



*United States Merchant Marine Academy
Northern New England Parents Association*



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NNEPA NEWS

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PURSUING OUR MISSION

The Northern New England Parents Association has been busy pursuing its mission of providing a means of communication between the Academy and the midshipman parents by offering opportunities for fellowship and mutual support among parents whose sons and daughters are undergoing a rugged academic, physical, and military training program while enhancing the image of the United States Merchant Marine Academy in the northern New England area and promoting the academy to others who are interested in attending.

NEW CANDIDATES

We proudly welcome to the Kings Point Family the 10 candidates for the Class of 2012. Welcome to Kings Point.

Candidate John Bowman
Candidate Bryan Boyle
Candidate Rebecca Critics
Candidate Daniel Edgerly
Candidate John-Leon Gosselin
Candidate Christopher Leach
Candidate Olivia Norris
Candidate Tyler Patrick
Candidate Andrew Price

WELCOME ABOARD

Our Welcome Aboard Luncheon is in June and is where NNEPA Welcomes with open arms our New Candidates for the Class of 2012. Please plan on coming so that you can introduce yourselves to the incoming candidates and their parents. Any advice that you can share is always appreciated. **Please mark your calendar and plan on attending to welcome our new members and candidates to our USMMA family.**

USMMA-NNEPA

WELCOME ABOARD Luncheon

USMMA CLASS of 2012

When: June 21 2008

Time: 12:00 PM Business Meeting

1:00 PM Welcome Aboard Luncheon

Where: Joes American Bar and Grill

985 Providence Hwy

Dedham, MA

(781) 329-0800

INDOC DAY

INDOC DAY is 10 JUL 2008. Please report between 0700-0830. Those arriving after 0830 will be members of the Class of 2013.

GRADUATION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Graduation plans are well underway for the Class of 2008. With slightly less than 30 nights until Graduation and licensing beginning next week for some. We wish all our prospective New England Graduates the best as they begin to prepare for Licensing and their last semester at Kings Point. Our 2008 Graduates are MN Mark Burns, MN Keegan Doig, MN Meagan Fahey, MN Christopher Lancaster, MN Daniel Lancaster, MN Shamus O'Shea and MN Jaquelyn Peterson.

2008 GRADUATE PROFILES

Midshipman Mark G. Burns came to the Academy from Morgantown, West Virginia and is now from Longmeadow, Massachusetts. He will graduate with his Bachelors of Science in Marine Transportation and plans on Sailing as a Third Mate after Graduation. While at the Academy he held the both the CNO/CITO for First Company. Mark served his internship at CTLT 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, NC and at the NYPD Counter-Terrorism Division. On his sea years he shipped out on

the S/S Cleveland, APL Korea, Horizon Fairbanks, Horizon Hawaii, Cape Inscription, Cape Texas and Cape Isabella and visited ports in Alaska, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Congo, Africa, Puerto Rico, the West Coast US and the East Coast of the US.

Midshipman Keegan Doig hails from Cape Cod, Massachusetts and will graduate from the Ships Officer Program with a Bachelors of Science in Marine Operations and Technology. He was a member of the Dinghy Sailing Team and participated in Windsurfing and Kitesurfing Clubs. He served as the Windsurfing Club president. His sea years were spent on the S/S Enterprise, the M/V Lawrence H. Gianella and M/V Green Lake visiting such varied ports as Antarctica, as part of Operation Deep Freeze), Australia, Africa, Turkey, Italy, Greece, Spain, Diego Garcia, Panama, Guam, Hawaii, Japan, China, Taiwan and the East, West and Gulf of the United States. He did an Internship with Raytheon at the Maritime Mission Center in Portsmouth, Rhode Island and after Graduation has accepted a position with the towing and transportation company, Otto Candies, LLC.

