



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

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USMMA KPA-CPA News 121609

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1... Christmas Greeting



Christmas time

Its Christmas time again, The season of renewal * Love, faith, charity, And all that is beautiful
Chimes greatly in to every heart, Beating in celebrations * Of Spirit, togetherness, and affirmation.

Wishing a Blessed and Merry Christmas to all!

2... USMMA KP Alumni – Chapter Development - **106 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 – **106 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 **106 Chapters**, to date

USMMA KPA-CPA Region Chapter Roster 051909

<http://kpchesapeake.com/USMMAAF%20CPC/USMMA%20KPA-CPA%20Region%20Chapter%20Roster%20051909.doc>

3... Welcome USMMA KP Alumni - Republic of Korea Chapter # 104!

We welcome the membership of one of our *NEW* chapters, to the **106** Chapter strong Chapter Presidents Alliance!

Welcome aboard Todd Hill '92 – President, USMMA KP Alumni – Republic of Korea Chapter (Okpo, Koje Island)! Todd is recently married and lives with his wife Trina in Okpo, Republic of Korea. Todd is employed by deepwater drilling contractor Transocean, Inc. He is Project Manager for the Newbuild Construction of the 5th Enhanced Enterprise Class drillship, *Discoverer India*, which is being built by Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering Co., Ltd. Todd also holds a valid USCG Chief Engineer's License, Unlimited. In 2005 he retired from the US Naval Reserve at the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Personal interests include scuba diving, snow skiing, golf, and recently he has added motorcycle riding to the list as he is a founding member of an active Korean motorcycle club. When he is in the U.S., Todd is a member of the Port of Houston Chapter of the Kings Point Alumni Association.

Our new Republic of Korea Chapter brings our West & International Region - one of six CPA regions worldwide – to a total of 33 Chapters – nine 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, Todd Hill '92, for your interest and valued service to our KP Alumni organization!

4... Welcome USMMA KP Alumni - Island of Hawaii Chapter # 105!

We welcome the membership of one of our *NEW* chapters, to the **106** Chapter strong Chapter Presidents Alliance!

Welcome aboard Gordon E. Inouye '65 – President, USMMA KP Alumni – Island of Hawaii Chapter! Gordon will “create” an “all-inclusive” Chapter organization, incorporating Kings Point Alumni residing on Hawaii, Maui and Kauai into one Chapter. He will also work in partnership with the Honolulu Chapter, and the new President Jed Comerford '86.

Gordon serves as Chief Financial Officer for High Plains Construction and Excavating, Inc. Gordon Inouye is a Hawaii businessman, entrepreneur and business manager with a wide range of experience in a number of fields.

Gordon earned a Bachelor of Science, Engineering from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y. where he distinguished himself as an athlete and student at the Academy. He served as the Battalion Adjutant of the third Battalion as a First Classman and earned three letters in football. Gordon also earned a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Saint Mary's College, Moraga, CA. His professional experience includes service with American President Lines, Ltd. (1965-1977) sailing aboard various ships as an Engineering Officer and earning his Chief Engineer's license in 1969. He sailed as a Chief Engineer prior to transferring ashore. He then served in various capacities including Manager of passenger ship maintenance, Manager of Terminals Cost Control Worldwide, Manager of Container Logistics worldwide, Director of Operations Administration and Manager of Equipment Logistic Planning. He then moved to Interpool Ltd; A Marine Container Leasing company, as Assistant Senior Vice President; Manager of West Coast Operations (1977-1979). He then as Co-founded Interocean Leasing, Inc. (1979-1984) a start up leasing company that managed marine containers owned by investment partnerships.

In 1984, Gordon's younger brother, Vernon, asked Gordon to return to Hilo, Hawaii to become involved in the family businesses. The two brothers worked together as CEO and CFO to turn Floral Resources/Hawaii, Inc. (<http://www.floralresourceshawaii.com>) into a leading floral company with operations on the Island of Hawaii, Oahu, Miami, Florida and Costa Rica. Gordon is also the Founder/President of Puna Orchids Inc. (<http://www.punaorchids.com>), a leading orchid nursery in Hawaii and pioneer in the marketing and distribution of blooming orchid plants. Gordon is also a shareholder and CEO of Hawaiian Rainbows Business Development LLC (<http://www.hawaiianrainbows.net>) a land and business development company on the Big Island of Hawaii.

