



CAPTAIN PAUL F. FOYE  
CONNECTICUT AREA CHAPTER  
COAST GUARD ACADEMY PARENTS ASSOCIATION  
Spring 2006 – Newsletter

Nominations for Chapter Officers for  
2006-07

President – Carl and Chris Morello ('07)  
Vice President – Niles Pierson ('09)  
Treasurer – Liz Roper ('07)  
Recording Secretary-Luisa Chmielecki ('08)  
Corresponding Secretary –Joan Tomc ('09)  
Webmaster – John Roper ('07)

We are in need of:

- Assistant Webmaster
- Host Family Coordinator for spring 2007 (class of 2011)
- w.b. Ensign Edibles Assistant
- Fall Chapter Picnic Committee Chair

A note from Carl and Chris

Supporting the Corps of Cadets for families who come from the CT area is multifaceted. We enjoy the special benefits of living close by. Not only are we able to provide a desperately needed breather for our sons and daughters but also many of their friends, classmates and teammates as well. Chapter CGA parents continually open homes to as many cadets as fit in our cars and provide a cozy living room, television, bed and home cooked meals. Attending CGA sponsored events such as supporting athletic and club teams, Drill, the Cadet Musical department events, etc. is as important as any meeting our Chapter may schedule. Everything you do is appreciated ten-fold and important to the Morale of all of Cadets! Thank you for everything you do to make the time spent at the CGA memorable for so many.

To the Parents of the Class of 2006 - You have all been such great examples and mentors as incoming families have moved from the 4/c year up to today.

You have exemplified the importance of the values of the Coast Guard Academy; honor, respect and devotion to duty. Leading by example, you have taught us the importance of working together to support first and foremost the Corps of Cadets and then also families of CT area Cadets. Our Chapter and lives are richer because of your support and example of such caring Coast Guard families. This strong collaboration of many minds, hands and hearts have helped to grow the Chapter into one of the strong well respected CGA Parents Association Chapters. Thank You!

Chapter Class Of 2006  
Billet Assignments

Greg M. Batchelder	<u>CGC</u> <u>DAUNTLESS</u>	<u>GALVESTON TX</u>
Rachel C. Beckmann	<u>CGC HEALY</u>	<u>SEATTLE WA</u>
Krystle M. Bobbins	<u>SECTOR NEW</u> <u>ORLEANS</u>	<u>NEW ORLEANS LA</u>
Kathryn R. Cyr	<u>CGC RELIANCE</u>	<u>PORTSMOUTH NH</u>
Shannon T. Fobel	<u>SECTOR</u> <u>BALTIMORE</u>	<u>BALTIMORE MD</u>
Travis R. Gagnon	<u>CGC ESCANABA</u>	<u>BOSTON MA</u>
Jonathan M. Laraia	<u>CGC CAMPBELL</u>	<u>PORTSMOUTH NH</u>
Brendan J. McKinnon	<u>CGC</u> <u>CONFIDENCE</u>	<u>PATRICK AFB FL</u>
Sean M. Norris	<u>CGC TAHOMA</u>	<u>PORTSMOUTH NH</u>
Kristen R. Potter	<u>CGC</u> <u>NORTHLAND</u>	<u>PORTSMOUTH VA</u>
Trisha A. Pronovost	<u>CGC</u> <u>MORGENTHAU</u>	<u>ALAMEDA CA</u>
Callan D. Robbins	<u>CGC HAMILTON</u>	<u>SAN DIEGO CA</u>
Kenneth R. Sauerbrunn	<u>CGC DILIGENCE</u>	<u>WILMINGTON NC</u>
Jamesen G. Saviano	<u>CGC THETIS</u>	<u>KEY WEST FL</u>
Melissa A. Smith	<u>CGC SHERMAN</u>	<u>ALAMEDA CA</u>

Our Chapter will recognize and honor this outstanding group of graduating Cadets with a gift, hand delivered to each of them at the Academy on behalf of all of the Chapter Members. This graduation gift consists of a handsome travel alarm clock engraved with the Cadet's name, class year, a monetary gift to assist them in traveling to their first billet assignment and a well-crafted note of congratulations.

Next Chapter EVENT!

WELCOME! WELCOME!

Swab Welcome Luncheon - Sunday June 4, 2006 Co-Chairs Niles Pierson (Niles '09) and Sheila O'Donnell (Rob '07).

Please join us up at Stonington Lodge for this very much appreciated event.

