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PURSUING OUR MISSION

The Northern New England Parents Association is up and running again. We intend on pursuing our 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.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

This is our first opportunity to address you through the Parents' Association Newsletter as your USMMA Northern New England Co-Presidents. We look forward to working with you this year and making you and your Midshipmen's Kings Point experience a positive one.

We had the pleasure of meeting some of you at Parents' Weekend, which was exciting and eventful. The weekend was filled with tours, classroom visits, Beat Retreat, athletic contests, and Acceptance Day Ceremonies. The performance of the Regimental Band during Beat Retreat is worthy of special recognition and the entire show was the highlight of the weekend.

The Regiments presentation and energized spirit was impressive. The weekend culminated with a spirited football game. It was fun at the Plebes expense watching them make dashes to the end zone to push.

The weekend was memorable and a great opportunity for families to experience their Midshipmen's life at Kings Point. Congratulations to the Plebes for their acceptance into the Regiment!

Maureen and Fintan Moore
Co-Presidents

CONGRATULATIONS ON ACCEPTANCE DAY

You Did it! Congratulations on your Acceptance into the regiment. Now your challenge to become a midshipmen really begins! We are happy to welcome all our new Plebes to the Kings Point Family.

Plebe Joshua Dollen
Plebe Michael Hutchinson
Plebe Panayiotis Kostakis
Plebe Nathanael Kutz
Plebe Dillon Meagher
Plebe Fintan Moore
Plebe Jennifer Perkins
Plebe Margaret Queally
Plebe Scott Ublacker
Plebe Phillip Walker

Plebe John Wesley

LEGISLATIVE ALERT

Relations between the Academy and the Maritime Administration deteriorated greatly over the past couple of weeks. Admiral Greene is under more immediate MARAD legal micro-management than anyone could imagine and it is strangling the management of our Academy.

Our USMMA legal counsel, who was finding ways around MARAD bureaucratic rulings, was fired two weeks ago. Now the Maritime Administrator David Matsuda, is in conflict with the Alumni Foundation Executive Board over non-acceptance of hundreds of thousands of dollars in donations that sit un-accepted by the MARAD legal team after 8 months.

The legal micromanagement has resulted in the firing of 25 coaches, cancellation of graduation events, cancellation in awards programs, delays in financial refunds, unfilled professor and tutor openings, shortages of textbooks, delays on the donation of an engineering lab, not allowing USMMA professors to do research, publish or host industrial seminars, not charging for athletic tickets, and other issues directly affecting our midshipmen.

The most egregious to us as an organization concerns the over the micro-management of Admiral Greene, who is hindered by MARAD lawyers in resolving these issues.

There has been absolutely no progress on this situation over recent months, the Alumni and Parents have joined together in a legislative action to promote our Academy and get our legislators to fix what is wrong at Kings Point.

We are asking ALL our parents to write to their senators and congressmen via e-mail, follow up with a hard copy letter, make personal visits to the legislators local offices or attend town hall meetings during the August recess, and make your concerns known.

We would like for each parent to make TWO legislative contacts to each of their representatives, perhaps an e-mail followed by a phone call or personal visit. That would be six contacts in all; four to your two senators and two to your congressman.

We encourage each of our members to follow through on this legislative action. Without this, the successful operation of our Academy is in peril. Thanks so much for your support. Above all, if your legislator gave your midshipman their nomination, be sure to mention that in your letter and thank them!

SEA YEAR

We welcome home the Northern New England 2013 "B" splits who will return from sea from their final sea term.

Welcome Home MN Jay Boyle, MN Alex Riehl, and MN Phillip Walker! They will return to join the regiment as SECOND CLASSMEN. We 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.

We also welcome home the following Northern New England 2014 "B" Splits from their first Sea term who left for Sea in June. Welcome Home MN Nicholas Nalette and MN Tyler Russell!

We hope you had a great time at Sea and found your classroom and shipboard experiences valuable.

The next step for these Midshipmen are their written and oral boards for their sea projects. Each of you are in our thoughts and prayers as you prepare for these exams.

