



**USMMA KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc. - Conference 2011**  
**Two Day Conference at USMMA, Kings Point, N.Y. - Fri April 1, 2011 - Sat April 2, 2011**  
**"Chapter Presidents Alliance – Building Successful Chapters – United in Mission Support"**  
**Featuring KP Alumni Leadership Roundtable - KPA-CPA & USMMAAF in Support of Kings Point**

**Agenda & Registration**

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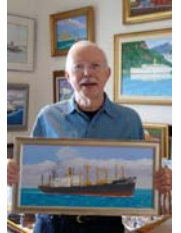
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KPA-CPA Conference attendees, all KP Alumni and interested parties are welcome! Advance Purchase Required.



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Also, presentation of KPA-CPA gift to the USMMA Alumni Center: Original painting of T/V Kings Pointer by the artist - KP Chesapeake Chapter Member - Captain Brian Hope '65 & KPA-CPA Fall 2010 Raffle Winner - Wayne L. Britz '66 - President, KP Alumni - UAE (Abu Dhabi) Chapter!

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## **Conference Day 1 - Leadership Roundtable, Speakers & Tour FRI April 1, 2011 8:00AM - 5:00PM**

*Dress Code Minimum: Business Casual (Men: Collared Shirt & Jacket, Women: Business Casual, Military – appropriate uniform)*

Complete Day at **Melville Hall Officers Club**, featuring: **KP Alumni Leadership Roundtable - KPA-CPA & USMMAAF.**

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### **Schedule:**

**8:00AM Breakfast & Check-in** - Joanne R. Hicks 'A (Chesapeake Chapter) - KPA-CPA Recording Secretary

- Complete Continental Breakfast provided. Note: Each Registered Conference Participant will receive a choice of a

***KPA-CPA Embroidered Logo Expandable Attaché or KPA-CPA Commemorative De-bossed Logo Zippered Padfolio***

**8:30AM KPA-CPA Conference Commences**

- Pledge of Allegiance led by attending Midshipmen

- Invocation – Chaplain, FR Joseph Koch, LCDR, CHC, USN – Command Chaplain (PNBC)

**8:30AM Welcome Remarks** - Gary G. Hicks '76 – Chairman, KPA-CPA, Inc.

**8:35AM Roll Call of Chapter Presidents Alliance Members & Representatives**

- Joanne R. Hicks 'A (Chesapeake Chapter) - KPA-CPA Recording Secretary

**0845 CPA Organization & Operations Overview (Brief Summary)** - Gary G. Hicks '76 – Chairman, KPA-CPA, Inc.

(1) USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. - Organization Status Report

(2) Mission Focus, Organization Goals and Objectives

(3) Cooperative Working relationship - USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc and USMMAAF, Inc.

**9:00AM KP Alumni Leadership Roundtable**

**Theme: *The Missions of the USMMA KPA-CPA, and the USMMAAF, in partnership support for Kings Point 2011!***

The Roundtable Topics will be Chaired by a Moderator. All Roundtable Participants will be provided a "Topic Agenda". Additional Topics can be introduced and accepted from the floor. This Forum is to be "conversational & interactive". Input from all participants is appreciated. All KP Alumni registered for this conference will have a voice in these proceedings. A record of Topics, Issues & Solutions offered will be published in a Summary Report for further discussion and action.

**Introductory & Mission Statement** - USMMA KP Alumni Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc.

*.... On behalf of the existing 114 KP Alumni Chapters worldwide, in Mission Support to Kings Point!*

- Gary G. Hicks '76 - Chairman & President

- Bruce Howie '65 (North Georgia) - Regional Vice Chairman – Southeast & International – Caribbean & KPA-CPA Vice President

- Kenneth J. Fidyk '71 (Santa Barbara Chapter) - Regional Vice Chairman - Pacific & International – West & KPA-CPA Treasurer

- Tim Sumner '66 (Delaware Shore Chapter) - Regional Vice Chairman - Mid-Atlantic & International – East & KPA-CPA Secretary

- Richard J. Roche '81 (Central NY Chapter) - Regional Vice Chairman - Northeast & International - Canada East

- Robert Cooper '77 (Central Ohio Chapter) - Regional Vice Chairman - Mid-Continent & International - Canada Central

- Captain John G. Peterlin III '76 (Galveston Bay-Brazosport) - Regional Vice Chairman - Southwest & International -Latin America

