



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 KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc. - Communication Forum 081209

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.

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

12:30PM – 1:00PM Presenter: Shashi N. Kumar, Ph.D., USMMA, Academic Dean

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

Fellow Alumni Chapter Presidents (or their officially designated Chapter representative), CPA Advisory Panel Members and USMM valuable Alumni Communication Forum. Please **RSVP** for the forum, as well as the brief CPA Member Business Meeting that will

- **12:30PM – 1:00PM** Presenter: Shashi N. Kumar, Ph.D., Master Mariner – USMMA, Academic Dean

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>

- **1:00PM – 1:30PM** KPA-CPA, Inc. Membership Business Meeting – Agenda (including linked documents)

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

a. NO Fall Conference 2009 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 55 (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.

b. USMMA KPA-CPA Spring Conference 2010 "Chapter Presidents Alliance – Building Successful Chapters – United in Mission Support"

Site: U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N.Y.

Dates: Fri March 19, 2010 & Sat March 20, 2010.

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

Site: Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies - Conference Center, Baltimore, MD.

Dates: Fri September 10, 2010 and Sat September 11, 2010.

(2) Annual Chapter Activity Report And Distinguished Chapter Award Qualification – Due!

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>

(3) USMMA KP Alumni Chapter Handbook – Revised Edition Available

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%20072209.doc>

(4) KPA-CPA By-Laws WORKING DRAFT 060309-v1

<http://kpchesapeake.com/USMMAAF%20CPC/KPA-CPA%20By-Laws%20WORKING%20DRAFT%20060309-v1.pdf>

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

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.

(6) Government Affairs Committee

CPA presenting the role of the Chapters in Legislative Affairs, on behalf of Kings Point. Action required.

(7) USMMA KPA-CPA Inc Business Plan 060309 – Update / Revision

Previously provided to all Chapter Presidents

(8) CPA Discussion Items

2... Welcome USMMA KP Alumni – Maine Chapter - # 55!

We welcome the membership of our *newest* chapter, to the 55 Chapter strong Chapter Presidents Alliance!

Welcome aboard Eileen (Heneghan) Miller '83 – President, USMMA KP Alumni – Maine Chapter, and Daniel Miller '82 – Vice President!

Eileen and Daniel are owners of Ocean Point Marina in East Boothbay, Maine (www.oceanpointmarina.com). The Millers are the proud parents of 6 children, including their Plebe son Zachary '13 – carrying on the Kings Point family tradition! We are excited to now engage the 120 Kings Point graduates residing in the state of Maine. The Eileen and Daniel have begun the process of building their new Chapter, and will appreciate the support of fellow Alumni. We thank the Millers for providing their interest and service to our valued KP Alumni organization.

Our new Maine Chapter brings our North East Region - one of six CPA regions worldwide – to a total of 11 Chapters! We thank Rich Roche '81 – North East - Regional Vice Chairman and Bruce Howie '65 - CPA Chairman - Chapter Development, for encouraging the growth and development of our new Alumni representative Chapters.

USMMA KP Alumni – Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc. – Mission Statement:

"The Chapters shall exist to serve, assist and perpetuate the United States Merchant Marine Academy, its Regiment of Midshipmen, faculty, staff, alumni and the United States Merchant Marine..."

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

The USMMA KP Alumni - Pittsburgh “Steel City” Chapter conduct its' FIRST Meeting on Saturday 8 August, 2009 at 3:00PM at Seven Fields Pavilion (near Cranberry). This event was yet another success for our Kings Point Alumni! This family event was hosted as a barbecue and pool party for Alumni families at the Seven Fields Pavilion. After dinner, a Business Meeting was held to discuss Start Up operations of the new Chapter. Our speaker for this event was Gary G. Hicks '76 - Chairman, Chapter Presidents Alliance. Officer elections were held, followed by a discussion of events and operations planning. The Chapter provided door prizes of Pittsburgh Pirates game tickets. The Chapter Presidents Alliance also provided a door prize - *In Peace and War: A History of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point* by Jeffrey L. Cruikshank and Chloe G. Kline. The KPA-CPA, Inc. also provided 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!

After the Barbecue and Pool Party, a few of the Chapter members proceeded to Pittsburgh for a Nighttime view from Mount Washington. The tour group was treated to a transit up the mountain on the famous and historic Duquesne Incline to the Observation Deck atop Mount Washington. We enjoyed the panorama of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers flowing together to create the Ohio, and the downtown's Golden Triangle. At the conclusion of the Pittsburgh Pirates game, the city provided a spectacular fireworks display from the Allegheny River!

