



Chapter Presidents Alliance

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... Conference – KPA-CPA, Inc. and USMMAAF, Inc. – Summary Report 111409

A conference was held at Kings Point on Saturday 11/14/09, for the Officers of the KPA-CPA, Inc., and the Officers of the Alumni Foundation. The Council of Past Presidents of the USMMA Alumni Association also attended. The purpose of this conference was to discuss the working relationship between the Foundation and the CPA.

The attendees of this conference included:

USMMA KPA – CPA, Inc.

Gary G. Hicks '76 – Chairman, USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. (KP Chesapeake Chapter)
 Richard J. Roche '81 – North East - Regional Vice Chairman (Central NY Chapter)
 Tim Sumner '66 – Mid-Atlantic – Regional Vice Chairman (Delaware Shore Chapter)
 Bruce C. Howie '65 – Southeast – Regional Vice Chairman (N. Georgia Chapter)
 CDR Rob Smith '92, USCG – South-Central – Regional Vice Chairman (Port of Houston Chapter)
 Kenneth J. Fidyk '71 – West & International – Regional Vice Chairman (Santa Barbara Chapter)
 Joanne R. Hicks 'A – Recording Secretary (KP Chesapeake Chapter - Membership Chairman)
 (absent) Darrell “Dick” Hannan '63 – Mid-Continent – Regional Vice Chairman (NE Ohio Chapter)

USMMA Alumni Foundation

Charlie Hill '65 – Chairman, USMMAAF
 John Arntzen '79 – Vice Chairman – Development, USMMAAF
 Ray Dombrowski '76 – Vice Chairman – Finance, USMMAAF
 Tom Harrelson '66 – Vice Chairman – Alumni Affairs, USMMAAF
 Joe Cox '67 – Member BOD
 James I. Hamilton – Member BOD
 Jim Shirley '65 – Emeritus Member BOD
 Jim Tobin '77 - COO, USMMAAF

Past Presidents Council, USMMA Alumni Association

Jack Ring '59 – Past President, USMMAAA
 Donald Yearwood '61 – Past President, USMMAAA
 Mel Tublin, ESQ. '49 – Past President, USMMAAA

We are pleased to report that this forum was most successful in agreeing upon a plan of operations for the continued success of our Alumni organizations, and for our support of Kings Point! Please note below the new organization structure.

This new structure enables the autonomous, self-directed efforts of each entity of the USMMA Alumni Associations, capitalizing upon their individual focus and strength.

The Chairmen of the three entities will share the responsibility for coordination of the valued efforts of their organizations and memberships. The cooperation and resultant synergies of these 3 organizations will provide a unified effort in support of Kings Point!

USMMA Alumni Associations

----- Babson Center Support (shared resources)

Chairman – USMMAAF

Charles J. Hill '65

Chairman – KPA-CPA

Gary. G. Hicks '76

Chairman – Government Affairs

Joseph J. Cox '67

USMMA Alumni Foundation

KP Alumni – Chapter Presidents Alliance

Government Affairs Committee

Fund Raising
Communication
Alumni Services

Alumni Chapter Development
Mission Support

Legislator Education &
Legislation Interests
KP Alumni Presence in Washington



View Slides **CPA & AF Ofcr Conf KP 111409**

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2... USMMA KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc. - Communication Forum 111809

An Alumni Communication Forum is scheduled, as a Conference Call, on October 18, 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 101+ 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 – November 18, 2009 WED 12:30PM E.S.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.

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

1... Welcome our *NEW* chapters, to the 101 Chapter strong Chapter Presidents Alliance!

2... Conference 111409 – KPA-CPA, Inc. and USMMAAF, Inc. – Summary Report

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

4... USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. Spring Conference Scheduled – log your calendar!

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.**

Our Conference dates: **Friday March 19, 2010 and Saturday March 20, 2010.**

3... KP Chesapeake Veterans Day Maritime Dinner Program Wed 111109

A special Veterans Day Program was presented by USMMA KP Alumni - Chesapeake Chapter, Inc. and our Industry Event Partner Ship Operations Cooperative Program (SOCP). The evening event was hosted at The Conference Center at the Maritime Institute 692 Maritime Blvd Linthicum Heights, MD 21090 Tel: (866)-629-3196 Web: <http://www.ccmi.org>

The program began with a Hosted Tour of the MITAGS Simulator Technology Center. The guests then enjoyed a Social Hour which included 30 Industry Table Top Exhibits, and a Business Development - Card Exchange - Networking Opportunity.