- Connie Buhl '81 (Washington / Puget Sound Chapter) - Regional Vice Chairman - West & International - Pacific Northwest

**Introductory & Mission Statement** - USMMA Alumni Association & Foundation, Inc.

- Charles J. Hill '65 - Chairman

- Captain James Tobin '77 - President

**9:20AM Break**

**9:30AM KP Alumni Leadership Roundtable**

**10:20AM Morning Break** - Refreshments available in designated Break area

**10:30AM KP Alumni Leadership Roundtable** *(continued)*

## USMMA KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc. - Conference 2011 Agenda (continued)

**11:30AM Academy Tour** - Host: **Captain Theodore Dogonniuck, P.E., USMS** - Assistant Superintendent for Facilities.

The Assistant Superintendent for Facilities oversees the facilities, infrastructure, and logistics support of the Academy.

A one-hour guided walking tour of the Academy grounds and facilities. The objective is for our participants to increase their awareness of the state of the Academy physical plant, and thereby guide our decisions regarding our support efforts and priorities.

**12:15PM Mariners' Memorial Chapel – Kings Point**



### **“50<sup>th</sup> Year Commemoration 1961-2011”**

The Mariners' Memorial Chapel at Kings Point was completed in 1961. The Chapel serves Midshipmen as well as civilians for various religious and social purposes. The Chapel was built to the Glory of God and to commemorate the sacrifices of the officers and men of the U. S. Merchant Marine who gave their lives at sea in World Wars I and II. The Chapel belongs to Merchant Mariners and to all Americans; it stands as one of our country's National Memorials to America's wartime seamen and serves to remind America of the great sacrifices of merchant mariners who go down to the sea in ships, especially in time of war. Within the Chapel, the [Roll of Honor Book](#) is stored. This book, permanently housed in a brass and glass [display case](#) mounted on Vermont marble immediately in front of the altar, lists the name, rank or rating, ship and date of sinking of over 7,000 officers and seamen who lost their lives on merchant ships during both World Wars. Daily, a selected Midshipman on duty is required to report to the chapel and ceremoniously open the case and turn a page. This ceremony is performed so that all mariners in the book will be remembered.

**12:30PM Luncheon at Melville Hall**

**Menu:** Soup - Puree of Vegetable, Cold Cut Platter (Roast Beef, Turkey, Ham, Cheeses, Lettuce & Tomato), spreads & dressings, and Assorted Whole Grain Breads & Rolls. Assorted soft drinks & water with ice, Coffee & Tea Service. Desserts, Cookies & Pickup Cakes

**1:15PM Luncheon Speaker:** **RADM Philip Greene, JR. (KP '78), USMS** – Superintendent, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy



**Rear Admiral Philip Greene, JR. (KP '78), USMS  
Superintendent, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy**

Admiral Greene assumed command as the 11<sup>th</sup> Superintendent, USMMA on August 30, 2010. He is our third Kings Point Graduate to serve as Superintendent! RADM Greene, a two-time Outstanding Professional Achievement Award winner at the USMMA. He is a Master Mariner & served as a Flag Officer in the U.S. Navy. RADM Greene has had a distinguished naval career including two ship commands, Post Graduate School, Naval War College, a Department Head tour at the U.S. Naval Academy and obtaining his unlimited masters license. RADM Greene most recently served as Director, Navy Irregular Warfare Office.

**1:45PM Speaker Presentations** The purpose of our speaker presentations is to provide access for our members to Academy management, Academic faculty, Support Services, Midshipmen and Alumni Foundation leadership on campus, and other Maritime Industry spokesmen. These presentations will brief overviews of each department, organization or enterprise with a question and answer period provided.

**1:45PM Dr. Shashi Kumar, Master Mariner** - Assistant Superintendent for Academic Affairs, Academic Dean, USMMA  
The Academic Dean, like a college dean of faculty, is responsible for the curriculum and the supervision of the academic departments.

**2:15PM Captain William Fell, USMS** - Commandant of Midshipmen, USMMA

The Commandant of Midshipmen is akin to the dean of students and handles all midshipmen affairs of a non-academic nature, including military organization, conduct and discipline.

**2:45PM Break**

**2:55 Professor Susan Petersen Lubow** - Director of Athletics, Head, Department of Physical Education and Athletics  
The Athletic Director oversees the physical education program as well as shoreside varsity athletics.

