



CAPTAIN PAUL F. FOYE
Connecticut Area Chapter

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY PARENTS ASSOCIATION

August 2006 - Newsletter

Hello to all the Coastie families out there!

Chapter Event/Meeting

Sunday, August 27, 2006

Alumni Center, 1 p.m.

**WISH THEM LUCK - POT LUCK
LUNCHEON**

**Bring your cadet's favorite dish to share
And congratulate our "new" CADETS**

WELCOME! WELCOME!

Our Chapter of USCGA parents have learned that 8 new CT swabs have checked in on July 3! After a long six weeks 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 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 4th provided

the group with an informal Q & A session with several 2/c summer cadre. Along with the cadre, our CT families welcomed the following swabs and their families:

Sarah	Bradley	Chester
Matthew	Izbicki	Lisbon
Shawn	Karasevicz	Waterford
Timothy	Olah	Glastonbury
Brian	Rouleau	Old Saybrook
Martin	Smith	Middlefield
Kyle	Telesco	Brookfield
Matthew	Winter	Salisbury

Membership Drive

It's time to renew your membership for the 06-07 academic year. The dues we collect support cadet programs and make it possible for the chapter to honor each Chapter cadet with a gift as he/she graduates. They are very appreciative of the support given by the chapter (see thank you notes on the page 4)

It's so easy to renew your membership.
Just click here!

<http://www.uscgaparents.org/chapter/CaptPaulFoye/images/2006dues%20handout.pdf>

Host Family Program

Chapter 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 swearing in day. That's why our volunteers, Sheila and Jay Dubinsky (**Jayme '05, Michael '07**) spent countless hours coordinating the host family program, an annual service developed and provided exclusively by the CT chapter.

This year, 19 swabs from all over the USA, as well as one from Germany and one from Korea, were hosted by 13 of our chapter families including four 2010 families. Even our alumni families took in swabs!

Families have expressed their appreciation for our help many times over and are impressed by their first experience with the extended Coast Guard family. This interaction between families will sometimes lead to an out-of-state connection for our own cadets when they find themselves away from home.

A heartfelt thanks goes out to all who participated especially those for without whom it would not have been possible, **Jay and Sheila** for their selfless dedication, persistence and last minute runs to the airport and undying hospitality.

We are confident the experience was rewarding for families and swabs alike.

In addition to swabs needing a warm welcome, the academy asked the chapter to help out with incoming CGRIT (United States Coast Guard Recruiting Initiative for the Twenty-First Century Program) students. These are high school students who will be attending one of two military colleges in the fall and come to CGA for basic training first. Three of our chapter families answered the call that allowed these students to enjoy an overnight with a Coastie family before reporting in. Thanks again to Kathy and Keith Curran (Brittany '08), Mary Quatroche (Christopher '09) and Paul and Debby Schmitz (Paul '09).

We are in need of someone that would be willing to CHAIR this committee for next year, as Sheila and Jay's son will graduate in the spring. If you have any questions about the time commitment and specific responsibilities for this program please contact Sheila or Jay at jaydubinsk@cox.net.

The chapter appreciates any suggestions to help improve these programs.

Stars Desserts

Each semester, the chapter honors all CGA cadets who have earned a Military, Academic or Physical Fitness Star with Ice Cream Socials called "Stars Desserts." These gatherings take place right on campus and are very well received by the Corps of Cadets. Volunteer parents help serve the ice cream, toppings, to several hundred cadets. Expenses for these socials are paid for with funds generously donated by the National USCGA Parents organization.

Look for a date to be determined in the near future. (We work with the Corps of Cadets and the Commandant of Cadets to determine a date)

Ensign's Edibles

Our Chapter's very successful fundraising program has been the care package service known as Ensign's Edibles. Under the supervision of Sheila O'Donnell (Rob, '07) who is willing to continue this task and Sheila Lake (Laura, '09) who has agreed to co-chair this committee, we have seen great growth with this program. Orders can be placed either online or through the mail. This service is also great for those Chapter parents who are not so fortunate to live close by. It is so easy to order and much less time consuming than shopping for, packaging and standing in line at the post office to mail your care packages. Working in conjunction with the MWR office we are able to offer, exclusively through our program, coupons to the Dry Dock. You may order online at <http://uscgaparents.org/chapter/CaptPaulFoye/EnsignEdibles.htm>

The Capt. Paul F. Foye Chapter Award

Each year a very generous gift certificate is donated to the USCGA Individual Proficiency Awards Ceremony. The Capt. Paul F. Foye Chapter Award is presented to the graduating Cadet who has "given the highest level of service to the Academy during four years of attendance."

