



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 Development - 100 Chapters Worldwide, and *still* growing!

Our Chapter Development Committee has been very active, in a coordinated effort with our 6 Regional Vice Chairmen, to bring our *NEW* Alumni Chapters aboard. We are pleased to report that **we have USMMA KP Alumni Chapters in ALL 50 States, U.S. Territories and Internationally!** Imagine – 100 Chapters worldwide, working together, with the unified fraternal voice of 17,000 active Alumni, in Mission Support of our Alma Mater! 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..."

We congratulate Bruce Howie '65 (N. Georgia Chapter) - Chairman, Chapter Development, and our 6 Regional Vice Chairman for the extraordinary *NEW* and *RE-Start* Chapter results of 100 Chapters to date. Our goal is clear – **Greater numbers of Chapters, Greater Alumni affiliation, Greater support for Kings Point!**

We are grateful to our members who have agreed to serve as leaders of our KP Alumni Chapters - in our *all* volunteer organization. Please find attached the linked roster of all 100 Chapters, to date

USMMA KPA-CPA Region Chapter Roster 051909

<http://kpchesapeake.com/USMMAAF%20CPC/USMMA%20KPA-CPA%20Region%20Chapter%20Roster%20051909.doc>

2... Welcome USMMA KP Alumni – Central Ohio Chapter - # 97!

We welcome the membership of one of our *NEW* chapters, to the 100 Chapter strong Chapter Presidents Alliance!

Welcome aboard Robert H. Cooper JR, CIC '77 – President, USMMA KP Alumni – Central Ohio Chapter! Rob serves as President and Certified Insurance Counselor of R. H. COOPER & COMPANY, LLC, located in Dublin, Ohio. His firm is an independent insurance agency that is dedicated to serving the SURETY BONDS and the PROPERTY and CASUALTY insurance needs of all types of Construction Companies and the ERRORS and OMISSIONS insurance needs of other professionals; such as, Architects, Construction Managers, Engineers, Land Surveyors, and all types of Real Estate Professionals. They work with bonding and insurance companies who have demonstrated a proven commitment to the industry they serve, are financially strong and stable, and offer competitive pricing with exceptional service.

Our new Chapter will include those Alumni residing on the Central and Northwest Ohio, including Columbus, Dublin, Dayton and Toledo. This new Chapter will also work in cooperation with the Northeast Ohio, Cincinnati, West Virginia and our tow Indiana Chapters!

Our new Central Ohio Chapter brings our Mid-Continent Region - one of six CPA regions worldwide – to a total of 13 active Chapters! We thank Dick Hannan '63 (NE Ohio) – Mid-Continent - Regional Vice Chairman and Bruce Howie '65 (N. Georgia) - CPA Chairman - Chapter Development, for encouraging the growth and development of this new Alumni representative Chapter.

We appreciate you, Robert H. Cooper JR, CIC '77, for your interest and valued service to our KP Alumni organization!

3... Welcome USMMA KP Alumni – Wyoming Chapter - # 98!

We welcome the membership of one of our *NEW* chapters, to the 100 Chapter strong Chapter Presidents Alliance! Welcome aboard Dr. Guy V. Padgett '69 – President, USMMA KP Alumni – Wyoming Chapter! An engineering graduate of the class of '69, Guy served aboard the Texas Trader, a T2 tanker servicing Viet Nam and surrounding areas. Upon coming ashore, he obtained a PhD in Geology at the University of South Carolina. Guy then worked for Consolidation Coal Company in a number of capacities, leaving after 13 years to join the Department of Interior as a Field Office

Director in the Office of Surface Mining. He retired from OSM in 2005 and now enjoys traveling, gardening, attending bridge tournaments and visiting his children and grandchildren. Guy is married to Pam Ogaard Padgett. He and Pam reside in Casper, Wyoming. They have 8 children scattered from Oregon to Connecticut in the US and from Afghanistan to Singapore overseas - providing ample excuse and opportunity to travel.

Our new Chapter will work in cooperation with our Chapters established in all of the Western States.

Our new Wyoming Chapter brings our West & International Region - one of six CPA regions worldwide – to a total of 27 Chapters! We thank Ken Fidyk '71 (Santa Barbara CA) – West & International - Regional Vice Chairman and Bruce Howie '65 (N. Georgia) - CPA Chairman - Chapter Development, for encouraging the growth and development of this new Alumni representative Chapter.

We appreciate you, Dr. Guy Padgett '69, for your interest and valued service to our KP Alumni organization!

4... Welcome USMMA KP Alumni – Montana Chapter - # 99!

We welcome the membership of one of our *NEW* chapters, to the 100 Chapter strong Chapter Presidents Alliance!

