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On the Cover: Completing the muster list just before TS *State of Maine* departure in May (from left to right) 2/C Corey Willette, 2/C Christopher Randazzo and Sheldon Graham (Texas Maritime Cadet). Photo by Billy Sims

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**DR. WILLIAM J. BRENNAN**

In this issue of the Mariner, we include a brief history of the 14 Training Ships used from 1942 to 2016. Reflecting on that history while aboard the Training Ship *State of Maine* (IV) departing Castine on May 9, I realized that, while I've been on the current training ship (the former USNS *Tanner*) many times while underway, I also sailed aboard the previous two *State of Maine* training ships in my youth. As a boy, I sailed on the former USS *Ancon* to Montreal, and in my 20s, I worked aboard the former USNS *Upshur* in 1977. Little did I know then that I would later find myself involved in an initiative to build new purpose-built training ships for the State Maritime Academies (SMAs).

As Chairman of the Consortium of State Maritime Academies, which includes Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Texas, California, and the Great Lakes academies, I work with my colleagues from the other SMAs to guide the advancement of federal issues that affect all of the academies. As you might imagine, this takes up a bit of my time.

So, what are purpose-built training ships? The purpose-built ships, also known as National Security Multi-Mission Vessels (NSMV), would replace the hodge-podge of aging training vessels the state maritime academies presently operate to train the next generation of maritime professionals. The average age of these ships, which embark thousands of cadets each year, is 37 years. While our ship is more than 25 years old, the oldest, *Empire State* at SUNY Maritime College, is 53 years old.

Back in March, we reached out to alumni asking that they contact their Senators and Representatives in Washington, DC to support the effort to have Congress include funds within the Department of Transportation's budget for design work associated with the NSMV. Since then, Congress is working to add \$6 million to the \$5 million it appropriated last year. Thank you to all who took the time to learn more about the initiative and convince your Congressional representatives to vote for the appropriation.

The Consortium has also been active in seeking an increase in federal support for ongoing operations at the SMAs. Over the last 6 years appropriations for the six State Maritime Academies has doubled. When I began as President of MMA in 2010, appropriation was \$14.5M whereas last year, a total of \$28.6M was appropriated to support the maintenance and repair of the training ships, fuel assistance for their operation, payments to students, and other direct support for each of the academies.

We operate very closely with the federal government; what I refer to as a maritime education and training partnership with the Maritime Administration and the United States Coast Guard. The SMAs produce 70 percent of our nation's licensed mariners. Without the

academies, it would be impossible to meet the demand for licensed mariners needed to support our national defense and economy. For example, according to the U.S. House of Representatives, "Each year, the U.S. maritime industry accounts for over \$100 billion in economic output and employs over 1.5 million Americans. Beyond the important contributions to our economy, a healthy merchant marine is vital to our national security." According to Darren W. McDew, GEN (USAF), Commander, U.S. Transportation Command, our overwhelming success in Operation Desert Shield was due in large part to "...the 10,000 U.S. mariners who sped 220 shiploads of decisive U.S. combat power throughout the buildup." And our training ships are often called into service to provide disaster response and humanitarian assistance as was the TS *State of Maine* following Hurricane Katrina, and the Massachusetts Maritime Academy ship the TS *Kennedy* following Super Storm Sandy, which devastated the Mid-Atlantic region.

As many of our alumni can attest, time aboard our training ship is the hallmark of our hands-on education and the importance of the ship in this regard cannot be overstated. Our form of education is also relatively expensive and that is why our partnership with the Maritime Administration is so critical to our success. Maintaining the financial stability of the Academy is a complex task as we derive our revenue from a variety of sources including tuition, State and Federal appropriation and, importantly, from our alumni and friends. Thank you for the many ways you stay connected, informed, and inspired to advance an exceptional education for our young students.

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### Fellow Mariners,

For the past five years, I have had the privilege to serve as president of the Board of the MMA Alumni Association. This role will be coming to an end with the next elections at Homecoming 2016, and I can't help but reflect on the people, events and changes that have occurred during that time.

I am humbled to know I have served in the footsteps of those who came before and I'm encouraged for the progress that will come in the future. As evidence of our work to improve transparency, we barely had enough alumni willing to serve on the last ballot for the alumni board elections. Now, as we prepare for the upcoming elections four years later, we have more than 25 alumni willing to serve as board members, and who are ready to give back. It gives me tremendous satisfaction to see we have communicated the need, alumni have responded, and these are graduates passionate about service to the Academy and future alumni.

I have had the opportunity to meet numerous alumni, members of the Board of Trustees, friends of academy, and most important, the students who are future MMA alumni. During the past five years it feels to me we have "found ourselves" again as a group.

We have worked to make the focus of our association inclusive of all alumni. We've emphasized developing, fostering and maintaining the important relationships that all of us from the academy share.

Anyone who has attended an MMA alumni event will tell you we have a good time. There is much to be gained from laughter and reminiscing about the good, the bad, and, yes, sometimes even the ugly. Nobody enjoys camaraderie more than me, and it has been with that vigor and love of life that I feel that my goal of inclusion has been felt by many.

But there were also challenges for us as a community. The tragic loss of five of our alumni on *El Faro* generated an outpouring from alumni that was truly impressive and humbling.

In both the good and the tough times the true mettle of our alumni shines bright and yields strength that comes from our belonging and caring for MMA.

I will close by saying thank you to my fellow board members, the administration and to all alumni who have supported our efforts. I came in with an opportunity to make a difference, and I feel a difference has been made.

Keep the faith fellow alumni, stay connected, and never forget from where we came.

Fair winds and following seas,

Jim Proulx '85

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## HOMECOMING '16

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### WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Attend morning formation, attend classes  
 Alumni Golf Classic | Castine Golf Course  
 House-Warming Party | Wyman House  
 Mariner Hall of Fame Ceremony | Waypoint  
 Alumni Reception & Banquet | Dining Room  
 Comedian Jimmy Dunn

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Tailgating  
 Mariner Alumni Fun Run  
 Alumni Association Annual Meeting  
 Muster for March On  
 MMA Football vs. MIT | Ritchie Field  
 Schooner Bowdoin & Susan Clark Harbor Tours  
 Cookout & Live Music | Town Dock  
 Birthday Cake & Fireworks | Town Dock

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Alumni Soccer Game & Barbecue | Ritchie Field  
 Alumni Women's Basketball Brunch | Harborview

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## Notice of Public Comment Period for NEASC Accreditation Self-Study

Maine Maritime Academy will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit November 6-9, 2016 by a team representing the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Maine Maritime Academy has been accredited by the Commission since 1971 and was last reviewed in 2006. Its accreditation by the New England Association encompasses the entire institution.

For the last two years, Maine Maritime Academy has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the Commission's Standards for Accreditation. An evaluation team will visit the institution to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the Commission a continuing status for the institution. Following a review process, the Commission itself will take the final action.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the institution to:

Public Comment on Maine Maritime Academy  
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 New England Association of Schools and Colleges  
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Please note these guidelines from the Commission: public comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution. The Commission cannot settle disputes between individuals and institutions, whether those involve faculty, students, administrators, or members of other groups. Comments will not be treated as confidential and must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person providing the comments.

Public comments must be received by November 9, 2016. The Commission cannot guarantee that comments received after that date will be considered.





# Commencement Celebrates Heritage, Family, Courage and Leadership

The Class of 2016 joined the ranks of alumni May 7 at the Castine campus. They were reminded of their responsibility to carry forward MMA's traditions and called on to provide leadership in challenging positions at sea and on land in professions from the bridge of ships to community to command within the military. Following are edited highlights from remarks by President of MMA, Dr. William J. Brennan and General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.





## From President Brennan:

**It is my pleasure to welcome you** all to Maine Maritime Academy on this, our 75th Anniversary, to help us celebrate the Class of 2016. Congratulations. You have worked hard to earn your degrees, and all of us here today are proud of your accomplishments. I want to thank you for helping with my ongoing education as president and I want to join you in acknowledging and thanking those who have helped you reach this milestone in your lives: your parents, families, friends, teachers and professors, and others who have supported you along this journey. It is a great day for all of us.

(After introducing distinguished guests, Brennan continued:)

In 1941, the legislature of the State of Maine established the Maine Maritime Academy on the site of what had previously been a teacher's college here in Castine, Maine. This decision was largely in response to the war effort and the desperate need for trained mariners to supply our troops and defend our shores. World War II required a rapid build-up of the US Merchant Marine with a critical need for trained deck and engineering officers. Maine Maritime Academy ramped up to meet that challenge, producing close to 300 officers in its first commencement year, many of whom went on to serve at sea during the war.

Those of you in the Class of 2016 have heard me say the credentials you receive from the Academy, your diploma and licenses, have value because of those who came before you—namely our alumni—and it is now your turn to continue the tradition and to help maintain the stellar reputation that is Maine Maritime Academy.

As we celebrate the 75th anniversary of our founding, our mission remains the same: to provide a quality education, focused on marine and related programs, to encourage rigorous self-discipline, promote curiosity,

“Wherever your career path takes you around the world, remember you now are keepers of our heritage; a heritage that began 75 years ago.”

and to provide graduates with the skills, ethics and knowledge needed to succeed in a global economy.

This has been a year of much success; success I see arrayed before me and I have a great sense of pride in your accomplishments. To be sure, along with the extreme highs of success this past year, we have also experienced the depths of sorrow that touched all of us who are part of this Maine Maritime Academy family. We grieved together the sudden loss of five of our alumni in the tragic incident involving the *El Faro* and we have struggled with the loss of one of our immediate family (student David Breunig).

Your training has given you the confidence needed to lead and follow, and to know while the sea is to be respected, it is not to be feared. In fact, it was this class that heroically rescued a shipwrecked sailor 520 miles off the coast of Nova Scotia; a poignant reminder that amongst the things we dealt with this past year, our words and our actions are testament to who we are: We are Mariners, and we are responsible for each other, in good times and in bad. You demonstrated that at sea, just as in life, we look out for each other and help one another.

As you've heard me say often, we are a family, one community, and these ties will bind you to us all of your lives. We look out for each other and support one another. Our bonds are strong and over time, they will become even stronger.

Wherever your career path takes you around the world, remember you now are keepers of our heritage; a heritage that began 75 years ago.

**President Brennan, ladies and gentlemen,** and most importantly to the class of 2016, you'd expect me to say it, but it's an absolute honor to join you here today. And I'd like to begin by joining the Provost and President Brennan in thanking the faculty, the staff, the family members, and the mentors who are here.

As I was preparing my remarks, I had occasion to recall my own graduation from St. Michael's College in Vermont. It was 39 years ago this month, and I can still remember quite a bit of detail. That morning, prior to the commencement ceremony, I was one of two students commissioned in the Marine Corps before family and friends. I can still remember taking the oath of office and exchanging the first salute with the Marine staff sergeant.

Our commencement speaker was Senator Margaret Chase Smith from Maine, a name familiar for most here, and for whom a building on campus is named.

I chose to talk about leadership this morning because I believe we should expect leadership from the men and women who will leave here today and forever be proud to call themselves Mariners.

One of the qualities all great leaders share is moral courage, the ability to think for yourself and the willingness to do the right thing regardless of the consequences. I didn't fully appreciate it at the time, but that characteristic was defined by my commencement speaker Margaret Chase Smith.

Senator Smith was born in 1897. She was the first woman to serve in both houses of Congress. Only a handful of women held seats in the House when she joined in 1940. And for over a decade, she was the only woman to serve in the Senate as a result of winning a general election. She was a trailblazer with many admirable qualities, but it was the moral courage she demonstrated in 1950 that established her as a truly extraordinary leader.

In 1950, the nation's confidence was shaken by financial trouble, the loss of China to communism, and Russia's success at developing an atomic weapon. In that context, the political opportunist, Senator Joseph McCarthy, took advantage of what Senator Smith called the four horsemen of fear, ignorance, bigotry and smear. McCarthy had embarked on a wide-sweeping, anti-communist crusade that unfairly called into question the patriotism and integrity of many good Americans. He literally destroyed lives and careers with rumor and innuendo.

While many disagreed with McCarthy's unfair character assassinations and broad-sweeping accusations, no one in the Senate, and very few in the nation, had the courage to take on Senator McCarthy. It was a dark time in our nation's history.

“**From this point forward, it's no longer about you. It's about the men and women that you'll be fortunate enough to lead.**”

And then, on June 1st, 1950, Senator Margaret Chase Smith took to the Senate floor and delivered a speech she described as a Declaration of Conscience. For many reasons, it was a bold step for her to take. When she delivered that speech, Senator Smith was well-aware that she was risking her reputation, and her very political career. But she had looked at the evidence behind McCarthy's accusations and concluded that what he was doing was wrong and harmful to our nation.