Midshipman Meagan Fahey is from Plymouth, MA and will graduate from the Ships Officer Program with a Bachelors of Science in Marine Operations and Technology. Earning gold stars for both first and second trimesters her senior year were well earned accomplishments. She was a member of the Varsity Crew Team for her four years at Kings Point and served as the Crew Captain for two years. She was an active member of the Marching Band and served as the Band Company Human Relations Officer as well as the Second Deck Platoon Commander. She was also active in the USCG Club. Her sea years were spent on the M/V Virginian, where earned ribbons for carrying ammunition to our soldiers and transporting through dangerous waters. She also sailed on the USNS Kanawha, and the USNS Lawrence H. Gianella where she visited ports in Spain, Greece, Germany, Fujairah, Kuwait, Qatar, and Puerto Rico. She spent her Internship at Kings Point participating in Officer Training. Upon Graduation she plans on sailing as a Qualified Member of the Engine Department until she can sit for her Third Assistant Engineers License and then continue sailing as a Engineering Officer.

Midshipman Christopher Lancaster hails from Barnstable, Massachusetts will receive his Bachelors of Science degree in Marine Operations and Technology. While at Kings point he participated in Hockey and Power Squadron. He spent his sea years on Sealand Performance, APL Philippines, Seabulk Mariner and Horizon Hawaii visiting ports in Puerto Rico, China, Japan, Alaska, Germany, Spain, Italy, England, Japan,

Taiwan, South Korea, California, Texas, Florida, South Carolina, Washington, Oregon and Hawaii. Christopher spent his Internship with the Steamship Authority out of Woods Hole, Massachusetts. After Graduation he plans to spend some time with his family (his son Brandon is now 3!) before setting sail as a Third Mate. He plans to eventually sail as a Qualified Member of the Engine Department so he can sit for his Third Assistant Engineer license.

Midshipman Daniel Lancaster hails from Barnstable, Massachusetts will earn his Bachelors of Science Degree in Marine Engineering Systems and plans to earn his Chief Engineer with a career in the Maritime Industry. While at Kings Point he played Rugby and Hockey and was active at the Waterfront as a member of the Power Squadron. Daniel spent his sea years on the M/V Liberty Glory, S/S Meteor, S/S Chemical Pioneer, M/V Sealand Quality, S/S Cape Inscription, M/V Virginian and the S/S Horizon Hawaii where he made ports in Nigeria, Italy, Spain, Germany, United Arab Emirates, Crete, Qatar, Kuwait, Puerto Rico and the East and West Coast of the United States. He interned at the Steamship Authority in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and at American Ship Repair in Brooklyn, NY.

Midshipman Shamus O'Shea arrived at the Academy from Gardner, Massachusetts. He followed his older brother who was already at Kings Point (Padric '06). Shamus is a Logistics and Intermodal Transportation major and was the President of his Class for '06-'07. While at Kings Point he was a member of the Golf Team and served as its Captain from 2006-2008. He served as editor of "Hear This" from 2004-2008. He spent his sea years on the M/V President Truman, M/V Liberty Eagle, M/V Alliance New York and M/V Lihue visiting ports in Hawaii and the Pacific, Singapore and the Far East, Dubai and the Middle East, Hamburg and Europe. After Graduation he plans to Sail Deep Sea for MEBA.

Midshipman Jaquelyn Peterson came to USMMA from Merrimack, NH where she was Homeschooled. As a member of the Ships Officer program she will graduate with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Marine Operations and Technology with a concentration in Leadership and Ethics. Jaquelyn was a member of the Varsity Swimming and Diving team for four years and in 2008 was named the Landmark Conference Diver of the Year after placing first in both 3 Meter and 1 Meter Springboard at the Landmark Championships. As a junior she was named All Skyline after winning the 1 Meter diving event at the Skyline Conference Championships and placing second in the 3 Meter diving event. She garnered All-Metropolitan First Team honors and finished third overall in the 3 meter and 1 meter diving events at the Metropolitan Championships.

While at Kings Point she was active on the waterfront and served as the Skipper of the T/V Liberator, the Regimental Chief Mate Kings Pointer and the Regimental Master Petty Officer Kings Pointer as well as the Fourth Company Human Relations Petty Officer. Her sea years were spent on the M/V Green Lake, the USNS Samuel L. Cobb and M/V Advantage where she visited ports in California, Japan, Oregon, Panama, Texas, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, North Carolina, Yemen, Kuwait, Pakistan, and Singapore. She also participated in Scuba, Offshore Sailing, Rotoract, Society of Women Engineers (SWE) and the restoration of the S/S Resolute. She spent her Internship in Hampton Roads, VA with McAllister Towing and Transportation of VA. After Graduation she will Sail as an Third Mate/QMED for Excelerate Energy on their LNG Regassification Vessels. She plans to work toward earning her Master Mariner classification. During her vacation time she plans on attending immersion language schools in France and China as well as enhancing her maritime education by enrolling in a Masters program in Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering at MIT.

