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USMMA KPA-CPA News 010910

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1... USMMA KP Alumni – Chapter Development - **107 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 – **107 Chapters** worldwide, working together, with the unified fraternal voice of 17,000 active Alumni, in Mission Support of our Alma Mater! The effort continues, as we have additional new Chapters to come aboard near-term!

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...”*

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 encourage all of our Alumni to **JOIN A LOCAL CHAPTER!**

Our Chapter Development team and the Regional Vice Chairmen will continue to work with each Chapter to assist their start-up, and continued growth and development!

You will find attached the linked roster of all **107 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 - Republic of the Philippines Chapter # **107!**

We welcome the membership of one of our *NEW* chapters, to the **107** Chapter strong Chapter Presidents Alliance!

Welcome aboard Commodore Feliciano "Fil" Salonga (PCG Aux) KP '53 – President, USMMA KP Alumni – Republic of the Philippines Chapter! “Fil” resides in Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Olongapo City, Philippines. He currently serves the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority as Chairman & Head of the Agency. He also serves as Commodore of the Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary. Fil already has an active group of significant size, with Kings Point graduates from the Classes of 1950, 51, 52, 53, 54, and the 1990’s!

Our new Republic of the Philippines Chapter brings our West & International Region - one of six CPA regions worldwide – to a total of 34 Chapters – ten of which are International! 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, Commodore Feliciano "Fil" Salonga (PCG Aux) KP '53, for your interest and valued service to our KP Alumni organization!

3... USMMA KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc. - Communication Forum 121409

Fellow Alumni Chapter Presidents (or their officially designated Chapter representative), and CPA Advisory Panel Members are invited and encouraged to participate in this valuable Alumni Communication Forum.

Please **RSVP** for the forum, as well as for the CPA Business Meeting.

These Alumni Communication Forums are provided as an ongoing opportunity, to facilitate an increased understanding of the KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance Members, Management and operations of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and the USMMA Alumni Foundation. The – now – 107+ CPA Member Chapters are welcome and encouraged to participate in these important forums. We appreciate the interest, cooperation and participation of our January 13, 2010 speaker - **Joseph Cox '67 – Chairman, Government Affairs Committee**, on behalf of the USMMA Alumni Foundation.

CPA – Alumni Communication Forum – January 13, 2010 WED 12:30PM E.S.T. Conference Call

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

Joseph Cox '67 – Chairman, Government Affairs Committee, USMMA AF

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

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

1... Chapter Development

1a. Welcome USMMA KP Alumni - Republic of the Philippines Chapter # **107!**

1b. Alumni Membership Rosters for Chapter Development

2... USMMA KPA-CPA Member Contact Listing Web Posting

3... USMMA KPA-CPA Spring Conference 2010

3a. Agenda, Logistics (Schedules, Lodging, Registration, Cost etc.) and Chapters-Only Art Raffle

3b. Details to be provided in separate mailing prior to this 011310 meeting

4... USMMA KPA-CPA Annual Chapter Activity Report *And* Distinguished Chapter Award Qualification (DCA) Program

5... KPA-CPC 2010 Schedule

6... USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. – Web site & Web Calendar

4... Alumni Chapters Participate in Wreaths Across America 121209 ADDITIONAL REPORTS

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 over 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 KP Alumni "TELL AMERICA" Program Event, honoring all Veterans

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

All Chapters were 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.

THANK YOU to those KP Alumni Chapters who have now participated in the 2009 Wreaths Across America Program. 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 CPA 2009 WAA Participants 121209

<http://kpchesapeake.com/USMMAAF%20CPC/USMMA%20CPA%202009%20WAA%20Participants%20121209.doc>

We note the recent reporting form additional Chapters participating:



USMMA KP Alumni - North Carolina Tar Heel Chapter - Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville, NC.

"Walter Skinner '69 (North Carolina Tar Heel Chapter) represented the U.S. Merchant Marines at the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville, North Carolina, on December 12, 2009. Scores of attendees joined thousands of others at 400 locations across the country to lay wreaths upon the graves of U.S. veterans. Along with active-duty members of the five services and a representative of Prisoners of War/Missing in Action, Mr. Skinner presented a wreath to honor those who have served, are presently serving, and will serve in the future in the Merchant Marines. Though not well publicized, during World War II, more than 9,000 merchant mariners were killed at sea or from wounds ashore, representing the highest rate of casualties of any branch of service during the war."