**3:25PM Afternoon Break** - Refreshments available in designated Break area

**3:35PM CDR Michael E. De Rosa, USMS** - Assistant Director of Admissions & Financial Aid, USMMA

**3:55 Veronica Barry** – Director, Career Services, USMMA - Department of Professional Development and Career Services

**4:20PM Summary Remarks** - Gary G. Hicks '76 – Chairman, KPA-CPA, Inc. and Charles J. Hill '65 – Chairman, USMMAAF, Inc.

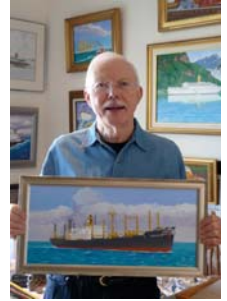
**4:30PM F.W.E. – Conclusion Day 1 Program & Kings Point Leadership Roundtable**

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### **USMMA KPA-CPA Maritime Dinner Program - FRI April 1, 2011 5:30PM**

#### **Melville Hall Officers Club, USMMA.**

KPA-CPA Conference attendees, all KP Alumni and interested parties are welcome! Enjoy an evening at Melville Hall - USMMA Officers Club, shared with KP Alumni Chapter Presidents from across the globe, Alumni Foundation Directors & Officers, Fellow KP Alumni, Senior Officers of the USMMA, Midshipman Parents, Maritime Industry Sponsors and representatives, Friends of Kings Point, our benefactor Maritime Artist Don Mathiesen (KP '62), & our Midshipmen! **Advance Purchase Required.**



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**5:30 PM** Cocktail Social - Cash Bar, including hors d'oeuvres

**6:30 PM** Welcome, Introductions, Invocation

**6:45 PM** Dinner Served

Chopped Salad with Italian Dressing, Station Buffet including: Pasta - Rigatoni ala vodka Pasta, Saute Vegetables, Broccoli, Carrots, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, Rolls, Butter, Coffee, Teas. Carving Station including: Grilled Marinated London Broil & Salmon en crouete Florentine. ....and for Dessert: Special KP Alumni – Chapter Presidents Alliance Commemoration Cake!

**7:30 PM to 8:00 PM** – Speaker Presentation: **RADM Mark H. "Buz" Buzby (KP '79), USN – Commander, Military Sealift Command**

**8:00 PM** Presentation: Distinguished Chapter Awards and Cake Ceremony

Dessert: Special KP Alumni – Chapter Presidents Alliance Commemoration Cake!

**8:10 PM** Drawing - "Chapters-Only" Art Raffle - Maritime Artist Don Mathiesen (KP '62) presents "SS Lafayette"

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### **Conference Day 2 - KPA-CPA Business meeting & Workshops. SAT April 2, 2011 8:00AM - 4:00PM**

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#### **8:30AM KPA-CPA Conference Commences**

- Welcome & Introductory Remarks - Gary G. Hicks '76 - Chairman, KPA-CPA, Inc.

- Commentary on **KP Alumni Leadership Roundtable 040111** - Bruce Howie '65 (North Georgia) - Regional Vice Chairman - Southeast & International – Caribbean & KPA-CPA Vice President

#### **8:45AM Roll Call of Chapter Presidents Alliance Members & Representatives**

- Brief Introductory Remarks by each CPA Member Chapter President

#### **9:00AM KPA-CPA Committee Reports** (limited)

- **Finance** - Chairman & KPA-CPA Treasurer - Ken Fidyk '71 (Santa Barbara / Ventura County)

- **Chapter Development** - Chairman & KPA-CPA Vice President - Bruce Howie '65 (N. Georgia)

**USMMA KPA Chapters Region Roster POST** <http://kpa-cpa.com/USMMAAF%20CPC/USMMA%20KPA%20Chapters%20Region%20Roster%20POST.pdf>

- **USMMA KPA-CPA By-Laws 090110** - Chairman & KPA-CPA Secretary - Tim Sumner '66 (Delaware Shore)

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#### **9:20AM Break**

**9:30AM Defining the Chapter - Overview** - Gary G. Hicks '76 (KP Chesapeake) - Chairman, KPA-CPA, Inc.

- Chapter Organization and Operations

- Mission Support

- **KPA-CPA Annual Chapter Report** <http://kpesapeake.com/USMMAAF%20CPC/CPA%20AnnualChapterReport%20051510.doc>

- **USMMA KPA-CPA Chapter Handbook 090110** <http://kpesapeake.com/USMMAAF%20CPC/USMMA%20KPA-CPA%20Chapter%20Handbook%20090110.doc>

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### **9:45AM KP Alumni Chapter Operations - "How To" - Roundtable Discussion**

The focus of the "How To" Roundtable discussions is Chapter Development and Mission Support.

