

ROCKY MOUNTAIN STATES USSMA PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Representing Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming



Spring 2018

Newsletter

Colorado All Service Academy Ball



KP Updates



Adam Heimbrock (class of 2015) and LCDR Keith Watson present Allison Schieffer with her appointment to USMMA for class of 2022 at the All Service Academy Day



Battle Standard Dinner: In photo from clockwise are Alex Groen '18, Susan Wagner McKenna, Emily Gramer '18, Captain Jim Tobin '77, Laura Murray, Rear Admiral Mark Buzby, and John Arntzen '79.



Rocky Mountain States USSMA Parents Association meeting. March 3, 2018 meeting

Midshipman Sea Year



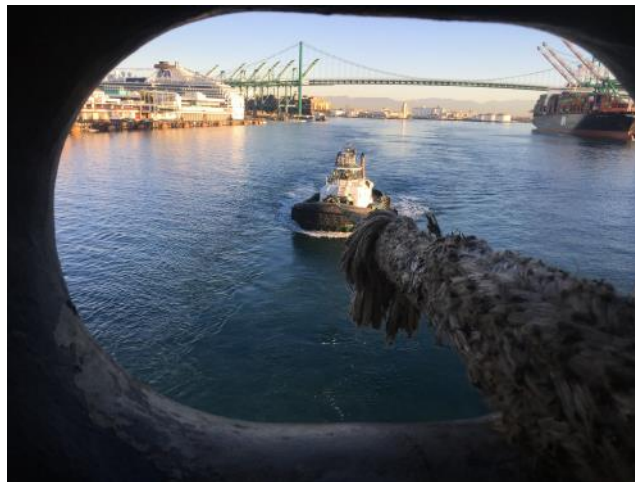
Christian Sucher (2019) and Indonesian school kids at Fort Marlborough. Following Indonesia, he traveled to Malaysia!



Micah Grissom (2020) is aboard the USS Shiloh. He is in his second sailing in Japan.



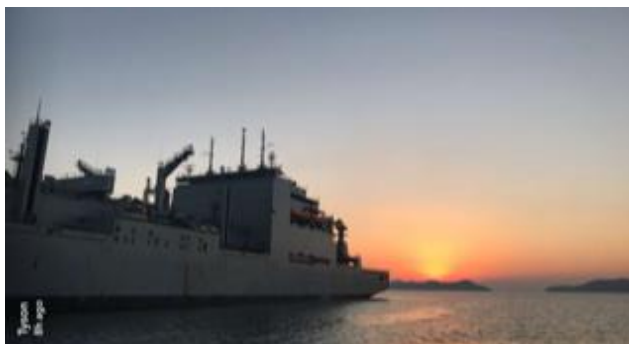
Tyson Blauw (2019)



Patrick Lyell (2019) aboard the Marjorie C leaving Long Beach, CA



Christian Sucher (2019 on the right) with his sea partner Dante Cicchinelli (2019) at the top of the Koko Head Mountain trail in Oahu. The trail is similar to "The Incline" in Manitou Springs, CO.



Tyson Blauw (2019)



Martin DuBois (2019). Showing off his best side while descending into the bowels of a tanker. In the Persian Gulf



Devon Klingman (2019) at sea



Martin DuBois (2019). Aboard USS Benfold. Japan. Mt. Fuji in background

Midshipman Sea Year



Patrick Lyell (2019) Skydiving in Hawaii while assigned to the Margorie C. He is currently on the APL China in Asia



Devon Klingman (2019) stationed in San Diego on an MSC ship getting her person in charge certification had some time across the border for an afternoon of fun!



Kyleigh Kappas, (2020) in Antwerp, Belgium



Devon Klingman (2019) in Portland, OR. Assigned to the MSC Henry Kaiser.



