



USMMA KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc.

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CPA Chapters Host & Participate in Annual Plebe Welcome Programs 062709

We are pleased to note the record success of the Chapters efforts to host or participate in Plebe Welcome events in 2009! This has also proven to be a great team effort in working with the USMMA Parents Association Chapters. This event is a great opportunity to bring together Plebes from the incoming Class of 2013, Parents, Alumni and current Midshipmen in support of the Academy! We recognized in the USMMA KPA-CPA News 070209 & 071909 Edition(s) the following Chapters Events:

North Carolina Tar Heel Chapter (David Sanborn '73 - President): Sat 062709 NC State University Club, Raleigh, N.C.

Los Angeles / Long Beach Chapter (John Daly '82 - President): Sat 062709 Cabrillo Marina, San Pedro, California. Alumni Chapters participating included **Santa Barbara Chapter** and **San Diego Chapter!**

Port of Jacksonville Chapter (Scott O'Connor '83 - President): Joined forces with the USMMA Florida Parents Assn.

Central New Jersey Chapter (Joe Martino '86 - President): Participated with Tri-State Parents Plebe Picnic, Millville, NJ.

KP Chesapeake Chapter (Gary G. Hicks '76 - President): Annual Plebe Welcome Program aboard the N.S. Savannah, on Saturday June 27, 2009. Plebes attended from PA, MD, DE, WVA, VA & Washington, D.C., as well as Officers and Members of the **KP Chesapeake Chapter, Kings Point Club of Washington, D.C., Delaware Shore Chapter, Port of Wilmington, DE Chapter, and Central NJ Chapter!**

North Georgia Chapter (Bruce Howie '65 - President): Joint effort with the GA Parents Association at Lake Alatoona

Space Coast (Florida) Chapter (Dick Amos '64 - President): Joined with USMMA Florida Parents Assn. at Disney World

Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter (Allen Moeller '84 - President): The MS Parent Assn Plebe Welcoming Dinner

Additionally, Plebe Welcome Programs were hosted or attended by the following Chapters-

USMMA KP Alumni - Port of Houston Chapter (CDR Rob Smith '92, USCG - President) co-hosted a Plebe Candidate Send-Off Luncheon with the South Texas Parent's Association on Saturday, June 20th at Brady's Landing, Houston, Texas. Several plebe candidates from the incoming Class of 2012 were in attendance along with their families. Also in attendance were members for the South Texas Parent's Association and several recent graduates from the Classes of 2002-2008. A fine time was had by all and the USMMAA Port of Houston Chapter sponsored lunch for all guests, greatly boosting the South Texas Parent's Association budget for the year. The plebe candidates enjoyed one-on-one discussions with recent graduates to assist in their preparations for Indoctrination while the attending new parents received briefings from current parents of midshipmen and former faculty and staff members on the rigors of Academy life and how to mentally prepare their sons and daughters to survive Kings Point. The USMMA Port of Houston Chapter will also present the South Texas Parent's Club with a check for \$500 to assist with their annual expenditures and budget for 2009-2010.

USMMA KP Alumni - Ohio Chapter (Dick Hannan '63 - President)

The welcome aboard picnic was held on June 20, 2009, at the home of the Ohio Parents Association President Jim and Sheryl Sheatzley. Ohio had two plebe candidates, but neither was able to attend. We had around 34 people attend the picnic, including 3 current midshipmen (Garrick Sheatzley, Anthony Galka and Keegan Irvine). Everyone had a good time and enjoyed the sea year stories from the Midshipmen. I have attached our photos from the Picnic. **USMMA KPA Ohio Ch Plebe Welcome 062009**

http://www.photoworks.com/photo-sharing/shareSignin.jsp?shareCode=A2A61D1C8E3&cp=ems_shr_alb_pml&cb=PW

KP Alumni - Chesapeake Chapter Donates \$ 500.00 to Alumni Foundation for KP Pistol Team

The Chesapeake Chapter held its 3rd Annual Pistol Tournament & Luncheon on Saturday July 25, 2009 in Abingdon, MD. The Tournament was hosted by the Long Branch Rifle Association. THE PROCEEDS OF THE TOURNAMENT ARE TO SUPPORT USMMA KP MARINER PISTOL TEAM. A total of 32 KP Alumni, Parents, family and friends supported this event and enjoyed a great day of fraternity, fellowship and shooting competition! USMMA KP Alumni - Chesapeake Chapter, Inc. is pleased to donate **\$ 500.00** to the USMMA Alumni Foundation in support of the USMMA Pistol Team.