The intent is to promote conversational input from all participants. The input received from these discussions will be incorporated into the Chapter Handbook by the Chapter Development Committee.

The discussions will be moderated by the KPA-CPA Chairman and the KPA-CPA Chapter Development Chairman.

Some of the topics will be presented by Moderators who have prepared their subject prior to our Conference.

#### **Topics To Include:**

- (1) Chapter Membership Development
- (2) Chapter Financial Management & Funding
- (3) Chapter Communications (**Moderator:** *Connie Buhl '81 - Washington – Puget Sound Chapter*)
- (4) Chapter Program Development
- (5) Chapter Business Issues, including:
  - Banking, Taxes, Incorporation, Liability Insurance, By-Laws (**Moderator:** *Robert H. Cooper, Jr., C.I.C.'77 – Central Ohio Chapter*)
- (6) Chapter Issues of Small Chapters – Getting Started! Growing Your Chapter!

**10:20AM Morning Break** - Refreshments available in designated Break area

### **10:30AM KP Alumni Chapter Operations - "How To" - Roundtable Discussion**

**12:00PM Luncheon** provided with the Regiment of Midshipmen in Delano Hall

### **1:00PM KP Alumni Chapter Mission Support Events - "How To" - Roundtable Discussion**

#### **Topics To Include:**

- (1) Annual KP Alumni Plebe Welcome Orientation & Luncheon
- (2) USMMA Admissions Recruiting Field Representative Program (**Moderator:** *Mike Connors '81 – Chattanooga Chapter*)
- (3) Wreaths Across America - Veterans Commemoration Program
- (4) National Maritime Day
- (5) Midshipman Internship Programs
- (6) Midshipman Mariner Sports Team Hosting Programs
- (7) Midshipman Offshore Technology Conference Hosting Program (**Moderator:** *Bill Briggs '96 – Port of Houston Chapter*)
- (8) KP Alumni Annual SNAME Award Dinner Hosting (**Moderator:** *Connie Buhl '81 - Washington – Puget Sound Chapter*)

**2:00PM Break**

### **2:10PM KP Alumni Chapter Mission Support Events - "How To" - Roundtable Discussion**

**3:00PM Afternoon Break** - Refreshments available in designated Break area

### **3:10PM Open Discussion - Other Topics**

**3:40PM Summary Discussion / Action Items** - Gary G. Hicks '76 – USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. - Chairman  
KPA-CPA Conference Objective Statement - Review – Goals vs Results

~ All Chapter Presidents will be requested to provide a follow-up written evaluation of these proceedings. ~

**3:55PM Concluding Remarks** - Gary G. Hicks '76 – USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. - Chairman

**4:00PM Meeting Adjourns** - F.W.E.





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**Registration - USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. - Conference 2011 at USMMA, Kings Point, N.Y.**

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Evening Program includes: Presentation of KPA-CPA Distinguished Chapter Awards and the Annual "Chapters-Only" Art Raffle Drawing!

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**Mail payments to:** USMMA KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc., Fortune Center, 42 Idlewild Street, Bel Air, MD 21014

(Ticket Price: **\$ 25.00 each**) Checks Payable to: **KPA-CPA**

**Participating Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Raffle Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ PAID: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total Conference Payment Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Checks Payable to: KPA-CPA**

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Payments can also be made online . Visit our website <http://www.kpa-cpa.com>

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# USMMA KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc.

## Conference Dinner Reception

USMMA Alumni Center, 8 Elmridge Road, Kings Point, N.Y.

**Thursday March 31, 2011 6:30PM**

presented as a program of the  
**USMMA KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc. - Conference 2011**  
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"Chapter Presidents Alliance – Building Successful Chapters – United in Mission Support"  
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Our Conference Dinner will be hosted at the new **USMMA Alumni Center, 8 Elmridge Road**, overlooking the USMMA McNulty Campus. Evening participants will be KPA Chapter Presidents and Chapter Representatives. Our invited guests will include USMMA Alumni Foundation leadership, USMMA leadership, Midshipmen and others. All KP Alumni registered for the Conference are welcome to attend.

