



USMMA KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc.

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USMMA KPA-CPA News 112309

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1... USMMA KP Alumni – Chapter Development - 102 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 – **102 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 **102 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 – Guam & Micronesia Chapter - # 101!

We welcome the membership of one of our *NEW* chapters, to the **102** Chapter strong Chapter Presidents Alliance!

Welcome aboard Hugh G. Healey '94 – President, USMMA KP Alumni – Guam & Micronesia Chapter! Hugh is employed by Horizon Lines of Guam & Micronesia. Hugh is a past member in good standing of the North Georgia Chapter.

Our new Chapter will work in cooperation with our Chapters established in all of the West & International Region. We thank Captain Jed Dixon '81 – President, USMMA KP Alumni – Alaska Chapter for his efforts in bringing Hugh aboard!

Our new Guam & Micronesia Chapter brings our West & International Region - one of six CPA regions worldwide – to a total of 29 Chapters! Seven of these Chapters 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, Hugh G. Healey '94, for your interest and valued service to our KP Alumni organization!

3... Welcome USMMA KP Alumni – London (UK) Chapter - # 102!

We welcome the membership of one of our *NEW* chapters, to the 102 Chapter strong Chapter Presidents Alliance!

Welcome aboard Allison Bennett '03 – President, USMMA KP Alumni – London (UK) Chapter! Allison is employed by Sandia Labs. Allison is a past member in good standing of the Kings Point Club of Washington, D.C. Chapter.

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We appreciate you, Allison Bennett '03, for your interest and valued service to our KP Alumni organization!

4... Chapter Presidents Alliance – Communication Forum 111809 Summary Report

The 102+ CPA Member Chapter Presidents (or their officially designated Chapter representative), and CPA Advisory Panel Members were invited and encouraged to participate in this valuable Alumni Communication Forum.

These Alumni Communication Forums are provided as an ongoing opportunity, to facilitate an increased understanding of the KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance Members and the Senior Management of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. We appreciate the interest, cooperation and participation of the Senior Management of the Academy.

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

Unfortunately, Captain Fell was handling an urgent matter, and was unable to participate in this forum as scheduled. He will be rescheduled for a presentation at our Spring Conference at Kings Point on March 19, 2010.

We did however capitalize on the additional time available to discuss items of importance, including the Business Meeting Agenda items as stated.

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

... 1... **Welcome our *NEW* chapters, to the 102 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!**

... 5... **Other Items including: USMMA Superintendent Resignation & MARAD/DOT Issues**

... 1... **Welcome our *NEW* chapters, to the 102 Chapter strong Chapter Presidents Alliance!**

A summary of our Chapter Development efforts to date were discussed, with a formal welcome to our newest Chapters. Efforts are currently being expedited to provide each Chapter with the requested Alumni Membership contact information for their Chapter area. Additional details will be provided to each Chapter after the scheduled meeting of Gary G. Hicks '76 – Chairman, CPA and Jim Tobin '77 – COO, Alumni Foundation, at Fortune Center on 120309. Progress!

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

A conference was held at Kings Point on Saturday 111409, 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.

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!

This plan provides a coordination of the efforts of autonomous entities – AF (Charles J. Hill '65 – Chairman) & CPA (Gary G. Hicks '76 – Chairman). Each organization will focus upon their stated agenda – capitalizing on their individual focus and strength. They will also provide a cooperative effort with respect to Chapter Development and Government Affairs. Our discussions of 111409 elevated the level of attention that we all intend to provide to the issues of Government Affairs, as coordinated by Joe Cox '67 – Chairman, Government Affairs Committee, AF. Additionally, the valuable support efforts of the Babson Center organization (Jim Tobin '77 – COO, AF) will be provided as a shared resource for the AF & CPA.

The implementation of this plan is well underway!

View Slides **CPA & AF Ofcr Conf KP 111409** <http://www.photoworks.com/slideshow/album/A7938E138604?source=pw980>

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

We are pleased to have the following Chapters participating, and look for many addition additions to this listing:

USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. - Wreaths Across America Program Annual Sponsor of **\$ 100.00**

USMMA KP Alumni – Chesapeake Chapter - Wreaths Across America Program Annual Sponsor of **\$ 150.00**

USMMA KP Alumni – Los Angeles / Long Beach Chapter - Merchant Marine Memorial, San Pedro, CA.