KP Alumni - Port of Houston Chapter Donates \$ 500.00 to USMMA South Texas Parent's Club

The Port of Houston Chapter recently provided a Plebe Welcome luncheon for all attending guests at Brady's Landing. In keeping with the Support Mission of the Chapter, CDR Rob Smith '92, USCG was pleased to present the USMMA South Texas Parent's Club with a check for **\$ 500.00** to assist with their annual expenditures and budget for 2009-2010. Kudos to our Port of Houston Alumni Members for their support of Midshipman Programs and great cooperation and teamwork with the USMMA Parents Association!

USMMA KP Alumni - Port of Wilmington, DE Chapter Dinner *FIRST* Meeting 073009

There will be an inaugural dinner of the USMMA KP Alumni – Port of Wilmington, Delaware Chapter on Thursday, July 30 at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be hosted at CW Harborside, 110 S. West Street, Wilmington, on the Christina River.

www.cwharborside.com It is extremely important that you respond if you plan to attend and if you will bring a guest. Gary G. Hicks '76 – President of the Chesapeake Chapter, and Chairman of the KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc. will be our guest speaker. All are welcome and encouraged to attend! Let's show our support for our new neighbor Chapter! Please RSVP as soon as possible to: Glen DiEleuterio '84 – President, Port of Wilmington Chapter. Tel (H) (302) 477-1515
glendieleuterio@comcast.net

The KPA-CPA, Inc. will provide our new Port of Wilmington Chapter with **\$150.00** in Chapter Start-up Funding. This Mission Support funding has been budgeted by the CPA Member Chapters for Alumni Support. This is a great example of how our Chapters work together as a team to support one another, and our Alumni!

USMMA KP Alumni – Pittsburgh “Steel City” Chapter *FIRST* Meeting 080809

The USMMA KP Alumni - Pittsburgh “Steel City” Chapter will conduct its' FIRST Meeting on 08/08/2009 03:00 PM - 08:00 PM (5 hours) at Seven Fields Pavilion (near Cranberry). Thanks for your positive feedback and willingness to get involved with a local KP Alumni Chapter for Pittsburgh. We'll be one of the 53 chapters across the country helping to serve the Academy's Mission and bringing us together as alumni. Since many of us have families, we'd like to get them together too. We are set for Saturday 8 August, 2009 at 3:00PM to have a barbecue and pool party for our families at the Seven Fields Pavilion. We'll of course work in about an hour meeting to discuss startup activities and plans for the year. Our speaker for this event will be Gary G. Hicks '76 - Chairman, Chapter Presidents Alliance.

The KPA-CPA, Inc. will provide our new Pittsburgh “Steel City” Chapter with **\$150.00** in Chapter Start-up Funding. This Mission Support funding has been budgeted by the CPA Member Chapters for Alumni Support. This is a great example of how our Chapters work together as a team to support one another, and our Alumni!

Your family is invited and my daughter's Girl Scout Troop 754 has volunteered to have some games for kids and host them in the pool. (pool passes are \$5 per child and \$8 per adult swimmer). Please bring a covered dish or dessert. We'll supply the burgers and hot dogs. Please RSVP and let me know how many people will be in your party so we can plan for the food!

