



# U.S. Coast Guard Academy Parents Association



## Chesapeake & Potomac Chapter News March 2008

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### A Word from the President

Tim Jarman

It is now March and I am writing my newsletter article for the very last time as your President. At our next meeting, we will be selecting the new officers who will be taking over the leadership of the chapter. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has given of their time to help the chapter provide support for the Corps of Cadets. I encourage each of you to remain, or to become, active in this organization in the upcoming year. The more parents who volunteer to take an active role with the chapter, the more support that the chapter can provide for the Academy.

The four years go by quickly, except for the first summer of course. Along the way, our cadets and we make good friends and have memorable times. At the end of those four years, we celebrate the achievement of our cadets and look forward to what lies ahead. No matter what lies ahead for us, Lois and I will always look back fondly on the time that we have shared with you as members of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Parent's Association!

Goody! Goody! Goody Boxes!

At our last chapter meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, we collected goodies to deliver to the cadets at the Academy. February can be a bleak time in the Northeast and a treat from home can be a nice little pick me up to let the cadets know that they are being thought of. We filled eight boxes; one for each company, with various snacks and treats. Each box was later decorated and labeled for delivery to the academy.

Delivery day was February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The prior day an ice and snowstorm had virtually closed the academy down. When we arrived on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, most of the cadets were taking advantage of the clearing weather to get away for the day. We delivered the boxes to the duty office for the companies to pick up. How long they lasted, we don't know. Hopefully long enough for every cadet to receive a little treat from those of us who thought of them during the Dark Ages of winter!





## For your calendars

April 26	Academy/New London Parade
April 30	Last Class Day Spring Semester
May 3-9	Exam Period
May 21	COMMENCEMENT CLASS OF 2008
	Speaker: Vice President Cheney
June 16-25	Summer Academic Term

## Upcoming Chapter Events

### April Meeting

Our April meeting will be held April 6<sup>th</sup> at The Orthodox Church of Saint Matthew in Columbia, MD at 3:00 p.m. We had hoped to have the meeting in Virginia since we try to alternate between Virginia and Maryland, but we were unable to find an available place that would not charge us a fee. The address of the church is: [The Orthodox Church of St. Matthew 7271 Eden Brook Drive, Columbia, MD 21046](http://www.stamathewoca.org). It is just off Rte. 32 between 95 and 29 Directions can be found on the church website [www.stamathewoca.org](http://www.stamathewoca.org)

The main items of business will be to: 1) elect new officers, 2) finalize plans for the upcoming Appointee's Picnic and 3) plan for R-Day 2008. We hope to see you there!



Remember you can get all the details and up to date information about our chapter happenings and lists of area cadets by visiting our website at <http://www.uscgaparents.org/chapter/Chesapeake/index/html>

## Election of New Officers

At our next meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be electing our officers for the upcoming year. The officers of the chapter consist of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. At this time, we have members who have agreed to stand for election for the President and Treasurer positions. If you or someone you know would be interested in any of the officer positions, please let Tim Jarman know. His email address is [timothyjarman@yahoo.com](mailto:timothyjarman@yahoo.com) and his phone number is (301) 834-5096.

In addition to the officer positions, we are always interested in volunteers to take on various projects that we become involved with throughout the year. The time commitment is usually minimal and as a volunteer, you can set your own hours and your pay will never go down! No matter what skills you have, we can find a place for you. Volunteering is not mandatory to be a member of the chapter, unlike it sometimes is when you are in the Coast Guard, but the more that we can do for our chapter, the more our chapter can do for our cadets.

Speaking of volunteers, we would like to thank the following volunteers who have agreed to replace those whose cadets graduate this year:

Carol Chase	Appointees Day Picnic
Don Hager	Ways and Means
Deb Valencia	Membership
Melanie Langston	Pre R-Day Reception

Please forgive me if I left anyone out. The biggest need that we have right now is for someone to assist with the planning of the Joint Service Academy Ball in December. If you like to help organize a party, then this is the job for you!



## CONGRATULATIONS

To all our Chesapeake & Potomac 1/c cadets graduating in May with the class of 2008. We wish them good luck with their first assignments as brand new Ensigns and much continued success in the years to come.

'08 parents - remember you always have a home with the Chapter and your input, help friendship and wisdom will be welcomed and appreciated in the future.



## First Ever Academy Parade

In an attempt to bring the Coast Guard Academy and the City of New London closer together and strengthen the community ties that bind them together, the Cadets, the Academy and the Mayor's office have planned a parade which will take

place on **April 26th, 2008**. The whole Regiment will march from the Academy through the center of town. The local high school band will join them along with local fire fighters, police and civic leaders.



If you can make it up to CT, it might be another great excuse to visit your favorite cadet one last time before the end of the academic year!!

# LaCrosse pictures

## Chapter Updates

### La Crosse Tournament

The US Coast Guard Academy Men's Lacrosse Team participated in a lacrosse tournament the weekend of March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in the Washington, DC area. On Saturday, they played the University of Maryland club team at the University of Maryland in a match that was plagued by rain, wind and hail. The Sunday game was played in much better conditions against George Washington University at their home turf in Washington, DC.

A number of our members were at each of the games to cheer on our team. After each game, we provided the members of the team with dinner at our tailgater. Lou Hepp did a great job organizing the meals and was an extraordinary chef under challenging conditions for the first game. Just like the Post Office, neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow, nor hail could stop him from working his magic at the grill. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this event. The team was truly appreciative.