USMMA KP Alumni – North Georgia Chapter - Marietta National Cemetery, Marietta, GA
Marietta National Cemetery, Marietta, GA - Chapter member John Palmer '84 layed the Merchant Marine Wreath.

Marietta, Georgia- December 12, 2009, A cold and windy Saturday morning, threatening rain, which thankfully held off until the evening. The ceremony at the Marietta National Cemetery was organized and orchestrated by Maj. Paige Joyner of the Civil Air Patrol. This 23 acre site was originally a central location chosen as the resting place for nearly 10,000 Union soldiers that lost their lives during the Civil War. Since 1866, there are soldiers buried at the cemetery representing every U.S. engagement to the present Iraq War. Along with a USCG bagpiper who set the tone of the solemn autumn morning, each member of the wreath laying procession was followed by an individual bugler, who played taps as the wreaths were placed at each head stone. Following the ceremonial laying of the wreaths by individuals serving in each of the Army, Navy, Marine Corp, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine, the public was invited to join in placing the remaining 300 wreaths honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country. It was truly inspiring to witness the service and participation of local youth involved as Boy Scouts and junior Civil Air Patrol cadets, who collectively raised money to provide over 800 wreaths in ceremonies across Georgia. I was also humbled and honored to participate in this ceremony which is conducted annually at the holiday season to show our gratitude to our fallen servicemen. Learn more about this national event by visiting the official website at www.wreathscrossamerica.org - John F. Palmer '84'

5... KP Chesapeake hosts USMMA Midshipmen & Commandant – MITAGS Dinner 011210

On Tuesday Jan 12, 2010, KP Chesapeake will host our USMMA Midshipmen & USMMA Commandant for a MITAGS Simulator Technology Center Tour at 2:30PM & a Dinner Social from 5:00PM to 6:30PM. All are welcome!

Details: USMMA Student Port of the Propeller Club are scheduled for a visit to Washington D.C. on Tuesday January 12, 2010. The Midshipman contingent will be accompanied by The USMMA Commandant of Midshipmen - Captain William Fell, USMS. This contingent will be provided overnight accommodations on Monday evening 011110 at The Conference Center at the Maritime Institute (CCMIT), 692 Maritime Blvd Linthicum Heights, MD 21090 Tel: (866)-629-3196 Web: <http://www.ccmiit.org> through the generosity of Glen Paine '78 - Executive Director. KP Chesapeake and KP Club of Washington, DC Chapters will provide funding for the breakfast charges Tuesday January 12, 2010. The contingent is scheduled for a tour of the White House at 9:30AM on 011210, and a tour and photo session at MARAD with Acting Administrator David Matsuda at 11:00AM. MARAD is also attempting to set a visit with DOT Secretary Ray LaHood.

Further, the contingent will depart Washington, D.C. at 1:00PM. We have set a meeting with Captain Tim Brown (KP '65) - President, International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots. A tour and presentation of the MITAGS Simulator Technology Center will be hosted by Eric Friend '98 - Training Director - MITAGS.

We have then arranged for dinner & social at 5:00PM in the main dining room of CCMIT for our contingent, Alumni, Parents and all interested parties. We have requested that Captain Bob Becker '78 - Manager, Business Development - MITAGS to provide stimulating conversation regards Maritime Training. Dinner tickets will be available at the hotel lobby desk at a cost of \$ 25.00. KP Chesapeake and KP Club of Washington, DC Chapters will provide the dinner cost for our Midshipman contingent. The dinner and social will conclude at 6:30PM.

RSVP to Gary G. Hicks '76- President, KP Chesapeake, at FORTUNE CENTER, 42 Idlewild Street, Bel Air, MD 21014 Tel: 410-420-0080 E-mail: kpchesapeake@comcast.net Price: \$ 25.00 - remittance directly to CCMIT Hotel.

6... USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. - Spring Conference at Kings Point 031910

"Chapter Presidents Alliance – Building Successful Chapters – United in Mission Support"

Mar 19, 2010 Fri USMMA KPA-CPA Spring Conference 2010 (Fri March 19, 2010 & Sat March 20, 2010)

"Chapter Presidents Alliance – Building Successful Chapters – United in Mission Support"

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

Mar 18, 2010 Thu USMMA KPA-CPA Spring Conference 2010 – Welcome Dinner 6:00PM (Off-Campus? TBA)

Mar 19, 2010 Fri USMMA KPA-CPA Spring Conference 2010 – Day 1 of 2 Program: Presenters, Tours 8:30AM – 5:00PM

Mar 19, 2010 Fri USMMA KPA-CPA Spring Conference 2010 – Dinner Program 6:00PM Yocum Sailing Center, USMMA

Mar 20, 2010 Sat USMMA KPA-CPA Spring Conference 2010 – Day 2 of 2 Program: Workshops 8:30AM – 5:00PM

Logistics

We are completing a *Draft* Agenda, and will provide same to all Chapter Presidents for input and comment early in January 2010. All voices will be heard, and all participants will serve an active role in the 2-day presentation!

The Friday 031910 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.

Suggestions / Requests: _____

The Saturday 032010 session will include workshops and discussions regarding organization and policy.

Suggestions / Requests: _____

We are also completing the registration form, including meal and lodging costs and availability, and will provide same the first week in January 2010.

7... USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. - Spring “Chapters-Only” Art Raffle

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.

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! Raffle ticket forms will be provided early in January 2010.

8... USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. – NEW & Re-Start Chapter Funding Support

The CPA has been providing financial “start-up” support to our fellow Chapters for the past one year. It is important that our organization support our NEW and Re-Start Chapters, in any manner possible to insure their success. We recognize That Chapter Development is a team effort. Every entity in the process benefits from strong Chapters – the CPA, the Foundation and the Academy!

Please note the excerpt from our **Alumni Chapter Handbook**.

Section 2 STARTING A CHAPTER

HOW TO ORGANIZE A NEW USMMA ALUMNI CHAPTER.....

Ref: USMMA KPA/CPA Chapter Handbook 2-1 (Rev. 072209)

E. The CPA recognizes that new chapters rarely have operating accounts and will provide the following services to new chapters at no cost to the chapter:

3. Reimbursement of expenses for the initial mailing to graduates and alumni, including but not limited to: postage, envelopes, reproduction expenses for letters and questionnaires and other administrative expenses, not to exceed \$150, if required. As a condition of receiving these funds, the proposed chapter should submit in writing a brief plan/summary proposal for the establishment of the chapter to the CPA Chapter Development Chairman. Once established, it is anticipated that the chapter will be able to raise funds through chapter programs or dues that will cover future mailing and administrative expenses.

If your Chapter has need of this funding support, please contact your Regional Vice Chairman, and we will act accordingly. Thank you to those Chapters / CPA Members who have financially supported our organization. Your support enables us to provide for each other when needed!

9... Cruising The Chapters – CPA Coordination – Submissions Received: 010810!

We are pleased to report that the CPA Chairman will be coordinating the ***Cruising the Chapters*** section of the Kings Pointer – Alumni Foundation quarterly magazine. We are pleased to work with Rita Gullion – Editor, on this joint effort to increase the input and presence of the Chapters in this important Alumni publication. We will begin immediately soliciting literary contributions of articles, event reports, news and photos from our member Chapters. Increased publicity for the Chapters will provide increased awareness of our Mission Support for Kings Point. This should likewise increase Alumni affiliation at the Chapter level, and Alumni involvement with the Foundation and the Academy.

We are most pleased to have received a significant number of entries for this Winter 2009-10 Issue. We suggest that each Chapter think about future submissions (once per quarter!) and continuously submit your articles and event photos. Let's provide your Chapter and Alumni members with the recognition that you deserve!

10.. USMMA KP Alumni - CPA - Communication Forum – Schedule - 020910

CPA – Alumni Communication Forum – February 9, 2010 TUE 3:00PM E.S.T. Conference Call
3:00PM – 3:30PM Presenter Address with Q/A – **Jim Tobin '77 – Chief Operating Officer, USMMA AF**
3:30PM – 4:00PM KPA-CPA, Inc. Membership Business Agenda (details to be provided)

11.. USMMA Superintendent's Farewell Note 010410

Addressed as - For all faculty and staff:

"With this note I am officially passing the leadership of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy on to Dr. Shashi Kumar the Assistant Superintendent for Academic Affairs/Dean and now the Interim Superintendent.