Gordon is also very involved with his community. He has been quite involved in the Y's Men's service club which supports the Island Of Hawaii YMCA and it's programs. He was also involved in the American Youth Soccer Organization

for many years serving in a number of positions. Gordon continues as an officer for the Big Island League of the Hawaii Youth Soccer Association and has been a State Coach in their Olympic Development Program. In 2006 Gordon was also called upon by the University of Hawaii at Hilo to form both a men's and women's soccer teams for intercollegiate competition. He successfully did so and coached the men's team for two seasons before turning the reigns over to a successor. Prior to UHH, Gordon also coached at the High School level for many years and had been recognized as the Coach of the year twice.

Gordon is married and resides in Papaikou, Hawaii. He and his wife, Katherine Mieke, are the proud parents of two sons. Gordon also has a son and daughter from a previous marriage. Daughter K'la is a Student Studying dentistry, Son Travis is an Annapolis graduate and a test pilot in the Navy. Son Benjamin is a first classman at Kings Point and son Aaron is a student at Mesa State College.

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We appreciate you, Gordon E. Inouye '65, for your interest and valued service to our KP Alumni organization!

View slides: Island Of Hawaii Inouye 122909 <http://www.photoworks.com/slideshow/album/AA81822390CA?source=pw980>

5... Welcome USMMA KP Alumni - South Dakota Chapter # 106!

We welcome the membership of one of our *NEW* chapters, to the 106 Chapter strong Chapter Presidents Alliance!

Welcome aboard Jonathan Fugleberg '85 – President, USMMA KP Alumni – South Dakota Chapter! Jonathan graduated as an engineer in 1985, then earned an additional BA degree. He pursues a career as a Math teacher at the MayPort CG Middle/High School, Mayville, North Dakota. Jonathan resides with his wife Nancy and children, in Portland North Dakota. Jonathan also serves as President, USMMA KP Alumni – North Dakota Chapter!

Our new South Dakota Chapter brings our West & International Region - one of six CPA regions worldwide – to a total of 33 Chapters! 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, Jonathan Fugleberg '85, for your interest and valued service to our KP Alumni organization!

6... Alumni Chapters Participate in Wreaths Across America 121209 REPORT

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>



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 (HOST) - Merchant Marine Memorial, San Pedro, CA.

John P. Daly '83 – President (LA/ Long Beach) Chapter wrote:

Greetings Mariners,

Thanks to all who braved the nasty weather to join us yesterday at our annual wreath laying ceremony at the San Pedro Merchant Marine Memorial. We were one of around 350 ceremonies that were held concurrently at National cemeteries and War Memorials throughout the country. We actually caught a major break in the weather- it stopped raining at about 0857 and there wasn't a drop of rain during the whole ceremony. We had about 30 people in attendance. Senator Barbara boxer sent her LA Field Representative (Ms. Gina Femenza) to read a statement that the Senator had prepared for the event. We also had people in attendance who found out about our event on the Wreaths Across America website. I think that this event will be even bigger next year. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the Hawthorne VFW Hall. Their Color Guard joined us for the second year in a row and again did a wonderful job. I have attached a couple of photos of the event.

View photos: KPA LALB Ch WAA 121209 <http://www.photoworks.com/slideshow/album/A61F07338F4C?source=pw980>



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

KP Chesapeake Chapter was also pleased to participate for our third year in the wreath laying program at **CROWNSVILLE VETERANS CEMETERY**, 1122 Sunrise Beach Road, Crownsville, Maryland 21032

The event was hosted by the Civil Air Patrol - Arundel Composite Squadron. We were honored to have the Merchant Marine Wreath presented by our **KP Chesapeake Member Captain Ronald Osborne '63**, of Davidsonville, MD. We thank Ron for his service, and look forward to supporting the Civil Air Patrol in this program each year.



