havenar



USMMA Battle Standard Dinner April 7, 2014

The Battle Standard dinner is a formal annual event at the Merchant Marine Academy held in the Spring and hosted by the 1st. classmen at the Academy. It is held in honor of the 142 Cadet Midshipmen who lost their lives during World War II.

This year's speaker was Thomas McCaffery, Class of 1976. He is the primary researcher for a soon to be released book entitled "Braving the Wartime Seas". The book is a tribute to students and alumni who perished during World War II. Mr. McCaffery is the president of McCaffery and Associates of Alexandria, Virginia and he and his staff have spent countless hours researching and writing the stories of the 142. The full text of his keynote address is available here:

<http://www.usmma.edu/sites/usmma.edu/files/docs/2014%20Battle%20Standard%20Dinner%20McCaffery%20PDF.pdf>

On May 22, National Maritime Day, the book was introduced during a ceremony at the Merchant Marine Museum where there is a new exhibit entitled: *Remembering the 142*.

So, what is a Battle Standard and why does Kings Point have one?

A Battle Standard is a war flag or a field flag used as a rallying sign for fighting units during a conflict. The concept is as old as war itself. In the case of the Merchant Marine, it was created in memory of 142 Kings Pointers who lost their lives during the Second World War. It has the number 142 stitched on a field of red, white and blue. In the center is the eagle of the Academy's seal in the school's colors (blue and gray) and the anchor of the Merchant Marine in gold. From its top hang ribbons representing the various combat zones where the Academy's cadets and midshipmen served.

The first Battle Standard was stitched by hand. Since 1965, replacements have been manufactured according to the approved and official design provided by the Institute of Heraldry in Great Britain.

The US Merchant Marine Academy is the only one of the nation's five Federal Service Academies authorized to carry a battle standard as part of its color guard. During times of conflict, members of the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, and Air Force will be called upon to serve, but not the students at their respective academies. Not so for the Merchant Marine. Their training at sea (Sea Year) often brought them into combat zones,



often on supply vessels. Thus, during the Second World War, 142 Kings Pointers lost their lives.

The Battle Standard is displayed in Wiley Hall. All midshipmen must come to attention and salute the flag upon entry and exit.



USMMA Color Guard.
Picture borrowed from the USMMA website.

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 to kehill55@gmail.com

Odds and Ends

Birthday Cake for your plebe or midshipman can be ordered from Crystal Enterprises, at 516-321 9896 (NEW NUMBER). Cakes will be delivered at lunch Monday through Friday. Cost is \$21. Payment must be mailed to Crystal Enterprises, Inc. USMMA, 300 Steamboat Rd., Kings Point, NY 11024-1699

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 as well. 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

Please help update

The student list on the last page of this newsletter is in urgent need for updates. We are looking for:

Company
Major
Split
Other (extracurricular)
Sports
Leadership positions

Send to: kehill55@gmail.com

Class of 2014 Parents

If you no longer want to receive the newsletter please let Kristin know and she will take your name off the distribution list.

Send to: kehill55@gmail.com

Class of 2018 Parents

Please send me your preferred email address for receiving this newsletter. It is published quarterly (June, September, December, March) and distributed by email.

Send to: kehill55@gmail.com

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 wanting a mentor, please contact Dianne at dianne@iannone.info

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

Calendar Items

The latest **Regimental Calendar** can be found here:

[http://www.usmmaaf.com/s/1175/images/
editor_documents/Parents/2014%20Documents/2014-
2015_regimental_calendar.pdf](http://www.usmmaaf.com/s/1175/images/editor_documents/Parents/2014%20Documents/2014-2015_regimental_calendar.pdf)

and here:

<http://www.usmma.edu/calendar>

Check often for updates and changes.