Welcome aboard Jack W. Sands, ESQ '69 – President, USMMA KP Alumni – Montana Chapter! Jack is a trial lawyer, with an established practice located in Billings, Montana.

Our new Chapter will work in cooperation with our Chapters established in all of the Western States.

Our new Montana Chapter brings our West & International Region - one of six CPA regions worldwide – to a total of 27 Chapters! We thank Ken Fidyk '71 (Santa Barbara CA) – West & International - Regional Vice Chairman and Bruce Howie '65 (N. Georgia) - CPA Chairman - Chapter Development, for encouraging the growth and development of this new Alumni representative Chapter.

We appreciate you, Jack W. Sands, ESQ '69, for your interest and valued service to our KP Alumni organization!

5... Welcome USMMA KP Alumni – Washington East Chapter - # 100!

We welcome the membership of one of our *NEW* chapters, to the 100 Chapter strong Chapter Presidents Alliance!

Welcome aboard Dr. Carl W. Connell JR '66 – President, USMMA KP Alumni – Washington East Chapter! Carl graduated with a degree in Marine Systems Engineering, and subsequently earned a PhD. He is pursuing a career with Fluor Hanford as Manager, Environmental Information Systems. Project Hanford is managed by its prime contractor, Fluor Hanford, Inc. Fluor's principal subcontractors are Numatec Hanford Corporation and Energy *Solutions* Federal Services of Hanford, Inc. Hanford is the world's largest environmental cleanup project. The two-fold mission is to restore and remediate Hanford's atomic legacy and bring economic diversification and environmental health to the Columbia Basin. Hanford is a Department of Energy site covering 586 square miles of sagebrush and sand located along the last free-flowing stretch of the Columbia River in the Southeast portion of the state of Washington. Approximately 3,500 union and non-union employees work in more than 100 facilities on the Hanford property (some located as far as 40-45 miles apart). Carl and his wife Judy reside in Richland, Washington.

Our new Chapter will include those Alumni residing in Eastern Washington. This new Chapter will also work in cooperation with the established Seattle-Puget Sound, Portland-Columbia River and Idaho Chapters.

Our new Washington East Chapter brings our West & International Region - one of six CPA regions worldwide – to a total of 27 Chapters! We thank Ken Fidyk '71 (Santa Barbara CA) – West & International - Regional Vice Chairman and Bruce Howie '65 (N. Georgia) - CPA Chairman - Chapter Development, for encouraging the growth and development of this new Alumni representative Chapter.

We appreciate you, Dr. Carl W. Connell JR '66, for your interest and valued service to our KP Alumni organization!

6... USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. Conference(s) Schedule – log your calendar!

a. NO Fall Conference 2009

There will be NO meeting of Chapter Presidents at Kings Point, or at any location, in the Fall of 2009.

We agreed further that we will focus our attention, energies and finances on building our NEW organization, assist all 100 (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.

Preparations have begun for our **Spring Conference 2010**. This will be a most comprehensive and engaging opportunity for our fraternal organization. Our member numbers have grown significantly, and will continue to grow. We anticipate a great 2-day conference at Kings Point with a record large attendance of Chapter Presidents representing our KP Alumni! A preliminary Agenda will be provided to all Chapter Presidents for input and comment early in October 2009. This forum, and all USMMA KP Alumni – Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc. Conferences, will be Total Participant Involvement (TPI) events. All voices will be heard, and all participants will serve an active role in the 2-day presentation!

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!

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.

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 100)! 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.

7... Mid-Atlantic Region Cruise - Cape May - Lewes Ferry Cruise, Sat 092609 - REPORT

The USMMA KP Alumni – Delaware Shore Chapter, Inc. hosted the first ever CPA Regional Cruise on the Cape May - Lewes Ferry cruise aboard MV TWIN CAPEs on Saturday, September 26, 2009. Kevin Patrick Smith '66 – Vice President, Events – DE Shore Chapter, and Tim Sumner '66 – President – DE Shore Chapter and KPA-CPA – Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice Chairman are to be commended for a most successful event! The objective was to provide an enjoyable fraternal outing that would bring together the memberships of a number of Chapters in a spirit of unity and working together.

We are pleased to report that the event was enjoyed by over 50 participants from 8 Regional Chapters, including: Delaware Shore, Port of Wilmington. KP Chesapeake, NJ Southern Shore, Philadelphia, South Central PA, Washington, DC and Central New Jersey! We were also joined by members of the USMMA Mid-Atlantic Parents Association! The unique logistics called for the “New Jersey” Alumni to board at Cape May and transit to Lewes DE. The Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington DC and Virginia Alumni boarded at Lewes DE. All Alumni then enjoyed the 90 minute transit together back to Cape May!