The Veterans Day Ceremony featured the USMMA Regimental Color Guard and Honor Guard, honoring all Military Veterans, including Merchant Marine Veterans! The ceremony was highlighted by an **official Kings Point Welcome to RADM Mark H. "Buz" Buzby, USN (KP '79) – Commander, Military Sealift Command ... first Kings Point graduate to serve as Commander, Military Sealift Command!**

The guests enjoyed a delicious dinner followed by a brief presentation by the Ship Operations Cooperative Program (SOCP) – Captain Cole Cosgrove (KP '81) – President. The Guest Speaker was RADM Mark H. "Buz" Buzby, USN (KP '79) – Commander, Military Sealift Command. Remarks were then provided by MIDSHIPMAN Donald Occhipinti '10 -President, USMMA Student Port of the Propeller Club. The attendees also welcomed 12 Midshipmen members of the USMMA Student Port of the Propeller Club, attending as guests.

Attending Midshipmen: Occhipinti, Donald '10 (MIC)(Manorville, NY), Urbas, Ian '10 (Douglasville, GA), Chrijapin, Jeff '10 (Clarks Hill, SC), Achurra, Pablo '10 (Panama City, PN), Schwind, Jeff '10 (Waldwick, NJ), Denton, Ryan '10 (Annapolis, MD), Polinder, Geoffrey '13 (Grand Rapids, MI), Hatcher, Timothy '10 (Front Royal, VA), Merkle, Joseph '10 (Clearwater, FL), Milke, Pavel '10 (Rumson, NJ), Smith, Charles '10 (Chicago, IL), Manson, Sarah '10 (Weston, FL), Hayes, Victoria '13 (Acworth, GA), Klein, Adam '11 (Laurel, MD), Schatz, Bradley '12 (Pasadena, MD)

Our Alumni and guests were also pleased to hear a brief presentation provided by the **Honorable David T. Matsuda, Acting Administrator of MARAD**

Another treat provided in the evening event was singing provided by Midshipman Sarah Manson '10 and the Trumpet honors provided by Midshipman Bradley Schatz '12 and Midshipman Victoria Hayes '13.

This special occasion was a USMMA KP Alumni "TELL AMERICA" Program Event. "Tell America About the U.S. Merchant Marine!" Webcast was provided by Maritime TV - TV Worldwide, Dave Gardy '80 - Chairman & CEO, Web: <http://www.tvworldwide.com>

Please enjoy the webcast **KP Ches VetDayMarDinProg 111109**

<http://www.tvworldwide.com/events/usmma/091111/>

Please enjoy the slideshow(s)

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4... Kings Point Club of Washington, DC - Luncheon Speaker Matsuda 111209

Chapter President Steve Blust '71 reports that a Luncheon Meeting was hosted by the KPCWDC on Thursday, November 12, 2009. The Guest speaker was **David T. Matsuda, Acting Administrator/Deputy Maritime Administrator, United States Maritime Administration.** This most enjoyable event was held at The District Chop House 509 7th Street, NW Washington, D.C.

Steve is pleased to note that the Maritime Administrator reaffirmed the commitment of MARAD, and the Transportation Secretary - Ray LaHood, to the slated improvements at Kings Point. Further, Mr. Matsuda made a strong appeal to the attending Alumni to provide referrals of qualified candidates for the open position of Superintendent at the USMMA.

Administrator Matsuda's Biography:

David T. Matsuda - Acting Maritime Administrator/Deputy Maritime Administrator

David T. Matsuda was appointed Deputy Maritime Administrator by President Obama on July 28, 2009, and was officially sworn into office on July 30, 2009.

Mr. Matsuda served as the U.S. Department of Transportation's Acting Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy from March 2009 until his appointment as Deputy. Prior to that, he spent seven years on Capitol Hill. While working in the U.S. Senate, Mr. Matsuda was engaged in the formulation and debate of most major Federal transportation legislation as senior counsel and primary transportation advisor to U.S. Senator Frank R. Lautenberg of New Jersey.

In 2002, Mr. Matsuda became a Georgetown University Government Affairs Institute Fellow serving on the staff of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. From 1998 to 2002, he worked as an attorney with the safety law division of the USDOT's Federal Railroad Administration.

Mr. Matsuda's hometown is Apple Valley, California. He 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 lives with his wife Catherine Parsons Matsuda in Washington, DC

Slides **KPCWDC Lunch Matsuda 111209** <http://www.photoworks.com/slideshow/album/AD639C1385D1?source=pw980>

5... USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. Spring Conference Scheduled – log your calendar!

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

USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. Spring 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 101)!

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 December 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!

Site: **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.

The proposed site will be the S. O. Bland Library, Second Deck Conference Room, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N.Y. If the attendance is greater than what can be accommodated in the library, we will request use of Samuels Hall Room 227.

This will be a true working Conference, with Chapter Presidents and / or designated Chapter representative in attendance. Additionally, the Members of the CPA Advisory Panel will be invited to participate. The cost will be reduced to the essential minimum: **Overnight accommodations** available at Melville Hall, Patton Infirmary and Cleveland Hall.

We will also secure conference rates at the Andrew Hotel in Great Neck, and the Inn at Great Neck. We will encourage room sharing where possible. Our **meal cost**: Continental breakfast, Morning & Afternoon breaks and Lunch approximately \$ 30.00, Dinner approximately \$ 35.00. We will also host an informal and appropriately priced Welcome Dinner for those participants arriving by 6:00PM on Thursday evening March 18, 2010.

