



USMMA KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc.

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Please pass the information along to your Chapter, fellow Alumni and Friends of Kings Point!

1... USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. Conference(s) Schedule

The KPA-CPA Conference Call Agenda of 060309 included a discussion of the CPA Conference(s) Schedule.

The Chapter Presidents agreed that we needed to make decisions and begin planning for our "face to face" Conference(s) for the next year and beyond. We then provided the CPA Conference Questionnaire 070109 to each member for their completion and return. We then hosted a Conference Call on 071309. 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:

NO Fall Conference 2009

It was voted and agreed that we NOT HOST OR PARTICIPATE in a 2009 Fall Conference at Kings Point, or at any location. We agreed further that we will focus our attention, energies and finances on building our NEW organization, assist all 54 (plus!) Chapters on board, continue with our regularly scheduled Conference Calls, Communication and e-mail forums, and look forward to a great Spring Conference 2010 at Kings Point! We also agreed that we will never again schedule or participate in Thursday Conferences, out of consideration for the business obligations of our Members.

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 all of our existing Chapters (currently 54)! **Site: U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N.Y. Dates: Fri March 19, 2010 & Sat 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 are forthcoming. We will be sponsoring a "Chapters-Only" Art Raffle with the hopes of achieving 100% participation from our fellow Chapters. These funds would continue be used to fund our Mission Support Activities, including a previously mentioned "fund" for financially challenged Chapters to attend this meeting. The prize: an original painting of the T/V Kings Pointer to be presented by the artist – KP Chesapeake Chapter Member - Captain Brian Hope '65!

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

USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. Fall Conference 2010 will be presented as an affordable, hands-on productive forum of cooperation and results-oriented agenda, encouraging participation by all of our existing Chapters (currently 54)! **Site: Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies - Conference Center, Baltimore, MD. Dates: Fri September 10, 2010 and Sat September 11, 2010.** Please note important near-term dates are 09/03 Fri KP Parents Weekend, 09/06 Labor Day Monday, 09/18 Sat Yom Kippur and 09/25 Sat KP Homecoming. Comprehensive plan details are forthcoming.

2... Welcome USMMA KP Alumni – West Virginia Chapter - # 54!

We welcome the membership of our *newest* chapter, to the **54** Chapter strong Chapter Presidents Alliance! Our new Chapter brings our Mid-Atlantic Region - one of six CPA regions worldwide – to a total of 9 Chapters! We thank Tim Sumner '66 - Mid-Atlantic - 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 Captain John Whiteley '72 – President, USMMA KP Alumni – West Virginia Chapter. John currently serves as Director - MCTC Inland Waterways Academy, Huntington, WV. He is also an active member of SOCP (Ship Owners Cooperative Program).

3... USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. Launches Government Affairs Committee

We are pleased to announce our newest addition to our Mission Support efforts with the formation of our **Government**

Affairs Committee.

Tim Sumner '66 (Delaware Shore Chapter) has agreed to serve as Chairman.

The purpose of this committee is to provide support for Kings Point and the U.S. Merchant Marine, by educating our legislators. The USMMA KP Alumni – Chapter Presidents Alliance is well postured to provide this grassroots support, as we can and will mobilize our existing 54 Alumni Chapters to provide our **“Tell America” Program. “Tell America – about Kings Point, and the U.S. Merchant Marine!”** We will also receive partnership support from the existing 40 Chapters of the USMMA Parents Association. We can mobilize a message on short notice and with wide coverage!

We intend to launch a campaign effort next week, and will provide a unified message for each presenter, as well as a target list of legislators to be addressed – with written letters or visits to local offices or both. We will appreciate 100% support for our Chapters as well as our partner Parents Chapters.

Please note this mechanism is an excellent way to “answer the call” of one of our Distinguished Chapter Award goals KP9. ___ Provide correspondence or meet with local U.S. Representatives or Senators to encourage their support of the USMMA.

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

The following Alumni Communication Forum is scheduled in August. Please RSVP for the forum, as well as the short CPA Member Business Meeting that will follow.

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

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 available as linked for your reading. **KumarS USNIAR09.pdf**.

<http://kpchesapeake.com/USMMAAF%20CPC/KumarS%20USNIAR09.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.

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 54 CPA Member Chapters are welcome and encouraged to participate in these important forums. We appreciate the interest, cooperation and participation of the Senior Management of the Academy.