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



USMMA KP Alumni - Chesapeake Chapter (HOST) - Maryland Veterans Vietnam Memorial, Baltimore, MD

Luncheon aboard the N.S. *Savannah* ~ *The World's First Nuclear-Powered Merchant Ship* ~ Pier 13, Canton Marine Terminal, Baltimore, MD

KP Chesapeake Wreaths Across America VNVMem 121209

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

View photos: KP Ches WreathsAcrossAmerica 121209 <http://www.photoworks.com/slideshow/album/ACFF2C338F26?source=pw980>

View photos: KP Ches WreathsLayBAMG 121409 <http://www.photoworks.com/slideshow/album/A640A0238F6D?source=pw980>

The event and luncheon was attended by well over 100 participants.

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

Color Guards Presenting

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N.Y. - Regimental Color Guard, Harford County Young Marines, BSA T444 - Jacksonville, MD, BSA T412 - Pasadena, MD, Girl Scout Troop 173 – Fork, MD.

Honor Guards Presenting

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N.Y. - Regimental Honor Guard, Harford County Young Marines, United States Marine Corps – APG Ordnance School Detachment,

Honored Wreath Layers

U.S. Army: SGT Daniel Ramos, MDARNG, APG, Edgewood Area

U.S. Navy: LT Lance Murray (KP '00), USNR – Merchant Marine Naval Reserve

U. S. Marine Corps: PFC Charles A. Gillham, USMC – Iraqi Freedom Veteran

U.S. Coast Guard: LCDR William Lesko, USCG (Ret.)

U.S. Air Force: Cadet Anthony Phillips, Civil Air Patrol – Delaware Wing, DE 020 Squadron

U.S. Merchant Marine: Captain Arthur Jensen (KP '44), Merchant Marine Veteran (WWII, Korean War, Viet Nam War)

POW/MIA: Charles "Blackie" Blockston, Merchant Marine Veteran, WWII served aboard SS CARLTON, sunk in Convoy PQ-17, POW in Germany

Music

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N.Y. - Regimental Band - Midshipman Victoria Hayes '13 - USMMA Regimental Band - Trumpeter

Luncheon Reception Host

N.S. Savannah Programs, U.S. Maritime Administration - Erhard W. Koehler (NYMC) – Manager, Savannah Technical Staff, MARAD

Midshipman Berthing

The Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS), The Conference Center at the Maritime Institute, Linthicum Heights, MD – Glen M. Paine (KP '78) – Executive Director

Luncheon Program - Catering

Buontempo Brothers Restaurant – Bel Air, Maryland, KP Chesapeake Member - Richard Lynch owner



USMMA KP Alumni – Delaware Shore Chapter - Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 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.

CDR Rob Smith '92, USCG - Past President, USMMA Port of Houston Alumni Chapter wrote:

"Stacey Marriner '96 and Rob Smith '92 were in attendance at Houston Wreaths Across America on Saturday, December 12, 2009 at Houston National Cemetery. Houston National Cemetery has over 60,000 veterans interred there. The Houston Wreaths Across America raised enough funds to place 22,000 wreaths of the 60,000 graves at Houston National Cemetery. Even so, this year's event represented a 12,000 wreath increase over last year, the inaugural Wreaths Across America event in Houston. Several Texas U.S. Congressmen and city officials were in attendance. Rob Smith '92 marched in the ceremonial wreath procession along with Korean War Veteran representatives from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine and POW/MIA and presented the U.S. Merchant Marine wreath in the official ceremony before more than 5,000 people in attendance. The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Port of Houston Alumni Chapter donated \$250 to Wreaths Across America to support the purchase of wreaths for the occasion. Numerous U.S. Merchant Marine veterans are interred at Houston National Cemetery. The Houston Wreaths Across America organization is hoping to raise enough funds in 2010 to place wreaths on all 60,000 graves at Houston National Cemetery."



USMMA KP Alumni – North Georgia Chapter - Georgia National Cemetery, Canton, GA

Georgia National Cemetery, Canton, GA - Chapter member Mark Zarynoff '81 layed the Merchant Marine Wreath.