And so she moved to the Senate floor alone, and she took on Joseph McCarthy. And after

her speech, through her example, others began to speak out, and the dark chapter of McCarthyism was eventually closed.

Senator Smith knew what it meant to be a leader. She knew that being a leader meant doing the right thing, even when it's hard.

In her own words, the right thing is not always the popular and easy thing. Standing for right when it's unpopular is the true test of moral courage.

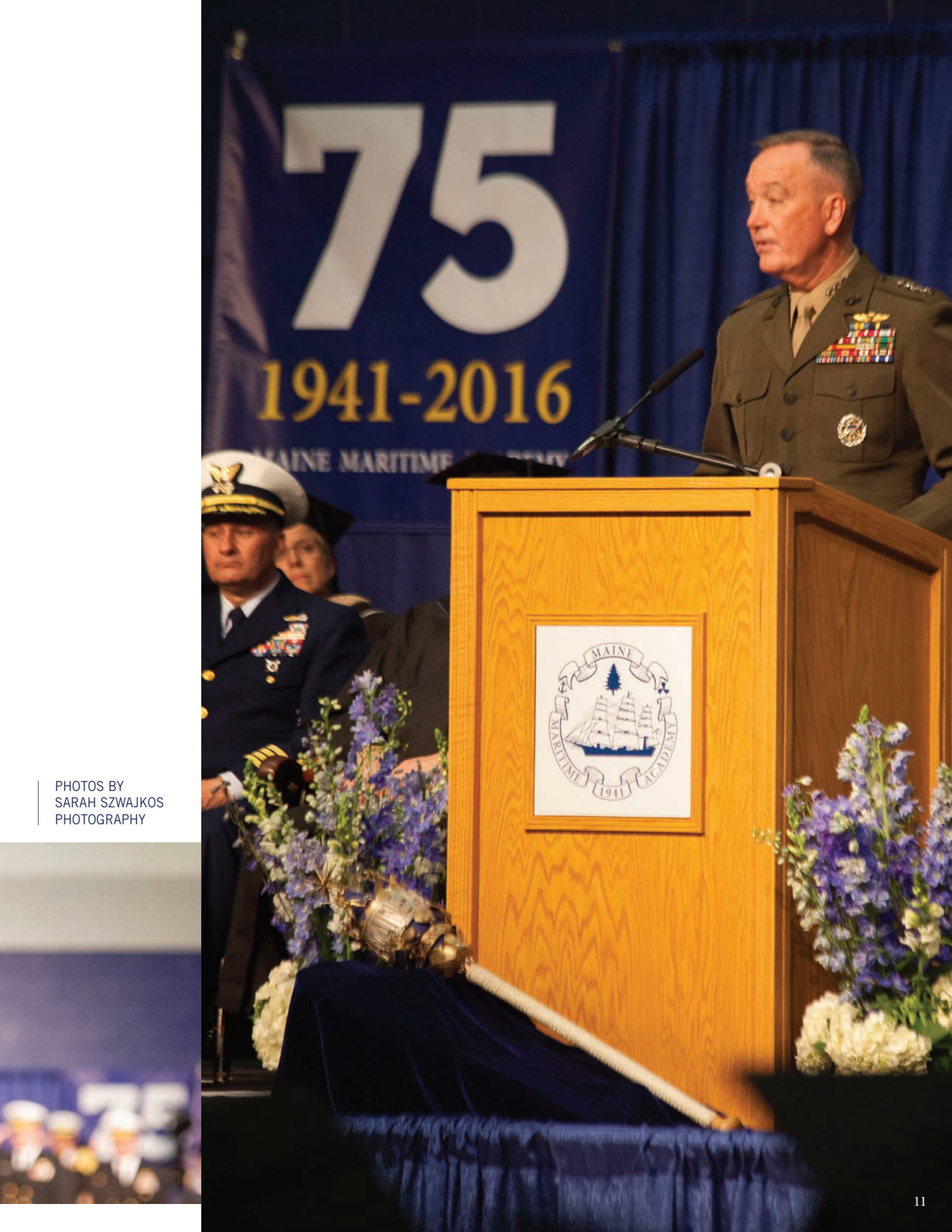
Mariners, future leaders, you won't all have a moment in your lives as consequential as Senator Smith. But you'll all have moments when standing for right is hard. When that moment comes, I ask you to remember the example of Senator Margaret Chase Smith. And I'm sure her memory will help put your own challenge in context and enable you to pass the test.

Another quality I've found in great leaders is the commitment to something greater than themselves, a willingness to put the mission and the needs of their subordinates ahead of their own wants or desires. I've had the privilege of serving with a number of men and women who embodied selfless service. One of those individuals was Lieutenant Matt Lynch, United States Marine Corps. Matt was the product of a family with a deep tradition of service. He was smart, he was athletic, and he was personable. He had a tremendous sense of humor. He would have succeeded in any walk of life.

Matt was one of my Marines in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and one of the first to cross into Iraq in March of 2003. In the fall of 2003, he returned to California, and the next spring his unit was still in California. But many other units from our command were back in Iraq and had suffered heavy casualties. Matt was one of the few lieutenants who volunteered to leave his unit and join another unit in Iraq that needed a leader.







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A few months later, after his second combat deployment in less than 18 months, Matt returned to the United States for well-deserved rest, leave, and a reunion with his family.

Before he departed on leave, he went to visit the Marines from his first deployment. And they, by this time, were headed back to Iraq, but they didn't have a lieutenant. Matt immediately volunteered to fill the gap. And then he called home. In the course of the call his dad said: 'Matt, you've already been over there twice. Isn't it time to take a rest? Isn't it time for somebody else to go?

And Matt responded: "Dad, those are my friends. Those are my Marines. I've learned a lot. I know I can help them accomplish the mission and bring them home safely. I have to go back. They need me."

So Matt returned to Iraq. By every account, Matt was a source of great inspiration to his Marines. There is nothing Matt Lynch's Marines wouldn't do for him, because they knew there was nothing he wouldn't do for them. In November, 2004, Matt Lynch was killed in Ramadi leading his Marines and helping to ensure that they return home to their families. And because of Matt Lynch's leadership, over 30 Marines did return home to their families.

Mariners, future leaders, few of you are going to serve on active duty in the United States military or be in the position to make the ultimate sacrifice for our nation or for your subordinates. But most of you will lead others in the merchant marine industry, education or government. And I hope when

I'll close by making just a simple request to the class of 2016. Regardless of where life takes you, have the moral courage to do what's right, even when it's tough. Commit to being part of something bigger than yourself.

I am genuinely proud just to be here among you this morning. God bless you all in your endeavors. I wish you the best as you become leaders of consequence. And *Semper Fidelis*.

## Gen. Dunford's Remarks: Commissioning

Later, General Dunford delivered remarks after commissions were granted to graduates continuing to military service. Among his statements:

I want to say thanks instead of congratulations. And I want to say thanks because what you are doing is actually doing exactly what I spoke about in my remarks earlier today: You've chosen to become part of something bigger than yourself. You've chosen an occupation that by definition is about sacrifice. It's about what you give, not what you take.

And I just want to offer [the idea] to you, that as much as [the pace of] things has changed in the Navy and Marine Corps in the last decades, there's one thing that hasn't changed. I want you to remember today that our business is first and foremost about people. From this point forward, it's no longer about you. It's about the men and women that you'll be fortunate enough to lead.



you lead you remember the story of Matt Lynch, if only to remember that when you're a leader it's not about you.

If you lead in the spirit of Matt Lynch, if you genuinely care for others and you take care of them, they'll take care of you and you'll find success. And you will enjoy the success of accomplishment that can only come from inspiring others to excellence.

Leaders are men and women who recognize that there is no "I" in the word "team". Leaders are men and women who simply dig down deep and do what's right, even when there's a voice inside of them that says to take the easy way. I don't share concerns you may have because I can look at the generations of Mariners who sat right where you sit this morning, and they have gone on to be leaders of consequence, Mariners who have left their mark in a wide range of endeavors from serving on the sea to founding a corporation.

Navigating in the days ahead is going to take leadership. And your generation of leaders will play an increasingly important role. Our education system, our military, our merchant marine, the private sector, and our government all need strong leadership. And as Mariners, you're uniquely capable of providing that leadership.

The one thing I'd ask you to do is never walk past a sailor – never walk past a sailor without looking him or her in the eye and asking them how they're doing. Never be a leader who's so busy to be personally and decisively engaged with the sailors that are around you.

The most incredible thing about the responsibility you are about to undertake, the most incredible thing about becoming an ensign or becoming a lieutenant, is to actually have the opportunity to be responsible for them, to look out for them, to inspire them, to focus on them, to mentor them, to counsel them, and to make them want to be partners.

So I'll tell you, as you accept this responsibility, I want to just say thanks to you, as I once again say thanks to those who sit out here. Look at the faces. Look at them and look how proud they look. Look at the smiles. As I look at those faces, I got to tell you, it's a privilege for me to be a part of this. It's an honor for me to be a part of this.

As I look at you, as I look at the quality of individuals who come out here today and I look at a future of the Merchant Marines as a result of the students who were up here today, when I look at the future of my Navy and the Marine Corps, I feel pretty good. I feel pretty good. Because, as I'm looking at you, I know that you're absolutely ready for the challenges ahead.



## Bowdoin Relunched, Heading Back to Castine



After an extensive refit, the schooner will soon be back in Castine. Photo by Billy Sims

Schooner *Bowdoin*'s keel touched the ocean again on June 6 after a seven-month restoration at Lyman-Morse at Wayfarer Marine in Camden, Maine. The boat will return to Castine for further fitting out at the campus

waterfront before leaving for training voyages planned for Vessel Operations and Technology students this summer. A welcome reception is scheduled for July 12 in Castine.

*Bowdoin* celebrates her 95th birthday this

year, and less than \$500,000 is needed to reach the \$1.6 million goal of the Bowdoin Centennial Campaign for long-term maintenance and care. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the campaign so far, and as a reminder, the **Class of '93** alumni challenge is still on. We are raising matching dollars up to \$25,000 for a full matching gift of \$50,000. Contact: Kay Hightower at 207-326-8932 or [kay.hightower@mma.edu](mailto:kay.hightower@mma.edu).

While at Lyman-Morse, *Bowdoin* underwent extensive systems upgrades, including new fuel and black water tanks, exhaust system, and a major overhaul of the electrical system. At MMA, the schooner's Cummins engine was rebuilt by students in Professor Don Eley's Small Craft Technology course under supervision of a Cummins technician. The structural work, including the new deck and partial re-planking was headed by Andros Kypragoras of AK Shipbuilding in Whitefield, Maine. Kypragoras will fabricate a new foremast once the schooner returns to Castine, as well as a punch list of other chores to be accomplished.

When *Bowdoin* rolled out of the shop via the travel lift into the foggy morning in Camden for relaunching, there were more than a few old friends of the schooner on hand reminiscing and speculating what new exploration and adventures might lie ahead, near and far-North, for the National Historic Landmark and Official Vessel of the State of Maine.

## NEW ONLINE JOB BOARD

The Career Services Office recently launched an online job board and career development system available to alumni and students. The service helps job seekers find employment, both locally and nationwide, and also provides helpful career-related information.

After registering, users can access jobs listings, information on company visits to campus, career fairs, advice documents, career-related announcements and more. Visit: [www.collegecentral.com/mainemaritime](http://www.collegecentral.com/mainemaritime)

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## Second Edition of Sail Training Book Released



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**C**apt. G. Anderson Chase '79, Professor of Marine Transportation, began his sea-going career at the age of 16 as deck boy aboard a Norwegian merchant ship that took him around the world. He holds an unlimited master's license for steam and motor vessels and an auxiliary sail master's license for vessels

up to 1,600 tons.

Almost 20 years ago, he authored *Auxiliary Sail Vessels Operations for the Professional Sailor*. Initially created as a course curriculum for MMA classes in sail vessel operations, it also became textbook reading for those working toward U.S. Coast Guard licenses to operate

auxiliary-powered sailing vessels and yachts. An updated second edition of the book was released in April by Schiffer Publishing and contains new material on bridge resource management, risk assessment, safety aloft and more.

Chase was instrumental in developing the MMA sail training program when he joined the faculty in 1987, and among other achievements, spearheaded the effort to acquire the schooner *Bowdoin* and skippered the vessel on its first Arctic expedition since 1954. (See "Bowdoin Relunched," pg. 13)

In his preface of the new edition Chase wrote, "It was apparent to me the merchant mariner could benefit from learning the seamanship, powers of observation and resourcefulness that one learns by necessity under sail, and the sailor would do well to use those skills and powers to develop protocols, drills, and procedures that would reduce the tendency to 'wing it.' Both cases would improve safety at sea for everyone. After all these years, the evidence says this is happening."