MIDSHIPMEN ARE COMING... MIDSHIPMEN ARE COMING

The Textile River Regatta on October 2, 2011 the first true test of each crew teams speed as the fall racing gets more intense and everyone prepares for the prestigious Head of the Charles regatta. It is held on the Merrimack in Lowell, MA. Kings Point has participated in this every year. As a parents organization we go down and set up a awning socialize with Midshipmen visiting New England. We usually spend the day and bring treats from fresh apples, carmel apples, and apple cider. No matter what it is they appreciate the tastes from home (even if it is not there own home). They have finals at the end of the month so a special treat when they are studying between heats is always appreciated. We are looking for a representative from NNEPA to attend -- please let us know if you can and we will help you coordinate.

Support our Football Team when KP takes on WPI with kick off at 4:00 PM on October 8, 2011. We handily beat them last year with a score of 26 to 9. As a parents organization we go down and set up a awning socialize with Midshipmen visiting New England. We usually spend the day and bring treats from fresh apples, carmel apples, and apple cider. No matter what it is they appreciate the tastes from home (even if it is not there own home). They have finals at the end of the month so a special treat when they are studying between heats is always appreciated.

A big event for our Midshipmen comes October 22-23, 2011 at the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston. We have medaled in this event and usually do well against Navy, Harvard and Yale. As a parents organization we go down and set up a awning socialize with Midshipmen visiting New England. We usually spend the day and bring treats from fresh apples, carmel apples, and apple cider. No matter what it is they appreciate the tastes from home (even if it is not there own home). They have finals at the end of the month so a special treat when they are studying between heats is always appreciated.

QUARTERLY MEETING

Our last Quarterly Meeting was held in Land Hall at Acceptance Day Weekend on September 2 and we have elected our Officers for the 2011/2012 Academic Year.

We are 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? How about a Virtual Meeting? Please send me a quick email to Maureen Moore at moorem@fitchburg.k12.ma.us or call (603) 352-7195 to let me know your preferences for a meeting location and time.

HOLLY BALL

The 2011 All Academies Holly Ball will be held Friday, December 30th at the [Seaport Hotel](#) in Boston, Ma. a truly beautiful setting.

YES it is New Year's weekend and we are hoping very soon to email an offer for a weekend plan for those who want to enjoy Boston and the First Night Festivities....We can't think of a better way to bring in the New Year!!

We are also asking our fellow Academies parent organizations to help in the fund raising for the event and/or a donation, which is customary. If you know of individuals or businesses that would like to contribute ...USNA -PCCNE is a 501-3(c) tax exempt organization so any and all donations are tax exempt.

Our goal, as is every year, is to raise funds to support all the costs of the Ball, have our cadets and midshipmen attend without charge and provide tokens of appreciation to all of our sons and daughters.

NEW OFFICERS

Maureen and Finton Moore (Finton '15) are Co-Presidents.

The Vice President is Thomas Wesley (Andrew '15)

Our Treasurer is Gerard Queally (John '15)

Our Secretary is Liz Nalette (Nicholas '14)

Our Media Relations Coordinator is Karen Peterson (Jaquie '08 and Tim (NMMI Sponsored Prep '12)

Our Midshipman Morale Coordinator is Karen Peterson (Jaquie '08 and Tim (NMMI Sponsored Prep '12)

We are in need of Fundraising Coordinators

Our Newsletter, Kings Point Article and Website Coordinators are Craig and Karen Peterson (Jaquelyn '08 and Tim (NMMI Sponsored Prep '12)

GOODIE BOXES

We plan on keeping up the tradition sending of Goodie Boxes to our Midshipman during each Trimester Finals.

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.

Many of you have stepped forward to assist in this effort in the past and we want to let you know how appreciative the Midshipmen are for these treats. 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.

We are going to organize this a bit differently than past years. (In past years individual parents volunteered to send goodie boxes to Midshipmen.)

This time we want to do a group project and make goodie bags for each Midshipmen. We will send the entire box of goodie bags to Kings Point. Lisa Donitz, Manager of Alumni Relations. She volunteered to put the bags in individual mail boxes.

We need help! We are wondering who would want to help put the goodies bags together on either Saturday, September 24th or Sunday, September 25th. Please let me know as soon as possible. We will try to come up with a central location depending on address of volunteers.