Mark wrote:

"One of the duties of the midshipmen officer of the day at the Academy is to turn the pages of the Roll of Honor Book, a book which lists the names, rank, rating and ship sinking date of over 7,000 merchant mariners who lost their lives during War I in World War II. The pages are turned so that everyone in the book can be recognized. Standing in front of the glass and gold case causes one to pause and reflect. The same feeling occurs standing in front of Vietnam War memorial.

On December 12, 2009 at the National Cemetery in Canton, Georgia these feelings of pride, awe, respect, gratitude and sorrow were once again felt. On a cold and blustery day, approximately 800 people gathered to present a wreath to every interned veteran buried in the cemetery. The ceremony honored over 2,154, Army, Marines, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, and Merchant Marine veterans of who gave their lives for this country.

The ceremony originated over 6 years ago when an abundance of unsold evergreen wreaths were placed by volunteers veterans at gravesites. Through generous corporate and individual sponsorship along with numerous volunteers, Wreaths Across America has been able to expand their presentation ceremony to over 400 cemeteries across the United States.

It was my honor and privilege to represent merchant mariners at the 2009 service which included a wreath laying ceremony for all services, a military fly over of both current and historic aircraft, and speeches by 2 members of Congress, Congressman Deal and Price.

View video: KPA WAA Canton GA 121209 (Dateline NBC video) <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21134540/vp/34485095#34485095>



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. John Palmer is waiting on some pictures of the event.



USMMA KP Alumni – Port of Jacksonville Chapter – WAA Presentation at Florida State Historic *Capitol* • 400 South Monroe Street • Tallahassee, FL 32399



USMMA KP Alumni – Port of Jacksonville Chapter – sponsoring 14 Wreaths with a direct contribution to WAA of \$ 210.00. Wreaths Across America pins to be provided to Jacksonville Chapter members.



USMMA KP Alumni – Western Missouri Chapter - Springfield National Cemetery, Springfield, MO - For the second consecutive year, Zeke Fairbank (KP '81) - President, will honor and represent those in the Merchant Marine-present and past, by laying the U.S. Merchant Marine Wreath at the Veterans' Memorial in the Springfield National Cemetery.



USMMA KP Alumni – Port of Houston Chapter – sponsoring Wreaths with a direct contribution to WAA of **\$ 250.00**. Chapter Members will be laying wreaths on gravesites at Houston National Cemetery, Houston TX.



USMMA KP Alumni – Jackson, Mississippi Chapter
Biloxi National Cemetery, Biloxi, MS - Chapter President Benjamin Wise '89 will be laying the Merchant Marine Wreath.

7... USMMA KP Alumni - CPA - Communication Forum 121409 Summary Report

Fellow Alumni 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, Management and operations of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and the USMMA Alumni Foundation. The – now – 106+ 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

Charlie Hill presented the following information to our participants:

... State of the USMMA Alumni Foundation

- Financial Issues of the past few years mostly behind us
- Financial donations up from 2008, but lag the traditional highs
- Restricted donations support of Kings Point now at \$1MM for 2009.
 - What are Restricted Funds (Permanently or Temporary)
- Purchase of the Lerner Property (house) for \$ 2.1MM
- Possible decision to sell one of the existing properties owned by the USMMAAF
- Babson Center paid staff of 5 currently
- Volunteer work provided by the AF Board of Directors
- The Foundation is becoming more active in Academy issues, as example: the selection of a new Superintendent
- Charlie Hill to meet with MARAD in January to discuss issue of Academy / Foundation interest

