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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 daughters 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. Tears and laughter!!

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 Reporting Day, so please stop by, introduce yourself, and pick up a welcome gift. We ask you complete the 2026 Parent Questionnaire located on kpparents.com as well. This is important, it is from that Questionnaire that we will obtain your email addresses and contact information.

This will facilitate correspondence from the National and local chapters. Please stay tuned as Reporting 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 youl

Welcome Aboard and Welcome to the Kings Point Family!

Join the Class of 2026 Official Facebook Page today : USMMA Class of 2026 Parents- KP Official (Please be certain to answer all the questions asked in order to join)

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