Attend a major sail training conference, observed Chase, and you will see professionalism of the sail training community is growing. Conferences now include technical topics that historically were the purview of the commercial maritime licensing world. "Hence," stated Chase, "the need for a second edition of this book."

## NEW APPOINTEES JOIN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**T**he MMA Board of Trustees welcomed three new appointees at its most recent meeting in May: Carolyn Brodsky, Matthew Fendl and Gregory Fryer.

"Maine Maritime Academy is a unique institution," said President William J. Brennan. "Our success depends upon the guidance of unique individuals who bring a specialized understanding of and interest in the mission of the institution, and these three appointees fit all of our qualifications, and more."

Carolyn Brodsky of Scarborough, Maine is President of Sterling Rope Company, Inc. in Biddeford, Maine, a leading life-safety rope manufacturer. Previously, she founded Marketing

Basics Applied, Inc., a marketing and sales consulting firm focused on the marine industry. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Outdoor Foundation and the Climbing Wall Association. Brodsky received a B.A. from Smith College in 1980, and is a lifelong sailor, skier and outdoor enthusiast.

Midshipman Matthew Fendl '17 will serve as the Student Trustee. Fendl is a Dean's List student, Cadet Chief Mate of the Regimental Command and a member of the Regimental Training Staff as 2/C Stryker. He tutors students in navigation classes and is also a volunteer member of the Castine Fire and Rescue Department.

Gregory S. Fryer, of Cumberland, Maine, has

been a Partner with Verrill Dana, LLP in Portland since 1986, concentrating in corporate and securities law. Prior to joining Verrill Dana, Fryer worked for law firms in Atlanta, Georgia and New York City. He earned his J.D. from Cornell Law School in Ithaca, New York, and an A.B. degree from Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. He is a member of the Maine State Bar Association and has received several honors, including ranking within The Best Lawyers in America list. He enjoys sailing, skiing and hiking.

Trustees are appointed by the Governor and serve a five-year term; the Student Trustee serves a one-year term.



## SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS CHAPTER FORMED



Dr. Brennan with SWE chapter founders Kaylee Wacome, Molly Marcotte, Rachel Jondle

Students, faculty, staff and alumni celebrated the launch in March of a MMA collegiate chapter of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), a national educational and professional service organization founded in 1950 with more than 34,000 members.

The chapter's president is Molly Marcotte '16 who co-founded the group with Mikayla Cowette '16, Rachel Jondle '16 and Kaylee Wacome '16. Professor of Engineering Barbara Fleck serves as

advisor. The chapter was founded to provide networking and professional development opportunities for MMA's women engineers and to access SWE's resources for scholarships and job placement. And its goals are to provide pre-professional development opportunities for students, encourage more young women to consider careers in engineering, and partner students with professional mentors.

SWE seeks to empower women to succeed and advance in the field of engineering, and to be recognized for their contributions as engineers and leaders.

SWE also works to establish engineering as a desirable career for women through training and development programs, networking opportunities, scholarships and outreach and advocacy activities. The professional group has more than 300 professional and 100 student chapters.

## Ballad Lost and Found

Those attending the annual North American Society for Oceanic History conference in May in Portland, Maine were treated to an 1870 Jonesport, Maine schooner fisherman's ballad performed by Dr. Stephen N. Sanfilippo, Adjunct Instructor of History in the Department of Arts and Sciences, that describes the winter fishery on the Grand Manan Bank.

With assistance of the Jonesport Historical Society, research by Sanfilippo and his wife, Susan, also a historian, led them to the lyrics of the ballad written by an English immigrant John Radley, following a season of winter fishing on the Banks, giving descriptions of geography, fishing grounds, seamanship, fishing techniques, quantity of fish, salting fish, hazardous seas, schooner racing, and how hard labor was shared under dangerous conditions.

Radley's tune being lost, the Sanfilippos composed an appropriate one to accompany the lyrics of 15 verses, which follow in part.

*The foamy billows from the bow of the  
Lapwing they are spread,*

*And now, my boys she runs her course,  
down for the Northern head.*

*Now we are passing Northern head, and  
up by Swallows Tail,*

*The wind is fast a-canting, and a-blowing  
half a gale.*

*You little know the dangers that we  
undergo*

*As we are winter fishing, amid the ice  
and snow*

*The ocean is but one white sheet, filled  
with snow and hail,*

*While we poor fearless fishermen are  
standing to the rail.*

*And now our salt is wet my boys, our  
white wings they are spread,*

*And our color is a-flying at our main  
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*And as we go homeward rolling, a-rolling  
homeward bound,*

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## PARROTT RECEIVES FULBRIGHT U.S. SCHOLAR GRANT



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Capt. Daniel Parrott, Professor of Marine Transportation, has received a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Grant to work at the University of Costa Rica's new School of Nautical Engineering and Maritime Transport (Ingeniería Náutica y Transporte Marítimo) in Limón, Costa Rica. The university's program in marine transportation was established in 2012. Parrott will not only teach students, but also will help to develop educational programming using bridge simulations, laboratories and other academic and hands-on resources. He will conduct his work from February to June, 2017.

"I look forward to advancing international maritime education through collaboration with the faculty and administration at the University of Costa Rica," said Parrott. "My family will move with me to Limón and my kids will attend high

school there, so we will all be involved in educational exchange."

In a letter of endorsement for Parrott's application, David Gardner, MMA Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost wrote, "We are honored that UCR seeks to collaborate with MMA in hosting Captain Parrott. [He] is an exemplar of the fine

faculty who make MMA such a highly-regarded institution and a leader in the field of maritime education."

Parrott grew up in Connecticut and sailed actively from 1983 to 2003 when he joined the faculty at MMA. In that 20-year period he

voyaged worldwide on a variety of vessels, often to remote locations aboard traditional sailing ships. He is the author of *Tall Ships Down*, a study of five marine casualties involving sailing ships in the late 20th century, as well as *Bridge Resource Management for Small Ships*, which focuses on BRM in the limited tonnage arena. Parrott holds a USCG license, Master of Oceans, 1600 tons, and 2nd mate unlimited. He teaches navigation, seamanship and Bridge Resource Management. He holds a B.A. from Colby College and M.A. from the University of Rhode Island.

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## Library Research Contest Winners

In conjunction with the Nutting Memorial Library's annual faculty research celebration, prizes were awarded April 11 to five students for excellence in research projects that made creative and extensive use of the library's resources.

Taylor Grace '16 won first place for his project exploring how red octopuses (*Octopus rubescens*) detect a sponge on spiny scallops that appears to deter the octopus from predated the scallop.

"The library resources were crucial for me. I had sent so many requests for different articles I needed that I thought for sure they were going to get tired of me!," said Grace. "But the staff is also incredibly helpful and fast in responding."

Nate Fiske '17 received second place honors.

Third place was a tie between Trevor McNaney '17 and Leah Libby '17 and Fritz Marseille '17.

The contest was the first of what Wendy Girven, Director of Library Services, hopes to be an annual event. "We were able to offer four cash prizes because of a generous donation from an alumni to fund this year's awards," she said. "While this gathering occurred during our faculty research celebration showcasing their work, such as conference presentations and publica-



Taylor Grace '16 explains his winning project to Corey Jernigan '16. Photo by Billy Sims

tions, we wanted to also recognize and promote the research done on campus by our students."

Now Education Director for Boothbay Sea and Science Center, Grace said, "I'll soon be sending

this paper into the American Academy of Underwater Sciences to be considered for publication, and the contest gave me the boost of ambition to prepare for this next step."

## New SGA Board Represents More Diverse Student Body

The Student Government Association has newly elected board members for the coming school year and the current president Edward Ma '18 reviews the group's recent progress.

The Executive Board rewrote the SGA Constitution. "We reconstructed how SGA is run and revised the constitution to better reflect who we are and what we do," said Ma. "In doing so we created new senator positions to reflect the diversity of our student body, so there are now 21 members representing the organization."

SGA also contributed more than \$50,000 to MMA clubs and organizations this year to aid their events or trips. Plans are in the works for support of other projects as well, including renovation of the Bilge for the redesign of the kitchen and common space to accommodate more seating.

### Executive Board

President - Rylee Knox '18, Marine Systems Engineering

Vice President of Administration - Truman Slocum '18, Marine Transportation Operations

Vice President of Student Involvement - Thomas White '18, Marine Transportation Operations

Secretary - Arik Akerberg '18, Marine Transportation Operations

Treasurer - Madeline Armstrong '18, Marine Science and Vessel Operations Technology

Student Trustee - Matthew Fendl '17

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Engineering Senator - Alayne Felix '19, Power Engineering Technology

International Business Senator - Olivia Burke '18, International Business & Logistics

Ocean Studies Senator - Nathaniel Fiske '17, Marine Biology and Small Vessel Operations

Athletics Senator - Mary Shea '19, Marine Systems Engineering

Independent Senator - Grafton Page '19, Power Engineering Technology

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Regimental Senator - Michael Granger '17, Marine Systems Engineering

Residential Senator - Julia Dillon '19, Marine Transportation Operations

Senator-at-large - Heidi Marriner '18, Vessel Operations Technology

Class of 2017 - Cristin Wright or officer designee

Class of 2018 - Thomas White or officer designee

Class of 2019 - Jack Weeks or officer designee

## Student Life Awards Recognize Leaders and Community Members



Student awardees: Molly Marcotte, Mary Shea, Makayla Lewis, Heidi Marriner, Riley Knox, Shawn Silva, Corey McCoy, Caroline Yates, and Edison Ma. Photo by Chase Davidson

At the 15th annual banquet held April 7, the MMA Student Life Awards Committee recognized outstanding members of the MMA and Castine community whose contributions include service projects, athletics, employment and volunteer programs and other co-curricular activities. The committee of MMA staff and faculty accepted nominations from the entire MMA community and selected the top five nominees in each category.

In addition to the Phyllis Tenney Community Service and Leadership Award, Mariner Pride, and Unsung Mariner awards from previous celebrations, the committee announced seven new awards that recognize a variety of student leaders.

- **Award for Athletic Leadership** is awarded to a student athlete who has contributed to both campus life and demonstrated leadership within their club or varsity sport. Winner: Molly Marcotte '16, Marine Systems Engineering major.

- **Award for Outstanding Contribution** to Residential Life is presented to a student who has made significant contributions to the community and experience of students living in residence halls. Winner: Rylee Knox '18, Marine Systems Engineering major.

- **Emerging Leader Award** recognizes two first-year students who have emerged as leaders and who can be expected to contribute significantly to the campus community and the welfare of their fellow students during their time at the academy. Winners: Makayla Lewis '19, Marine Engineering Technology major and Mary Shea '19, Marine Systems Engineering major.

- **Non-Traditional Student Impact Award** is presented to a non-traditional student who has used their life experiences to make a significant impact in the campus community including, but not limited to, campus life, academic achievement, leadership and community service.

Winner: Heidi Marriner '18, Vessel Operations & Technology major.

- **Social Entrepreneurship Award** recognizes a student, or group of students, who have pursued an idea with the potential to enhance community or to address a pervasive community issue. Winner: Woodsman Club, represented by co-founders Corey McCoy '18, Marine Engineering Operations major, and Shawn Silva '16, Marine Systems Engineering major.

- **Student Employee of the Year Award** recognizes a work-study student or student worker who has demonstrated a high quality of work, leadership skills and impact on the department. Winner: Caroline Yates '18, International Business and Logistics major.

- **Student Government Leadership Award** recognizes a student affiliated with the SGA who has shown immense integrity and perse-

verance in striving to improve student life and welfare. Winner: Edison Ma '18, Marine Systems Engineering major.

- **Mariner Pride** is a community-wide nomination that honors an organization, event or activity that enhances Mariner Pride by bringing people together and helping strengthen the campus community. Winner: Homecoming 2015.

- **The Sarah F. Hudson Unsung Mariner** award is a student-nominated award given to a faculty or staff member for demonstrating outstanding community service and support of student life. Winner: two staff members: Crissi Dalfonzo, Residential Life Coordinator, and Jennifer DeJoy, Director of College Relations.

- **Phyllis Tenney Community Service and Leadership Award** is presented to the student who has displayed outstanding dedication and loyalty to MMA, commitment and service to the Castine community, exemplary leadership skills, and has also achieved great success academically and socially at MMA. Winner: Haley Eckert '16, Global Logistics & Maritime Management. You can learn more about Eckert, pg. 19 "Leading by Example."