Our “Cruise Headquarters” was the spacious Forward Lounge with our own full-service cash bar. We were also treated to exclusive tours of the wheelhouse and engine room, and heard a presentation by Heath Gehrke '93, Director of Operations – Cape May-Lewes Ferry. A buffet lunch was provided featuring Crab Bites, a Cold Shrimp Platter, a Petite Sandwich Tray, Mini Croissants, as well as Fruit & Cheese, and Dessert Displays.

This was the first Delaware Shore Chapter special event, and a great success! The KP Alumni – Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc., Mid-Atlantic Region supported this event and encouraged participation by all for whom a day at sea will bring back memories from cadet days or years as a career mariner. Enjoy the great slide show!

DE Shore Cruise 092609 http://www.photoworks.com/photo-sharing/shareSignin.jsp?shareCode=A65E7E2C935&cp=ems_shr_alb_pml&cb=PW

8... USMMA KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc. - Communication Forum 101409

An Alumni Communication Forum is scheduled, as a Conference Call, on October 14, 2009. These Communication Forums are provided as an ongoing opportunity, to facilitate an increased understanding of the Chapter Presidents Alliance Members and the Senior Management of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. All 100+ CPA Member Chapters are welcomed and encouraged to participate in this important forum. We appreciate the interest, cooperation and participation of the Senior Management of the Academy. Our format and guest presenter are as follows:

**CPA – Alumni Communication Forum - 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, Asst Supt for Regimental/Student Affairs / Commandant of Midshipmen
1:00PM – 1:30PM KPA-CPA, Inc. Membership Business Agenda

An agenda will be provided to all members for the brief Business Meeting. Please provide your RSVP, so that all attendees can be accounted for.

9... The 3rd Annual "Women on the Water" Conference - October 15-17, 2009

"Women on the Water" is not just for women—it's for everyone. All participants can gain valuable insights. Please join the Maritime Administration and the Maine Maritime Academy for the third annual "Women on the Water" conference on October 15-17, 2009 on the campus of the Maine Maritime Academy in Castine, Maine. Each year, this highly successful event brings midshipmen and cadets attending America's maritime academies together with some of the most successful members of the maritime industry to discuss current issues.

The conference, which welcomes all those with an interest in the maritime industry, will feature discussions on a variety of issues affecting the maritime trades and industry such as, human factors (e.g. fatigue, health, and criminalization), industry trends, emerging employment opportunities, regulatory changes, and piracy. Attendees will not only learn about the industry through the eyes of successful women and men, but will begin to build relations that will ensure success in their careers. They will also be able to interact and network with the present and future leaders of the maritime industry.

Registration for the event can be accomplished online at <http://wow.mma.edu> or by calling Rhonda Varney in the Conferences Department at Maine Maritime Academy, (207) 326-2283.

To register by mail, write to Maine Maritime Academy, Women on the Water Conference, ATTN: WOW Conference, 70 Pleasant St., Castine, ME 04420, and enclose a check payable to "MMA WOW Conference." For more information about the 2009 Women on the Water conference, visit <http://www.marad.dot.gov> online, or send an e-mail to womenonthewater@dot.gov.

The Chapter Presidents Alliance will provide financial and any other needed support to our Midshipmen attending this event. The lead contacts for this support include: Connie Buhl '81 (Seattle-Puget Sound) – CPA Chairman, Women's Programs cbuh@aol.com, and Eileen Heneghan Miller '83 – President & Daniel Miller '82 – Vice President, USMMA KP Alumni – Maine Chapter miller@tidewater.net.

10.. 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 Alumni "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* (T-AKR 9962)

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 USMMA KP Alumni - CPA 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 USMMA Alumni "Tell America" Program. *"Tell America – about Kings Point, and the U.S. Merchant Marine!"*

11... USMMA KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc. – Web site Updated

Our web site provides a convenient location for accessing valuable and timely information by our Alliance Members. Please visit the site often, as it is constantly updated. Users can access the site directly with web link:

<http://www.kpchesapeake.com/kpa-cpa.html> or one can access by default <http://www.kpchesapeake.com> and navigate the Directory header for [USMMA KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance](#) We now have a new web feature - Web Calendar – [VIEW USMMA KP Alumni - CPA EVENT CALENDAR](#) All members are welcome to submit events that you would like to have posted via e-mail: KPA-CPA@kpchesapeake.com. If you provide a hypertext link for a document detailing the event, it will appear accessible on the calendar date. If you simply wish to provide the event document, and request web calendar access to the details, we will upload your document and provide the hypertext link to the calendar. This is a great tool for promoting National, Regional, Multi-Chapter and prominent events!

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