



Semper Gumby!

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Upcoming Dates

Jan 10

Classes Start—
Spring

Mar 01

Billet Night

Mar 03—11

Spring Leave

Apr 28—May 04

Exam Period—Spring

May 05

Summer Training
Begins

May 16

Graduation

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Happy New Year, and welcome to Spring Semester!

Thanksgiving break has come and gone. Fall Semester ended with the excitement of heading home and relaxing with family and friends. All too soon, Winter break was over and our Cadets headed back for the long, dark, cold days of Spring Semester. Perhaps daunting to those experiencing this for their first time but certainly an exciting semester for those about to end their time at the Academy.

As we compiled topics for this Winter Edition of our chapter newsletter, it seemed like a time to reflect back.... not just on the year past, but on the past years and see what news still proud parents would share of the women and men that have come through Chase Hall as cadets before ours. It is an inspiring list of assignments and stations for those fine young officers. Hopefully you'll recognize a name or two.

Enjoy news from current classmates. In future editions, we'll have guest reporting thanks to a volunteer 4/C cadet. We're looking for more

Cadets to help us share news of their class.

Looking forward, it's time for college applications and our admissions partners have been hard at work. Its an anxious time for those High School students hoping to get that early appointment letter to join the Class of 2015. Read about the cadets, graduates, alumni, partners, and family members that gathered to "Meet-and-Greet" these kids so they could learn as much as possible about Academy life and all it offers.

And last but not least, thank you to all that have donated time, money, and gifts. Supporting our member cadets is the whole reason we exist. We're always interested in your ideas, and your support, so don't hesitate to contact any of the chapter officers to offer suggestions or get involved. Happy New Year!



Coast Guard "Firsts"

The Coast Guard Academy will have the first woman superintendent of a military service academy at the helm when classes convene next summer. ADM Bob Papp selected RADM Sandra L. Stosz, Coast Guard director of reserve and leadership, for the superintendent position to succeed RADM Scott Burhoe after

his retirement. You can read more about this at <http://www.marinelink.com/news/superintendent-military336476.aspx>.

(and you can find all kinds of interesting historical Coast Guards first facts at <http://www.uscg.mil/history/faqs/firstsindex.asp>)

Where are they now?

It doesn't matter when their son/daughter was a cadet ...the parent of a Coast Guard Academy graduate is always proud. Here's an update on where some have gone after roaming Chase Hall.

LCDR Jason Dorval ('99) is serving at Air Training Center Mobile as an instructor pilot for HH60's.



Jason's wife, **LCDR Becca Dorval ('99)** is taking a separation of duty from the CG after commanding the fisheries school in Kodiak, AK.

what she does, and although she misses Oregon ... her mom is happier to have her closer to home.

LTJG Michael Daeffler ('08) is stationed at University of Michigan for Grad School. He is getting his primary Masters in Naval Architecture. His wife, **LTJG Tara Schendorf ('08)** is the Executive Officer on the Coast Guard Cutter Naushon, a 110-ft patrol boat based in Ketchikan, Alaska.

weeks and has deployed for two, three-month long drug patrols to the Pacific coast of Colombia. While on patrol, Midgett has enjoyed port calls in Puerta



LT Loreleigh (Roller) Hild ('03) is stationed in Grand Haven, Michigan. Loreleigh just went active again after two years in the inactive Coast Guard Reserves. Loreleigh is also Assistant Manager of BioLife Plasma Services, a division of Baxter Corporation, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. *(As an officer, after your obligation of 5 years, you can take a sabbatical and then become active again without losing your rank or pay.)*

LTJG Ian Foster ('08) is stationed in Alameda, CA.

Vallarta, Mexico, Golfito, Costa Rica, and Panama City, Panama.

LT Rebecca Corson ('06) is assigned to Sector Far East and is currently stationed in Japan.

LT Adam Louis Parga ('08) is serving as a Civil Engineer in the Seattle Base Support Unit.

ENS Kate McHenry ('10) is serving as a student engineer/Electrical Division aboard USCGC Bertholf (WSML-750) in Alameda, CA. As a western New Yorker, Kate is enjoying the San Francisco bay area. Kate has had her first underway tour on Bertholf to Central America (Panama, Costa Rica, and Mexico) and has completed a 6 week DCA school in San Diego.

LT Faith Reynolds ('06) is currently stationed at Juneau, AK, assigned as Project Officer, Waterways Management Branch, Seventeenth Coast Guard District.

LTJG Colleen Denny ('09) is stationed out of Portsmouth, VA. She oversees deck ops for the USCGC Forward WMEC 911.

LTJG Thomas Olson ('09) is serving aboard the USCGC Diligence stationed in Wilmington, NC.

