



## USMMA KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc.

Fellow Chapter Presidents -

The entire Kings Point Family was stunned and saddened by the sudden death of Midshipman Marisa Sanchez 4/c on Tuesday 033010 at the Academy.

The Chapter Presidents Alliance has pledged Mission Support to our Midshipmen as a mainstay to our core charter.

I propose that the CPA should provide a Memorial Arbors Plaque in memory of Midshipman Sanchez '13.

*"The Memorial Arbors at the United States Merchant Marine Academy was established in 1976 as a unique shrine honoring the memory of Kings Point's alumni, faculty, staff, their families, and friends of the Academy. Located adjacent to the US Merchant Marine Memorial Chapel and the Academy's War Memorial, the Memorial Arbors stand in tranquil dignity overlooking Long Island Sound. The Arbors contain bronze plaques bearing the names of those memorialized."*

*The North Arbor, which is reserved for alumni, faculty, staff and midshipmen, contains the propeller of MS Courier, a CIMA VI-class vessel, a fitting symbol of the mariner's profession. Nearby, in the Chapel, the "Memorial Book" is on permanent display. This book contains the sponsor's name and information appearing on each plaque. A Memorial Service is held every year at the Arbors on the Saturday of Homecoming weekend (in the fall of each year)."*

Ref: USMMA Alumni Foundation - Memorial Arbors information link:

<http://www.usmmaaf.com/s/1175/index.aspx?sid=1175&gid=1&pgid=342>

I request your confirming vote of this tribute, to be provided by the CPA.

Wishing for all a blessed Easter with your families. Please maintain the Sanchez family in your thoughts and your prayers.

I have included below a beautiful sentiment provided by Midshipman Jessica Willey 3/c, as well as a brief slide show, in memory of her teammate Midshipman Sanchez 4/c.

Fraternally,

*Gary*

Gary G. Hicks '76  
Chairman

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**040210... "Instead of the typical "Morning Morale" material, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the memory of one of the most beautiful and outstanding midshipman**

*it has ever been the pleasure to know.*

*Midshipman Marisa Sanchez was truly a shining light on this campus. In the time I knew her not once did I see her without her bright, trademark smile.*

*It was one of the many things I admired about Midshipman Sanchez, in addition to her incredible athleticism, her fun loving attitude, and her amazing work ethic.*

*There was undoubtedly something very special about Marisa and she will be greatly missed.*

*My heart and prayers go out to the Sanchez family, to her close family of KP Softball and Volleyball players, and to all who knew her and will miss her dearly.*

*Let us all stand firm as a Kings Point family, support one other, and honor the memory of one of the greatest young women to ever step through Vickery Gate. RIP CHEZ."*

*Very Respectfully,  
M/N Jessica Willey, 3/C  
RMOPO  
4th Company*

**KP MIDN Marissa Sanchez13 040210** <http://www.photoworks.com/slideshow/album/AB941733999C?source=pw980>

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