



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... 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! 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 **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 Charlie Hill '65 – NEW USMMAAF Chairman

The KPA-CPA welcomes Charlie Hill '65 – Chairman of the Alumni Foundation Board of Directors. We look forward to working with Charlie in his new leadership role.

The Officers of the KPA-CPA and the Officers of the Alumni Foundation will be discussing our working relationship. The leadership and members of the USMMA KP Alumni – Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc., are most eager to undertake a new era of cooperation between our two organizations, for the benefit of Kings Point.

As two working organizations, with mutual respect for the mission, efforts and results provided by each, we can greatly enhance support for our Alma Mater. We anticipate a positive resolve to some ongoing issues, and an improved working relationship going forward.

3... 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! <>

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

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 – 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.

5... Veterans Day Commemoration Cruise - Liberty Ship SS JOHN W BROWN - Sat Nov 7, 2009

(Port of Baltimore) KP Chesapeake Veterans Day Commemoration Cruise aboard Liberty Ship SS JOHN W BROWN 10AM to 12:30PM ***A USMMA KP Alumni "TELL AMERICA" Program Event.*** KP Chesapeake, and all Kings Point Alumni, were invited – as Veterans - to participate in the Project Liberty Ship Special Veterans Day Commemoration Cruise of Baltimore Harbor. Please visit the web site for additional details:

<http://www.liberty-ship.com/html/cruise/2009veterans.html>

Project Liberty Ship welcomed all veterans and active-duty military personnel to their annual Veterans' Day cruise. It is their way of recognizing and honoring the contributions of our veterans, in war and peace, throughout our history as a nation. The cruise included a memorial service and wreath-laying. Refreshments were provided and the ship was open for tours. This event was organized and sponsored by Project Liberty Ship, an all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the Liberty ship JOHN W. BROWN as a living, steaming World War II Memorial and Museum Ship in Baltimore.

We first steamed past famous Fort McHenry, then past the site of the Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyard, where the BROWN was built in 1942. We continued under the Francis Scott Key Bridge, after which we turned and stopped for a memorial service and a wreath-laying ceremony. A very fine program was presented at the direction of Joe Colgan, Vice Chairman, Project Liberty Ship and U.S. Navy Armed Guard Veteran. The program theme was "Honoring Women of the Military." The speaker was Irene Trowell-Harris, Ret Major General, USAF, Director of the Center for Women Veterans Department.

The outstanding music was provided by the Virginia Military Institute Band and the Chesapeake High School Vocal Ensemble, Pasadena, MD.

The ship was open for tours throughout the day, including the museum spaces, crew quarters, bridge, mess rooms, troop berthing areas, etc. The Ship's Store was also open throughout the cruise where one could purchase souvenirs of your cruise.

Passengers arrived as early as 7:00AM with boarding starting at 8:00AM. All passengers must be on board by 9:30AM to allow time for the crew to ready the ship to sail promptly at 10:00 am. The BROWN returned at about 12:00 NOON, and all passengers disembark. The Chapter Presidents Alliance salutes Michael J. Schneider (KP '61), Captain, U.S.N. (Ret), Chairman of the Board, Project Liberty Ship, and the entire crew of Liberty Ship John W. Brown for another wonderful Veterans tribute event! We appreciate the opportunity provided to all Kings Pointers to participate.

Enjoy the slide show: **KP Ches PLS JWBrownVetDayCruise 110709**

<http://www.photoworks.com/slideshow/album/A7248923855B?source=pw980>

6... SHIP OPERATIONS COOPERATIVE PROGRAM (SOCP) Meeting 111009 & 111109 – Open Invitation

On behalf of the SOCP, we would like to invite your participation at our upcoming SOCP Meeting on **November 10-11 (Tuesday-Wednesday), 2009** at the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS), Linthicum, MD (www.mitags.org). The first day focuses on Air Emissions in the Maritime Industry, whereas the second day will discuss various SOCP Working Group Activities. The keynote address is to be presented (111009) by Sean Connaughton (KP '83), Corporate Vice President for Government Affairs, American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) and former Maritime Administrator.