I wish to thank all of you who have worked so hard over the past 14 months to make the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy the outstanding special focus service academy that she is today. The mission is to prepare young men and women to be merchant mariners (engineers/deck officers) and to prepare them to serve as commissioned military officers, while earning their BS degree. This is what we do well and it is because of each of you that our graduates are in such high demand in the maritime industry and the U.S. military. The midshipmen are what this place is about and I encourage you to keep the focus on them and the things that are important for their success as you work together in 2010 and the future. I wish you all good health and peace. God bless you all and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

Heave Ho, Allen

Allen B. Worley
Rear Admiral, U.S. Maritime Service
Superintendent, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy"

12.. USMMA KPA-CPA Member Contact Listing

The USMMA KPA-CPA Member Contact Listing 121609.pdf is now posted on our website for your review.
<http://kpchesapeake.com/USMMAAF%20CPC/USMMA%20KPA-CPA%20Member%20Contact%20Listing%20121609.pdf>

This "tool" is provided in response to requests from our Chapter President members. The contact information posted will enable our members to work together and encourage cooperation in Mission Support efforts.

This resource is posted to our web site. Please note that the data fields are currently mostly empty. I request that each Chapter President provide to me a response e-mail with the information that YOU would care to have posted (E-mail: KPA-CPA@kpchesapeake.com). I have provided an example with my own Chapter response as posted. I will compete the data fields basis YOUR e-mail response to me, and only with the information that you choose to provide.

It is important to note that this information will be available to all Chapter Presidents, and to anyone who accesses our web site.

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13.. KPA-CPC 2010 Schedule

The **KPA-CPC 2010 Schedule 122809** is now posted to our web site.

<http://kpchesapeake.com/USMMAAF%20CPC/KPA-CPC%202010%20Schedule%20122809.doc>

Please review the document and feel welcome to provide additional events that you would care to have posted.

These event are also posted to our Web Calendar – [VIEW USMMA KP Alumni - CPA EVENT CALENDAR](#)

14.. 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!

15.. USMMA KPA-CPA Annual Chapter Activity Report *And* Distinguished Chapter Award Qualification (DCA) Program

The following is a description of a most important Chapter's Program. Since we have been in a state of organization / re-organization in this past year, we have not requested submissions nor acted upon those that we have received.

The "DCA" Program is an important metric to assess our success as operating Alumni Chapters. We will be discussing this program – including revisions - at our CPA Spring Conference at Kings Point on March 19 & 20, 2010.

We now request that each Chapter complete the Report Form for Mid-2008 to 123109 and submit same to the CPA Chairman. We will recognize that achieving Chapters at our Spring Conference.

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. There are twenty-eight goals available. The goals are divided into 3 sections:

Basic DCA Goals // Additional Alumni Support // Additional Academy Support

To earn the ***Distinguished Chapter Award** the Chapter must achieve the **eight** Basic Chapter Goals. After achieving the eight Basic Chapter Goals the Chapter may then achieve any **five additional** goals to earn the ****Superintendent's Distinguished Chapter Award**. After earning the Superintendent's Distinguished Chapter Award the Chapter may then achieve **five more** goals, for a total of **eighteen** goals, to earn the *****Regimental Distinguished Chapter Award**.

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.

Thank you for your ongoing support! *Acta Non Verba!*

USMMA KPA-CPA AnChActivRpt & DCA Qual 110508

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16.. Alumni Membership Rosters for Chapter Development

Chapter Membership Rosters are now being processed by Babson Center and sent to all Chapters requiring same! If you have been sent a request for confidentiality acknowledgement, please return same to Jim Tobin ASAP in order that your roster can be sent to you. We appreciate the marked responsiveness by Jim Tobin to these requests. Great teamwork Jim!

17.. Prayer List

We provide our special intentions and well wishes to our fellow Alumni Dick Amos '64 – President, USMMA KP Alumni – Space Coast Chapter. Dick underwent surgery on December 9, 2009. He is now undergoing additional treatment and

procedures. Mend quickly Dick – as we need your expertise at our CPA Spring Conference at Kings Point!

We offer our support to Regina Cober (wife of Dick Cober '63 – Los Angeles / Long Beach Chapter Treasurer), who suffered a heart attack on 120309. She underwent bypass surgery on 120409 and is doing well. She should be released from the hospital by 120909. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Please join us in our best wishes for Tom Gombos '88 – President, Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter, as he and his entire family recover from a very serious accident. Tom is recovering from a fractured sternum, and we provide special prayers to his wife and daughter for their recovery.

Also, include our warm thoughts and well wishes to Marie Yearwood (wife of Don Yearwood '61 – CPA Advisory Panel Member) who is still recovering for her recent surgery.

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