**All interested parties are welcomed & invited to attend our special dinner program!**



# MAERSK LINE

**Featured Speaker:** Captain Stephen M. Carmel (KP '79) - Senior Vice President, Maritime Services, Maersk Line, Limited

### Agenda:

**6:30PM** Cocktail Reception - Beer, Wine and hors d'oeuvres provided

**7:30PM** Welcome Remarks

**7:30PM** Buffet Dinner (beer & wine included)

**8:15PM** Dinner Program Speaker: **Captain Stephen M. Carmel (KP '79) - Senior Vice President, Maritime Services, Maersk Line, Limited**

Topic: ***The Role of the U.S. Flag Merchant Marine In Our National Economic Security***

**9:00PM** Cake Cutting Ceremony - Dessert, Coffee and Tea served.

Also, presentation of the KPA-CPA gift to the USMMA Alumni Center: Original painting of T/V *Kings Pointer* by the artist - KP Chesapeake Chapter Member - Captain Brian Hope '65 & KPA-CPA Fall 2010 Raffle Winner - Wayne L. Britz '66 - President, KP Alumni - UAE (Abu Dhabi) Chapter!



Captain Brian Hope (KP '65)



"TV Kings Pointer At Sea"

### Biography brief – Captain Brian Hope (KP '65)

Captain Brian Hope has been a Chesapeake Bay Pilot since 1970, and is a self-taught artist. He graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point in 1965 and sailed for several years as a deck officer on the Vietnam sealift, on troopships, a Victory ship and a C-1, (but alas, he says, never on a Liberty.) His artwork hangs in museums and in many homes and offices in the Baltimore area.

**Dinner RSVP DEADLINE: Monday March 21, 2011 Remittance \$ MUST be received by this date!**

Mail to: Gary G. Hicks '76 - Chairman, USMMA KP Alumni – Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc.

Fortune Center, 42 Idlewild Street, Bel Air, MD 21014 Tel: 410-420-0080 E-mail: [kpa-cpa@kpa-cpa.com](mailto:kpa-cpa@kpa-cpa.com)

Web: <http://www.kpa-cpa.com> Dinner cost: **\$ 35.00** Checks payable to: **KPA-CPA.**



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**Stephen M. Carmel (KP '79)**  
**Senior Vice President, Maritime Services, Maersk Line, Limited**

Stephen M. Carmel is Senior Vice President, Maritime Services at Maersk Line, Limited (MLL), responsible for all technical and operating activities.

He previously held positions in operations and finance for U.S. Marine Management, Inc. and Maersk Line, Limited. Steve began his career sailing as a deck officer and Master primarily on tankers.

Mr. Carmel graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 1979. He also holds an M.A. in Economics and a M.B.A. from Old Dominion University. Steve is currently a PhD Candidate in International Studies with an emphasis in International Political Economy and second emphasis in Conflict. He is a Certified Management Accountant (CMA) and is Certified in Financial Management (CFM).

Mr. Carmel is a 2009 Senior Fellow at the Homeland Security Policy Institute at The George Washington University, a member of the Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel (N00k) and the Marine Board of the National Research Council. He is also a member of the North American Committee for Det Norske Veritas, the Special Committee for Vessel Operations, American Bureau of Shipping, and on the Board of Directors of the Virginia Maritime Association. He is also a member of the Frank Batten College of Engineering and Technology Advisory Board, The Advisory Board of the Ship Maintenance, Operation, and Repair Institute, and the Advisory Council of the International Maritime, Ports and Logistics Management Institute, at Old Dominion University.

Mr. Carmel is also a member of various industry and academic associations including the Transportation Research Board, World Affairs Council of Hampton Roads, Navy League, Naval Institute, National Defense Transportation Association, Economic Club of Hampton Roads, Institute of Certified Management Accountants and the American Economic Association.

Steve, his wife, Alison, and son, John live in Norfolk, Virginia.

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

**Maritime Dinner Program**

**Melville Hall  USMMA Officers Club**

**Friday April 1, 2011 5:30PM**

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Enjoy an evening at Melville Hall - USMMA Officers Club, shared with KP Alumni Chapter Presidents from across the globe, Alumni Foundation Directors & Officers, Fellow KP Alumni, Senior Officers of the USMMA, Midshipman Parents, Maritime Industry Sponsors and representatives, Friends of Kings Point, our benefactor Maritime Artist Don Mathiesen (KP '62), & our Midshipmen!