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## Leading by Example

**Haley Eckert '16 heads into the Global Logistics & Maritime Management master's program with quiet confidence and award-winning accomplishment.**

### You just returned from a study abroad trip to Ireland. What was your take-away?

It was a three-week study course with Professors Kim and Leon Raikes and nine other students. While I already have my undergraduate degree in Marine Engineering Technology and didn't need the humanities credits, I couldn't pass up the travel opportunity, nor would I have been able to rival the Raikes' 28 years of experience with Ireland as a conventional tourist.

From living in thatched roof cottages with turf fires in Tullycross in the Connemara and having dinner in Bunratty Castle to seeing the lost city at Clonmacnoise, the passage tomb of Newgrange and 6,000-year-old dolmens, I was able to see and appreciate things most tourists wouldn't. We learned about the land, the geology, archeology, history, mythology, religion and literature that made Ireland what it is. I was glad to get away from the fast-paced ways of the U.S. and the sense of entitlement that modernization has brought, and instead, see a culture that has more reverence for the land, nature and a global awareness.

### Why did you attend MMA?

Being an only child of a single mother, finances were certainly a factor. Between the short-term cost of enrollment and long-term career prospects, MMA was the best choice. I wanted to push myself and pursue a career that not many of my high school peers would. Plus, I like competing in what has previously been a predominantly male industry, engineering.

I also chose to join the Regiment of Midshipmen. I love the sense of connection and tradition that comes with such a small school and the shipping industry. I'm glad I chose the path less traveled.

### What has been most challenging?

By far it has been learning about engines, propulsion systems and general plant operations, as I came in with no personal or family background in engineering, mechanics or maritime services.

### You are a two-sport athlete?

My freshman and sophomore year, I was a member of the soccer team and subsequently joined the cross country team. Later, I joined the women's lacrosse team in its first NCAA season. I'm listed as a defensive player, but depending on how a game is going, Coach Gombar may put me in at mid-field, attack, or taking the draw. It teaches one to adapt.

### What are other activities you have on your slate?

I've been a member of the student conduct panel for three years, two years on yearbook staff, and in much lesser capacities I've been a member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, Women on the Water, MMA College Republicans club, and the newly chartered chapter of Society of Women Engineers.



Photo by Billy Sims

### How have you been involved as a member of the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity?

Since initiation in 2012, I've been historian, service vice president and president. I've co-organized Girl Scout Sail Away with Admissions, co-organized Klondike Derbies, organized Castine Easter and Halloween events, and served as the student coordinator for Red Cross blood drives at MMA.

### What career would you like to pursue?

I'm undecided as to whether I'll ship on my 3rd A/E license or pursue jobs in the business sector, perhaps with marketing and philanthropic efforts for shipping or engineering companies working to develop a good rapport with communities or clients.

### What makes you a good job candidate?

My attention to detail, work ethic, sense of commitment to the job and company loyalty. I don't do things impulsively, so whether it's been with sports, organizations or academics, I'm in for the long haul. I hate quitting things to a fault.

### You just received the Phyllis Tenney Community Service and Leadership Award. What are your thoughts on this recognition?

Honestly, I'm more proud of being selected for this award by my peers and the faculty than passing my 3rd A/E license exams or graduating, because it speaks to who I am and what's important to me on a human level.

## University Biomass Facility Fired Up for Sustainable Future

Engineering for the largest wood biomass heating project in Maine led by Mark Power '87



Photos Courtesy of Mark Power

The recent launch of an almost 6,000-square-foot, \$11 million hot water heating plant at the University of Maine, Farmington (UMF) is a notable achievement for **Mark Power '87** and the team from Trane U.S. Inc., an Energy Services and Controls company and an HVAC equipment manufacturer. It is one the latest of many energy retrofit projects in which he's played an important role.

Power will tell you the hands-on and multi-disciplined nature of his MMA training in Marine Engineering Operations was important to his success as an engineer in a career that has taken him many miles across land and sea since graduation.

After graduation he spent a year with EXXON, then a decade sailing as a Chief Engineer in the Alaskan factory trawler fleet. In 1998 he came ashore and spent seven years with Bath Iron Works where he received his license as a Professional Engineer (Mechanical) in Maine. After a brief stint with OSG's tanker fleet in 2005 and 2006, he was hired by Trane where he and his team now work to develop energy services projects in Maine and New England.

"Our focus is on working with commercial

**"When we harvest local wood biomass to serve our local schools and businesses, we keep Maine people working."**

and industrial building owners, hospitals, schools and municipalities to reduce their energy consumption and their operating costs," said Power. "Due to the high cost of energy in Maine, in addition to employing high-efficiency equipment and controls to help modernize buildings and reduce their operating costs, we've also taken advantage of lower-cost energy commodities in

our projects, such as compressed natural gas and renewables including wood biomass, biofuel and solar technologies."

Maine has an abundant biomass resource and that allows the energy source to be cost competitive.

"In the case of UMF, for example," Power said, "in addition to a serious concern regarding the cost and volatility of the fossil fuel market, they had a significant interest in achieving greenhouse gas reduction and becoming more sustainable." The federal EPA recognizes sustainably harvested wood biomass as a carbon neutral source of energy.

The UMF plant replaces 95 percent of the 400,000 gallons of oil that was burned annually to heat the campus.

Power's team has also installed biomass heating systems at Maine schools at Caribou High School, Limestone Community School, Fort Fairfield Schools and Greenville High School.

"At a time when we are seeing the closure of paper mills and biomass generating plants, we need to do everything we can to make use of our sustainably managed commercial forests," said Power. "When we harvest local wood biomass to serve our local schools and businesses, we keep Maine people working and allow our commercial forests to remain economically valuable as forests. We keep our local economic engine running and keep the energy dollars in our state."

Operational savings associated with the UMF facility are projected to pay for the plant in 10 years and the systems to have at least a 30-year life expectancy.

For Power, all of his experience was brought to bear on the project. "Just as in shipboard operations or construction," he said, "you are going to be exposed to and need to have a degree of expertise in all engineering disciplines."





## GENEROUS GIFT FROM MMA FAMILY

By CRAIG DAGAN, ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATE & HEAD WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH



Photo by Sarah Sz wajkos Photography

Maine Maritime Academy is thrilled to announce that **Capt. Sherri Hickman '85** and her daughter, **Coronado Hickman '16**, have decided to generously contribute to Maine Maritime Academy with a \$100,000 scholarship. The Advancement team has worked with Capt. Hickman for years in areas of giving at MMA, but four years ago we discussed something big that would cement the family's legacy and have an impact on students for years to come.

We are humbled and excited that those conversations have led us to this point and that the Hickmans' idea of giving back something substantial to MMA has come to fruition. "We are in serious need of scholarship dollars here at the Academy and we can't think of a better way for Sherri and Coronado to have an immediate impact on the current student body," said Vice President for Advancement Chris Haley.

The Advancement team was also pleased to learn that the Academy is in Capt. Hickman's estate plans, as she has a planned gift to Mariner Athletics in the amount of \$100,000 that will further enhance what we do in the future for our student-athletes. "We certainly hope these gifts inspire more alumni to get involved and impact the lives of current and future Mariners here at the Academy," said Haley.



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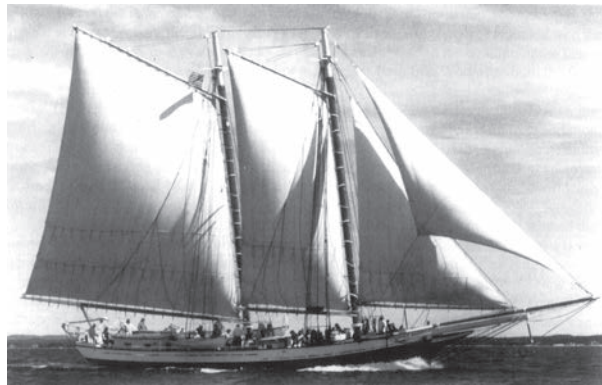
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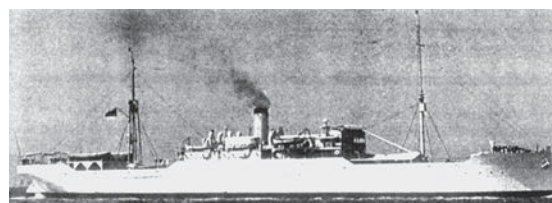
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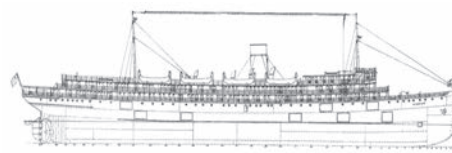
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# Training Ships of

In his chronicle *Heritage of the Sea, The Training Ships of the Maine Maritime Academy (2000)*, Capt. Walter W. Jaffee traced the lineage and uses of the academy's training vessels. This summary account draws from his work. We hope it conjures memories of life aboard the ships, what was learned from the experiences and how things have changed through the years.

For MMA, training at sea all began with **Mattie** (Ex-Grace Bailey). Launched in 1882, this 77 ft. schooner was chartered as MMA's first training vessel in spring 1942. She gave the "Solid 28" their first taste of life at sea. The schooner still cruises Penobscot Bay as part of the windjammer fleet with Camden as home port.

**American Seafarer** (Ex-Allegheny) Converted from passenger-freight to training ship, the vessel was limited by wartime conditions in the summer of 1942 to cruising Long Island Sound. German submarines lurked just beyond the horizon of the class of '43-1. Launched 1923; 368' length; 5,486 gross tons; 4-cylinder, reciprocating steam engine; 2,200 hp.

**American Pilot** (Ex-Empire State) In December 1942, MMA midshipmen found themselves lining up to board the ship with hundreds of other cadets from the maritime academies of New York and

Massachusetts. Once again the cruise lasted three months and was limited to Long Island Sound. But the MMA crew persevered and gained experience in watch-standing and deck and engineering maintenance. Launched 1919; 390' length; 7,500 tons; double reduction, steam turbine; 2,500 hp.

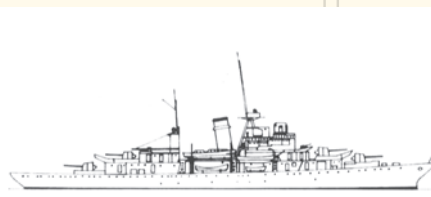
**American Seaman** (Ex-Edgemoor) Well-suited for her role as a training ship of the Maritime Service, this former freighter was used for 1945-46 training cruises that included the first international voyage for MMA cadets and three-month stints at sea. She had classrooms, machine and carpenter shops and an air-conditioned auditorium. Launched 1919; 424' length; 6,903 gross tons; steam turbine; 2,500 hp

**Yankee States** (Ex-USS Sirona) Once designated an amphibious cargo assault ship, after conversion (with the help of MMA upperclassmen) this ship





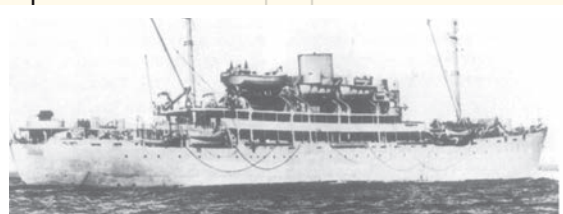
**1945-46 - American Seaman**



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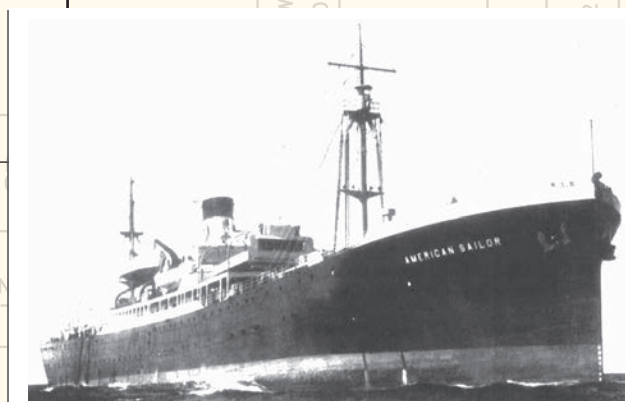


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**1947-48 - American Mariner**

# MMA



**1948-52 - American Sailor**

was shared on a 50/50 basis with Massachusetts Maritime. Ninety members of the Class of '47 boarded her that year, and she became the first MMA training ship to cross the equator, making port in Brazil. Launched 1945; 385' length; 4,087 tons displacement; two steam turbines, two electric motors driving twin propellers; 6,500 hp.