- Bring a salad to share.
- Welcome the USCGA class of 2010 Connecticut area SWABS and offer support to their families.
- If your cadet is around, bring him or her.
- Bring your scrapbooks, your Eagle-chasing stories and helpful hints to get through Swab Summer.

The MORE SUPPORT the BETTER!

This event is always so helpful to the new families (remember when?). Please let us know IF you are coming, R.S.V.P. to Sheila O'Donnell by email at [odonnellsm@comcast.net](mailto:odonnellsm@comcast.net) or telephone at 860-405-1133

Reporting In Day - July 3: Many volunteers are needed to welcome new families. Anytime between 7:30-3:00. Stay for one hour, stay for two, stay as long as you like. Sign up sheets will be available at the Swab Welcome Luncheon or contact Chris Morello (Nate '07) the coordinator of this event via email at [morellocga@yahoo.com](mailto:morellocga@yahoo.com) or telephone 860-887-1978!

w.b. ENSIGN EDIBLES

Each year "Reporting In Day" (July 3, 2006) and "Parents Weekend" provide the opportunity for all Parents Association Chapters to sell items of interest to CGA families.

With Cadets from distant states in mind, w.b. Ensign Edibles (and other liberty loot) will again be provided during SWAB summer with ON LINE ORDERING. Thank you to Sheila O'Donnell (Rob '07) for chairing this very busy committee again this year. Anyone wanting to assist should contact Sheila O'Donnell at [odonnellsm@comcast.net](mailto:odonnellsm@comcast.net) to assure that this program continues to be successful.

HOST FAMILY PROGRAM

Once again, Connecticut families will be asked to welcome new swabs entering the academy from all over the country. Pick up a Swab or two, or three, or four at the airport that are traveling alone for Reporting In Day. They usually fly in on Sunday (the 2nd of July), some come in on Saturday, all report in on the following Monday morning (very early, in time for you to still get to work). This service is very much appreciated by the incoming families and depended upon by the Academy... and so EASY to do! This is an annual service developed and provided by the Capt. Paul Foye chapter.

Jay and Sheila Dubinsky (Jayme '05 and Mike '07) will again be coordinating the host family program. If you are able to host one or more Class of 2010 SWABS during the weekend of July 2<sup>nd</sup> please contact Jay and Sheila at [jaydubinsk@cox.net](mailto:jaydubinsk@cox.net).

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The Annual Membership Drive will again begin with the Swab Welcome Luncheon.

### 2006 Membership Dues - Due SOON!

Chapter member's four year combined dues provide for the gift that will be delivered to each member's graduating Firstie.

New membership form will be available for printing and filling out at [www.uscgaparents.org/chapter/CaptPaulFoye/Membership.htm](http://www.uscgaparents.org/chapter/CaptPaulFoye/Membership.htm) in PDF format on our website link above and mail as indicated on the form. There is an annual membership fee of \$25.00. Please include a check with your renewal application.

Thank you to all families that assisted with STARS DESSERT. We have a new record for the number of Cadets with STARS taking advantage of this recognition, 136! The Cadets were very appreciative of the recognition and of the opportunity to meet so many CT area families.

### Information - Questions - Resources

With all the various means to communicate today such as email, websites, listserves, etc. it is important to adhere to the following: Unless provided by an Academy Officer or representative, please be aware that information provided through lists, et. al. should be considered as opinion and not fact. We want to emphasize this point as a result of a recent conversation with the National Parent's Association.

If you have specific questions or concerns send them through the appropriate chain-of-

command for accurate information.

- Information questioned that is provided through your listserve should be directed to the listmaster coordinator. The listserves are monitored to insure that everyone is informed correctly.
- Information on Chapter activities and personal requests should be directed to Chapter Officers.

### NOTE FROM GRADUATING PARENTS

As graduating senior parents it is with great pride and joy that we help to celebrate the success of our cadets throughout these last four years. We can't believe that graduation is finally here. The support of our parents association has assisted us as we have traveled through these four years. We have seen it change and grow as our cadets have matured. So many Chapter Members have given countless hours to the chapter and we appreciated all that they have done. We feel very fortunate to have been associated with such a wonderful and caring group of people. We know we still have an adventure ahead, but look forward to the future. Thank you!

We appreciate all who have come forward to volunteer in so many areas! Your continued support is so valuable to the Morale of the Corps of Cadets.

If you have any ideas for Chapter activities and/or ideas for items for purchase to be sold at Parents weekend please contact us at any time via email at [morellocga@yahoo.com](mailto:morellocga@yahoo.com) or by telephone at 860-887-1978.

Thank you!