***All interested parties are welcomed & invited to attend our special dinner program!***



**Rear Admiral Mark H. "Buz" Buzby (KP '79), USN – Commander, Military Sealift Command**  
**.... first Kings Point graduate to serve as Commander, Military Sealift Command!**

- Agenda:**  
**5:30 PM** Cocktail Social - Cash Bar, including hors d'oeuvres **6:30 PM** Welcome, Introductions, Invocation **6:45 PM** Dinner Served  
 Chopped Salad with Italian Dressing, Station Buffet including: Pasta - Rigatoni ala vodka Pasta, Saute Vegetables, Broccoli, Carrots, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, Rolls, Butter, Coffee, Teas. Carving Station including: Grilled Marinated London Broil & Salmon en croute Florentine. ....and for Dessert: Special KP Alumni – Chapter Presidents Alliance Commemoration Cake!  
**7:30 PM to 8:00 PM** – Speaker Presentation: **RADM Mark H. "Buz" Buzby (KP '79), USN – Commander, Military Sealift Command**  
**8:00 PM** Presentation: Distinguished Chapter Awards and Cake Ceremony  
**8:05 PM** Dessert: Special KP Alumni – Chapter Presidents Alliance Commemoration Cake!  
**8:10 PM** Drawing - "Chapters-Only" Art Raffle - Maritime Artist Don Mathiesen (KP '62) presents "SS Lafayette"  
**8:30 PM** F.W.E.



**KPA-CPA "Chapters-Only" Art Raffle 040111 Prize: "SS Lafayette" (Waterman Line C-3 Break-bulk Cargo Ship)**  
**Original oil painting by Maritime Artist Don Mathiesen (KP '62)**

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**Rear Admiral Mark H. "Buz" Buzby (KP '79), USN  
Commander, Military Sealift Command**

***... first Kings Point graduate to serve as Commander, Military Sealift Command!***

Rear Admiral Mark H. Buzby is a 1979 graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy where he received a Bachelor of Science in Nautical Science and U.S. Coast Guard Third Mate License. He was commissioned in June 1979, is a graduate of the Joint Forces Staff College and holds master's degrees from the U.S. Naval War College and Salve Regina University in Strategic Studies and International Relations.

As a surface warfare officer, Rear Adm. Buzby made numerous deployments aboard cruisers and destroyers to include: USS *Connole* (FF 1056), USS *Aries* (PHM 5), USS *Yorktown* (CG 48) and USS *Shiloh* (CG 67). Buzby commanded the destroyer USS *Carney* (DDG 64) which included the ship's first Mediterranean/Persian Gulf deployment. Under his command, *Carney* was awarded two Battle Efficiency awards, the Navy Unit Commendation, Gold and Silver retention excellence awards and the USS Arizona Memorial Award as the most combat-ready ship in the U.S. Navy over a two-year period.

Following this tour, Buzby returned to sea as 6th Fleet Assistant Operations Officer participating in combat operations as part of NATO's *Operation Allied Force* in Kosovo. He then assumed command of Destroyer Squadron 31 as the Sea Combat Commander for the *Abraham Lincoln Battle Group* during two deployments in support of operations *Southern Watch* and *Enduring Freedom* in Iraq and Afghanistan, respectively.

Ashore, the admiral has served on the Navy staff as the Point Defense Anti-Air Warfare (AAW) Section Head for Surface Warfare Division (OP-352E) and as Aegis Combat System Development Officer (N865G3). Early joint experience was on the Joint Staff, Joint Operations Division (J-33/JOD) as an Operations Officer and Chairman's Briefer. He was the 16th Commanding Officer of Surface Warfare Officers School Command.

As a flag officer, Rear Adm. Buzby has served on the Navy Staff as Deputy for Surface Ships (N86E), deputy for Surface Warfare (N86B) and Deputy for Expeditionary Warfare (N85B). He has also served as Commander, Joint Task Force Guantanamo, and most recently as Deputy Chief of Staff for Global Force Management and Joint Operations, U.S. Fleet Forces Command (N3/N5).

In October 2009, Rear Adm. Buzby assumed his current position as Commander, Military Sealift Command.

Buzby's personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (four awards), Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (five awards) and various other unit and campaign awards. In 1984, he was an Atlantic Fleet Junior Officer Ship handling Award winner.