5... USMMA KP Alumni – Port of Wilmington, DE Chapter Dinner *FIRST* Meeting 073009

Another KP Alumni Success! The inaugural dinner of the USMMA KP Alumni – Port of Wilmington, Delaware Chapter was held on Thursday, July 30 at 6:30 PM. The meeting was hosted at CW Harborside, 110 S. West Street, Wilmington, on the Christina River. www.cwharborside.com The dinner was well attended by new KP Alumni - Port of Wilmington members, as well as members from KP Chesapeake, Delaware Shore Chapter and KP Club of Washington, DC. The event featured a social hour, a great dinner, and presentations by Glen DiEleuterio '84 – President, Port of Wilmington Chapter, Tim Sumner '66 - Mid-Atlantic - Regional Vice Chairman, and Gary G. Hicks '76 – President of the Chesapeake Chapter and Chairman of the KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc.

The KPA-CPA, Inc. provided 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! Enjoy the slide show of the evening!

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6... USMMA KP Alumni - CPA, Inc. – Support The Academy

Continuing a great tradition requires commitment. There are many qualities of a United States Merchant Marine Academy education that link us all. From the Academy's emphasis on academics and personal excellence to regimental life and the memories of sea year, we all share a unique bond which spans all generations. For many, the elements of

strong leadership, discipline and integrity are the cornerstones of a Kings Point education.

The Academy, through the Alumni Foundation, appeals to its community of graduates, parents, and friends for their support. The financial funding provided by the Federal Government is only enough to cover the basic operations of the Academy. Virtually all co-curricular activities exist through the generosity of our alumni, parents and friends. Areas where the Academy depends on private support include; Classroom and Laboratory Modernization, Athletics, Regimental Band, Waterfront Facilities, Leadership Development through the Lanier Lecture Series, and creation of an Ethics Center, just to name a few. The Foundation's purpose and goal is to raise the necessary funds to provide the Midshipmen with the facilities and equipment they need to become outstanding leaders both inside and outside the classroom.

The USMMA KP Alumni – Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc. encourages the generous support of the Academy through our Chapter donations to the Alumni Foundation. We have specifically highlighted this support as goals for our Distinguished Chapter Award Qualification.

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

The USMMA KP Alumni - Pittsburgh “Steel City” Chapter will conduct its’ FIRST Meeting on Sat 08/08/2009 3:00PM - 8:00PM (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 54 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

8... CPA Meeting - RADM Worley 091009 at Kings Point

The KP Alumni - CPA has been invited to make a presentation at the USMMA Parents' Chapter Presidents Conference. Gary G. Hicks '76 - Chairman, Chapter Presidents Alliance will make the presentation and discuss our **Memorandum of Understanding – Statement of Cooperation 072409**. Gary will then meet with Allen B. Worley, Rear Admiral, USMS - Superintendent, USMMA, to discuss the KPA-CPA Mission Support Program. If your Chapter has a specific Support Program or Project for the Academy or the Midshipmen that you would like to have presented, please contact me with your proposal. All suggestions from our team are welcome, as we speak with a unified voice!

9... 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, or if you personally plan to attend, please inform us. Your personal and Chapter involvement is appreciated.

10.. Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2009

The Mission of the KPA-CPA includes support of our Alumni. We have been asked to provide that support to a very special group of our Alumni, who are among the surviving Mariner Veterans of WWII. We have been requested by USMMA KP Alumni – CNJ Chapter member, James H. Baker '45 – Just Compensation Committee, American Merchant Marine Veterans, Madison N.J. jhbapache@aol.com, to “answer the call”.

We are requested to simply print, sign and mail or fax the letter that I have provided attached with this newsletter - USMMA KPA-CPA MMWWII Appeal Obama 073009.

We are urgently requesting that President Obama support Senate Bill S-663, The Belated Thank You to Merchant

Mariners of World War II Act, which affects WWII mariners whose average age is 84. Nearly 300,000 men answered the call to train and serve in the U. S. Merchant Marine during WW-2 with ages ranging from 16 ½ to 45. They were prepared to make the supreme sacrifice to defeat our enemies. Many never returned home and many others who did return, came home with both physical and mental wounds, but for 42 years received no help from the Government and little or no recognition for wartime service to our country.

During World War II, mariners suffered the highest rate of casualties of any armed service. After the war they did not receive recognition for their sacrifice nor promised benefits. S. 663 would help make up for that in a small way, by providing \$1000 per month for the short time they have remaining.