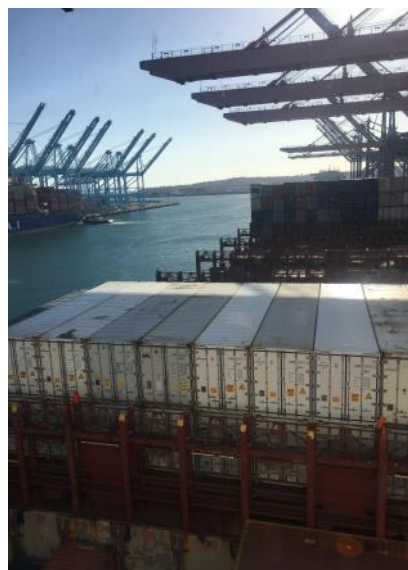
Kyleigh Kappas (2020) enjoying a Belgium waffle in Belgium!



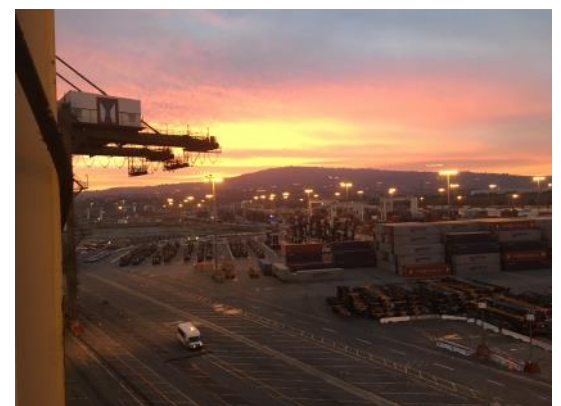
Kyleigh Kappas (2020)



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Patrick Lyell (2019) room with a view aboard the APL China



Patrick Lyell (2019) in LA aboard the Marjori C

KP Life!



KP Shotgun Team at the West Point Invitational. Kyle Dietz (2018), Emily Gramer (2018) Alex Groen (2018) and Micah Grissom (2020)



Emily Gramer (2018). Spring break at Machu Picchu, Peru.



KP Shotgun Team at the Peconic River Sportsman's Club. Kyle Dietz (2018), Emily Gramer (2018) and Kyleigh Kappas (2020)



Spring break at Machu Picchu, Peru



Sarah Milafksy (2018) and Emily Gramer (2018) at Arapahoe Basin ski area.



Axel Bonney over spring break Florida



Emily Gramer (2018) and Chandler Chiappe at Bellayre ski resort in upstate New York.

Letters to home

From Cadet Andrew Bouchot
Class of 2019
Vessel Norfolk (US Flag)
February 2018



Dear Mom and Dad:

Last night around 2200 we received a distress signal from a nearby sailboat. The CG asked our ship to reroute to help them. Apparently, one of their 4 crew members had cut two fingers off and needed medical attention. So we rerouted and headed their way.

The seas were pretty bad. Lots of waves. Very windy. The original plan was to take on the hurt individual and get him to shore. However, as we got near them, we realized this was going to be HARD without potentially killing them and ruining their boat. The captain did NOT want to help them because it was really dangerous. Their ship had broken their mast and apparently the hatch to the house broke and they were taking on water through there. I was the primary voice on the radio since they only spoke Spanish!! It was really nerve racking, but I did well. After two attempts of them coming along side us, and captain constantly changing his mind, we FINALLY got them onboard. They all abandoned their ship and came on.

Not only was I the line of communication, but I was asked by the captain to provide first aid to the man whose fingers had been severed. I told the captain initially I didn't feel comfortable doing this because I didn't want to be held liable. He ensured me that he would take the fall 100% and I agreed to help.

The tips of the man's middle two fingers had been partially removed. I stopped the bleeding with pressure, disinfected with hydrogen peroxide (terrible cause he screamed in pain), and wrapped them up. Took a quick set of vitals, breaths, pulse, blood pressure, and called it a wrap!

I'm glad I was here to help and be an asset to the crew. Speaking Spanish, being an EMT...who would have thought that would have come in super handy.

Anyways, tomorrow we are going to take a picture with the whole crew since we did an "At Sea Rescue" and send it to Kings Point, AMO (Officers union), and SIU (Unlicensed Union). What a day!!! The Chief Engineer is very proud of me! It feels so good to hear that from the top dog.