We thank Sean K. Ritchie '92 - President, USMMA KP Alumni - Pittsburgh “Steel City” Chapter, and his hard-working wife Kim, for their great efforts and a successful start! We also congratulate the Officers and Members of our “Steel City” Chapter, and wish them continued success! Enjoy the great slide show!

KPA Pitt Chapter Start 080809 http://www.photoworks.com/photo-sharing/shareSignin.jsp?shareCode=AE11D2C8F8&cp=ems_shr_alb_pml&cb=PW

4... USMMA KP Alumni – Mohawk/Hudson Valley Chapter *RE-Start*!

We welcome Gerard F. Havasy '65 as our *newest* member of the 55 Chapter strong Chapter Presidents Alliance! We thank Jerry in advance for his efforts and for serving as President of the Mohawk/Hudson Valley Chapter. Our *RE-Start* Chapter brings our North East Region - one of six CPA regions worldwide – to a total of 11 active Chapters! We thank Rich Roche '81 – North East - Regional Vice Chairman and Bruce Howie '65 - CPA Chairman - Chapter Development, for encouraging the growth and development of this new Alumni representative Chapter.

5... 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 55 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.

Chapter Presidents will find attached two documents (USMMA KPA-CPA GAC LegEduProgInfo 080409.doc *and* USMMA Facts 080109.doc) for use by your Legislative Committee. Please review the information at your earliest opportunity. Your timely action is requested and appreciated on behalf of our Alma Mater!

6... USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. CNJ Chapter Dinner Cruise In 081509

The KP Alumni - Central New Jersey Chapter is pleased to host a **Sunset Cruise 2009**. Chapter President Joe Martino '86, and Event Director Steve Burak '75, are pleased to welcome all KP Alumni from the North East and Mid-Atlantic Regions to participate in this wonderful evening event!

Come aboard and join the fun on our **Seventeenth Annual Sunset Cruise** aboard the **Sea Streak Catamaran**. Classmates, friends, neighbors, kids and even in-laws are welcome! The boat departs from the Atlantic Highlands Marina behind the Ocean Club Restaurant at dockside, and heads to New York Harbor. Take in the sights including “Miss Liberty”, the New York skyline and the Intrepid Aircraft Carrier. The boat consists of three decks, two indoor and a top outdoor deck. With 50+ Kings Pointers attending each year, we get priority boarding and claim “squatters rights” to the entire first or second deck, which turns into a KP floating picnic. Pack your picnic goodies (small coolers – soft packs preferred), showing off your favorite recipes, and don't forget to make a little extra to share. Throughout the “Kings Point Deck” you'll find a spread of homemade food that will compete against any cruise ship buffet. There will be many sea stories being shared, new acquaintances being made and some old friendships being rekindled. **There is a complete cash bar on the first deck. Bringing your own beverages (non-alcoholic and alcoholic) onboard is prohibited.** Your cooler will be inspected before boarding.

Date: **August 15, 2009 (Saturday)**

Time: **6:30 p.m. (boarding)** 7:30 p.m. (departure) 10:00 p.m. (return to the pier)

Location: Foot of First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands

Price: \$35.00 per person

Directions: Garden State Parkway to Exit 117. Follow Route 36 East approximately 9 miles to the “Atlantic Highlands Business District” jughandle (Foodtown Supermarket on right). Take the jughandle and crossover Route 36 and continue on First Avenue to the end. The boat leaves from the pier directly behind the Ocean Club Restaurant at Dockside (ex Pete's-on-the-Bay).

For Reservations Contact:

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- Steve Burak '75 Home (609) 489-4333 Office (609) 524-5170 Cell (612) 309-8961 Email: kpengineer75@yahoo.com

Payment: Make your personal payment (cash or check) to Steve Burak.

7... USMMA Is One of 371 Best Colleges, Says The Princeton Review

The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) is once again one of the nation's “best colleges,” according to The Princeton Review. The New York-based education services company chose the USMMA as one of the 371 schools it recommends in the 2010 edition of its book, “The Best 371 Colleges” (Random House/Princeton Review, \$22.99), now on sale at many bookstores. The book is a guide to schools based on an analysis by The Princeton Review of institutional data collected during 2008-09. In addition, The Princeton Review surveyed 122,000 students at the top 371 colleges to rate their schools on dozens of topics and

to report on their campus experiences.

According to The Princeton Review editors, each of the 371 colleges chosen as “best” offers outstanding academic programs. The USMMA also appeared in The Princeton Review’s “America’s Best Value Colleges: 2009 Edition.”

8... 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. Thank You to those Alumni who have already acted!

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.

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