11.. Marine Traffic – Ship Tracking Web Site

Attention Parents – Would you like to track your Midshipman during Sea Year? Click the web link and you can view their ship movements worldwide! <http://www.marinetraffic.com/ais/default.aspx?level0=100>

The Marine Traffic project provides free real-time information to the public, about ship movements and ports, mainly across the coast-lines of Europe and N. America. The project is currently hosted by the Department of Product and Systems Design Engineering, University of the Aegean, Greece. The initial data collection is based on the Automatic Identification System (AIS). We are constantly looking for partners to take part in the community. They will have to install an AIS receiver and share the data of their area with us, in order to cover more areas and ports around the world.

How the vessels positions are recorded? The system is based on AIS (Automatic Identification System). As from December 2004, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) requires all vessels over 299GT to carry an AIS transponder on board, which transmits their position, speed and course, among some other static information, such as vessel's name, dimensions and voyage details.

12.. Annual Chapter Activity Report And Distinguished Chapter Award Qualification – Due!

The USMMA KPA-CPA Annual Chapter Activity Report And Distinguished Chapter Award Qualification (DCA) Program is established to assist our Alumni Chapters in their support of the Mission of their Chapter and the KPA-CPA, Inc. It encourages the Chapter to support the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, the Regiment of Midshipmen, the Alumni and the U.S. Merchant Marine. The Award Program is goal oriented to facilitate this support. The report of the achievement of each goal must be received by the Chairman – Chapter Presidents Alliance, or his/her assigns by June 30th of each year for the goal to be counted for that year. That report may be submitted electronically or by regular mail. The Distinguished Chapter Awards are to be awarded annually for the period starting July 1st and ending June 30th. These Awards and recognition will typically be made at the next USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. Conference scheduled following the qualification period. All Chapters are requested to submit a report annually, regardless of DCA Qualification level. This report will assist your CPA to evaluate the levels at which we can support our Mission beneficiaries. Please complete the report and provide minimal information after each Goal achieved.

Your responses can be provided as a simple check-off, with minimum detail requested. The most updated report form is provide via link **USMMA KPA-CPA AnChActivRpt & DCA Qual 110508**

<http://kpchesapeake.com/USMMAAF%20CPC/USMMA%20KPA-CPA%20AnChActivRpt%20%26%20DCA%20Qual%20110508.doc>

13.. Alumni Chapters – Sign Up Today To Participate in Wreaths Across America 2009

The **Wreaths Across America** (<http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>) story began over 17 years ago when Worcester Wreath Company (a for-profit commercial business from Harrington, Maine) began a tradition of placing wreaths on the headstones of our Nation's fallen heroes at Arlington National Cemetery. Over that period of time, Worcester Wreath has donated 75,000 wreaths which were placed by volunteers in a wreath-laying ceremony each December. For the first time in 2007, ceremonial wreaths honoring U.S. Merchant Marine Veterans were also donated.

[A USMMA-AF "TELL AMERICA" Program Event, honoring all Veterans](#)

The USMMA KP Alumni – CPA voted to donate **\$ 100.00** to Wreaths Across America on behalf of all Chapters in 2008! We invited all Alumni and Chapters to participate in the 2008 wreath-laying ceremonies, as Mission Support for our Alumni Veterans. We are proud to note the Chapters participating last year, including:

USMMA KP Alumni - Los Angeles / Long Beach Chapter- Merchant Marine Memorial, San Pedro, CA.

USMMA KP Alumni - Jacksonville Chapter - donated \$ 150.00 directly to Wreaths Across America

USMMA KP Alumni - Chesapeake Chapter- Crownsville, Maryland Veterans Cemetery

USMMA KP Alumni - Port Of Houston Chapter - Merchant Marine Wreath Laying services at Houston National Cemetery. Also, donated \$150 directly to Wreaths Across America.

USMMA KP Alumni - Kings Point Club of Washington, DC Chapter - Alexandria National Cemetery.

USMMA KP Alumni - Georgia Chapter - Merchant Marine Wreath Laying services at National Cemetery in Canton, GA

USMMA KP Alumni - E. Tennessee Volunteer Chapter - National Cemetery in Greeneville, TN.

USMMA KP Alumni - Chesapeake Chapter – Hosted the Baltimore, Veterans Wreath Laying Ceremony at Maryland

Veterans Vietnam Memorial and luncheon aboard the Naval Ship MV *CAPE WRATH* 2009

Wreath-laying Ceremonies - Saturday, December 12th, 2009 at 12:00 noon EST.