# USMMA KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc. Maritime Dinner Program

Melville Hall  USMMA Officers Club

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## Evening Program- Agenda

**5:00PM** Maritime Dinner Program Guest Registration at Melville Hall *Anteroom* -

Joanne R. Hicks 'A (Chesapeake Chapter) - Recording Secretary, USMMA KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc.  
 Connie Buhl '81 (Washington / Puget Sound Chapter) - Regional Vice Chairman - West & International - Pacific Northwest

**5:30PM to 6:30PM** Cocktail Social Hour - Cash Bar, including hors d'oeuvres

Musical selections provided by Midshipman ( \_\_\_ tba ) - Vocalist & Midshipman ( \_\_\_ tba ) - Pianist

**6:30PM** Call to Seating - Richard J. Roche '81 (Central NY Chapter) - Regional Vice Chairman - Northeast & International - Canada East

**6:30PM** Colors Presentation Ceremony - USMMA Regimental Color Guard, Midshipman ( \_\_\_ tba ) - Regimental Color Guard Commander

Pledge of Allegiance - led by Midshipman ( \_\_\_ tba ) & Midshipman ( \_\_\_ tba )

Singing the "National Anthem" - Midshipman ( \_\_\_ tba ) - Vocalist

**6:40PM** Welcome - Rear Admiral Philip Greene, JR. (KP '78), USMS Superintendent, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

**6:40PM** Opening Remarks, Purpose & Recognitions - Gary G. Hicks '76 – Chairman, USMMA KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc.

**6:45 PM** Invocation - FR Joseph Koch, LCDR, CHC, USN – Command Chaplain (PNBC)

Midshipman ( \_\_\_ tba ) (Christian Fellowship Club - Protestant Midshipman Club) and

Midshipman ( \_\_\_ tba ) (Newman Club - Catholic Midshipman Club)

**6:45 PM to 7:30 PM** Dinner Served - Served Chopped Salad with Italian Dressing, Station Buffet including: Pasta - Rigatoni ala vodka Pasta, Sauté Vegetables, Broccoli, Carrots, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, Rolls, Butter, Coffee, Teas. Carving Station including: Grilled Marinated London Broil & Salmon en croûte Florentine

**7:30PM** Speaker Introduction - Captain John G. Peterlin III '76 (Galveston Bay-Brazosport Chapter) - RVChair - SW & Int'l - Latin America

**7:32 PM to 8:00 PM** - Speaker Presentation: RADM Mark H. "Buz" Buzby (KP '79), USN – Commander, Military Sealift Command

**8:00PM** Speaker Appreciation - Gary G. Hicks '76 (KP Chesapeake Chapter) - Chairman & President and

Robert H. Cooper '77 (Central Ohio Chapter) - Regional Vice Chairman - Mid-Continent & International - Canada Central

**8:05 PM** USMMA KP Alumni Distinguished Chapter Awards - Gary G. Hicks '76 (KP Chesapeake) Chairman, USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc.

< \* DCA QUALIFICATION > Bruce C. Howie '65 (N. Georgia Chapter) - Vice President & Regional Vice Chair – SE & Intn'l – Caribbean  
 Captain Jim Tobin '77 – President, USMMA Alumni Foundation

< \* \* SUPERINTENDENTS LEVEL > Rear Admiral Philip Greene, JR. (KP '78), USMS Superintendent, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Dr. Shashi Kumar, Master Mariner, Asst Superintendent for Academic Affairs, Academic Dean, USMMA

< \* \* \* REGIMENTAL LEVEL > Midshipman Michael Levolo '11 - Regimental Commander (Staten Island, NY) and

Midshipman Ben Hovies '11 - Regimental Executive Officer (Lebanon, TN)

**8:10 PM** Drawing - "Chapters-Only" Art Raffle - Maritime Artist Don Mathiesen (KP '62) presents "SS Lafayette"

Kenneth J. Fidyk '71 (Santa Barbara / Ventura County Chapter) - Treasurer & Regional Vice Chairman - Pacific & International - West

Robert H. Cooper '77 (Central Ohio Chapter) - Regional Vice Chairman - Mid-Continent & International - Canada Central

**8:15 PM** Cake Ceremony - Special KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance Commemoration Cakes! Cake, coffee & tea served.