USMMA KP Alumni – Chesapeake Chapter - Crownsville Veterans Cemetery, Crownsville, MD

USMMA KP Alumni – KP Club of Washington, D.C. - Crownsville Veterans Cemetery, Crownsville, MD

USMMA KP Alumni – Chesapeake Chapter - Maryland Veterans Vietnam Memorial, Baltimore, MD and

Luncheon aboard the N.S. *Savannah ~ The World's First Nuclear-Powered Merchant Ship*

USMMA KP Alumni – Delaware Shore Chapter - Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Sussex County, Millsboro, DE

USMMA KP Alumni – S. Central PA Chapter - Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA

USMMA KP Alumni – Port Of Houston Chapter - Houston National Cemetery, Houston TX

... 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.**

Mar 18, 2010 Thu Welcome Dinner 6:00PM (Off-Campus? TBA)

Mar 19, 2010 Fri Day 1 of 2 Program: Presenters, Tours 8:30AM – 5:00PM

Mar 19, 2010 Fri Dinner Program 6:00PM Yocum Sailing Center, USMMA

Mar 20, 2010 Sat Day 2 of 2 Program: Workshops 8:30AM – 5:00PM

5... 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 to participate in this valuable Alumni Communication Forum. 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 102+ CPA Member Chapters are welcome and encouraged to participate in these important forums. We appreciate the interest, cooperation and participation of our December 14, 2009 speaker - Charlie Hill '65, on behalf of the USMMA Alumni Foundation.

CPA – Alumni Communication Forum – December 14, 2009 MON 3:00PM E.S.T. Conference Call

3:00PM – 3:30PM Presenter Address with Q/A - **Charles J. Hill '65 – Chairman, USMMA Alumni Foundation**

3:30PM – 4:00PM KPA-CPA, Inc. Membership Business Agenda

Biography in brief - Charles J. Hill '65 – Chairman, USMMA Alumni Foundation

Elected to the Chairmanship of the USMMA Alumni Foundation at its annual meeting in October, Charlie Hill '65 brings a vast maritime, financial and volunteering experience to the Board of Directors. After sailing as a licensed engineer for three years, he earned an MBA from Harvard Business School (1970) and embarked on a career in investment banking. As Managing Director for Bankers Trust Company he became co-head of the Mergers and Acquisition and Private Equity Groups, and is a charter member of the Senior Executive Partnership which included the top 20 bank line officers. In 1990, Hill founded and became President and CEO of Fieldstone, Inc., a private investment banking firm, providing

advisory services for capital raising, mergers and acquisitions through a worldwide network of offices. After purchasing the minority equity interest in the company in 1998, he sold the company in 2003 to a South African bank to devote more time to charitable endeavors. Hill became interested in the Kings Point wrestling program in 1996 when his son Morgan entered the Academy. In 2005, he transformed his investment banking skills to wrestling recruiting, helping improve the program to a 16th national ranking in 2008 and 12th in 2009. His ability to "sell" Kings Point went beyond wrestling to other varsity programs and talented scholar-athletes. He has been a major financial donor to the wrestling program resulting in the rehabilitation of the wrestling room and was co-chair in 1998 of fund raising for the new football field. The second floor conference room in the Vickery Gate Admissions Center was named for Hill's father and grandfather. He and his wife, Linda, have four children; Trevor (West Point '97), Morgan (KP '00), Kristen (Skidmore '00 and married to a '98 Kings Pointer) and Brown (Skidmore '03).

6... USMMA KP Alumni - S. Central PA Chapter Luncheon - Sat November 21, 2009 Summary

The members of the South Central Pennsylvania Chapter convened their annual Fall meeting at Spataro's Restaurant, York, PA. Tim Sumner '66 – CPA Regional Vice Chairman, Mid-Atlantic and Gary G. Hicks '76 – CPA, Chairman served as the speakers. The Chapter is providing an effort to maximize attendance at the upcoming *2009 New Standard Corporation Spartan Invitational Tournament* on December 5, 2009 at York College, York, PA. USMMA Kings Point Mariners Men Wrestling Team, under the direction of Greg Ilaria - Head Coach, will be competing. Richard Lake '47 - President – USMMA KP Alumni - S. Central PA Chapter was commended for his leadership and 10 year service as President. Dick is slated to serve another 10 years! A very nice award plaque was presented to Gary Hicks '76 for his service to the CPA and our Alumni. The members of this Chapter plan to attend the Wreaths Across America program in Baltimore, as well as providing the Merchant Marine Wreath laying at the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA.