**American Mariner** (Ex-George Calvert) A Liberty Ship built as a training vessel for the Maritime Administration and shared with Massachusetts Maritime, this ship was used for MMA's eighth training cruise in the winter of 1947-48. She carried MMA midshipmen on their first transit of the Panama Canal to San Francisco and back to Castine. Launched 1941; 442' length; 7,176 gross tons; triple expansion steam engine; 2,500 hp.

**USS Charleston** This former Navy gunship had a distinguished service record before becoming Massachusetts Maritime's training ship in 1948

with MMA midshipmen sharing berths aboard from St. Petersburg, Florida to Castine. Living quarters were cramped for all, as the ship was smaller than a destroyer and perhaps not as stable with her guns removed. "We were happy to get back to Castine and off that ship," remarked Robert Bent '50. Launched 1936; 328' 6" length; 2,000 tons displacement; steam turbine; 6,200 hp.

**American Sailor** (Ex-Edgemont) Sister ship to *American Seaman*, this vessel had almost identical specifications. From 1949 to 1951, cruises on *American Sailor* included the Caribbean, east coast of South America and Bermuda. The Korean conflict created an urgent need for merchant mariners, and all of the classes of '51 and '52 were placed before graduation. Before the cruise of 1951-52, during repairs, one of the three boilers exploded and the ship was condemned. There was no cruise for 1952. Launched 1919; 423.8'; 10,000 tons; steam turbine; 2,500 hp.



**1953 - Empire State (II)**



**1954-62 - State of Maine (I)**



**1963-72 - State of Maine (II)**



**1973-1995 - State of Maine (III)**



**1996 - Patriot State**



**1997-present - State of Maine (IV)**

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**Empire State (II)** (Ex-USS *Hydrus*) After the loss of *American Sailor*, a temporary solution came from State University of New York with the offer of this ship for the cruise of 1953. She was the sister ship of *Yankee States* and served as a cargo attack vessel near the end of World War II. The cruise included ports in the Caribbean, Panama, Mexico and Texas before returning to Maine. Launched 1944; 384' 9", 6,059 gross tons; twin turboelectric motors; 6,600 hp.

**State of Maine (I)** (Ex-USS *Comfort*) MMA's first dedicated training ship arrived in Castine after a tow from storage in New York. Since funds were scarce, much work was done by MMA to get the former hospital ship ready for the cruise of 1954. There were breakdowns at sea, mostly related to water in the ship's fuel oil, but each was overcome. When the ship returned to Castine, the crew was justifiably proud. The 1955 voyage took in the Caribbean with return stops in Charleston and Portland. After extensive repairs in late 1955, the 1956 cruise visited the Caribbean again. Future cruises would include a transit of the Panama Canal and to California, followed by a visit to New Orleans. The first Transatlantic cruise came in 1961, which included Funchal, Madeira and Marseilles. By 1962, after nine training cruises, the ship's power plant was 20-years-old, along with other accumulated deterioration, it lacked space for a growing student body, and so it proved to be her last training cruise. Launched 1943; 417' 9"; 7,000 tons; two steam engines; 4,400 hp.

**State of Maine (II)** (Ex-*Ancon*) Originally designed as a passenger vessel, *Ancon* was converted to a troopship by the Army in 1942 and had a distinguished war record (five battle stars), serving in key invasions in the Mediterranean and Normandy. This venerable ship went on to serve MMA for 13 training cruises that took students as far south as Brazil and north to Finland and Denmark. During her long tenure the ship saw the college grow with the change from a three-year to four-year accreditation, more campus facilities and overall broadening of the curriculum. Although always in need of careful upkeep, she was a source of pride to the academy and attributed with having a whistle so loud she could be heard almost to

Bucksport. Launched 1938; 493.6'; 10,000 gross tons; two boilers driving two cross-compound turbines; 9,000 hp.

**State of Maine (III)** (Ex-USNS *Upshur*) While operating as a troop/dependent ship for the Military Sea Transportation Service, this ship carried thousands of troops across the globe, including evacuating U.S. dependents from Cuba during the Missile Crisis in 1962 and 34 trips of Korean service carrying more than 85,000 troops in 1969. Attributed with 23 cruises for MMA, this ship had good features for training: designed with a D-type boiler; the super heater was the same. She had air heaters instead of economizers, usually found in industrial versus marine applications. Among her nicknames was "Gray Ghost of the Maine Coast," and she was the first American training ship to visit the Soviet Union. She made her last MMA cruise in 1995, and for many who served aboard it was hard to see her go. "She just was a heavy ship, big ship, she did well in weather," said one crewman. Launched 1951; 533' 9"; 17,630 tons displacement; steam turbine; 13,750 hp.

**Patriot State** (Ex-*Santa Mercedes*) After 20 years of service running cargo and passengers mostly to and from South America, this ship was turned over to the Massachusetts Maritime Academy for training purposes and loaned to MMA for its 1996 cruise, which included New Orleans, the Caribbean, Mexico and Nova Scotia. Launched 1964; 547'; 14,440 gross tons; steam turbine; 18,000 hp.

**State of Maine (IV)** (Ex- USNS *Tanner*) Completed as a fast oceanographic research vessel, this ship had a short-lived career with the Navy but has served MMA well since 1997. As of this writing, she's bound for Ireland on her annual training cruise and going strong. The *State of Maine* is the flagship of the academy fleet, and provides an outstanding opportunity for midshipmen to get hands-on experience afloat. Ports of call have included berths from Iceland to South America and along the Atlantic and Gulf Coast to the Mediterranean. Launched 1990; 499' 10" length; 15,821 tons displacement; 6-cylinder diesel; (ABS) 8,000 bhp and an auxiliary emergency and training engine (electric), 1,200 hp.

# Training Ships of MMA

## Student-Athlete Banquet

Athletic and academic achievement recognized

By RIANA SIDELINGER, ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR



Athletic Director Steve Peed with awardees Michael Burgess, Jessica Menges, Gillian O'Neal and Christopher Gilman. Photo by Riana Sidelinger

Maine Maritime held its annual Student-Athlete Banquet in the Alfond Student Center, April 27, and among other honorees, Jessica Menges '16 from Old Forge, New York and Christopher Gilman '16 from Old Town, Maine were named Senior Scholar Athletes. Gillian O'Neal '17 of Burbank, California and Michael Burgess '17 from North Yarmouth, Maine took home MMA Athlete of the Year awards for 2015-16, and 67 students were named Scholar Athletes (3.3 GPA and higher).

### Jessica Menges | Volleyball

Female Senior Scholar Athlete of the Year Menges '16, a four-year member of the volleyball team and a two-year team captain, was named the 2015 NAC Volleyball Senior Scholar Athlete of the Year. The Marine Biology and Small Vessel Operations major carries a 3.83 grade point average, the highest of any female senior athlete at Maine Maritime, and has earned NAC All-Academic honors for two-straight years.

### Christopher Gilman | Men's Soccer

Male Senior Scholar Athlete of the Year

Gilman '16, a five-year member of the men's soccer team and a two-year team captain, was named to the 2015 NAC Men's Soccer Sportsmanship Team. The Marine Systems Engineering major boasts a 3.79 GPA and is a three-time NAC All-Academic team selection.

### Michael Burgess | Football

Male Athlete of the Year - Junior

Burgess '17, a four-year member of the football team, was named Male Athlete of the Year. Burgess made the 2015 All-New England Football Conference Defensive First Team at the defensive line and special teams utility positions. Burgess was also NEFC Special Teams Player of the Week and on November 3, received D3football.com Team of the Week honors, following a recording-breaking performance against Curry College on Senior Day. He recorded a Maine

Maritime single-game record of three blocked kicks, including a blocked punt, blocked PAT and blocked field goal to lead the Mariners to victory.

This season, Burgess registered five blocked kicks, and holds the all-time school-record with 17 career blocked kicks. At the defensive lineman position, the North Yarmouth, Maine native recorded 45 tackles this season, including a team-leading 12.5 tackles, three sacks and two fumble recoveries.

### Gillian O'Neal | Volleyball

Female Athlete of the Year - Junior

O'Neal '17, a three-year member of the women's volleyball team, was named the Female Athlete of the Year. O'Neal was also designated the 2015 North Atlantic Conference Volleyball Player of the Year and First Team All-NAC.

This season, O'Neal earned NAC player of the week honors five times and was named to the 2015 Maritime Classic All-Tournament team. She ranked first in the NAC in attacks per set (9.24), kills per set (3.72), points per set (4.39) and total kills (368). O'Neal appeared in 31 matches for the Mariners, playing in 101 sets and totaling 368 kills, 281 digs, 56 service aces and 18 assists.

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# AWARDS

and recognition

By RIANA SIDELINGER, ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

## Men's Lacrosse

### First Team All-North Atlantic Conference (NAC)

**B**roderick, Marine Transportation Operations major from Massena, New York, tallied 22 goals and 16 assists over 12 games, including 18 goals and nine assists against conference opponents. Against Johnson State, the freshman mid-fielder tallied a career and team-high six goals and four assists. Broderick scooped up 24 ground balls, caused six turnovers and recorded 76 shots, including 44 on goal for a 57.9 shot-on-goal percentage. Against conference opponents during the regular season, Broderick tallied 44 shots, including 31 on goal for an impressive 70.5 shot-on-goal percentage.



BRENDAN BRODERICK '19

Photo by Tony Llerena Photography

### NAC Sportsmanship Team

**T**eam captain, Dedian, Marine Engineering Technology major from Scarborough, Maine, led the Mariners in caused turnovers this season (26) and scored his first-career goal against Green Mountain in March. The defender dished out three assists and scooped up 53 ground balls this season. Dedian ranked fourth in the NAC with 20 caused turnovers against conference opponents.

The Sportsmanship Team designation is in recognition of those who have distinguished themselves through demonstrated acts of sportsmanship and ethical behavior.



MICHAEL DEDIAN '16

Photo by Tony Llerena Photography

## Men's Basketball

### NAC Sportsmanship Team



DYLAN PRICE '17

Photo by Tony Llerena Photography

**T**wo year team captain Price, Power Engineering Transportation major from Madison, Maine, led the team with a 55.9 field goal percentage, ranking 10th all-time MMA best field goal percentage in a single season. Price averaged 7.5 points, four rebounds and 1.9 assists per game this season and tallied a season-high 15 points on January 9 against Husson, going a perfect 7-of-7 from the floor.

## Women's Lacrosse

### NAC Sportsmanship Team



MORGAN MAXWELL '17

Photo by Tony Llerena Photography

**M**axwell, team captain and Marine Biology major from Windham, Maine, scooped up 15 ground balls this season, while causing 11 turnovers and scoring one goal.



# AWARDS

and recognition

## Women's Basketball

### Alayne Felix '19 Named Rookie of the Year

**F**elix, Power Engineering Technology major from Mahopac, New York, was named the 2016 Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III New England Women's Basketball (NEWBA) Rookie of the Year, North Atlantic Conference (NAC) Rookie of the Year and the Maine Women's Basketball Coaches Association Co-Rookie of the Year. Felix also earned First Team All-NAC honors.

As a forward she led the NAC in scoring, averaging 17.8 points per game to go along with 6.9 rebounds per game and finished the 2015-16 season shooting 51.4 percent from the floor. In conference play alone, Felix had a tremendous impact on the Mariners and the league this past season. The rookie claimed the top ranking in NAC action in points with 17 per game, while she shot 49.3 percent (113 of 229) from the floor, which resulted in a first place ranking in field goals made. Felix also finished fourth in free-throw percentage (79.2), fifth in offensive rebounds per game (2.9), and 11th in rebounds per game (6.7).

During the season, Felix was a seven-time NAC Rookie of the Week, five-time ECAC Rookie of the Week, three-time NAC Player of the Week, and a two-time NEWBA Rookie of the Week selection.



Photo by Tony Llerena Photography



BEKAH CAMPBELL '15

Photo by Tony Llerena Photography

### NAC Sportsmanship Team

**C**ampbell, team captain and International Logistics Management graduate student from Corinth, Maine, as center led the Mariners with 13 blocks this season on her way to breaking the MMA all-time record for career blocks with 173. This season, Campbell recorded 101 points and currently ranks fourth all-time in program history with a 48.3 field goal percentage, ninth all-time with 762 points, eighth all-time with 305 field goals made, and 10th all-time with 516 rebounds. Campbell also ranks first and second in most blocked shots in a single game.



# Fit for the Challenge

**Personal responsibility and a competitive attitude are winning ways for Power Engineering Technology alumnus Alex Morrison '15.**

## What do you do for work and play?

I live in Michigan (where I grew up) and work as a field service engineer for Babcock & Wilcox. My responsibilities include performing maintenance on boilers and fuel-handling equipment, inspections, as well as commissioning (start-up for) environmental conditioning equipment and boilers.