Registration is available on-line

http://www.socp.us/index.php?option=com_attend_events&task=view&id=7&Itemid=38

SOCP is a Government Industry Organization whose purpose is to address and promote commercial operations through the identification, development, and application of new methods, procedures, and technologies. SOCP's overall objective is to improve the competitiveness, productivity, efficiency, safety, and environmental responsiveness of U.S. vessel operations. All U.S. based vessel operators and organizations that support vessel operations are eligible to participate in the program. With the support of the Maritime Administration (MARAD), industry, labor, and Government are working together to address common challenges and identify new solutions for improvements in ship operations.

This cooperative program allows members to participate in research which would not be economically feasible on an individual basis, or possibly even within a single area of the industry. Information about new technologies, systems, or procedures that would otherwise not exist is made available to all Cooperative members.

7... 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 100)!

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.

8... 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!"

9... USMMA KP Alumni – Chapter Presidents Alliance – Chapter Watch!

Our 100 Chapters - and growing! - around the globe, welcome all Alumni, Parents and Friends of Kings Point to participate in our Chapter events. All Chapters are encouraged to provide event information for posting in YOUR Newsletter. All events will also be posted to our CPA On-Line Web Calendar! **Recent Chapter activities include:**

Maine Chapter – First Meeting held early October 10, 2009 by President Eileen Miller '83 and Vice President Dan Miller '82 at Ocean Point Marina in East Boothbay, Maine (www.oceanpointmarina.com)

Naples Italy Chapter – BBQ was held October 18, 2009 by Kathleen Pavarini '01 and members, many from MSC.

Enjoy the great slides: **KPA Naples IT BBQ 101809**

<http://www.photoworks.com/slideshow/album/A667CE23842D?source=pw980>

A holiday gathering is scheduled for December 12, 2009. If you happen to be in Naples, you are invited!

Utah Chapter – has a new President - Jon Nix '92, Ogden, UT. Jon is Vice President & COO of Claude H. Nix Construction/Jasco, Inc., South Weber, UT. Jon has 17 years experience including serving as a marine engineer on ocean-going vessels and working with Nix Construction. Jon revels in the work of underground construction, loves to get his hands dirty while at the same time taking an intellectual approach to solving the most challenging jobs. He takes particular satisfaction in researching, developing and perfecting the latest techniques in the industry.

Pittsburgh "Steel City" Chapter – provided a presentation at the Academy Night of Congressman Altmire on October 7, 2009. Chapter President Sean Ritchie '92 made the presentation. We thank Sean's capable wife Kim for his support, and the slides! **KPA Pittsburgh Chapter - AcadNight 100709**

<http://www.photoworks.com/slideshow/album/A98B02321D39?source=pw980>

Nashville Chapter - has a new President - Michael G. McVay '92. Mike is the Manager of Shiiping for Westport Petroleum. His dad is also a Kings Pointer - Captain Russ McVay '64! Welcome aboard Mike!

North Carolina "Tar Heel" Chapter – reports:

On Saturday October 10th, US Freshman Senator Kay Hagan (NC) held her first All Academy Day at VFW Post 2087 in Greensboro NC. All five Service Academies were represented and USMMA was represented by Admissions Representative Roger Tetrault '60, NC Tar Heel Chapter President Dave Sanborn '73 and M/N Lt. Trevor Reuss 1/C who traveled to NC to participate. This event drew a surprisingly large (standing room only) audience who were anxious to hear about the Academies and Senator Hagan's nomination process.

M/N Reuss surprised Senator Hagan when he provided her with an engraved brass USMMA Compass Chartweight

gift he personally brought with him from the Academy that she enthusiastically accepted. Many parents and students stopped at the USMMA table to offer compliments to USMMA on the quality of the presentation provided by M/N Reuss.