Thanks, Sean K. Ritchie '92 - President, USMMA KP Alumni - Pittsburgh “Steel City” Chapter. Phone: 412-777-5276 Mobile: 412-304-8636 E-mail: sean.ritchie@bayerbms.com

USMMA KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc. - Communication Forums

The following Alumni Communication Forums are confirmed – as Conference Calls - for the noted dates. These Communication Forums are provided as an ongoing opportunity, to facilitate an increased understanding of the KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance Members and the Senior Management of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

The 53 CPA Member Chapters are welcome and encouraged to participate in these important forums. We appreciate the interest,

August 12, 2009 WED 12:30PM E.D.T. Conference Call

12:30PM – 1:00PM Presenter Address with Q/A

Shashi N. Kumar, Ph.D., Master Mariner – Assistant Superintendent for Academic Affairs & Academic

Dean

1:00PM – 1:30PM KPA-CPA, Inc. Membership Business Agenda

September 16, 2009 WED 12:30PM E.D.T. Conference Call

12:30PM – 1:00PM Presenter Address with Q/A

Allen B. Worley, Rear Admiral, USMS - Superintendent, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

1:00PM – 1:30PM KPA-CPA, Inc. Membership Business Agenda

October 14, 2009 WED 12:30PM E.D.T. Conference Call

12:30PM – 1:00PM Presenter Address with Q/A

Captain William G. Fell, Jr., USMS – Assistant Superintendent for Regimental/Student Affairs &

Commandant of Midshipmen

1:00PM – 1:30PM KPA-CPA, Inc. Membership Business Agenda

2009 U.S. Merchant Marine and World Maritime Review

Shashi N. Kumar, Ph.D., Master Mariner - Assistant Superintendent for Academic Affairs & Academic Dean, has published his Annual Maritime Review. This review provides a much-anticipated annual economic analysis of the world maritime industry. Dr. Kumar also provides a valuable forecast for our industry.

Kumar, Shashi Dr. "2009 U.S. Merchant Marine and World Maritime Review" U.S. Naval Institute: Proceedings Vol. 135/5/1,275 (May 2009): 100 - 106.

Please find this insightful publication attached for your reading. ***KumarS USNIAR09.pdf***. Those CPA members participating in the Alumni Communication Forum of 081209 are encouraged to provide Dr. Kumar with questions and comments regarding his Annual Review.

Leadership Conference Call 072409 Summary Report – USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc., CPA Advisory Panel, & USMMA Parents' Association

A Conference Call Meeting was held on FRI July 24, 2009 at 12:00PM E.D.T. The purpose of the call was to continue the productive dialogue initiated by the Chapter Presidents Alliance and the USMMA Parents Association at our Spring Meeting of 043009 in Baltimore. The participants on this call included the KPA-CPA, Inc. Officers, the CPA Advisory Panel, and the USMMA Parents' Association National Co-Chairmen.

The Agenda for this call included the following:

- Introductions of Participants including Organization and Role
- KPA-CPA, Inc. origin & organization (brief update)
- USMMA Parents' Association organization (brief update)
- Organization(s) Cooperation, Commonalities, Issues
- Synergy and Progress

All participants adjourned from this meeting with an increased awareness and understanding of our two organizations. Further, we agreed to share a renewed focus on our joint mission goals. We thank Mary Silva and Ann Hall – USMMA Parents Association Co-Chairmen for their interest and partnership. We also thank Captain Jim Shirley '65 – CPA Advisory Panel for his keen insight and historical references.

Memorandum of Understanding – Statement of Cooperation – KPA-CPA and USMMA Parents Association 072409

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The USMMA KP Alumni – Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc. (aka CPA) and the USMMA Parents Association (aka Parents), as equal partners, share the common goals of Mission Support of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and the Regiment of Midshipmen.

The leadership of the CPA and Parents organizations will foster and encourage innovation and cooperation of our memberships in support of our common Mission goals. The leadership will focus upon a Regional approach for implementation and cooperation of Mission Support activities. The existing 53 Chapters of the KPA-CPA, Inc. and the near 40 Chapters of the USMMA Parents Association, and all future chapters will make every effort to foster an alliance facilitating greater Mission Support. We will also respect and appreciate all cooperative relationships that have historically been in place, and encourage those relationships.

The leadership will maintain regular communications in order to advance our common Mission Support agenda. We will encourage a greater understanding and respect for the efforts of each organization to realization of a common goal. Further, the leadership of each organization is encouraged to participate regularly in the meetings and conferences of the CPA and Parents organizations when invited to do so.

- Gary G. Hicks '76 – Chairman, USMMA KP Alumni – Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc.
- Mary Silva and Ann Hall – Co-Chairmen, USMMA Parents Association

Welcome USMMA KP Alumni - Monterey Peninsula Chapter - # 53!