I played football in high school and at MMA, which resulted in spending a lot of time in the weight room. That led me to pursue and attain Crossfit Level 1 and USA Weightlifting coaching certifications. I compete in Crossfit as well. I have a competitive streak so the competitions keep me engaged with my fitness, and focused.

## What led you to MMA?

I was turned on to MMA by a family friend whose brother-in-law works as a nuclear control room operator and spoke highly of the school. When I visited before enrolling, I discovered I could continue playing football. That, combined with the small classes and campus size, made it a perfect fit for me.

I began my freshman year in marine biology, but some of my teammates encouraged me to sit in on a couple of engineering classes, and there I knew I had found my major.

## Who were your mentors?

I try to learn as much as I can from anyone. Coach McKenney was a huge influence. We had a tough stretch of seasons on the football team and Coach never wavered in his faith in us and in his principles. One of the most important: buckle down and do the work required to win.

Professor of Engineering Mark Coté is certainly at the top of my list. His courses were among the most beneficial in preparation for the professional world, and he also helped with my career decision-making. Another professor is Barbara Fleck. I had the privilege of tutoring and being a teaching assistant for her, and she always had something to teach me. I appreciated her teaching style and approach to class.

My close friend Joel Chadbourne is also a mentor. Joel was two years ahead of me and graduated PEO. We met during football and have been close friends ever since. He has a very no-nonsense approach to things and a valuable outlook when I ask for advice.

## What was most challenging about MMA?

My junior year; the curriculum staging is just rugged. In order to succeed, I was up many nights finishing homework until 1:30-2:00 a.m. This was on top of my responsibilities as a tutor, teaching assistant, off-season captain for the football team, and trying to secure an internship for my CO300 class for the upcoming summer. There were a lot of 5-Hour energy drinks and coffee in passing that year!

## What are the accomplishments of which you are most proud?

Graduating with honors while being a four-year varsity athlete, working part-time, being a tutor and TA, and a memory full of people I'm grateful to call my friends.



Photo Courtesy of Alex Morrison

My sense of personal responsibility grew ten-fold while I was at MMA, and mostly developed through the offseason work I did for football that determined whether or not I played the next season. If I wanted more playing time, I had to put in the work. This carried over into other aspects of life, such as group projects and my internships during summers. Personal responsibility and integrity became the staples of my life after I came to MMA.

## What sets your MMA education apart from other schools?

The education is second to none. We obtain such a specialized skill-set and knowledge that we stand out among the crowd, instantly. I work with a lot of mechanical and electrical engineers who aren't much older than me, but I'm able to explain how specific machinery works better than they can because of my practical experience in the professional world and the classroom. Being specialized in something makes you much more valuable to a company than someone who has a blanket degree where they know a little about a lot of stuff.

## What do you like best about your work now?

I learn something new every day. That's why I chose Field Service, because I have opportunities to see things happen to equipment that I would never see normally in a power plant. And I also am using my college degree for exactly what I went to school for— that's a pretty good feeling.

## What are future hopes for your career?

It's hard to say, because there are so many different areas of power generation I can get into. I'm currently working on an environmental control project, and it's really interesting. I've worked boiler inspections, boiler start-ups, as well as natural gas conversions since I graduated, and that's just a small piece of it. I'd like to eventually find a job that allows me to work as an engineer and get off the road, but that's a few years away at the moment.

## 1952



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Ted Manduca

**Bill Farrington '52** wrote a poignant tribute to fellow classmate **Theodore W. Manduca '52**, which follows in part: "Besides his Merchant Marine endeavors, I would like to concentrate on his further education and naval career. He obtained his bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and master's from the University of Oklahoma in International Economics.

"Promoted to LCDR 1962 and Division Head, Naval Officer Candidate School. Promoted CDR Operations Officer aboard the *USS Canberra* (CAG-2), operating mainly north of the DMZ disrupting North Vietnamese and Viet Cong supply routes (with her 8-inch and 5-inch guns). (In) 1968 he was diverted to Korean waters after the seizure of the *USS Pueblo* and later south to support marines in the battle of Hue (where *Canberra* fired 35,000 rounds in 31 days). From 1970-72, Manduca was Commanding Officer, *USS Aeolus* (ARC-3). And finally from 1972-75, he was Desk Officer in the National Military Command Center, Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

His medals and ribbons are outstanding (but space limits their listing). Ted completed a remarkable career as a Naval Officer. He

retired a full commander in 1977, and now lives in Old Orchard Beach, Maine.

## 1953



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Ed Bourgeois

After noting the passing of former MMA Superintendent Edward A. (Ted) Rodgers in the most recent *Mariner*, **Ed Bourgeois '53** wrote: "My first ship was with Atlantic Refining Company out of Philadelphia. After 14 years, I left ARCO for a life as a financial advisor representing American Express Financial Services (now called Ameriprise).

"One evening at my office in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, the phone rang and it was Adm. Rodgers. Talk about surprise!

"After a little small talk, he said, 'Ed, we'd like you to be the alumni secretary for the Academy.'

"Dilemma! My wife had just given birth to twin boys and I had just left a great position with ARCO. Winters in Maine?

"I was flattered beyond belief but after all the hours we spent making the ARCO decision, I had to turn the offer down.

"Of all the events that make a memorable and challenging life, that offer from MMA was one of the greatest for me. In the following years, Adm. Rodgers and I became good friends."

## 1960 & 1962



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Charles Briggs and Bob Chiarello

**Charles Briggs '60** (left) and **Bob Chiarello '62** met for lunch at the Chatham Squire Restaurant, Cape Cod. "The last time we saw each other," writes Chiarello, "was in 1962 when we took the old *State of Maine* (ex-*Comfort*) to be scrapped in Beaumont, Texas and brought the new training ship, *USS Ancon*, back from New Orleans to Castine. It was a wonderful reunion with much to catch up on."

## 1962



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Norm Laskay

**Norm Laskay '62** writes: "I continue to keep my physical and mental parts going by working part-time and some teaching. January, 2015, I started teaching a Marine Survey/Marine Asset Appraisal class to Russian appraisers at KPMG (a

corporate member of business associations) in Moscow. In September, I conducted a talk at an appraisers conference in Las Vegas, then immediately on to Tokyo. In November, I taught an appraisal class in Galveston.

"This year is, thankfully, quiet with just a class scheduled for Norfolk in October. There is talk of going to Moscow for Ernst & Young and a return to Australia. Much of the banking and finance world knows little about the marine industry, and I'm glad I have been able to raise, somewhat, their level of understanding."

## 1964



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Bob Munchback

At the **Class of '64** Mini Muster luncheon held in Portland, Maine at DiMillo's on the Water on May 20, 2016, **Bob Munchback '64**, shared a few words with the group. The event was well attended and enjoyed by the class as well as alumni from the **classes of 1957 and 1960** from the New England area. Munchback spent a career with the Panama Canal Co. as head of Maintenance Engineering. Now retired, he lives in Cocoa Beach, Florida for the winters and in Port Clyde, Maine during the summer, but still works in engineering, as he maintains all the boats for Captain Bristol at Mohegan Boat Line.



## 1968

**Raymond Champine '68** writes: "Big surprise! In August, 2015, **Ed O'Brien '68** and his lovely wife Diane cruised their boat into Old Lyme Harbor, Connecticut. An excellent dinner was shared by all. Much thanks to Diane! I had not seen Ed or Diane since my wedding day. Both looked great. From Old Lyme they went to New York to visit their son and his family, then cruised down to Florida for several month's vacation."

## 1986

The **Class of 1986** looks forward to returning to Castine this fall to celebrate their 30th reunion and Maine Maritime Academy's 75th anniversary. In advance of these milestones, we are raising money for Regimental Scholarships and the new ABS building. Currently we have \$75,000 donated towards our goal of \$100,000. If you have not already donated, please visit the link below or contact **Tim Winters**, **Shawn Longfellow** or **David Knapp** for more details. <https://21645.thankyou4caring.org/donatenow>

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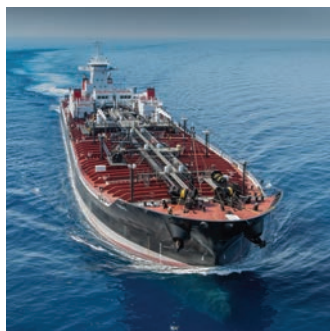
## 1991



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Bivens and wife Amy

**Hank Bivins '91** who is Port Manager, Galveston, Texas for Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics, sent a note with the interesting coincidence that he received his bachelor's degree in Marine Transportation the year of MMA's 50th anniversary and his master's in International Logistics Management this year, which happens to be MMA's 75th anniversary. (Hank, we expect the Ph.D. to coincide with the 100th! —Ed.s)

## 1991, 2010 & 2014



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All-MMA engineering crew aboard Legend

Aboard one of the newest and largest of Crowley Marine's Articulated Tug Barges, *Legend*, is an all-MMA engineering crew, (above: from left to right) 3rd Mate, **Sam Hall '14**; 3rd Assistant Engineer, **Ryan Armstrong '14**; Chief Engineer, **Steve Woodard '91**; 2nd Assistant Engineer, **Jacob Ward '14 E**; 1st Assistant Engineer, **Josh de Vos '10**.

## 1993



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Pellegrino and Amaro

**Capt. Steve Pellegrino '93** writes: "My family and I went on a Disney cruise this past April and the ship's second port of call was St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. While there, I visited with fellow classmate **John Amaro '93** who is a St. Thomas Pilot. Unfortunately, he was off duty so he didn't bring the ship in, but it was great meeting up with him at the local watering hole. I hadn't seen John Amaro since graduation, but thanks to Facebook, I was able to connect and see him in St. Thomas. Currently, I'm sailing as Mooring Master with AET Inc. out of Houston, Texas with whom I've worked for about 10 years."

## 2012



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Photo courtesy of the University of Illinois

**Kayley Rodriguez '12** graduated from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

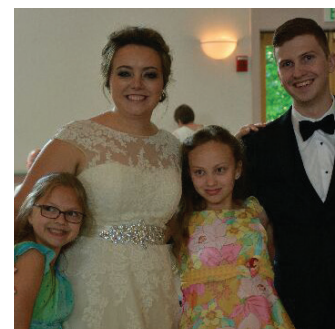
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degree on May 13. Rodriguez was educated under an innovative veterinary curriculum pioneered at Illinois, focused on integrating the clinical skills and basic sciences relevant to veterinary practice throughout the four-year doctoral degree program. She earned her MMA bachelor's degree in Marine Biology.

## 2016



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The couple with his cousins, Jessie & Emily

**Ben Stevens '16** and Andrea Ruby, who met while working in the kitchen of the Islesford Dock Restaurant in 2013, were married on May 28, in Baltimore, Maryland. Andrea recently graduated from Duke University. The couple will live in Durham, North Carolina when she starts teaching high school this fall. Ben plans to seek work on the Great Lakes.

## PREPPING THE USNS *LEWIS B. PULLER* (T-ESB 3)

A mate's tale as the Navy's first Expeditionary Mobile Base readies for duty with MMA alumni in key roles.

By CHIEF MATE T. BRYAN STOOTS '10

It is pretty common to have at least one other MMA alumni on ships with the Military Sea Lift Command (MSC), but I would defiantly say it is rare to have four!

**Matt Stein '09** and **Dan Kolenik '11** had worked together on other MSC ships. I joined the crew of *Puller* in December. National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO) Project Engineer **Jackson Mohr's '11** role at the shipyard has been in the design change effort to transform *Puller* from an Expeditionary Transfer Dock support vessel (ESD) to being the Navy's first Expeditionary Mobile Base (ESB) in the Mobile Landing Platform (MLP) program. We are all pretty close MMA classes, so we knew each other and were friends at school as well.

In my role, I supervise all deck operations and make sure the ship is run safely. We are currently in our post-shipyard guarantee period in which we are testing the capabilities of the ship.

The ESB variant is designed around four core capabilities: aviation, berthing, equipment staging area, and command and control. ESBs will primarily support Aviation Mine Countermeasure, Marine Corps Expeditionary Operations and Special Operations Force Missions. *Puller* is crewed by a team of MSC civilian mariners and military crew members. Together they will operate and maintain a large flight deck and hangar, reconfigurable mission deck, berthing and messing accommodations, and command and control to support embarked force mission planning and execution.

After undergoing sea trials in January, we are currently in Norfolk, Virginia supporting Post Delivery Operational Testing. We will be completing a Post Delivery Shipyard period this fall in which we backfit the ship to support Special Operation Forces. Once this is complete, we will do more testing and then deploy to the 5th Fleet Area of Responsibility.

