



CAPTAIN PAUL F. FOYE
CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY PARENTS ASSOCIATION

August 2004 - Newsletter

Hello to all the Coastie families out there!

WELCOME! WELCOME!

The CT chapter of USCGA parents has welcomed 11 new CT swabs. After a long summer of indoc and countless days waiting for that 1st phone call or letter, our swab parents will have watched on as their swab was transformed into a cadet and eventually welcomed into the Corps. As a 4/c they still have a long year ahead of them. Other CT parents of cadets that survived to become 3/c, 2/c and 1/c are here to welcome our new families.

The well-attended chapter luncheon at the CGA Stonington Lodge on June 6th provided the group with an informal Q&A session with several 2/c summer cadre (arranged by CT 2/c Cadet Greg Batchelder with fellow CT 2/c Cadet Kathryn Cyr, 2/c Cadet Shannon Frobel and other 2/c peers) along with a great turnout of other CT families welcomed the following swabs and their families:

CONNECTICUT CLASS OF 2008

Stacy Chmielecki of Colchester
Daniel Cloonan of Wethersfield
Kathryn Colella of Gales Ferry
James Ellsworth of Burlington
Emily Holt of Waterford
Tyler Kelley of Suffield
Robert Lally of Avon
David Masalin of Ledyard
Nicholas Paparis of Darien
Matthew Vanderslice of Stonington
Linh Vinh of Enfield

Thank you to those who responded to the short survey regarding the Capt. Paul Foye Chapter. Results can be found at http://www.AdvancedSurvey.com/results/public_results.asp?CID=3977&SurveyID=15803

Have some news you would like to share about your favorite CADET?!? Or maybe a great idea for the Chapter!!!

Email us at morellocga@yahoo.com
Carl and Chris Morello co-presidents



HOST FAMILY PROGRAM

CT CGA families are all so fortunate to be able to drive down to CGA on a moment's notice and be there for our cadets and all their friends. As you can imagine, some out-of-state swabs and their families are not so fortunate in being able to see each other on Reporting In day. That's why our volunteers, Kathy and Ray Ryan (Amanda '05) spent countless hours coordinating the host family program, an annual service developed and provided exclusively by the CT chapter.

Once again, Connecticut families have pulled together to welcome our new swabs entering the academy from all over the country. They were all scheduled to fly into Greene Airport. These families provided transport from the airport and a warm and friendly place for our visitors to prepare for their new careers and the arduous summer before them. They then supported them on that first day as they went to the academy to be sworn in as new members of the class of 2008.

Twenty three young men and women requested hosting this year. They were from Hawaii, California, Washington, Oregon, Alabama, Texas, Florida, St. Thomas, Montana, Louisiana, Kansas, Colorado, and Indiana. Many of them participated in a military school or experience before arriving at the Academy. We heard from many of their families who expressed gratitude and appreciation for the hospitality our chapter provides for their young people. Rich and Luisa Chmielecki get the "up all night" award as they traveled to Newark at 12:00 a.m., by way of

Providence first to get luggage, to collect a stranded SWAB who missed her flight connection. They returned home at 4:00 a.m. in time to catch a "few winks" of sleep before arriving to the Academy with Stacey '08 and her Napster classmates in time for Reporting In.

To the families who stepped up and demonstrated how caring and hospitable we are here in Connecticut, THANK YOU: Marge and Rick Vanderslice, Bob and Anne Lally, Mary Lou and Mark Svencer, Stephanie and Ted Cyr, Jay and Sheila Dubinsky, Sheila and Dan O'Donnell, Carl and Chris Morello, Rich and Luisa Chmielecki, James Roscoe and Harriet Potts, and Ray and Kathy Ryan.

We are confident the experience was rewarding for all. The chapter appreciates any suggestions to help improve the program. If any folks already know they want to participate next year or have questions, they should email the new Host Family Coordinators Jay and Sheila Dubinski at: jaydubinsk@cox.net



ADMISSIONS ASSISTANCE

A call went out from the Admissions office for help during the AIM program for parents to answer questions during Q & A at the AIM parents Admissions presentations. As always, the Connecticut parents stepped forward and volunteered their time and support to families interested in the Coast Guard Academy experience.

A great big thank you to Jeanne Robbins (Callen '06), Chris Morello (Nate '07), Sheila O'Donnell (Rob '07) and Bob Lally (Robert '08) for taking time out of their summer schedule to meet and greet the 100's of parents interested in the CGA.

Look for future Admissions Assistance information during the Academic year.

