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Dear USMMA Plebe Candidate Parents:

Welcome Aboard! On behalf of the United States Merchant Marine Academy National Parents Association we want to congratulate you and your family on your son or daughter's success in gaining entry into the hardest federal service academy in the nation. This chapter of their lives, and yours, will be filled with accomplishments, challenges, great times and hard times.

The USMMA National Parents Association (NPA), is recognized by the Academy and the Maritime Administration as the principal conduit for official communication and information to parents. We offer support and guidance to parents, support plebes and midshipmen from Indoctrination to graduation. No midshipman can get through Kings Point alone, they need to have others they can turn to and rely on when things get challenging. For parents it is the same, we need each other too! The NPA is here to represent you, support you, and work on your behalf and the behalf of the midshipmen.

The NPA is comprised of State and Regional Chapters throughout this great nation. One of the best ways to start your Kings Point journey is to contact your State Chapter and attend their annual "Welcome Aboard" event. This is a great way to meet other Plebe Candidates and their families, as well as the families of current midshipmen. Please visit <http://kpparents.com>. Here you will find local chapter information as well as other information important to all parents.

The NPA will be at the campus on Indoc Day, so please stop by 1st Class Parking Lot, introduce yourself, and pick up a welcome gift. We ask you complete the 2025 Parent Questionnaire located on kpparents.com as well. This is important for from that Questionnaire we will obtain your email addresses and contact information. This will facilitate correspondence from the National and local chapters.

Please stay tuned as Indoc Day approaches, for we will be sharing more information regarding that special day in the lives of your sons and daughter, and a special day for you!

Welcome Aboard and Welcome to the Kings Point Family!

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