WOW! Our 53rd Chapter!! We welcome the membership of our *newest* chapter, to the **53** Chapter strong Chapter Presidents Alliance!

The **Monterey (CA) Peninsula Chapter** includes the municipalities of Monterey, Pacific Grove, Seaside, Carmel, Pebble Beach, Marina, Del Rey Oaks, Sand City, Big Sur, Carmel Valley, Salinas, and Watsonville.

Our new Chapter brings our West & International Region - one of six CPA regions worldwide – to a total of 15 Chapters! We thank Ken Fidyk '71 - West & International - Regional Vice Chairman and Bruce Howie '65 - CPA Chairman - Chapter Development, for encouraging the growth and development of our new Alumni representative Chapters.

Welcome aboard Mr. President! Captain John J. "Jack" Gelke '55, USN (Ret) – President, USMMA KP Alumni - Monterey Peninsula Chapter

USMMA KP Alumni – Naples (Italy)” Chapter *FIRST* Meeting 080109

Please welcome our newest Chapter – Naples, Italy! Meet our delightful Chapter President – Kathleen Pavarini '01. Kathleen serves with the US Navy – Military Sealift Command. She continues her membership in the KP Chesapeake Chapter and the KP

Club of Washington, D.C. Kathleen and her loyal membership following (mostly from MSC – Italy) join a growing list of International Chapters of the USMMA KP Alumni – Chapter Presidents Alliance. This list currently includes Panama Chapter - Raul De St. Malo '97 – President and Singapore – Robert Bruenn '81 – President. We wish success to Kathleen and her crew, as they provide support to our Mission from Italy! Please note that Kathleen continues yet another KP family tradition of service. Her sister Shannon DiPietropolo '03 serves as Secretary, USMMA KP Alumni - Central New Jersey Chapter!

The KPA-CPA, Inc. has provided our new Naples (Italy) Chapter with **\$ 150.00** in Chapter Start-up Funding. This Mission Support funding has been budgeted by the CPA Member Chapters for Alumni Support. This is a great example of how our Chapters work together as a team to support one another!

USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. Conference Call Meeting 071309 - Summary Report

This meeting was well attended, and addressed a comprehensive agenda including: CPA Conference(s) Schedule, CPA Business Plan, By-Laws, Chapter Activity Report and DCA Program, Chapter Handbook, Mission Support Activities and Finance report. The voting Chapter Presidents reviewed and discussed the CPA Conference Questionnaire Results 070109. We voted and resolved on that call the following Conference Schedule:

USMMA KPA-CPA Spring Conference 2010 “Chapter Presidents Alliance – Building Successful Chapters – United in Mission Support”

USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. Spring Conference 2010 be presented as an affordable, hands-on productive forum of cooperation and results-oriented agenda, encouraging participation by as many of our existing Chapters (currently 53) as possible. The **proposed site would be the S. O. Bland Library, Second Deck Conference Room, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N.Y.** Our Conference dates: **Friday March 19, 2010 and Saturday March 20, 2010.** Please note important near-term dates include 03/28 Palm Sunday, 04/04 Easter Sunday and 052210 (Sat) is National Maritime Day. Comprehensive plan details forthcoming.

USMMA KPA-CPA Fall Conference 2010 “Chapter Presidents Alliance – Alumni Leadership Conference”

USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. present a Fall Conference 2010. This conference will be presented as an affordable, hands-on productive forum of cooperation and results-oriented agenda, encouraging participation by as many of our existing Chapters (currently 53) as possible. The **proposed host facility would be the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies - Conference Center, Baltimore, MD.** Our Conference dates: **Friday September 10, 2010 and Saturday September 11, 2010.** Please note important near-term dates are 09/06 Labor Day Monday, 09/03 Fri KP Parents Weekend, 09/18 Sat Yom Kippur and 09/25 Sat KP Homecoming. Comprehensive plan details forthcoming.

18th Annual USMMA Parents Association – Chapter Presidents’ Conference 091009

Mary Silva and Ann Hall - National Co-Chairman, have announced the tentative agenda for this annual conference at Kings Point.