Congratulations Graduates! NNEPA wishes each of you a successful and lucrative career filled with fair winds and following seas.

SEA YEAR

In June, we will welcome home MN Andrew Baldwin, MN Joseph DeSantis, MN Patrick Flynn, MN Kristoffer Hickey, MN RJ Jameson, MN Ben Lyons and MN Peter McCann our 2009 "A" splits who are currently out to sea on their final sea term. They will return to join the regiment as FIRST CLASSMEN with Ring Dance, 200, 100 and 50 Night Parties, License and Graduation. We do want to share in all your exotic and adventurous experiences, so please send us your photos and sea stories so that we can post them on our site. We want to know your ships and ports and what you have seen and learned.

Preparing to leave for their first Sea Year are the 2011 "B" Splits who will leave for Sea right after graduation.

Fair Winds and Following Seas to MN Keegan Boyle, MN John Cain, MN Kevin Cambell, MN Richard Curry, and MN Gregory Mansbach our 2010 "B" Splits, who are currently out to sea and will return in November from their final sea term. We hope you have a great time at Sea and continue to learn a lot. We can't wait to hear about your exotic and adventurous experiences. Each of you are in our thoughts and prayers as you continue your education out at sea.

QUARTERLY MEETING

We have had sparse attendance at our quarterly meetings. I am up for suggestions as to how we can enhance our attendance. Is there a place that is more central that we should consider? What day is better Saturday or Sunday? and what time? We need to have a meeting according to our By-Laws to elect new officers. How about a Virtual Meeting? Please call 603-493-5643 or send me a quick email at karen@usmma-nnepa.org to let me know your preferences for a meeting location and time.

NEW OFFICERS

With the advent of the Spring Term we will be electing new Officer for NNEPA for the 2008-2009 calendar year. Please prepare your nominations and send them to karen@usmma-nnepa.org. We will be electing officers at our April Meeting.

GOODIE BOXES

Any midshipmen will tell you that there is a direct correlation with the consumption of chocolate and the retention of educational facts and figures and that it especially applies to maritime facts and figures. We as a parent's organization provide "boodle boxes" for each of our New England students. Linda Flynn has asked many of you to make one or possibly more than one to send down a box during the week of May 1 for the Seniors who have finals beginning on May 12 and May 29 for the others who begin their Finals on June 7. Many of you have stepped forward to assist in this effort. Thank you. These goodie boxes usually consist of granola bars, nuts, dried fruit, microwave popcorn, powdered energy drinks, power bars and of-course chocolate. Sometimes fun things such as silly string and bubbles have been included. This activity was one of our first endeavors as an organization and was very well received by the midshipmen. The handwritten personal notes of appreciation were well worth the cost and effort involved in the preparation and shipping of the boxes.

FINAL EXAMS

This academy is academically challenging even for the best of students. Finals weeks are tough especially when they have to juggle sports practices and trainings, possibly games and regimental duties. Be prepared to hear complaints and just listen – and remember it will blow over.