We have been rerouted to some other location to drop these dudes off and then it's back to Cuba and then Jacksonville. I love you and miss you all.

Love,

Andy

KP Alum making a difference



Burial at sea from the SBX-1 in the Pacific where Spencer Blauw (2017) is a 3rd engineer. A former employee of the company had this ceremony at his request.



Weston Iannone, USMMA Class of 2016 promoted to 1st Lieutenant.

Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, led by platoon leader 1LT Weston Iannone. UMSSA practice a squad attack on a bunker and rifle marksmanship at Scholfield Barracks, Hawaii, as part of their training cycle to become combat effective in preparation for deployment.

KP Internships

Andy Bouchot did an Internship for four weeks in Annapolis, Maryland. with iJet International.

The interview below is to provide relevant information to plebes and third classmen with any questions they may have.



Andy Bouchot, Class 2019,
Vessel: Norfolk. Sea year in West Africa

1. How did you find out about iJET

I found out about iJET through a friend from back at home. He had graduated from West Point into the intelligence community and was applying for a position at iJET at the time. I had mentioned I was searching for an internship since it is a requirement for me to graduate from The United States Merchant Marine Academy and he happily used his connections to get my foot in the door.

2. What was your role?

Since my time was severely limited due to my school's training blocks, I only had a month to stay with iJET. Taking that fact into consideration, my primary role was to update all the maritime standard intelligence for every country/island/territory in the world. My unique sailing background (over 250 days sailing on commercial vessels) helped give me a unique approach to my research and how to best refine the current information. I also briefly served as a consultant in a blog piece an analyst is currently writing about piracy in the Gulf of Guinea. Once I finished these tasks, my last few days I helped the Health team update their immunization standing intelligence to lighten their workload.

3. What did you enjoy most about your role with iJET?

I most enjoyed being able to learn more about the global maritime industry and using it to help keep clients safe. iJET gave me work that I was passionate about so it was easy to assimilate quickly and feel a part of the team.