The Annual Tarr Heel Golf Classic was enjoyed recently. Please view the great slides provided by Don Yearwood '61.

KP NC Tarheel Golf Classic 102909 <http://www.photoworks.com/slideshow/album/AC9A3B238508?source=pw980>

Port of Houston Chapter – reports a recent cruise of the fabulous 50 miles of Houston Ship Channel aboard the V/V Sam Houston. This is an annual event enjoyed by the Houston Chapter. Also attending was **TX Golden Triangle Chapter** President - Ian Hunter '97, Beaumont, TX.

KP Club of Washington, DC Chapter – invitation: KPCWDC Luncheon Meeting 111209, 11:30AM.
 Speaker: David T. Matsuda, Acting Administrator/Deputy Maritime Administrator, United States Maritime Administration. Check-in at 11:30 AM Seats at 11:45 AM Lunch at 12:00 PM
 Place: The District Chop House 509 7th Street, NW Washington, DC Easy Access Via the Gallery Place Metro Stop
 Cost: \$30 for members \$35 for non-members. Contact: Please RSVP by 11-9-2009 to: Mark Bonatucci '82: mark.bonatucci@icxt.com or (202)445-6444

NE Ohio Chapter -November 18, 2009 - **The Great Lakes Towing Company** shipyard tour in Cleveland. Headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio throughout its corporate history, The Great Lakes Towing Company is the largest U.S.-flag tugboat company engaged in towing on the Great Lakes. The Company is widely referred to as “the Towing Company.” The Towing Company also operates a full service shipyard located on the Cuyahoga River known as “The Great Lakes Towing Company Shipyard” which specializes in all types of marine repairs services for vessels, tugs, supply boats, ferries, barges, excursion vessels, large yachts, and topside work of every kind.

A tour of the Great Lakes Towing Company shipyard operation is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18 at 3:00-5:00 pm. Chapter member, Edward Hertz- '05, who is the firm's Operations Manager, will be our tour guide. Look for the announcement and details in our direct mail notice. Following the tour, there will be an optional informal dinner gathering at a nearby restaurant or pub. Thanks to Fred Bangeman and George Ryan for facilitating this invitation. The CEO of Great Lakes Towing, Mr. Ron Rasmus spoke at a Chapter dinner event several years ago.

KP Mariner Team Sports Tailgate Parties and Receptions include:

Kings Point Football vs Union College 110709

Congratulations to a most successful event hosted by Central New Jersey, Long Island, Mid-Hudson, Port of New York and Downtown New York Chapters !

KPA NE Chapters Football Tailgate at KP Union Col 110709

<http://kpchesapeake.com/USMMAAF%20CPC/KPA%20NE%20Chapters%20Football%20Tailgate%20at%20KP%20Union%20Col%20110709.pdf>

Kings Point Football vs Hobart College 110709

Geneva, NY, an Oktoberfest at Hobart College - KP Mariner Football 12:00PM. Tailgate dinner to follow the game.

Hosted by: KPA-Central New York Chapter, KPA-Rochester Chapter & KP Football Parents Club **CPA NE REG KP vs Hobart FballReceipt 102409.pdf**

<http://kpchesapeake.com/USMMAAF%20CPC/CPA%20NE%20REG%20KP%20vs%20Hobart%20FballReceipt%20102409.pdf>

Albany, N.Y. - KP Mariner Football vs RPI, November 14, 2009.

Tailgate hosted by USMMA KP Alumni - Mohawk/Hudson Valley Chapter (detail TBA)

Goucher College, Baltimore, MD 102409 -

Mariner Soccer Game 12:00PM, Reception 2:00PM hosted by KPA Chesapeake Chapter.

<http://kpchesapeake.com/Events/KP%20Ches%20Mariner%20MenSoccer%20Goucher%20102409.doc>

Enjoy the slide show! **KP Ches Soccer Reception 102409**

<http://www.photoworks.com/slideshow/album/ACA5CA238460?source=pw980>

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