POINTS TO REMEMBER FOR SEA YEAR

1. KP arranges flights from KP to assignment, and from assignment to assignment, and assignment back to KP. USMMA CAN NOT arrange flights to homes.
2. There is NO guarantee of leave during sea period. Parents can arrange to visit when cadets are in ports.
3. The first sea year goal is to get 110-120 commercial sea days.
4. During the second sea year the sailor MUST obtain the balance of days to bring commercial sea time to 300 days plus complete their internship.
5. Internships must be approved of and scheduled through your ATR.
6. Chain of command for cadets is through the ATR: ALL MATTERS REGARDING THE SCHOOL OR SEA ASSIGNMENT MUST GO THROUGH THE ATR
7. Work day is 8 hours/day, 7 days/week . Work will be split between deckwork/watchstanding for deck cadets and engineroom watch/engine work for engine cadets. You will also put in an additional 2 to 3 hours on your sea project. All Cadets are required to participate in all extra-ordinary routines (docking, undocking, anchoring and extra maintenance). It is not unheard of for some cadets to be required to work 12-15 hours days on some ships or to have weekends off on others. RULE: EXPECT ANYTHING and be prepared to work hard without complaint.
8. Sea Year Guide has answers to most questions. READ THE SEA YEAR GUIDE! prior to contacting ATR with any questions.
9. CADETS ARE TREATED AS ADULTS while under the Captain's authority and are expected to act as adults on board ships. Sometimes cadets are treated as Mates/Assistants on an equal par and other times less so (lower than snail snot) is a term I have heard. You are representing the Academy while a Cadet. All your actions will get back to the academy.
10. All Cadets should have a credit card during Sea Year for convenience/emergencies. Contact your bank prior to departure to make sure that they know the countries you will be traveling to so that your card is not declined. Each card carrier has specific rules to prevent fraud.
11. Cadets must have had all the approved dental/medical appointments and be cleared to go to sea by both departments prior to departure for either SEA

YEAR.

12. For those heading to sea for the first time try to go as "schooner rig" as possible. In otherwords, packing LESS gear is better.

When on Sea Year, the cadet's primary point of contact is the ATR. Each Cadet is assigned an ATR that follows them throughout both of their sea years. Each cadet is given a card with the work and office phones of all ATRs. Their ATR should be contacted first in all cases, routine and emergency. E-mail is the primary method for routine communication. It is your responsibility to BUG the ATR's endlessly about getting you on a ship, they won't do anything otherwise. If their assigned ATR is not available at the time of their call, they should try again later that day. Cadets must be mindful of the day and time, especially if calling from overseas. The ATRs understand that sometimes there is only a small window of opportunity to make a call and they routinely field questions at night and on the weekends. In the case of emergencies and we mean true emergencies, when the assigned ATR is not available the cadet should call one of the other ATRs. Since the cadets' definition of an emergency is sometimes different than the academy's, for example: wanting to know your flight arrangements over a week before arrival in port is not an emergency — However, arriving in port and not having received your flights is an emergency. By now the phone system may have already been upgraded so it can automatically help find an available ATR in an emergency. The cadets are given a code word to include in a conversation or e-mail if they have a problem that they cannot discuss without fear of someone overhearing. This is not something they should use lightly because it sets gears in motion that move quickly to remove the cadet from that ship. Lastly, we don't mean that they should complain if they're being told something they don't like and they want to see if "Daddy" will say okay when "Mommy" said no—as parents, I'm sure you are all aware of this "oldest trick in the book." The ATRs are dealing with hundreds of cadets and sometimes there are misunderstandings of intents or desires. The ATRs appreciate it most when a cadet comes out and asks for something directly instead of beating around the bush and expecting them to figure it out.

USMMA ALERT SYSTEM FOR PARENTS

The United States Merchant Marine Academy has established a cell phone and email alert _system for parents to inform you of any developing campus

emergencies. This system will supplement a separate on-campus system for midshipmen, faculty and staff.

Please read the letter from the Superintendent at http://www.usmma.edu/parents/AAS_Letter_from_SUP_T.pdf.

You can register for the system by going here: <http://www.e2campus.com/my/usmma2/signup.htm>

WHITE HOUSE INTERNSHIPS

A White House Internship is an opportunity for current students and recent graduates to experience everyday life at the White House while working with high-level officials on a variety of tasks and projects.

Strong applicants should exhibit:

- Sound academic credentials
- A demonstrated interest in public service
- Solid written and verbal communication skills
- A history of community involvement
- Strong character and leadership skills

Beyond experiencing the day-to-day operations of the White House, interns participate in a speaker series, tours, community service projects, and various White House events.

For more information please visit our website at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/intern>.

Applications should be submitted to intern_application@whitehouse.gov on or before February 26, 2008 for the Summer 2008 Internship.