The class of 2006 award was presented to our Chapter's own Kristen Potter. See her thank you note here:

5/17/06
Mr. + Mrs. Morello,
Thank you so much for the generous gift/award from the CT Chapter of the Parents Association. I was honored to have received this award! And I appreciate the time you took to come & present me with this gift on Tuesday. Thank you again for the gift and all the support you give through the parents association!
- ENS Kristen Potter

ALUMNI INFORMATION

Chase Hall Weight Training Facility Coming Soon!

Cooperative efforts among the Academy administration and the Alumni Association are in the process of creating a big winner for current and future cadets.

In consultation with the Commandant of Cadets and IDC, the Alumni Association initiated a campaign to convert a space in the basement of Chase Hall to a weight training facility. The objective was to provide cadets, who have limited opportunities to use the minimal weight equipment in Billard Hall, round-the-clock access to weights just downstairs from where they live.

The goal was to raise \$50,000 to buy and install weight machines and free weights as recommended by the office of Commandant of Cadets. The additional monies raised will start a fund to cover maintenance of the equipment. Beginning in June, many parents of alumni in classes 1995 thru 2005 have been called. As of August 10, 248 families have pledged \$116,000 for the facility, with additional pledges expected. The expectation is that the equipment will be installed and made available for cadet use during the 2006-07 academic year, perhaps as early as this fall.

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Carl + Chris Morello,

I would like to thank you both for the gift certificates the Parents Association donated to the Super Bowl party this year. I know that the Chili's + Domino's certificates kept those cadets full + the Best Buy cards kept those cadets entertained. Thank you!

Nicholas Morale
- Regimental Morale
Kilmer
Regimental
Commander

4/27/06

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for your generous gift and more importantly, all your time and support for us CT Cadets! I really appreciate all you have done for us the past 4 years! Thank you so much, again!

Sincerely,
1/c Kristen Potter

Connecticut Parents Association,

Thank you so much for the gift and all of the support you have given the CT cadets. We appreciate everything that you have done for us. These four years have gone by way too fast. However, I am ready to start my Coast Guard career at Sector Baltimore. Thank you Again!

Very Respectfully
1/c SHANNON FROBEL
West Hartford CT
(parents: Carl and Nancy)

05 MAY 2006

MR & MRS MORELLO,

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE GENEROUS GRADUATION GIFT ON BEHALF OF THE CT PARENTS ASSOCIATION! THE KIND GESTURE REALLY MEANT A LOT TO ME, ESPECIALLY FROM OUR PARENTS WHO HAVE SHOWED THEIR UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR US THESE PAST FOUR YEARS. I WILL BE LEAVING DOWN TO WILMINGTON, N.C. ON USCGC DILIGENCE AFTER GRADUATION, AND I COULDN'T BE MORE EXCITED ABOUT STARTING MY CAREER AS AN OFFICER. THANKS AGAIN!

RESPECTFULLY,

1/c KEN SAUERBRUNN
(NORTH HAVEN, CT)

To the CT Chapter of the
USCG Academy,

Thank you for all the support you have given me and my fellow cadets through the years. It is truly appreciated. A special thank you for the graduation gift. Your support has truly made this journey possible.

Sincerely,
1/c Trish Pronovost
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Upcoming Events



Sunday, August 27, 1:00

Chapter Meeting
Good Luck Potluck Luncheon
Alumni Center
USCGA

Friday-Sunday, September 29 - October 1

Parents Weekend

October

STARS Desserts
Location, date and time to be determined

Sunday, December 3, 1:00

Capt. Foye Chapter Holiday Social and Cadet Cookie Exchange*
Alumni Center

*Your home baked cookies will be wrapped for each company.
Completed trays will be delivered to each Day Room in Chase Hall.
Please bring hors d'oeuvre to share while wrapping.

Friday, December 29, 2006

All Service Academies Holly Ball
Seaport Hotel, Boston MA

Hosted by the US Naval Academy Parent's Club of Greater Boston

Saturday, January 27

Annual Prospective Candidate Q & A Luncheon
Alumni Center