If you want to assist with the bags, do you have a preference for either Sat 24th or Sun 25th? If you are unable to assist with the bags but would like to send something to put in the bags, please send to Maureen Moore, 12 Orchard Street, Keene, NH 03431. We currently have 34 Midshipmen.

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_SUPT.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.

The application deadline for Fall 2012 White House Internship is May 30, 2012.

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

Applicants must be:

- At least 18 years of age on or before the first day of the internship
- Enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program at a college or university (or have graduated the previous semester)
- A United States citizen

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

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

Applications should be submitted to intern_application@whitehouse.gov on or before May 30, 2012 for the Fall 2012 Internship.

There are rolling admissions into this program for academy internships do to their limited scheduling availability.

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 program is based on a six semester system.

First Term

EM610, Computational Methods

EM621, Advanced Marine Power Plants(1)

Second Term

EM631, Electrical Power Systems

EM622, Thermal System Design and Optimization

Third Term

EM623, Advanced Marine Materials

EM650, I.C. Engine Analysis & New Technologies

Fourth Term

EM670, Marine Industry Policy

Elective 1(1&2)

Fifth Term

Elective 2 (1 & 2)

Elective 3

Sixth Term

Elective 4

Elective 5

The Academy is presently accepting applications for students interested in commencing the program in September 2012. 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.

TRAVEL PLANS FOR END OF TRIMESTER, THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS BREAKS

Please 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.

Bolt Bus: <https://www.boltbus.com/default.aspx>

A division of Greyhound, Bolt Bus began offering budget travelers a new option to get from New York City to Boston. This service began in May 2008

With seats selling for as low as \$1 for advanced purchases and onboard amenities like free wi-fi and power ports to charge your electronics, the discount bus line has proven themselves a strong alternative mode of transportation between the two cities.

The Bolt Bus services routes from its New York City hub, connecting travelers to Philadelphia and Boston. The Boston stop is located at the South Station Terminal.

The bus line has also added a new NYC stop, at 34th St and 8th Ave, by the Tick Tock Diner, for those traveling to Boston routes. Philadelphia riders can also use the current NYC stop at 6th Ave between Canal and Grand, which also services the Washington, D.C. route.

Boarding

Once your online purchase is complete, you'll be given a confirmation number with a boarding group. When your group is called, it's your turn to board. Passengers who book tickets online are

guaranteed a seat; however, they must arrive 15 minutes prior to departure or their seat may be sold to a standby passenger. Standby passengers who purchase tickets at the bus will board last.

Bolt Rewards

Bolt understands that customers expect simplicity when it comes to traveling on a bus. And when it comes to a frequent rider program, we're keeping it simple as well.

Introducing the Bolt Rewards program. No miles, no restrictions. Simply take eight trips on BoltBus and you're eligible for a free one-way ticket trip.

That's it. No strings attached. Valid at any time, regardless of time of day, day of week, or even holiday travel. You've earned it, so why not use it whenever you want?

How do I sign up?

It's simple. Click on the "Join Us" link on the Buy Tickets page and register. No card to carry, just remember your e-mail address, userID, and password. (If you forget the userID or password, we can send it to you via e-mail.)

You only get credit for trips where you have logged on as a member, so don't forget to log in prior to making a reservation.

Your awards are just that: yours. They are not transferable to family or friends.

Log in from the Buy Tickets page and the number of trips logged to date is shown in the "My Bolt Rewards" section. Isn't that simple?

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

WELCOME ABOARD

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS and SAVE THE DATE!

Our Annual Welcome Aboard Luncheon is Set for Sat. June 23, 2012.

It will be held from 12:00 noon to 3:00 PM. at Joe's American Grille in Dedham, MA. We will

be selling tickets for Parents and family members. If we have the funds all Midshipmen and New Candidates will have their lunch paid for.

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. These make great gifts for Friends and Family.

Further information will be posted on our website soon

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!!

WEB SITE

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

Please send any news (school activities, athletic scores/awards, personal bests, sea duty adventures/countries, pictures) 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 \$25 per year per family for all Classes payable by November 1 for the

2011-2012 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. Karen Peterson is temporarily 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:

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Brunswick, ME 04011

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Alumni-Parent
Liaison: Please Apply

ANY NEWS???

(Next Newsletter comes out in January)

We need news for our January 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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