If you have any questions please contact White House Personnel at 202-456-5979.

ACADEMY GRADUATE PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Engineering Graduates - Are you interested in advancing your professional status an engineer? Many practicing engineers find that an advanced degree in engineering is a very effective way to distinguish themselves and set the stage for professional growth and advancement.

The Academy has been successfully offering an on-line, practice orientated distance-learning Master of Marine Engineering program since September 2006. Program details can be found at <http://www.usmma.edu/gradcourse/>.

The terminal degree is a Master of Science in Marine Engineering from the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

The courses scheduled to be offered in the Fall 2008 semester are:

First Year Student

EM610, Computational Methods

EM621, Advanced Marine Power Plants

EM620, Marine Propulsion Systems (for non-ME or NA undergraduates)

Second Year Students

EM650, Internal Combustion Engine Analysis and New Technologies

EM623, Advanced Marine Materials

Third Year Students

EM625, LNG Vessel Operations and Design Considerations

EM632, Power Electronics

EM641, Management of Shipbuilding and Repair

The Academy is presently accepting applications for students interested in commencing the program in September 2008. The program is available to U.S. and international students. Admissions criteria and information on applying can be found on the MMarE web page noted above.

SUMMER LEAVE

DO NOT make travel plans in conflict with exam or graduation activities schedules. You also may not depart until cleared by their company officer.

Summer Trimester Leave begins on 17 Jun 08 at 1600. Depending on your status leave will be different for each group. For those of you lucky to have no extra responsibilities you need to report back at the Academy at 27 Jul 08.

Those Attending Summer School – Report back on Sunday 22 Jun, 2008. Summer School ends 26 JUL 2008.

Regimental Officers, Company Officers, Drill Instructors and Waterfront Staff will have to return for training and INDOC Prep on 29 Jun 2008.

PLEBES REPORT FOR INDOC ON 10 JUL 0700-0830

2009 “A” At Sea until 27 Jul 08

2010 "B" At Sea until 9 Nov 08

2011 "B" assigned to Shipboard Training 17 Jul to 9 Nov 08

Kings Pointer Summer Cruise Departs on 17 Jun 2008 and Returns 27 Jun 2008 and will visit the ports of Baltimore, Norfolk and Philadelphia. Kings Pointer trips are a great way to get some experience and relax a little.

A LETTER TO NEW PLEBES

A Plebes asks: College is supposed to be the best time of our lives. Is this true at the academy, or am I in for a rough surprise??

Plebe,

It won't be like the experience your friends at any other school will have unless they are also going to an academy. Will it be the best time of your life? When you look back on it, it probably will be a very fond memory. There will be times when you accomplish something that you never thought you could -- something you would never be challenged to do at a school where your friends are -- and you will think to yourself "this is way cool!"

Parts of this summer very well may be the hardest things you have ever done in your life, both physically and mentally. Will you want to quit? The thought will cross your mind. There will be people who quit. You will be glad on Acceptance Day, Recognition Day and Graduation Day that you didn't.

But remember, you are going to a school that has as its stated purpose is to educate and graduate officers and leaders of honor and integrity who are dedicated to serving the economic and defense interests of the United States in our Armed Forces and Merchant Marine, and who will contribute to an intermodal transportation system that effectively ties America together.

You wouldn't expect it or want it to be easy.

It is going to be different than another college experience. Will you get to lay around in the quad on a sunny fall day and throw a frisbee around? No. Will you get to walk past all the barriers in Times Square at 10pm on New Year's Eve and have the best spot in all of NY to watch the ball drop? Yes. Will total strangers offer to buy all your refreshments the rest of the night? Yes.

So, there are trade offs.

You will have to earn privileges. But you will appreciate them more.

You will be part of something a whole lot bigger than the inconvenience of not being able to close your door or lay down in your rack until 2200. You will be part of a tradition of men and women who have sacrificed to give you the privilege of living in the most prosperous and free country in history.

PM is right spot on. In terms of supervised study time, nobody is looking over your shoulder making you study. You are accountable for your own grades.

Bottom line, it is different and it is worth it.

This will be one of the hardest things you've ever done. That being said you are a great kid because you really will be doing great things!