ENS Ian Oviatt ('10) is a student engineer/damage control officer aboard USCGC Bear, home ported in Portsmouth, VA.



Faith is back in Alaska and loves AK! She had been on a buoy tender out of Cordova, AK, before her two years as an XO out of Coos Bay, OR.

LTJG Patrick Frost ('09) is aboard the USCGC Dependable serving as Deck Watch Officer, First Lieutenant, and Boarding Officer.

This past summer **LTJG Erin Cridland ('07)** transferred from Sector Portland (OR) to Sector New York as a Maritime Inspector. She likes

ENS Kristopher Kesting ('10) was assigned as a Deck Watch Officer aboard USCGC Midgett, home-ported in Seattle. Since graduation, Kris attended Boarding Officer School in Charleston, South Carolina for 5



Meet-and-Greet 2010

With Honeoye Falls American Legion Post 664 providing the facility, the Lanphere's organized and hosted a second informal 'Meet and Greet' for 7 prospective cadets and their families on the day after Thanksgiving. The event was supported by a host of current cadets, (3/C Joseph Smith, 3/C Art Konotopskiy, 4/C Elizabeth Flint, 4/C Cameron Lanphere, 4/C Lauren Young), active duty officers (LTJG Lauren Flint '08, LTJG Mike Flint '07), admission partners Ann Roller, Jon Allen, and John Braund, as well

as parents of the current cadets. Overall, 37 people attended. For two hours, these Cadets and their families gave up their personal time to answer questions and provide a perspective that can only come from those actually experiencing life as a cadet (and as the parent of a cadet!) The Coast Guard and its extended family was well represented. Hopefully we'll see some of these outstanding students at the Welcome Aboard picnic as incoming swabs in the Class of 2015!



Current Events—Academy Style!

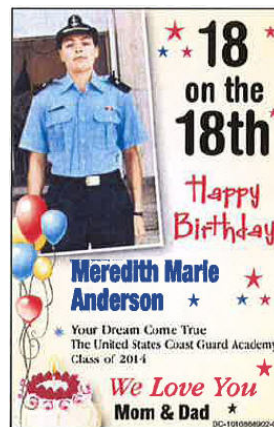


Congratulations to Derek Mittlefehldt ('11) and fiancée April Harman who were engaged in Aug 2010. Derek is an Operations Research and Computer Analysis major and was the Executive Officer for Alpha Company during Fall Semester.

Finally 4/C! UpstateNY 2014 Cadets Lucas Weston, Kelcie LaRoche, Cameron Lanphere, and Meredith Anderson looking happier with shoulder boards firmly affixed.



Family Feud? Brothers attend the All Academy Ball in Long Island. Danny Piazza (CGA '12, on right) with his brother David (USMMA '14). (No hard feelings about that football game, David :)



Happy Birthday, 4/C Anderson! I happen to know that milestone event was on the 18th of November.

AIM 2011

Ann Roller, Upstate NY Region/State Academy Admissions Partner Coordinator (and very proud parent of Loreleigh CGA'03), has finalized logistics for the Annual AIM Seminar in Rochester, NY. It will be held March 26, 2011 at Flotilla Base 4-2, River St. Rochester, NY. Guest speakers are Chief Dunmire from Station Rochester, LT Maureen Johnson from Station Buffalo, and LTJG James Kopcsay from Coast Guard Academy Admissions. RSVP's are required so if people want to attend or have questions, they should contact Ann at

585-746-9181 or email her at alroller53@yahoo.com.

If you know of any cadets that might be around Rochester on March 26th that would like to come and share their firsthand experience, please have them contact Ann. She would LOVE to have them speak a few minutes during the program.

The AIM application should be up soon on the CGA web page (Admissions button – drop down menu) in case anyone knows a junior in high school that is interested in applying.

US Coast Guard Academy Parents Association



All parents of cadets attending the [Coast Guard Academy](#) are eligible and encouraged to join the [Parents Association](#). Parents of alumni are also encouraged to continue on as active members.

The Parents Association exists to support the Corps of Cadets, the Coast Guard Academy and the parents of all cadets. We also actively support and encourage applicants, prospective cadets, and their parents as they navigate their way through the Admissions process and make the difficult choices involved in the collegiate selection process.

As the [Upstate New York Chapter](#), we focus on the Cadets, Parents, and Alumni from the surrounding areas of Upstate New York.

How Can You Help?

- **Volunteer**: Contact Tari Otabara to help staff the Chapter table at Academy events.
- **Donate Gift Cards or Gift Bag items**: \$10 gift cards to popular chain restaurants, gift cards to Target, etc, so we can shop for gift bag items.
- **Donate online**: Our website now accepts donations directly or contribute to the Leadership 44 campaign.
- **Send us your Ideas!** We're always trying to find small holiday gifts and items for our goody bags.



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