Tim Sumner '66 (Delaware Shore Chapter) - Secretary & Regional Vice Chairman - Mid-Atlantic & International - East

Connie Buhl '81 (Washington / Puget Sound Chapter) - Regional Vice Chairman - West & International - Pacific Northwest

**8:25PM** Final Remarks - Gary G. Hicks '76 - Chairman, USMMA KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc.

Charlie Hill '65 - Chairman, USMMA Alumni Foundation

**8:30PM** Closing Remarks - Rear Admiral Philip Greene, JR. (KP '78), USMS Superintendent, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

**8:35 PM** Benediction - FR Joseph Koch, LCDR, CHC, USN - Command Chaplain (PNBC)

**8:40PM** Closing Ceremony - USMMA Regimental Color Guard. Taps rendered by Midshipman ( \_\_\_ tba ) - Trumpeter

- Singing of "The Alma Mater" led by Midshipman ( \_\_\_ tba ) - Vocalist

### The Alma Mater

"Oh, Stately, strife born Alma Mater, the sound flows softly at thy feet, and sunset strikes across its waters, as silver notes invoke retreat.

Now dim the paths and trees in darkness, the stars above our way appoint. We'll sleep secure aboard 'til morning. God steer the well, Kings Point!"





**USMMA KPA-CPA, Inc. - Annual "Chapters-Only" Art Raffle**

We are sponsoring a "Chapters-Only" Art Raffle, anticipating 100% participation from our fellow Chapters. These funds will continue be used to fund our Mission Support Activities. Suggestion: the winning Chapter can, in turn, re-affle their prize with their own Chapter to provide support for their operations! The prize: an original oil painting of the **SS Lafayette** (Waterman Line C-3 Break-bulk Cargo Ship), generously provided by the maritime artist - Don Mathiesen KP '62!

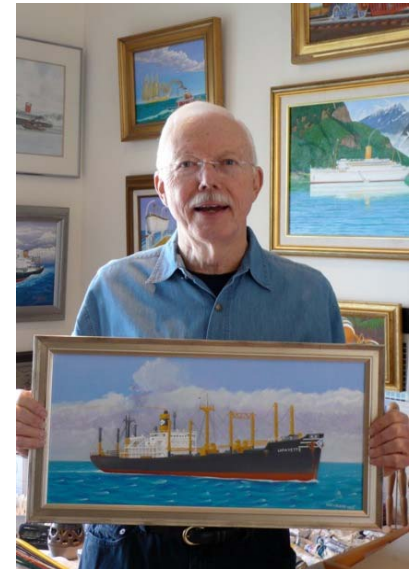
Drawing to be held during our **USMMA KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance – Maritime Dinner Program**

at Melville Hall  **USMMA Officers Club, Kings Point Friday April 1, 2011 6:30PM**

**All Chapters are requested to support our raffle to the extent possible. Thank you!**

(Ticket Price: **\$ 25.00 each**) Checks Payable to: **KPA-CPA**

**Mail payments to:** USMMA KP Alumni - Chapter Presidents Alliance, Inc., Fortune Center, 42 Idlewild Street, Bel Air, MD 21014



**KPA-CPA "Chapters-Only" Art Raffle 040111 - Prize: Original oil painting "SS Lafayette" (Waterman Line C-3 Break-bulk Cargo Ship) by Maritime Artist Don Mathiesen (KP '62)**

**Meet our artist! Don Mathiesen, Kings Point Class of 1962**

Raised on Staten Island, my father worked at the Moran Towing repair yard and that is where I first heard of Kings Point. I was fortunate to receive a nomination and graduated with the class of '62. What a unique education! I shipped out of the Port of New York for several years. Continuing my studies, I earned an MSME from Columbia U. During this time I met and married the beautiful Maren Erickson, also from S.I. I joined Exxon in 1966 and began my career as a Machinery Engineer, covering compressor start-ups all over North America. This lead to overseas assignments that would take our family to Libya for two years, Indonesia for seven years and finally to Malaysia for twenty-two years in offshore oil and gas production. Midway through those years in Kuala Lumpur our two children, Christine and Erik returned to the states to pursue their university education and I began commissioning platforms on a rotational basis. This gave me time to paint and fill canvases with seascapes of the local fishing boats. I retired in '04 and we returned to our home on Long Island Sound, only to discover that after decades in the tropics, winter was no longer an option. Something both Christine and Erik had figured out and were living in California. We decided to follow and shifted to our townhouse in Walnut Creek. We renovated our little hacienda and converted a bedroom into my studio. We love it here and see our children lots more often. I spend as many daylight hours as possible painting the tugs and steamships from my time at sea. I am self-taught so I am constantly learning my craft. I have several paintings hanging at KP and look forward to contributing more work to the USMMA KP Alumni Chapter Presidents Alliance. Fraternally, Don