Enjoy the slides: **USMMA KPA SoCentPAMtng 112109** <http://www.photoworks.com/slideshow/album/AB65622386B8?source=pw980>

7... CPA and Alumni Foundation Meeting at Fortune Center - Dec 3, 2009 THU 11:00AM E.S.T.

Gary G. Hicks '76 – CPA, Chairman & Jim Tobin '77 – Chief Operating Officer, USMMA Alumni Foundation will meet at Fortune Center to discuss specifics regarding our cooperative efforts. All CPA Members are encouraged to provide input to the Agenda for this meeting. Please provide your ideas, concerns, and needs for your Chapter progress and operations. We are mutually eager to address items of interest to our member Chapters, as we advance our Mission Support. Please note that Jim will also serve as our speaker in February, 2010.

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 Alumni Foundation

3:30PM – 4:00PM KPA-CPA, Inc. Membership Business Agenda

8... USMMA Current Campus Views November 2009

The linked photos were recently provided by Midshipman Heath Bachman '13. The campus continues to evolve with the construction of the geothermal field under Barney Square... and the repair of the flag pole! We invite the submission of additional photos as new projects are initiated. Keep 'em coming Heath!

Enjoy the slides: KP Campus Views 112509 <http://www.photoworks.com/slideshow/album/A990BF238946?source=pw980>

9... USMMA KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc. - Communication Forum Schedule

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

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10.. Welcome KP Mariner Wrestling - Mid-Atlantic Region! York, PA Sat Dec 5, 2009 9:30AM

Richard Lake '47 - President – USMMA KP Alumni - S. Central PA Chapter and chapter members invite all interested KP Alumni to attend the upcoming *2009 New Standard Corporation Spartan Invitational Tournament* on December 5, 2009 at York College, York, PA. USMMA Kings Point Mariners Men Wrestling Team, under the direction of Greg Ilaria - Head Coach, will be competing. Come out and support our team!

Dec 5, 2009 Sat (York College, York, PA) USMMA Kings Point Mariners **Men Wrestling** 9:30AM

2009 New Standard Corporation Spartan Invitational Tournament

York College of Pennsylvania, 441 Country Club Road York, PA 17403-3651 (717) 846-7788

<http://www.ycpspartans.com/landing/index>

“Invitational teams include: Gloucester, UMBC, Brockport, Apprentice School, USMMA, Elizabethtown, TCNJ, York, Williams, and Ithaca. 18 Wrestlers Ranked Nationally will compete.

Promo Video features the 2009 New Standard Spartan Invitational teams, individual wrestlers, and Sponsors.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eO4FBnWthXI&feature=youtube_gdata

Visit KP Mariner Sports <http://www.usmmasports.com/ssp/home/>

Mariners Wrestling Ranked 11th Nationally In Latest Poll * By Joshua Mraz, Interim SID * November 18, 2009

The United States Merchant Marine Academy wrestling team is ranked #11 in the national poll as released by Brute-Adidas National Wrestling Coaches Association. USMMA also has five individual wrestlers ranked in their weight classes.

The five individual Mariners ranked are [Philip Greene](#), [James Beshada](#), [Dan Twito](#), [Vincent Renaut](#) and [Eric Vincent](#).

Greene is ranked 7th in the 133-pound weight class, Beshada is ranked 7th in the 141-pound weight class, Twito is ranked 10th in the 149-pound weight class, Renaut is ranked 8th at the 165-pound weight class and Vincent takes the 6th spot at the 197-pound weight class. All five Mariners were national qualifiers last season. [Click Here for Team Rankings](#),

[Click Here for Individual Rankings](#)

11.. 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”

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

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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

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!

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.

12.. 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.

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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_id@yahoo.com

USMMA KP Alumni - Chesapeake Chapter

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

USMMA KP Alumni – KP Club of Washington, D.C.

Crownsville Veterans Cemetery, Crownsville, MD

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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USMMA KP Alumni – Delaware Shore Chapter

Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Sussex County, 26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro, DE
Merchant Marine Wreath layer – Tim Sumner '66 – President - USMMA KP Alumni – Delaware Shore Chapter

USMMA KP Alumni – S. Central PA Chapter - Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA

USMMA KP Alumni - Port Of Houston Chapter - Merchant Marine Wreath Laying services at Houston National Cemetery, Houston TX.