HINT: Nap while you still can!!

TRAVEL PLANS

They will want to leave campus as soon as possible after the completion of their last exam and checkout. Try to make travel arrangements that accommodate their requests. There are a number of simple ways for the kids to return to Boston from NYC. For your convenience we have included the information below.

Chinatown Bus Services: *Due to popularity of chinatown bus, most buses will be very full, please make reservation ahead of time to guarantee your seat.

Midshipmen will take a taxi or bus or grab a ride from another midshipman from the Academy gate to the Long Island Railroad Station in Great Neck. They will take the LIRR to Penn Station NYC.

If they take Amtrak, that is where they catch their train. Amtrak runs 17 trains daily from NYC Penn Station to Boston South Station. This trip takes 4.5 hours for the regional service and the Acela (express) service takes 3.5 hours. The one advantage to taking the train is that they can hook up their computer and work on homework (upperclassmen) or watch movies or sleep while they travel home.

If they are taking the Fung Wah Chinese bus then they will follow the Subway directions here:

Take either B, or D to Grand St then walk two blocks south to Canal. Alternatively, take either 6, N, Q, R, J, M, Z to Canal St and walk 7-8 blocks east to the Bowery.

The Fung Wah Bus runs 18 buses daily from Chinatown NYC at 139 Canal Street to Chinatown Boston at 700 Atlantic Ave, South Station gate 25.

<http://www.chinatown-bus.com/fung-wah-flyer.htm>
info: 212-925-8889, 718-438-3300.

If they are taking the Travel Pack/Lucky Star Chinese bus then they will follow the Subway directions here:

Take either B, or D to Grand St then walk one block south to Hester. Alternatively, take either 6, N, Q, R, J, M, Z to Canal St and walk 7-8 blocks east to the Bowery, and one block north to Hester.

The Travel Pack/Lucky Star runs 15 buses daily from NYC at 69 Chrystie St. to Boston 700 Atlantic Ave, South Station gate 13.

<http://www.chinatown-bus.com/travel-pack-flyer.htm>
info: 888-881-0887

<http://www.chinatown-bus.com/lucky-star-flyer.htm>
info: 888-881-0887

Other Bus Services:

Boston Deluxe runs 3 buses Fri, Sat, Sun from 2 NYC Stops. Pickup/Dropoff #1 is the News Stand at 1250 Broadway, at 32nd St and Pickup/Dropoff #2: is the coffee shop at Second Ave, and E 86th St. The bus makes two stops one in Hartford, CT at the Charter Oak Supermarket at 365 Capitol Ave then one in Boston: at the Christian Science Plaza at 175 Huntington Ave.

LimoLiner runs 2-3 buses daily from NYC. The Pickup/Dropoff is at the Hilton New York, 1335 6th Ave (at 53rd St) with Pickup/Dropoff at Hilton Back Bay at 40 Dalton St (at Boylston St).

There are often Upperclassmen or parents who are willing to give rides to underclassmen – the only problem is timing often they will complete their final exams hours or even a day before.

Taking a plane: Here is how to get to and from the airports.

[Classic Airport Shuttle](#) Shared door-to-door services
(800) 666-4949 or (631) 567-5100

Taxi (Nassau County)(Metered)

Friendly Taxi

106 Steamboat Rd

Great Neck, NY 11024

(516) 466-0066

Uniformed Taxi Dispatcher

The amount on meter from airport to NYC limits PLUS double the amount from city limits to final destination.

Private Car/Limousine/Van Service

Super Saver by Carmel 1-800-924-9954 or 1-212-666-6666

Dial 7 Car & Limo Service 1-800-222-9888 or 1-212-777-7777

Westchester Express (Republic) 1-800-910-5466 or 1-201-997-7368

Classic Limousine 1-800-666-4949 or 1-631-567-5100

Other Ground Transportation is available at the Info counter at Airport

FUNDRAISING

The NNEPA current fundraising effort that assists us in continued support of the midshipmen consistent with our mission statement is the selling of our beautiful ceramic coasters imprinted with the USMMA logo are sold in sets of 4 for a charge of \$20. Please add \$5 for shipping.