4. What is one thing you learned from your internship?

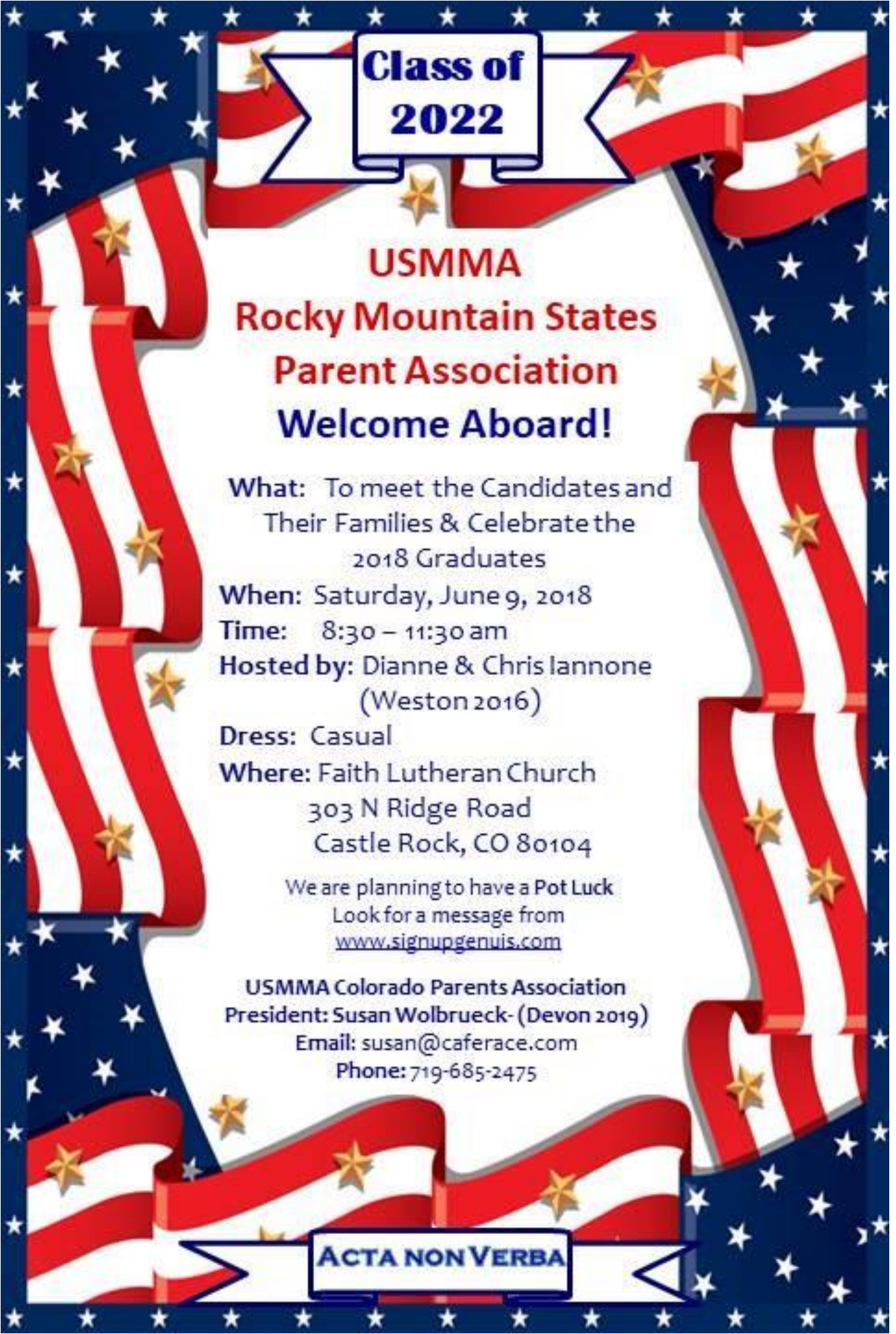
The biggest takeaway I learned at iJET was how intelligence works as a product and the different avenues it can be delivered. This was a brand new experience stepping into a world I knew very little about. It was enlightening to say the least.

5. How did your internship with iJET help you with your career?

I believe iJET has given me another great shoreside option to explore once I begin to make the transition from sailing commercially to the land-based sector. It's given me a solid foundation and preview to a job I think I could really enjoy and grow in.

6. What is one piece of advice for future iJET interns?

The first thing I would say to a future intern is to not be afraid to ask questions! The team here at iJET is more than happy to impart their knowledge. Whether it is helping you do your job better, or just wanting to understand the world and what is going on, there is no need to hold back. Secondly, if you see something you can be an asset for and are willing to help out or take point in, make sure to take the initiative and speak up! Not only is it a way to interact with other teams and branch out a little but I got to take on more responsibility and feel more of an asset. Lastly, remember to have fun and relax after work with your coworkers when possible. It makes the experience more memorable and you will build stronger connections that will last long after the internship is over. Who knows, maybe that connection will lead back to a position at iJET.



**Class of
2022**

**USMMA
Rocky Mountain States
Parent Association
Welcome Aboard!**

What: To meet the Candidates and
Their Families & Celebrate the
2018 Graduates

When: Saturday, June 9, 2018

Time: 8:30 – 11:30 am

Hosted by: Dianne & Chris Iannone
(Weston 2016)