CHAPTER MEETING

The first meeting of the year held on Sunday, August 29 at the CGA was well attended and the discussion was lively and informative. The experienced parents have such great insight to offer for those just beginning at the Academy. Again, "THANK YOU" to the Connecticut parents who continue to step forward and support the CORPS of CADETS. The Watch Office as well as the Day Rooms of each company were so grateful for the wonderful trays of desserts that we delivered to them. KUDOS to all!

W. B. ENSIGN EDIBLES

With cadets from distant states in mind, care package volunteers for w.b. Ensign Edibles (and other liberty loot) debut for the first time during SWAB summer with great success. Over 110 packages were delivered to very thankful SWAB's. We were able to realize a profit of over \$1,350 during this summer endeavor. Thank you to Stephanie Cyr (Kathy '06) and Jeanne Robbins continuing to co-chair this very busy committee. Thanks to the summer supporting staff of volunteers of Liz Roper (Dan '07), Chris and Carl Morello, Chris Ladyga (Jonathan '07), Mike and Sue Laraia (Jonathan '06), and Kathy Ryan. We are currently gearing up to kick off the academic year with the first scheduled delivery on Friday, September 10th. With help from volunteers like Sheila O'Donnell (Rob '07), Mary Ellen Colella (Kathryn '08), Liz Roper (Dan '07) and Luisa and Rich Chmielecki (Ricky '04, Kelly '05 and Stacy '08) the program is sure to be a success.

Don't forget, CT Parents...You can use this care package service as well! Some of you live quite a distance from the Academy and are not able to get to New London as often as you would like. Or perhaps you would like to surprise your cadet with some treats. The chapter has also negotiated great deals with local eateries to help you provide the all-popular gift certificates for your cadets to enjoy when they have liberty.

Just download your order form here:

<http://www.uscgaparents.org/membership/EnsignEdibles/index.htm>

Look for a date for STARS DESSERT soon.

Involvement means just being there, helping to set up and clean up, and scooping some ice cream. It's that simple. You get to see your cadet and his/her friends and donate your time to a worthwhile event. It's a WIN-WIN.



We appreciate all of you who have come forward to volunteer in some many areas! Thank you! Continue to offer even if your help wasn't needed the first time around.



2004-05 Membership Dues - DUE NOW!

The \$20 annual dues are a big percentage of the funds we need to sponsor all our programs, including support for campus improvements which are initiated by the national association. Membership forms were mailed out in June. If you are unable to locate yours, please send a note to the Chapter email: morellocga@yahoo.com so an electronic version can be forwarded to you. Please help us maintain our level of support by participating with your share of dues.



ALL SERVICE ACADEMIES HOLLY BALL

For The New England and Connecticut Chapters - The United States Coast Guard Academy Parents Association of New England, hosts of the 2004 All Service Academies Holly Ball, is pleased to announce that this year's Holly Ball will be held at the beautiful Seaport Hotel, One Seaport Lane, Boston, MA on Thursday, December 30, 2004 from 7:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Cadets/Midshipmen, from the CGA, West Point, Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, and Merchant Marine Academies, their families and guests from the states of Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont are invited to attend. Mess dress attire for cadets/midshipmen and semiformal attire for all guests. Formal invitations will be sent in Mid-October with a response date of December 1, 2004. Tickets are \$50.00 per

cadet/midshipmen and \$60 per family member and guest.

The evening will consist of a cocktail hour, including hors d'oeuvres, during which a professional photographer will be available. Package prices for pictures will range from \$22-\$50.00. A buffet dinner will be served promptly at 8:00 p.m. followed by an evening of music and dancing. Onsite, indoor parking is available at a discounted rate of \$15.00 as well as outside parking at a rate of \$7.00. Guest rooms have been reserved for those wishing to spend the night on Thursday, December 30 and/or Friday, December 31, 2004 at a significant savings of \$109.00 per night plus applicable taxes. Reservations may be made by calling toll-free 1-877-SEAPORT (1-877-732-7678). When making reservations, please request the group rate for USCGA Parents Association of New England. We recommend making reservations as soon as possible due to the popularity of this hotel but no later than November 30, 2004.

The Seaport Hotel is a four-diamond hotel with 426 guest rooms, an award-winning restaurant, health club with pool, and beautiful views of the harbor. It is conveniently located and minutes away from Quincy Market, the North End and Back Bay. Additional information may be obtained at: www.Seaporthotel.com.

We are hoping for a large contingent of our CGA cadets, their families and guests. Please plan to join us for an evening of celebration with America's best and brightest.