13.. 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!

14.. Prayer List

We provide our special intentions and well wishes to our fellow Alumni Dick Amos '64 – President, USMMA KP Alumni – Space Coast Chapter, who is scheduled for surgery on December 9, 2009. Mend quickly Dick – as we need your expertise at our CPA Spring Conference at Kings Point!

15.. Obama, Mullen Send Thanksgiving Day Messages

Armed Forces Information Services

WASHINGTON November 24, 2009 - President Barack Obama and Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, released Thanksgiving messages today. Obama recalled that President George Washington proclaimed the first public thanksgiving, and President Abraham Lincoln established the annual Thanksgiving Day holiday to mend the nation during the Civil War.

It is Thanksgiving as a unique American tradition that “binds us together as one people, each of us thankful for our common blessings,” the president said.

Obama added, “As we gather once again among loved ones, let us also reach out to our neighbors and fellow citizens in need of a helping hand. This is a time for us to renew our bonds with one another, and we can fulfill that commitment by serving our communities and our nation throughout the year.

“In doing so, we pay tribute to our country’s men and women in uniform who set an example of service that inspires us all. Let us be guided by the legacy of those who have fought for the freedoms for which we give thanks, and be worthy heirs to the noble tradition of goodwill shown on this day.”

Mullen’s Thanksgiving Day message follows in its entirety.

“On behalf of the Mullen family, I wish all of you serving in uniform today -- as well as your families -- a very safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday.

“We certainly have much for which to be grateful. Today, due in no small measure to your dedication, our nation -- indeed the world -- is a safer place to live. All around the globe and in all manner of ways, you stand a vigilant watch. From Afghanistan to Iraq and a thousand places in between, you help ensure peace and stability in places that have historically known neither. Giving hope to those in need and pause to those who threaten us, you make sure the fight remains on the enemy’s doorstep and that lives torn asunder by war and natural disaster are restored and renewed.

“The people you have helped are grateful ... Americans everywhere are grateful ... and I am grateful for your service.

"That service, of course, can and does demand the highest of sacrifices. We should be especially mindful this year of those families who will have one less chair at the table, as well as those who have no chair at all, much less a home in which to keep it. Theirs will be a particularly poignant holiday, and I ask you to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

"We live in a country that doesn't force its young men and women to pick up arms. You do it willingly, even eagerly -- not because you enjoy danger or killing or sacrifice, but rather in spite of those things. You and your families serve and work so hard so that someday perhaps your children and grandchildren might not have to. That is the greatest gift you can give a grateful nation.

"Again, from my family to yours, thank you for all you do."

16.. Academy Admissions Recruiting – "Some lawmakers send few to academies"

By BRIAN WITTE, Associated Press Writer Brian Witte, Associated Press Writer – Friday Nov 20, 2009

ANNAPOLIS, Md. – As the nation's military academies try to recruit more minorities, they aren't getting much help from members of Congress from big-city districts with large numbers of blacks, Hispanics and Asians.

From New York to Chicago to Los Angeles, lawmakers from heavily minority areas rank at or near the bottom in the number of students they have nominated for appointment to West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy or the U.S. Air Force Academy, according to an Associated Press review of records from the past five years.

High school students applying to the academies must be nominated by a member of Congress or another high-ranking federal official. Congressional nominations account for about 75 percent of all students at the academies.

Academy records obtained by the AP through the Freedom of Information Act show that lawmakers in roughly half of the 435 House districts nominated more than 100 students each during the five-year period.

But Rep. Nydia Velazquez of New York City, chairwoman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, nominated only four students, the lowest among House members who served the entire five-year period. Rep. Charles Rangel, whose New York City district includes Harlem, was second-lowest, with eight nominations. And House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, whose San Francisco district is 29 percent Asian, was also near the bottom, with 19.

In fact, the bottom 20 House members were all from districts where whites make up less than a majority. "It's beyond my imagination how someone that has the ability to nominate doesn't do it," Craig Duchossois said last December at his final meeting as chairman of the Naval Academy's Board of Visitors.