... Chairman and Board of Directors Objectives

- a.. Increase monetary donations to the Foundation
 - encourage increased donations from Alumni
- b.. Encourage an atmosphere of cooperation
 - cooperation and inclusion for a unity of effort
 - “Kings Point Foundation” – a new foundation established to raise money for KP Athletics, and is operating in direct competition with USMMA Alumni Foundation
 - Legislator communications in Washington, D.C. – currently is a “uncoordinated effort” that must be led by the AF Government Affairs Committee
- c.. Re-define the Alumni Foundation – not as only fundraising but also as a fraternal organization
- d.. Friend-raising: reconnect the AF with the Alumni. Restore some Alumni Services such as Career Services, etc.
- e.. Government Affairs
 - Coordinate the efforts of AF Government Affairs Committee led by Joe Cox '67, along with Milt Nottingham '44 and Mel Tublin '49
- f.. Expand Alumni Chapters – New Chapters and Chapter Membership
- g.. New Fundraising Organization(s) with Alumni volunteer support (Sports Team Booster Clubs, Class Agents, etc.)
- h.. Increase volunteer efforts
- i... Create a more inclusive system of Board of Director Elections

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

- 1... Chapter Development
- 2... CPA Member Chapter E-mail Address Posting Proposal
- 3... USMMA KPA-CPA Spring Conference 2010
- 4... CPA & Alumni Foundation Meeting – Fortune Center **Dec 3, 2009 THU SUMMARY REPORT**
- 5... *Cruising The Chapters* – CPA Coordination
- 6... USMMA KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc. – Web site Updated
- 7... CPA – Alumni Communication Forum - Schedule

Please refer to the linked document for a complete report of this well attended Conference Call.

KPA-CPA ComForum&BusMtgSUMMARY 121409

<http://kpchesapeake.com/USMMAAF%20CPC/KPA-CPA%20ComForum%26BusMtgSUMMARY%20121409.doc>

8... 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.

9... 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 in the first week of January 2010.

10.. Cruising The Chapters – CPA Coordination – Submissions due: 010410!

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.

Please forward your input and photos for publication at your earliest opportunity, as the deadline for the next issue is January 4, 2010. Let's provide your Chapter and Alumni members with the recognition that you deserve!

11.. USMMA KP Alumni - CPA - Communication Forum – Schedule – 011310 & 020910

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

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

12.. USMMA Alumni Foundation COO Message 121609

I would like to thank everyone who contributed in the year 2009 to the USMMA Alumni Foundation. Whether that contribution was money, time, or both it is greatly appreciated. The Academy and the Regiment of Midshipmen need our

support more than ever. I believe they could not continue to exist without the help of our alumni and friends. Your help does not go unnoticed. I was sitting at a table of midshipmen at the recent Holiday Dinner in Delano Hall and I was thanked on more than one occasion by midshipmen for the support they receive from the alumni and the Alumni Foundation. Those thank yous, although not expected, bring home the point to me that the goal we are all working towards together is well worth it. And it is only by working together that we stand any chance of reaching our goal. We are all Kings Pointers in one way or another and our Academy needs us. I am pleased to say that the Alumni Foundation will have reached our goal for unrestricted contributions for 2009. To reach this goal in these tough economic times is a testament to the dedication of each one of you. This goal does not take in to account the countless hours of volunteerism that has a tremendous value but does not show up on the "score sheet". On behalf of the Alumni Foundation and the staff at Babson Center, I wish all of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Healthy, Happy New Year! Our work will begin again in 2010 but I know we will be successful. We have to be. Thank you and keep in touch so we can keep you in touch.

James F. Tobin '77 - Chief Operating Officer

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13.. USMMA KPA-CPA Member Contact Listing

The USMMA KPA-CPA Member Contact Listing 121609.pdf is now posted on our website for your review.
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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.

Gary G. Hicks '76 – Chairman, [USMMA KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc.](http://www.usmma.org)

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14.. THE AMERICAN MARITIME HISTORY PROJECT – Publications Available

The AMHP is requesting consignees for two great publications –

In Peace and War: A History of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point

by Jeffrey L. Cruikshank and Chloe G. Kline, John Wiley & Sons, Publishers. ISBN: 978-0-470-13601-0

The Way of the Ship: America's Maritime History Reenvisioned, 1600-2000

by Alex Roland, W. Jeffrey Bolster, and Alexander Keyssar, John Wiley & Sons, Publishers. ISBN: 978-0-470-13601-0

Every book sold from Academy inventory is direct funding returned to Kings Point.