8:30 - 8:45	Greetings from Shirley Anthony, Captain Robert Larsen
8:45 - 9:00	Captain Eric Wallischeck, Acting Chief of Staff
9:00 - 9:45	Rear Admiral Worley, Superintendent
9:45 - 10:00	Captain William Fell, Commandant of Midshipmen
10:15 - 10:30	BREAK
10:30 - 10:45	Mary Cunningham, Social Director
10:45 - 11:15	Dr. Shashi Kumar, Academic Dean
11:15 - 12:30	Lunch Break
12:30	GROUP PICTURE (Marty Skrocki)
12:45 - 13:00	Captain Eugene Albert, Acting Department Head, Shipboard Training
13:00 - 13:20	Alumni Foundation - Ivy Suter, Chairwoman, Jim Tobin, COO
13:20 - 13:30	USAA - Rusty Prewitt-Campbell, USMMA Liaison
13:30 - 13:45	Gary Hicks - Chairman, KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc.
13:45 - ?	Association Business

We appreciate the kind invitation for the CPA to make a presentation at the USMMA Parents' Chapter Presidents Conference. I am delighted to confirm my acceptance. We will address the great cooperative opportunities that exist for us to support the Academy and our Midshipmen. We will likewise emphasize the recently agreed to **Memorandum of Understanding – Contract of Cooperation 072409.**

We can take a great deal of pride in the synergy that has been developed between the Parents' Association and the KP Alumni Chapters! We have made great progress, and there is much more to which we can aspire!

USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. – Organization Progress!

The following resources were made available to each Chapter President, for discussion during our KPA-CPA Conference Call of 071309. We thank those members who have provided review and feed back. Revisions are currently underway, and the resources will be re-issued near term.

- USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. - BUSINESS PLAN
- KPA-CPA By-Laws
- USMMA KPA-CPA Annual Chapter Activity Report *And* DCA Program
- USMMA KPA-CPA Chapter Handbook 070809

USMMA KP Alumni – Pensacola Chapter *FIRST* Meeting – August 2009

Our Pensacola Chapter (America's First Settlement, and home of the Blue Angels!) is alive and well! President - Captain Terry Olsen Preston '78, has committed to setting the first Chapter meeting date in August. We have all been invited to join Terry and company for this inaugural meeting at the local brew pub!

The KPA-CPA, Inc. will provide our Pensacola Chapter with **\$ 150.00** in Chapter Start-up Funding. This Mission Support funding has been budgeted by the CPA Member Chapters for Alumni Support. This is a great example of how our Chapters work together as a team to support one another!

Midshipman Support Programs - Upcoming

The following programs and events have been slated for support by the CPA: - AcademyWomen Symposium, Arlington, VA 091809 - 092009 (AcademyWomen sponsor program)
 - Women on the Water Conference, Castine, ME 101509 - 101709 (MARAD sponsor program)
 - SNAME Annual Meeting and Expo 2009, Providence, RI - October 19-23, 2009

We will be determining the level of manpower or financial support required, and planning this effort through the appropriate CPA Event Chairman. If your Chapter has a specific interest in supporting one or more of these programs, please inform us.

Chris Sheetz – Prayers please

We thank Kevin Patrick Smith '66 – Delaware Shore Chapter for providing the following information.

Chris Sheetz, son of Don Sheetz (KP '66), was injured in a pool accident on July 11th. The accident has left Chris paralyzed from the chest down. Chris has a wife, Christy, and two daughters, Caitlen and Regan and a mortgage. Unfortunately, to compound the tragedy, Chris has been out of work for a year and has no health insurance. Chris and a friend were just trying to start up a manufacturers rep outfit and their first orders were just coming in. A website has been established for information on how we can help Chris and his family www.chriswillwalk.com. I believe the website tells all!!! Please advise all Kings Point Alumni Chapters of this families' plight and ask for everyone's prayers. GOD BLESS ALL.

Michelle Bonacci Marks – Prayers please

We thank Bob Rogaski '61 – Central NJ Chapter for providing the following information.

“Please keep Michelle Marks, the dynamic daughter of Jill and Gene Bonacci (KP '63), in our thoughts and prayers.” Link to caringbridge website: <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/michelle2009/journal>

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