Dress: Casual

Where: Faith Lutheran Church
303 N Ridge Road
Castle Rock, CO 80104

We are planning to have a Pot Luck
Look for a message from
www.signupgenius.com

USMMA Colorado Parents Association
President: Susan Wolbrueck- (Devon 2019)
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Class of 2018	Hometown	Co.	Major	Split	Sports/Activities
Barton, Alexander	Puyallup, WA	4th	Engine	A	Endurance Club, President
Chiappe, Chandler	Estes Park, CO				
Dietz, Kyle	Loveland, CO	3rd	Deck		Power Squad, Shotgun Team
Gramer, Emily	Denver, CO	3rd	Deck	A	Volleyball, Shotgun Team
Groen, Alexander	Arvada, CO	1st			
Haire, Austin	Ignacio, CO	2nd	Engine		Lift Club, Auto club, Track and Field
Hartman, Tyler	Washington, UT	4th	Deck	A	Track & Field, Acta Non Verba
Hegarty, Patrick	Parker, CO	5th	Deck	B	Hockey
Macdonald, Douglas	Littleton, CO	2nd	Engine	A	Endurance Club
Martin, Justus	Eaton, CO	1st	Engine	B	Baseball
Milafsky, Sarah	Aurora, CO	2nd		B	Basketball, Lacrosse
Class of 2019					
Baer, Henry	Santa Fe, NM	Band	Engine	B	Pistol Team
Blauw, Tyson	Strasburg, CO	2nd	Engine	A	Football
Bouchot, Andrew	Castle Pines, CO	4th	Engine	B	
DuBois, Martin	Longmont, CO	3rd	Deck	B	Rugby, EMT
Klingman, Devon	Manitou Springs, CO	3rd	Deck	A	
Lyell, Patrick	Fort Collins, CO	1st	Deck	A	Sailing
Simoneaux, Corey	Broomfield, CO	4th		B	Sandhurst, Praise Band, CFC
Strand, Charlie	Boulder, CO	1st		A	
Sucher, Christian	Colo. Springs, CO	1st	Deck	A	Powerlifting Club, Vibe Tribe
Class of 2020					
Bonney, Axel	Canon City, CO	4th	Engine		
Grissom, Micah	Castle Pines, CO	5th	Deck	B	Pistol Club, CFC, Shotgun Team
Heimbrock, Keith	Littleton, CO	3rd	Engine	A	Baseball, CFC
Henderson, John (JC)	Meeker, CO	2nd	Engine	B	
Hermanns, Gregg	Albuquerque, NM	5th	Engine	A	Football
Kappas, Kyleigh	Parker, CO	2nd	Deck	A	Volleyball, Shotgun Team
Martinovic, Filipa	Aurora, CO	Band	Engine	B	
Polliard, Zachary	Brighton, CO				
Pruneda-Castro, Ricardo	Highlands Ranch, CO	1st	Engine		
Royal, Greg	Evergreen, CO	1st	Deck	A	Football
Weller, Mitchell C.	Layton, UT	1st	Deck	A	Offshore Sailing
Class of 2021					
DeGrott, Peter	Rosewell, NM	3rd			
Hall, Amanda	Edmond, OK				
Kalbach, Allison	Colo Springs, CO	2nd	Deck	B	CFC, fishing team, yoga club
Keith, Malcolm	Albuquerque, NM	Band			
Mueller, Alexander	Littleton, CO	3rd			
Richards, Beckett	Canon City, CO	4th			
Shen, Winston	Denver, CO	3rd	Engine		Endurance Club, Trident Club, Jiu Jitsu Club
Smolinski, Kitara	Olathe, CO	Band			
Thompson, Jourdin	Brighton, CO	5th		A	Volleyball
Tong, Dawson (2022)	Colorado Springs, CO	4th	Engine	B	Basketball (medical setback)
Valentine, Nick	Colorado Springs, CO	1st	Deck	B	Eagle Club, Crew