Several Alumni Chapters have already taken custody of a shipment, and are providing this much-appreciated service to the Academy. If you have an interest in partnering with the AMHP, please contact:

American Maritime History Project, Bland Memorial Library, USMMA Tel: (516) 773-5654
OFFICE: Room 321 Bowditch Hall, USMMA

Attn: Dr. Warren F. Mazek - Professor of Marine Transportation (Former Academic Dean) Tel: (516) 773-5425
E-mail: mazekw@usmma.edu Web site: <http://www.usmma.edu/AMHP>

15.. Superintendent Worley Hail & Farewell Reception 010410

There will be a Hail and Farewell reception held for RADM and Mrs. Worley held off campus.

Date: January 4th, 2010 **Time:** 1700 to 1900

Location: Morton's Steakhouse, 777 Northern Blvd, Great Neck, NY 11020

Dress: Business Casual **Cost per person:** \$35.00 Make check payable to Hoon Park

Food and Beverages: Steak sandwiches, crab cakes, jumbo shrimp, and more.

Tea, soda, coffee is included - Cash bar for everything else.

Please RSVP and send your payment by December 28th, 2009 to Fran Wagner in the Dean's office at wagnerf@usmma.edu. This is not an official government sponsored event.

If you have any questions, please contact James F. Tobin '77 - Chief Operating Officer, USMMAAF

16.. 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](#)

17.. 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!

18.. 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!

19.. USMMA KP Alumni - CPA - Welcome *NEW* South-Central RVC Peterlin 122009

On 121109, we reported the "retirement" of CDR Rob Smith ('92), USCG as President of the USMMA KP Alumni - Port of Houston Chapter. We also thanked Rob for his valued service as the outgoing South-Central - Regional Vice Chairman of the Chapter Presidents Alliance. Rob is congratulated for his outstanding commitment and service to his Chapter and to our Alliance.

The regional election process is now complete with the confirmation of Captain Peterlin as the new South-Central - Regional Vice Chairman of the Chapter Presidents Alliance.

We thank John in advance for his service to our organization in his new role. We invite all South-Central Region Chapter Presidents to now contact John regarding CPA business.

South-Central - Regional Vice Chairman- Captain John G. Peterlin III '76 (Galveston Bay-Brazosport Chapter)

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Biography: Captain John Peterlin '76

Captain John Peterlin is a senior executive at the Port of Galveston, Texas. The Port of Galveston is a landlord port and enterprise fund (self-supported) agency that develops and administers the maritime facilities, commercial development and fishing facilities on the waterfront and related properties owned by the City of Galveston. He joined the port in December 2000 as the senior managing director of marketing services and served in that capacity until the end of 2002. He also served as a vice president of the Galveston Port Facilities Corporation, a local government corporation formed by Galveston City Council, from 2002 through 2006. He is currently the senior director of marketing and administration at the port. In his present position, he is responsible for the conduct, management and oversight of the port's functions and activities relating to marketing and advertising, negotiation of leases, berthing and operating agreements with port tenants and customers, trade and business development, customer relations, the port's tariff, governmental affairs and grant activities, the port's U.S. Foreign-Trade Zone No. 36 and the port's administration department and its functions (administration and insurance, human resources, information systems and purchasing/procurement).

John is a 1976 graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York, where he received a bachelor of science degree in marine transportation, with a minor in law, a commission as an ensign in the U.S. Navy Reserve and a U.S. Coast Guard license as a third mate, unlimited tonnage on any ocean. He is bilingual, with Spanish as a second language.

Following graduation, he sailed as a licensed deck officer in the U.S. flag merchant marine under International Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots, Offshore Division, contracts in billets from third officer up to and including master for more than fourteen years, including serving eight years in the capacity of ship's master. He has held a U.S. Coast Guard license as a master mariner since 1982; the first member of his graduating class at Kings Point to obtain an unlimited ocean master's license. He joined The Coastal Corporation/Coscol Marine Corporation/Coastal Tankships U.S.A., Inc. in Houston, Texas in late 1990, where he was involved with the ocean transportation of petroleum products as the port captain and later as director of operations. After leaving Coscol Marine and starting his own business, he was involved in marine cargo survey, logistics, ocean cargo and truck brokerage, maritime consulting and the development and operation of vessel cargo services. In early 1998, he started up and operated, as President and CEO, a "short sea shipping" roll-on/roll-off ship operating company, Gulf Bridge Ro-Ro L.L.C., which provided regular weekly cargo service in the trade