Orders for these items should be forwarded to:

USMMA – NNEPA

Laura Hickey - Treasurer

125 Oak Street

South Weymouth, MA 02190

email: Laura_Hickey@sshosp.org

(Be sure to include USMMA NNEPA in the reference or email will not be opened)

Checks should be payable to USMMA-NNEPA

These make great gifts for Friends and Family.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

How can I help, you ask?

The NNEPA is always interested in having parents to participate. A variety of opportunities exist! If you have any ideas for activities or fundraising – We would love to hear from you!!

Many thanks go to Linda Flynn who has again taken on the awesome responsibility of coordinating the sending of “goodie/cram” boxes to the midshipmen during exam weeks three times each year. This activity was one of our first endeavors as an organization and was very well received by the midshipmen. Enclosures included granola bars, cookies, nuts and candy. The handwritten personal notes of appreciation were well worth the cost and effort involved in the preparation and shipping of the boxes.

WEB SITE

The “official” NNEPA website up. Check it out at www.usmma-nnepa.org today!

Please send any news (school activities, athletic scores/awards, sea duty adventures/countries) on your midshipman or plebe candidate to karen@mainstream.net

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NNEPA membership has many rewards.

Joining is easy!

PLEASE JOIN US! We encourage all USMMA parents to become members of the USMMA-Northern New England Parents’ Club (NNEPA). Our annual dues are \$50 per year per family for all Classes payable June 30 for the 2007-2008 school year. This is your only commitment if that is what you choose.

This money is used to support various Midshipmen activities such as Graduation gifts, and the Welcome Aboard Luncheon. As our funds increase we will include more activities.

We send “Boodle Boxes” to all our Midshipmen at the end of each trimester (except when at sea). We need volunteers to sign up to send one or two boodle boxes. Linda Flynn is the “Boodle Box” coordinator – look for email from her in October, February, and May. We appreciate all those who join in this endeavor as they are greatly appreciated by all the Plebes and Midshipmen.

Benefits to our midshipmen:

- We donate money to Midshipmen Morale funds that go to pay for Class events.
- Boodle bags (substantial treats for finals) for all 3 trimesters
- Birthday, holiday and get well cards
- Pay for our midshipmen to attend our Welcome Aboard Luncheon
- Pay for Graduation gifts for our Graduating First Classmen

Remember, whether you are a member or not your son/daughter receives all the benefits of being a member, so won’t you please support our club and send in your membership soon. Please send your dues to the address listed below:

Make checks out USMMA-NNEPA
c/o Laura Hickey

125 Oak Street
South Weymouth, MA 02190

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Alumni-Parent
Liaison:

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ANY NEWS???
(Next Newsletter comes out in July)

We need news for our July Newsletter! If your son or daughter has been at sea, send us stories – places, ships and fun happenings, participates in fall/winter sports – send us scores, highlights and interesting tidbits, has a new job or position at the academy in their company – send us the details, Is a senior – tell us about their License Prep, Graduation Plans and for Plebe parents keep us up to date on your trip to your Plebes experiences.

Please send all information – by mail or email to:

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Publication Months are July, October, January & April

**USMMA-NNEPA 2008-2009 Officer Nomination
Form**

**The terms of these positions is from June
2008 thru June 2009**

Officers:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Other Positions:

Midshipman Support Coordinator:

Quarterly Newsletter Editor:

Fundraising Coordinator:

Welcome Aboard Event Planner/Coordinator:

Website/Publicity Coordinator:

Alumni-Parent Liaison:

Voting on these nominations will take place at our annual meeting. This is a must attend meeting.

Please send this back to Craig and Karen Peterson 24 Penny Lane Merrimack, NH 03054 or email the information to karen@usmma-nnepa.org

NNEPA Information Sheet

Some of you may not know all this information at this time – but please fill out what you can and send it back to us – when you know more email us the information so that we can have accurate records.

Midshipman Name:

Hometown:

Major:

Minor:

Class:

Split:

Sport:

Offices Held:

Ships:

Places Visited on Sea Years:

Internship Company/Location:

Plans After Graduation:

Box #:

Parents Names:

Home Address:

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