Please note these Colorado specific dates:

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| June 14 | 12:30—16:30 Welcome Picnic and Colorado Parents Assoc. Meeting. Faith Lutheran Church, 303 N. Ridge Rd., Castle Rock. |
| July 19 | 13:00—15:00 USMMA Admission Forum. Most Precious Blood Parish Center, 2227 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver |
| October 11 | USMMA Colorado Parents Assoc. Meeting, TBD |
| December 27 | Colorado All Academy Ball. Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs |

Board and Chairs 2014-2015 Academic Year

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We are looking for two people to “train”, beginning July 1, for the 2014-2015 school year for the **Boodle Bag** and **Treasurer** positions. The two moms that are currently Boodle Bag chair and Treasurer, have volunteered to continue next year. They both will “graduate” in 2015. Please let me know if you are interested in training beginning July 1 and then becoming the Chair July 1, 2015. 2017 parents... you’ll be around a few more years. Would you consider?

dianne@iannone.info

USMMA Students, Colorado

Class of 2015	Company	Major	Split	Sports/Extracurricular	Leadership 1st. Rotation 14/15
Bixler, Justin	4th		B		
Cowden, Weston	1st	Engine	A		
Harvey, Lynae	Band		B		RTO
Heimbrock, Adam	3rd		A		RTOA
Lucero, Christopher	4th		A		
Miller, Alexander	4th		B		4CWO
Ormond, Diana	3rd		A		REO
Pike, Jonathan	2nd		A		
Price, Elliott	4th	Deck	A		
Queen, Paige	Band		A		
Rice, Patrick	1st		A		
Silva, Kiel	2nd	Engine	A		2PC3
Walter, Cassandra	2nd	Deck	A	Color Guard/Volleyball	RCGC
Watson, Bernard	2nd	Engine	B	Wrestling	
Wehking, Shawn	2nd		A		
Class of 2016					
Guettlein, Jeremy	1st	Engine	B	Hockey	
Hill, Thomas	2nd	Engine	A	EMT	CTO PO RESCO PO
Iannone, Weston	3rd	Deck	A	Color Guard/Waterfront EMT	RESCO PO, CC PO, SEAL/EOD Club co-president
Kirk, John	1st	Engine	A		
McMahan, Kevin	1st	Engine	B		
Robbins, Nathan	4th	Engine	A	Football	
Sawicki, Gus	2nd	Engine	B	LaCrosse	
Smith, Rachel	1st	Engine	B	Volleyball/ LaCrosse	
Valdiconza, Luke	3rd	Engine	A	EMT	
Class of 2017					
Blauw, Spencer	3rd				
Finnin, Emily	3rd			LaCrosse	
Garcia-Lance, Danielle	1st				
Havenar, Michael	1st			Swimming	
Martinovic, Marjan	Band				
Ormond, Patricia	Band				
Class of 2018					
Barton, Alexander					
Dietz, Kyle					
Gramer, Emily					
Groen, Alexander					
Haire, Austin					
Hegarty, Patrick					
Jones, Sheridan					
MacDonald, Douglas					
Martin, Justus					
Milfasky, Sarah					
Strand, Sarah					

Acronym List

2PC3	2 nd Company P latoon C ommander Flight Deck
4CWO	4 th Company C ompany W atch O fficer
BC	B attalion C ommander
BX	B attalion E Xecutive Officer
CC	C ompany C ommander
CHBC	C ompany H onor B oard C hairman
CTO	C ompany T raining O fficer
CX	C ompany E Xecutive Officer
EMS	E mergency M edical S ervices
PO	Underclassman position under an officer position
RC	R egimental C ommander
RCGC	R egimental C olor G uard C ommander
REO	R egimental E valuations O fficer
RESCO	EMS C ommanding O fficer
RTO	R egimental T raining O fficer
RTOA	R egimental T raining O fficer's A ssistant
RX	R egimental E Xecutive Officer
SEAL/EOD	S Ea A ir L and / E xplosive O rdinance D isposal C lub
SSO	S trategic S ealift O fficer
STCW	S tandards of T raining, C ertification and W atchkeeping