John is a member of the Council of American Master Mariners (Camm), Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME), the Propeller Club of the United States, the Houston Maritime Association, Rotary International, as a Paul Harris Fellow, and the Reserve Officers Association of the United States. He serves on the board of directors and executive committee of the Greater Houston Port Bureau and Marine Exchange of the West Gulf, and also as a member and chairman of the pilot review board of the Board of Commissioners of Pilots of Galveston County.

He is also a member of the Houston-Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC), a U.S. federal statutory committee that advises the commanding officer of the U.S. Coast Guard Eighth District on matters concerning marine transportation, navigation and marine safety in the Galveston Bay shipping complex that includes the ports of Galveston, Houston and Texas City. The Port of Houston, which is the largest port in Galveston Bay, is the busiest port in the United States in terms of foreign tonnage, second-busiest in the United States in terms of overall tonnage, and tenth-busiest in the world. The petrochemical complex associated with the Ports of Houston and Texas City is one of the largest in the world. In 2004, the HOGANSAC was selected as the Harbor Safety Committee of the year. He was awarded a U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Merit in May 2005 for his service on the HOGANSAC committee.

In 1977, John participated, as a plank-owner, in the completion and rigging of the replica 1812 Baltimore Clipper ship PRIDE OF BALTIMORE and was an original crewmember on the ship for the first four months of its sailing career. He is currently a volunteer and crewmember on the historic 1877 tall ship, the Braque ELISSA, home-ported in Galveston at the Texas Seaport Museum. John and his wife, Julia, reside in Galveston County.

View slides: Galveston Bay-Brazosport Peterlin 122909 <http://www.photoworks.com/slideshow/album/A99F0E2390CA?source=pw980>

20.. 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.

21.. The Sailor's Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas, the ship was out steaming, Sailors stood watch while others were dreaming.
They lived in a crowd with racks tight and small, In a 80-man berthing, cramped one and all.
I had come down the stack with presents to give, And to see inside just who might perhaps live.
I looked all about, a strange sight did I see, No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.

No stockings were hung, shined boots close at hand, On the bulkhead hung pictures of a far distant land.
They had medals and badges and awards of all kind, And a sober thought came into my mind.
For this place was different, so dark and so dreary, I had found the house of a Sailor, once I saw clearly.
A Sailor lay sleeping, silent and alone, Curled up in a rack and dreaming of home.

The face was so gentle, the room squared away, This was the United States Sailor today.
This was the hero I saw on TV, Defending our country so we could be free.
I realized the families that I would visit this night, Owed their lives to these Sailors lay willing to fight.
Soon round the world, the children would play, And grownups would celebrate on Christmas Day.

They all enjoyed freedom each day of the year, Because of the Sailor, like the one lying here.
I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone, On a cold Christmas Eve on a sea, far from home.
The very thought brought a tear to my eye, I dropped to my knees and started to cry.
The Sailor awakened and I heard a calm voice, "Santa, don't cry, this life is my choice."

"Defending the seas all days of the year, So others may live and be free with no fear."
I thought for a moment, what a difficult road, To live a life guided by honor and code.
After all it's Christmas Eve and the ship's underway! But freedom isn't free and it's sailors who pay.
The Sailor say's to our country "be free and sleep tight, No harm will come, not on my watch and not on this night.

The Sailor rolled over and drifted to sleep, I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.
I kept watch for hours, so silent, so still, I watched as the Sailor shivered from the night's cold chill.
I didn't want to leave on that cold dark night, This guardian of honor so willing to fight.
The Sailor rolled over and with a voice strong and sure, Commanded, "***Carry on Santa, It's Christmas, and All is Secure!***"

HONOR, COURAGE AND COMMITMENT....

Remember all of our brave service men and women **this day and every day!**

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