When I was at MMA, I never thought I would be on such a unique vessel. Joining MSC shortly after graduation, I assumed all their missions included some form of Underway Replenishment. In the past six years, besides hundreds of UNREP's, I have towed multiple submarines from Kittery, Maine through the Panama Canal, towed decommissioned frigates up and down the East Coast, worked with the Navy's Marine Mammal Program searching for and recovering training mines, recovered downed aircraft, supported humanitarian missions and many other exciting operations.

I have gone through the ranks in MSC fairly quickly. During my studies at MMA, I was in the Tug and Barge program, and worked summers and winters to get sea time towards my Towing Endorsement. (MSC was knocking at my door once they heard I had a completed Towing Endorsement.)

At first, I was nervous I would be stuck on a tug my whole career, but it has been much the opposite. I started as Third Mate on an ammo ship, forward deployed in Japan. I went to an UNREP tanker next in the Persian Gulf. Then headed to the West Coast tug fleet with a lot of time in San Diego. After obtaining my second mate's license, I was promoted and sailed as a cargo mate on a tanker. I was then recommended for a chief mate job in the East Coast tug fleet. A year-and-a-half later, I joined the JHSV (Joint High Speed Vessel) program, but after type rating on the high speed vessels, there were no assignments available, so the office sent me to the *Puller*. I have been here during a challenging time and plan on staying for a while!



(Left to right) Chief Mate Bryan Stoots '10, NASSCO Project Engineer Jackson Mohr '11, 1st A/E Dan Kolenik '11, Chief Engineer Matt Stein '09, missing from photo is Chief Engineer David Every '00



Photo courtesy NASSCO





## ALUMNI SUPPORT FOR CRUISE

### Greetings Shipmates,

**T**S *State of Maine* is well into the training cruise as I write this, and as I walked the decks this morning pondering what to report to you, I was struck by the realization that most people have no idea how much alumni do in support of these most valuable training voyages. So, I would like to take this opportunity to illustrate the unique ways they have found to give back to MMA and shape the lives of our future Mariners.

When Savannah, Georgia was unable to guarantee a berth for us, we contacted **Jay**

**Stewart '00** in Charleston, South Carolina to see if we might pay a visit. Jay immediately started coordinating services, and while providing us pilotage, he also managed to secure tugs, lines and dockage—all gratis. As if this wasn't enough, he immediately started lobbying for us to return next year when we will have two South Carolina midshipmen aboard.

While we were enjoying Charleston courtesy of Jay, I received phone calls from **David Knapp '86** and **Eric Smith '86** in Tampa. They were looking to determine what we needed prior to our arrival in their town. After three phone conversations and about 200 emails, the duo had secured pilotage, tugs, lines and a discounted dockage fee. On top of this, David was able to obtain 50 tickets to the baseball game where it was expected that our students would get to see the Rays beat up on the dreaded Yankees. Unfortunately, the Rays were not as capable as our alumni in delivering the goods. Nevertheless, our midshipmen were able to take advantage of the hospitality of Tampa and had their first taste of real Cuban sandwiches.

We also sent a group of our students to meet with two high school magnet programs focused on the maritime industries. Six midshipmen provided hour-long question and answer periods at each school and then tours of the ship to students and parents over the weekend. There can be no

better way to recruit future mariners than to let our midshipmen show them what they do. And our men and women did just that.

As we ply our way to Galveston now, **Wendy Morrison '85** is preparing to come out and meet us as our pilot, and has worked with the staff at Texas A&M to coordinate services much like the two previous ports. While the financial services provided by the effort of these alumni amount to more than \$30,000, what is even more valuable is their interaction with our students in port. When the midshipmen witness the pride of our alumni in the traditions of hard work and excellence that the students are carrying on, that pride shows in all they do.

I would be remiss in speaking about alumni interaction if I did not point out the massive alumni effort put forth in operating this training ship, from Capt. **Les Eadie '76** to new licensed officers like **Sean O'Connor '16** and **Mikayla Cowette '16**. As part of the permanent crew and training officers, we have no fewer than 20 alumni taking part in the training of the next generation, standing watch with them, instructing in the classroom and overseeing their maintenance of the ship.

As we celebrate the 75th year of MMA, I hope to see you all come home to touch base with the next generation. They are hungry for your knowledge, wisdom and most important, your sea stories, as they start creating their own.

Until next time,

Capt. Nathan Gandy '92

## Congratulations Maine Maritime Academy Class of 2016!



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### Casco Bay Chapter

The mission of the Casco Bay Chapter is to bring graduates and their families together for fellowship, professional networking and to raise scholarship funds for MMA students. To that end, the past 6 months have been very busy. In December, **David Moore '09**, organized a very successful holiday event at Ri

Ra's in Portland's Old Port district with appetizers, cash bar and commemorative pint glasses available for sale. The proceeds from the pint glasses went to scholarships and the El Faro Memorial fund. Dave estimates we had some 100 graduates and guests. Thanks, Dave for all your hard work.

Also in December, the chapter hosted a formal holiday event at the Rusty Scupper on the U.S. Coast Guard base in South Portland. The Coast Guard put on an excellent dinner and an auction was held to raise money for scholarships and the El Faro fund. Special thanks to **Ernie Goodwin '61** for coordinating with the Coast Guard to make this event a success.

In March, we held our annual Marine Flea Market at the Maine Boatbuilder's show at the Portland Company Complex. This is our biggest fundraiser. Items were donated to the chapter by boatyards and individuals from across New England, and resulted in nearly \$10,000 raised. This year, in addition to the scholarship fund, a portion of the proceeds went to the El Faro fund. We'd like to thank **Earle Cianchette '77** for providing us with a Cianbro shipping container to hold all of our donated items prior to the show, as well as the owners of Portland Yacht Services, Phin and Joanna Sprague, for once again allotting us space at the show at no cost. If not for their generosity, the Marine Flea Market would not be possible.

In 2016, the chapter has awarded scholarships of \$2000 each to:

**Shawn Shannon '16**, Graduation Award

**James Wetzel '16**, Regimental Award

**Alice Stenquist '16**, Senior Banquet Award

Congratulations to these graduates and best of luck in your future endeavors. We hope you'll come visit us from time to time. For information on how to apply for these scholarships, contact **Omar Chaar '09** at [Chaaro@sms-inc.net](mailto:Chaaro@sms-inc.net).

In addition to our fundraising efforts, the Casco Bay Chapter holds monthly meetings on the third Thursday of each month at the Rusty Scupper on the Coast Guard base in South Portland. As part of our monthly gatherings we often invite guest speakers. We'd like to offer a special thanks to our coordinator **David Fenderson '56** who has done a terrific job securing excellent and very interesting speakers for us.

Finally, the Casco Bay Chapter hosted a summer gathering, June 30, at Rivalries Pub & Grill in Portland's Old Port.

### Bangor Sea Dogs Chapter

This venerable chapter is going through a reformation. New officers include: **John Burns III '85** who is taking the helm as President; **Ryan Armstrong '14**, Vice President; **Joe Connors '86**, Treasurer; and **Matt McLaughlin '95**, Clerk.

### Delaware Valley Chapter

Chapter members enjoyed the April 6 Vessel Owners' and Captains' Association dinner in Philadelphia. (From left to right) **Ken Peterson '80**, **Lukas Sunkler '09**, **Tom Lord '87**, **John Gazzola '82**, **Eric Smith '88**.





## Florida Chapter

The *TS State of Maine* returned to the Port of Tampa, May 26-30, during her annual 90-day training cruise. Thanks to the Florida Alumni Chapter and the Tampa Bay Propeller Club membership (providing in-kind services), the port visit was well organized and proved to be a tremendous success. In return, the training ship and the MMA Alumni Association hosted a reception, attended by more than 100 local MMA alumni, Propeller Club members, the Tampa Port Authority leadership, local high school teachers and administrators, and

the ship's complement.

During the Port of Tampa visit, the Regiment and the Commandant **Nathan Gandy '92**, visited two local maritime high schools to discuss the *TS State of Maine*, MMA, and opportunities within the maritime industry. Many of the students and their parents visited the ship the next day for a tour and to get a first-hand look at life aboard.

The Florida Alumni Chapter would like to thank **Eric Smith '88** and **David Knapp '86** for their efforts in coordinating the logistics of this Port of Tampa visit.

## Northern California Chapter

Director of Alumni Relations, Jeff Wright, checked in with the members of the Northern California Chapter on April 30 for dinner at Buon Gusto in San Francisco. (From left to right) **Mike Chambers '80**, **David Lipsky '79**, Cheryl Lipsky, **Capt. Charles Viebrock '64**, Maureen Bitoff, **Adm. John Bitoff '58**, Rebecca Viebrock, Elizabeth Chambers and Jeff. The chapter tries to get together a couple of times a year and encourages all alumni in the area to participate. Contact Mike Chambers at mcham31153@aol.com.



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### Send Your Info for the New Alumni Directory

Maine Maritime Academy has chosen Harris Connect to produce a 75th Anniversary edition of the Alumni Directory. The last edition was published in 2010. To assist us in creating the most complete and accurate directory, please respond to a Harris Connect postcard and/or email request as soon as you can. This is a free service and no purchase is necessary. We are targeting a release date of January, 2017.

#### Puget Sound Chapter

**P**uget Sound Chapter has been in touch with Alumni Relations just recently and is planning a gathering.

The date for the gathering is Friday, October 21. The location and time is to be announced and forwarded to Seattle area alumni as soon as details become finalized.

Thanks to Capt. **Dave Melin '84** for initiating discussions on reactivating the Puget Sound Chapter.

#### Southern California Chapter

**J**eff Wright, Director of Alumni Relations, visited with members of the Southern California Chapter on April 26 in San Diego. The evening included a happy hour reception, followed by dinner overlooking beautiful San Diego bay. The visit was a great opportunity to meet Jeff and learn about his new role and recent activities at MMA. It was Jeff's first visit to San Diego as he begins reaching out to meet

alumni in all of the various chapters. The visit was well received and the dialog flowed as various memories, sea stories and questions about current academy activities were discussed. The SoCal Chapter extends a hearty "Welcome Aboard" to Jeff in his new role, and he is welcome anytime for another visit. San Diego extended its Downeast hospitality by inviting other maritime academy alumni in the area to its 37th annual Lobster Fest on July 16.



Thom Carey '08 and Peter Betti '10 enjoying gathering in San Diego

#### Tidewater Chapter

**A**lumni, family and friends from the chapter recently gathered at the home of **Chip '88** and Michelle **Callan** for an afternoon of Virginia BBQ and camaraderie. All the attendees thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, conversation and reflection on times spent in Castine and the professional paths each has taken.

Class representation was '43-2 all the way up to 1995. **Rod Nelson**

was the senior statesmen representing '43-2 with **Ben Strickland** representing the class of '95. Ben's son Brian also joined us; he was home from Cal Maritime before heading out on his 1/C cruise. **Mark Harvey '82** brought Maine fiddleheads for all to enjoy, which he supposedly prepared all by himself. **Pete Nixon '55** kept the younger generations entertained with tales of his travels while remarking how long it had been since he last enjoyed fiddleheads. **George Wade '65** was able to make the afternoon before heading to Maine. The 80s were well represented by **Jeff Fitzpatrick**, **Dan Poulin** and **Craig Moffatt**, all class of '83, **Darryl Hager '85**, **Fred Turgeon '87**, **Tracy Burke '88** and **Chris Parker '89**. **Dave Brown '91** kept the fire pit burning. Even after a late evening, Rod Nelson was up and ready for a morning aboard the Liberty Ship *John Brown*, which was in port and held a local cruise he joined. The last time Rod departed on this class of ship was February 26, 1946 "the true date from my continuous discharge book," he remarked. The evening wouldn't have been a success without the spouses, significant others and children who also attended and kept their alumni in check. The Tidewater Chapter is active throughout the year with many different gatherings and always looking to grow participation at events.



Tidewater Chapter members at recent gathering with many MMA classes represented.



## 3 E'S FOR A SUCCESSFUL MMA ALUMNI SOCIAL GATHERING



(Front row, left to right) Jim Proulx '85, John Gillis '72, Maynard Russell '71, Brad Thibodeau '66, Roger Arsenault '71, Scott Alley '90, Owen White, MMA prospect. (rear row, left to right) Pete Longely '71, Ed Rosenberg '72, (hidden behind Russell) Mike Savasuk '74, Ned Bulmer '66, Dave Bobbe '78, Mike Daigle '86, Jake Bracy '14. Not in photo: Norm Charleston '69.