All Chapters are encouraged to participate in this *cost-free* nationwide activity in support of our Alumni, our Veterans and our U.S. Merchant Mariners. Each Chapter could participate as a value-added participant of an existing hosted event, or Chapters can also host their own stand-alone event at a Veterans Memorial or Cemetery.

Step 1: Find the participating location in your state or region. At this time we have over 350+ participating locations, including state and national veterans cemeteries, veterans memorials and other designated sites. To see a complete list of the [participating locations](#), scroll down thru the list to find your state and a list of locations within your region.

Step 2: Contact the WAA Location Leader where you intend to participate. It is important to make contact with the Location Leader at your intended site. They are coordinating the schedule of events and will be able to give you specific information about meeting times and the plan of events. Also, if you are planning to attend and volunteer with your group or family, the Location Leaders would love to hear from you and possibly engage you in the planning process.

Do you wish to Host Your Own Event? Contact a local Cemetery or Memorial and set the event. Then, complete the sign up sheet and return to WAA. It is that easy.

WAA Location Leader Sign up Sheet 121209

<http://kpchesapeake.com/Events/WAA%20Location%20Leader%20Sign%20up%20Sheet%20121209.doc>

Please note that we have included this event in the new USMMAAF CPC Annual Chapter Activity Report And Distinguished Chapter Award Qualification as an ADDITIONAL ALUMNI SUPPORT GOAL-

AF7. ___ Host or participate in a Wreaths Across America program, or similar Veterans tribute program which recognizes the service of U.S. Merchant Marine Veterans. This program will also serve as a USMMAAF "Tell America" Program. *"Tell America – about Kings Point, and the U.S. Merchant Marine!"*

14.. USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. Mid-Atlantic Luncheon/Dinner Cruise In September

The Delaware Shore Chapter is pleased to host a KP Alumni - Mid-Atlantic Region Cruise aboard the Cape May – Lewes Ferry <http://www.capemaylewesferry.com/>. The participating Chapters will include (but not limited to!): Delaware Shore, Port of Wilmington, Chesapeake, NJ Southern Shore, Central NJ, Philadelphia, PA South Central, Hampton Roads, KPC of Washington, DC and West Virginia.

Kevin Patrick Smith '66 – Delaware Shore Chapter - Vice President, Events will provide a final date and details as soon as possible.

15.. USMMA KP Alumni Chapter Handbook – Revised Edition Available

Each USMMA Alumni Chapter shall be organized in the way that best suits the purpose and activities of its membership. They shall have a common purpose of furthering public understanding and support of the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Each does this by providing an organization through which alumni and, in some instances; other friends of Kings Point may associate to foster the Academy's aims, ideals, standards and achievements. The Chapter Handbook is intended to serve as a guide for the USMMA KP Alumni Chapter Presidents and/or any alumni seeking to establish a new chapter. This handbook contains information relevant to all existing and future USMMA KP Alumni Chapters.

Please click the link to access the recently revised **USMMA KPA-CPA Chapter Handbook 072209**

<http://kpchesapeake.com/USMMAAF%20CPC/USMMA%20KPA-CPA%20Chapter%20Handbook%20070809.doc>

16.. MARAD – David Matsuda to serve as Deputy Administrator

David Matsuda will now serve as Deputy/Acting Administrator at the Maritime Administration. David moves to MARAD from his current position as Deputy/Acting Assistant Secretary for Policy. David rejoined DOT in March 2009, after seven years on Capitol Hill. While working in the Senate, Matsuda was engaged in the formulation and debate of most major federal transportation legislation from 2002-2009. Most recently he served as senior counsel and primary transportation advisor to U.S. Senator Frank R. Lautenberg (D-NJ). In 2002, Matsuda became a Georgetown University Government Affairs Institute fellow on the staff of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. From 1998 to 2002, Matsuda worked as an attorney with the Federal Railroad Administration. Matsuda earned his B.S. in engineering from Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, CA, and his J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law in San Diego, CA. He is from Apple Valley, CA, and lives with his wife Catherine Parsons Matsuda in Washington, DC. (7/28/09).

17.. T/V Kings Pointer - High & Dry At North Florida Shipyard, Jacksonville

Please find the attached photos of our flagship in drydock 073009.

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