He noted what an academy appointment means: a free four-year education and a guaranteed job as an officer for at least five years after graduation.

Velazquez, Rangel and Pelosi would not comment or did not return calls.

Academy leaders and some on Capitol Hill do not put all the blame on the politicians, pointing out that some districts might have a shortage of qualified candidates, either because students have not gotten the necessary academic preparation from their struggling schools, they are unaware of the opportunity, or they are uninterested.

But while the burden is ultimately on students to apply, academy leaders and others said elected officials should be doing more to publicize the opportunity by doing such things as visiting schools.

The academies have approached dozens of members of the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus to discuss attracting more minority students.

Also, the military recently put together a how-to booklet on minority recruiting and sent it to all congressional offices, said Charles Garcia, chairman of the Air Force Academy's board of visitors.

In addition, the Air Force Academy has begun flying in congressional staff members from districts with few minority nominations for lessons on recruiting, Garcia said.

"We train them on 'Here are the things other districts have done that is successful,'" he said. "We are hopeful that will have a huge impact going forward."

Rangel, Velazquez and most of the rest of the lawmakers who have made the fewest nominations have been among the loudest critics of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Whether that is a factor in their low number of nominations is unclear. Rep. Elijah Cummings, a member of the House Out of Iraq Caucus, nevertheless nominated 128 students over the past five years from his Baltimore district, which is 64 percent black.

With help from academy officials, Cummings' staff makes a presentation each spring to schools in his district about how to qualify and apply for an academy nomination. Cummings also designates staffers to respond to questions about the application process, the congressman said through a spokesman.

"There is an openness and a willingness to reach out and help in Cummings' staff that you don't see in the others," said Air Force Maj. Roger Gauret, an instructor in Baltimore Polytechnic Institute's junior ROTC program. "They work it and they make it happen."

While lawmakers can offer assistance, Cummings stressed that it is up to students to seek a nomination, just as they are responsible for taking the right math and science courses, participating in extracurricular activities and keeping in shape. Rep. Maxine Waters, whose district includes heavily Hispanic and black south Los Angeles and who is among the 20 lowest in nominations, said the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have made young people in her district question military service. She said her efforts to reach out to high school students have not been very successful.

"In the olden days, parents would even say to young African-Americans, 'You aren't doing anything. You don't have a job. Why don't you join the service?'" said Waters, who has nominated 14 students in the past five years. "They don't quite do that anymore."

James Burk, a professor of sociology at Texas A&M University whose research focuses on the military's relationship to society, said many minorities have opposed the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. "Opposition to this war stokes the memory of Vietnam — the memory of public debate about minority casualties in Vietnam," Burk said.

Academy leaders have struggled to make the racial makeup of the military's officer corps more closely resemble that of its enlisted ranks. The disparity is greatest in the Navy, with minorities making up about 48 percent of the enlisted ranks and just 21 percent of the officer corps.

The academies can cite some recent progress. The freshman class of 1,230 at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., includes 435 students who are black, Hispanic, Asian American, Native American or part of another minority group. That is about 35 percent, up from 28 percent the year before.

At the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., there are 330 minorities in the freshman class of about 1,300, or about 25 percent, up from 22 percent in 2008. The freshman class of 1,376 at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., includes 312 minorities, or 23 percent, also a slight increase from the previous class.

House members are limited to nominating students in their districts. Lawmakers can have five students from their districts at each academy at a time, and they can nominate up to 10 students for each vacant seat. That makes it possible to nominate up to 150 students for 15 seats over four years, if all of the seats are vacant.

The bottom 20 members of Congress include Rep. Bobby Rush of Chicago, an Army veteran who has nominated just 12 students in five years. Sharon Jenkins, a spokeswoman for Rush, said that he wants to raise awareness in his inner-city district but that people rarely apply for nominations.

"He cares about this," Jenkins said. "He knows that those numbers are not what he'd like to see." Ara Carmel Quinones, an 18-year-old senior at Baltimore Polytechnic, said she has had her eye on attending the Naval Academy since her freshman year, when she joined junior ROTC at the inner-city magnet school.

Quinones, who immigrated from the Philippines, said the prospect of a prestigious education at no cost is a big enough draw that if she doesn't get in, she plans to enter the reserves and reapply.

"It's amazing what they can offer you for free," she said. "It's like maybe a Harvard or what one of the best colleges can offer you."

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