Midshipmen Leadership Roles

First Rotation, Second and Third Rotation

Tyler Hartman (3rd R)	4CHRO	4th Company Human Relations
Macdonald, Douglas (1st R)	2PC3	2nd Company Platoon Commander
	4CWO	4th Company Company Watch Officer
	BAO	Battalion Academic Officer
	BC	Battalion Commander
	BOPS1	Operations Officer
	BX	Battalion Executive Officer
Zander Barton (2nd R)	CAO5	Company Academic Officer 5th Company
	CC1	Company Commander 1st Company
Patrick Hegary (3rd R)	CHBC	Company Honor Board Chairman
Alex Groen (3rd R)	CLO3	Company Logistics Officer
	CTO5	Company Training Officer
	CX	Company Executive Officer
	EMS	Emergency Medical Services
	PO	Petty Officer
Milafsky, Sarah (1st, 2nd, 3rd R)	RAA	Regimental Admiral's Aide
	RAO	Regimental Academic Officer
	RBM	Regimental Bandmaster
	RC	Regimental Commander
	RCGC	Regimental Color Guard Commander
	REO	Regimental Evaluations Officer
	RESCO	EMS Commanding Officer
Doug MacDonald	RFO	Regimental Fitness Officer
Hartman, Tyler (1st R)	RHB	Regimental Honor Board Vice Chair of Investigations
Gramar Emily (1st, 2nd, 3rd R)	RPAO	Regimental Public Affairs Officer
Dietz, Kyle (1st R)	RSTL	Regimental Shipboard Training Liaison
	RTO	Regimental Training Officer
	RTOA	Regimental Training Officer's Assistant
	RWO	Waterfront Officer
	RWX	Waterfront Executive Officer
	RX	Regimental Executive Officer
	SEAL/EOD	SEa Air Land / Explosive Ordnance Disposal Club
	SSO	Strategic Sealift Officer
	STCW	Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping
	Zombo	Midshipman Ensign

Announcements

Your membership and support of our Association Fundraisers goes to providing boodle bags for our Midshipmen and Plebes.



Board and Chairs 2017-2018 Academic Year

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Recruitment Chair-Robert Miller, robxmiller@comcast.net, 303-484-8744
Colorado All Service Academy Ball (CASAB) Point of Contact (POC)-
Karen Heimbrock, five5ks@aol.com, 303-931-3113
Nominations Chair- open
BOLD=board member (4 officers, Nominations chair and 4 committee chairs)

Birthday Cake for your plebe or midshipman may be ordered from Crystal Enterprises, at 516-321- 9896 Cakes will be delivered at lunch Monday through Friday. Cost is \$21. Credit cards are accepted or a check can be mailed to: Crystal Enterprises, Inc. USMMA, 300 Steamboat Rd., Kings Point, NY 11024-1699

Useful Links

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

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

CO USMMA Parents Association Membership:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1672451942974399/>

USMMA Parent, Alumni, Friends Information Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/usmma.parents.class.of.2018/>

2016 Colorado All Service Academy Ball
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1557770654514632/>

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

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

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

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

USMMA Alumni Association and Foundation:
<http://www.usmmaaf.com/s/1175/hybrid/start.aspx>

Fundraisers

All proceeds from these sales support our midshipmen, through boodle bags, birthday cards, gifts, the Colorado All Academy Service Ball, graduation bells and supporting the NY parents association.

Order on-line <http://www.usmmaparents.com>



Reloadable Grocery Cards. These prepaid cards carry no additional cost to you. Our association receives 5% of each card's value! It's an easy way to raise money to support our midshipmen!

Wooden Ornaments

Laser engraved, balsa wood ornament designed by Jean Larson, Kevin McMahan's (2016) aunt, and arranged by Susan Wolbrueck. Choose from three different designs, anchor, propeller design or a combination of the two.

Anchor



Propeller



Combo



Spyderco Knives

Made in Golden, CO, these knives make a great gift for your midshipman who is headed out to sea or if you want the best kitchen or hunting knives possible. Their knife sharpening system is ingenious and keeps them razor-sharp!

Please go to Spyderco web site: <https://www.spyderco.com/> for more info and then order through the Colorado Parents Association. <http://www.usmmaparents.com>

Sterling Silver Jewelry

Hand crafted keychain, zipper pull or pendant created by local Colorado Artisan Veronica Willingham and go-designed by parent Glant Havenar. Up to **50%** of all sales are donated to the Colorado Parents Association.

Go to <https://www.veronicawillingham.com/collections/usmma> to order



LATITUDE/LONGITUDE
STERLING SILVER PENDANT



USMMA Flags

Available in two sizes: 2' x 3' and 3' x 5'.