Welcome dinner of Thursday 031810 would likely be hosted at a restaurant in Great Neck. We would contract with

a caterer to provide breakfast at the library on Friday 031910, and we would request luncheon dining with the Regiment in Delano Hall. We will likewise contract for our dinner that evening to be held in the Yocum Sailing Center. We would contract with a caterer to provide breakfast and luncheon at the library on Saturday 032010.

Our Conference will begin at 8:30AM on Friday 031910 and conclude at 4:30PM. The Friday session will include guest speakers from the Academy administration, faculty and student body. We will also request tours of the Academy grounds, buildings, and facilities. We will again convene at 8:30AM on Saturday 032010 and adjourn at 4:00PM. Our Saturday session will include workshops and discussions regarding organization and policy.

Our objective will be to include the attendance of as many Chapters as possible in our working forum. It is further proposed that the Chapter Presidents Alliance establish a "fund" to assist our small, or new, or re-start Chapters with attendance expenses which may otherwise preclude their participation.

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Lastly, our Hands-on Conference format and agenda will encourage teamwork and cooperation in a forum where every voice is heard. We will include a few guest presenters from the Academy, including Midshipmen. We will also feature a Moderator and Workshop format, with Chapter Presidents Presenting portions of the program. This productive Conference format will likewise encourage a more personalized experience and an increase in the building of relationships and rapport with our fellow Chapters.

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

The ***Wreaths Across America*** (<http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.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!"

THANK YOU to those KPA Chapters who have now planned to participate in the 2009 Wreaths Across America Program. Please sign up and add your Chapter to this growing list! The Mission of Wreaths Across America is to Remember; Honor; and Teach about the service and sacrifices of our veterans.

<http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>

USMMA KP Alumni - Chesapeake Chapter - Wreaths Across America Program Annual Sponsor of **\$ 150.00** will assist the 350 participating locations all across the Nation.

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USMMA KP Alumni - Los Angeles / Long Beach Chapter

Fellow Mariners, mark your calendars for 0900 Saturday, December 12th, at the **Merchant Marine Memorial, San Pedro, CA**. We are commemorating our Merchant Marine veterans along with veterans from each of the armed services along with the POW/MIA's. This will be followed by breakfast at approximately 1015 (details to follow). Please send me an email if you think you can attend, so that arrangements can be made at a local restaurant. Last year's ceremony (2008) was a great success and was well attended by the chapter. Hopefully, this year's event will be even better. Contact: John P. Daly '83 – President (LA/ Long Beach) Chief Engineer, SS CAPE INSCRIPTION Tel: (562) 435-8165 or (714) 305-2177 E-mail: ins_jd@yahoo.com

USMMA KP Alumni - Chesapeake Chapter and USMMA KP Alumni – KP Club of Washington, D.C.

Crownsville Veterans Cemetery, Crownsville, MD – Providing Merchant Marine Wreath Layer and representative

USMMA KP Alumni - Chesapeake Chapter

Maryland Veterans Vietnam Memorial, Middle Branch Park, 2825 South Hanover Street, Baltimore, MD 21225

Honors provided by Armed Services and Merchant Marine Representatives. ***A USMMA KP Alumni "TELL AMERICA" Program Event, honoring all Veterans - Armed Forces & U.S. Merchant Marine***

Guest speaker: **Captain Michael J. Schneider (KP '61), Captain, USN (Ret.) Vice President and Director of Veterans Affairs, USMMA KP Alumni - Chesapeake Chapter, Inc.**

Colors Honors provided by the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Color Guard, the Navy League Cadet Ship Reina Mercedes (Annapolis) and the Historic Elkridge Young Marines, and others. Taps presented by the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Band Trumpeter Midshipman 3/C Bradley Schatz (Pasadena, MD)

Complete entrée luncheon provided aboard the **N.S. Savannah ~ The World's First Nuclear-Powered Merchant Ship** ~ Pier 13, Canton Marine Terminal, 4601 Newgate Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21224. Vessel tours will be conducted by Maritime Administration, Savannah Technical Staff, Erhard W. Koehler (NYMC) - Manager, N.S. Savannah Programs, U.S. Maritime Administration

RSVP for Ceremony, & Payment for Luncheon must be received by Thursday, December 10, 2009. (Port security requires that your name - as presented on your photo ID - MUST appear on pre-registration roster at gate!) **Luncheon Cost: \$ 15.00 (NO Charge for Military, Organization members in Uniform, or Children under 6 yrs.)** **RSVP** to Gary G. Hicks '76- President, KP Chesapeake, at

FORTUNE CENTER, 42 Idlewild Street, Bel Air, MD 21014

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KP Chesapeake Wreaths Across America VNVMem 121209

<http://kpchesapeake.com/Events/KP%20Chesapeake%20Wreaths%20Across%20America%20VNVMem%20121209.doc>

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