**E**d Rosenberg '72 writes: Have you wondered where one of your classmates is today, only to discover he or she has been living in the next town over from you every summer for the past 10 years? Have you gone to a party where you're introduced to another more recent MMA grad who tells you about three other MMA grads you didn't know and are also living in your hometown of less than 800 people? They are still going to sea, but live in the mountains of western Maine because they love to ski.

Instantly you have three things in common: MMA alumni, living in the mountains and love to ski. So how do you get them all together? The key to any successful event is to make it Easy, Effortless and Enjoyable for everyone.

In order to help organize our Annual Blackwater Ski Resort Gathering, March 4, I enlisted support of classmates **John Gills '72** and **Roger Arsenault '71** to help with planning. Roger, co-owner of Community Energy in Rumford, Maine, and a life-long supporter of Black Mountain ski area, offered to coordinate the date with the mountain and sponsor the food and

live entertainment for the après ski party at the end of the day of skiing, making it Enjoyable and fun. John, who is on the MMA Alumni Association board, provided coordination with the alumni office to acquire alumni email addresses and support in getting the word out through the alumni office.

Getting out the word is the biggest challenge, as many alumni have changed their email addresses and not kept the alumni office up to date. (Please update your email address at [alumni@mma.edu](mailto:alumni@mma.edu) to be on our invitation list and receive other alumni news.)

Having the event at Black Mountain, which has the fourth-tallest ski area in Maine, on a Friday made it very affordable for an all-day lift ticket. Most alumni brought their spouses, which added to the sociability of the après ski party. Seeing the camaraderie come to life was rewarding.

What all MMA alumni have in common, whether we graduated 50 years ago or recently, is that we all spent our "wonder years" in Castine, and this transcends any difference in age.

I brought my grandson, who is beginning to

think about college. I wanted him to experience the special camaraderie when MMA alumni come together, which is unlike any other college. He fit right in, and everyone made him feel welcomed.

It was pleasing to watch two classmates see each other for the first time since graduation 50 years ago – like no time had gone by. All they could talk about was, "do you remember...when, who, what, why?" Most gratifying was connecting with alumni who have never been back to Castine after they graduated, but came back to the MMA Winter Gathering for the second year in a row and shared email addresses of other MMA alumni who were not on the e-mail invitation list.

If you know other alumni living in western Maine, or if you have children or grandchildren who have an interest in MMA, bring them along to next year's Gathering. It will be held March 10, 2017, in order to include current MMA students from the area who will be on spring break, so they can experience and connect with MMA alumni. Come join us for a great day of skiing or just the après ski party.



## William B. Bailey '50

died March 28, 2015. Upon graduation from MMA, he joined the Air Force, was commissioned an officer and found his true love – flying. Among his flying accomplishments were breaking the sound barrier and serving in the Korean and

Vietnam wars as a fighter pilot, flying more than 200 missions, 134 of them in an F-100. Bailey was a proud member of the Red River Rats and Black Sheep squadrons. Among his many medals and recognitions were the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, and Meritorious Service Medal. Both the United States and Mexico recognized him for his organization of the air lift missions to south Texas and Mexico after Hurricane Beulah. Bailey was also an honorary member of the Thai Royal Air force.

Bailey retired from the Air force in 1970 as a major and began working in real estate, personnel and safety management, and manufacturing. He retired for the second and final time from IBM in 1992.

Bailey loved getting a good laugh from playing jokes and telling stories. He taught his children the essential life skills of cheating at poker, playing pool and singing bad songs. His world travels took him to Japan, Thailand, England, Greece, Vietnam, Turkey, Denmark, and many other places – always looking for adventure and making friends. Bailey was an amazing man, as a pilot, father and husband. He showed great courage and heroism in service to his country and throughout his life.

## Jerden A. Bishop '60

died April 6 in Waterford, Maine. After graduating from MMA, he served in the merchant marine service and later worked for CL&P, Montville station, retiring as station superintendent in 1994. Bishop loved tinkering, the outdoors (hiking, camping, boating), traveling with his wife (49 states and several countries) and spending time with his family. He was a Boy Scout leader for more than two decades, built his own furniture and boats and spent many happy years working on his cabin in Maine.

## Charles Lawrence Brown Jr. '67

died June 12, 2016 at his home on St Simons Islands, Georgia, surrounded by his wife Jackie and daughters. After graduation Brown shipped with American Isbrandsten Lines and then with Gulf Oil, coming ashore in 1971 to work at Stone & Webster in Boston. In 1975 he returned to Maine and worked for EC Jordan Engineering, living in Yarmouth with his family. He was a longtime member of the Portland Yacht Club and served as its Commodore. He and the family cruised the coast of Maine every summer with Castine always being a must stop port. In 2010 he and Jackie moved to Georgia where he worked as a consultant engineer for Cape Design Engineering. At the time of his passing he was supervising a project at the Kingsland, Georgia nuclear submarine base.

Brown gave 100 percent in every aspect of his life and would drop whatever he was doing to help others, a kind, honest and loyal friend to all who were fortunate enough to know him. Among his survivors are several connected to MMA, including daughter **Holly Brown Bragdon '95** (son-in-law **John '96**) and grandchild Cameron Skilling '20.

## Richard Dale Counter '62

died October 31, 2015. He graduated from New Mexico Military Institute and then Maine Maritime Academy serving his class as Executive Officer of the Class of '62. He achieved Chief Engineer Steam and Diesel at age 27. After many years at sea, he moved to South Florida and purchased a large apartment complex, which had enough dock space to accommodate *Ynez*, his 110' Baltic schooner with 3700 sq.ft. of sail built in 1916.

Counter was well known in the industrial marine community with many years with Tracor Marine, General Offshore and others worldwide. An extraordinarily innovative man, his specialist resume spanned a bevy of titles: ship husbandry specialist, salvage master, military and private undersea cable installations, invented and built one of the first hydraulic cable plows, millwright on many bascule bridges, and rebuilt the gantry cranes in the port of Miami. In addition, he was an accomplished economist, historian of the Civil and both World Wars, and a lover of steam trains both large and small. He was truly an officer and a gentleman with a spirit of profound love for those close to him.

—submitted by **Bob Chiarello '62**



## Thomas C. Dever '77

died April 2 in Danvers, Massachusetts. After graduating from MMA, Dever received his master's in Business Administration from Northeastern University in 1991. He went on to become President and CEO of Hayes Pump Inc. in West Concord, Massachusetts for more than 22 years before he retired.

While at Maine Maritime, Dever was captain and quarterback of the football team and was later recognized by the academy for his success and contributions to the school and the community he lived in when his name was placed on the distinguished, MMA Wall of Honor.

## Vincent L. Devlin '73

died August 17 in Hollywood, Florida. At MMA, he received a bachelor's degree in Marine Engineering, graduating at the top of his class. He then worked as an engineer for various shipping companies, both domestically and abroad. He started his career working on ships navigating the Great Lakes and later to all the world's oceans. Devlin was the first engineer in his graduating class to attain the distinction of Chief Engineer. Additionally, he was the youngest mariner in the country to achieve and hold both Diesel and Steam Engineering licenses simultaneously. He worked for Point Shipping Corporation as Chief Engineer, and for the last 20 years he was Chief Engineer for TYCO Electronics on the ship CS Responder. He was a longtime member of the American Marine Officers Union. After a long and distinguished maritime career of more than 40 years, Devlin retired to Florida in 2012. He enjoyed surfing, traveling the world, hiking, his dogs, sailing, and spending time with family and friends.

## Richard L. Egli '52

died May 2 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Egli obtained a bachelor's degree in Marine Engineer-



ing from MMA, then served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, Atlantic Fleet, during the Korean War. He later obtained a bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering from Farleigh Dickinson University, New Jersey. Thereafter, Richard was employed as an engineer with the U.S. Department of Energy where he retired in 1994 as Assistant Manager for Energy, Research and Development with more than 35 years of government service. He enjoyed his work and then 21 years of retirement.

### Patrick W. Fulton '59

died March 31 in Civitavecchia, Italy. Fulton graduated from MMA in the same class as his brother Mike. He served seven years in the U.S. Merchant Marine, and then continued his engineering career with General Electric, working at the U.S. Navy Nuclear Reactor Facility in Idaho Falls. This ultimately brought him back home to San Diego where he served as Vice President for Performance Contracting Inc., a leading insulation firm. Fulton contributed to the construction of numerous U.S. Navy and commercial vessels at NASSCO. He found this work enormously gratifying and continued as a consultant into his last years.

### John J. Gabriel '66



died March 19 in Green Valley, Arizona. He spent his career as a merchant marine, working his way up to Chief Engineer, traveling the world including

all seven continents, until his retirement in 1997.

While residing in Cape Elizabeth, Maine with this family, he was a lobsterman in Casco Bay, enjoying his involvement with the local fishing community. He later moved to Tennessee where he owned a horse auction/stable until settling in Arizona in 2005.

Gabriel will be remembered for his stories, good humor and willingness to try new things. He loved football, and his hobbies included hunting, fishing, horseback riding, and a multitude of projects. When he moved to Arizona, he enjoyed living on his ranch, caring for his animals, working with cattle and even being a parade grand marshal for a number of years. He was definitely one of a kind, according to classmates.

### Robert W. Gilman Jr. '87

died March 18 in Houston, Texas. Upon graduating from MMA, Gilman became the first member of his family to complete college. Gilman spent the next five years as a merchant marine traveling the world; and visited more than 100 countries in his personal and professional life.

While Gilman had lived on several different continents, his heart was always in Maine. In 1996, he purchased 100 (eventually 350) acres of land and built a cabin with an incredible view of Mt. Katahdin. He was an avid outdoorsman, hunting and fishing in the shadows of Katahdin.

In 1992, Gilman joined the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) as an engineer in London, which led to a successful 24-year career with the company. He gained field experience through survey assignments in Europe and as a senior surveyor in Korea. Beginning in 1998, he held a series of increasingly senior managerial positions within ABS and its affiliated companies. These included executive assistant to the president of the ABS Pacific Division in Singapore, director of business planning and analysis with ABS Group, president of ABS Quality Evaluations, senior vice president of ABS Consulting, regional vice president for ABS North America, regional vice president for ABS Europe and senior vice president for ABS Europe, vice president of global operations, president and COO for the Americas Division of ABS, and senior vice president of technical inspections and verification services for ABS Group of Companies.

In addition to his MMA marine engineering degree, Gilman obtained a master's in Business Administration from Rutgers University and completed the advanced management program at Harvard Business School. He was also a Coast Guard licensed First Assistant Engineer and member of several maritime organizations.

### Chester I. Hopkins III '62

died March 10 in Portland, Maine. Upon graduation from MMA, he went to work and sailed for American Export Lines where he spent 17 years, moving from sea to shore in locations including France, Belgium, Germany, Italy and England. From 1979 to 2005, he worked for several different shipping companies before retiring as Vice President of Operations for the French shipping line CMA-CGM Maritime. He retired in 2005, and with his wife Catherine, moved to Damariscotta where he volunteered at the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath for 10 years, and was an active member of St. Patrick's Church in

Newcastle. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and a former Grand Knight.

### Parker S. Laite Sr. '54

died June 6 in Camden, Maine, recognized as one of the community's most active civic leaders. Ten days after his graduation from Maine Maritime, Parker signed on as a merchant marine and served as a junior third mate on the SS *Steel Architect* for Isthmian Lines Steamship Company, owned by U.S. Steel, and then also with Farrell Lines and American Export Lines. He served two years active duty in the Navy and as a lieutenant, 10 years reserved duty. In 1961, Laite embarked on a career with Marine Colloids Inc. in Rockland (later owned by FMC Corp.) For 30 years, as international buyer for the company's raw product, seaweed, he traveled the world making many friends in all corners of the globe. In 1972, he established Laite Construction Inc., and from 1998-2007, was one of the owners of Wayfarer Marine Inc. Both in construction and the boat business, Laite strived to keep local people employed with year-round jobs in Camden.

He served in many capacities of community leadership, including the Camden Board of Selectmen, the town's Planning Board, as well as Land Use and Comprehensive Plan, Post Office, Harbor, and Town Charter committees and Camden Public Library Board of Trustees. He also helped formed Maine School Administrative District 28 and was involved in many school construction projects. In 1993, he directed the restoration of the Camden Amphitheater and was chairman of the building committee that managed the Camden library's underground Centennial Wing in 1996.

He was a trustee of the Pascal Fund, served on the Camden Cemetery Association, Veterans' Honor Roll Committee and was a trustee and president of the Camden Area History Center. He was a trustee of Pen Bay Medical Center and chairman of the building committee, as well as the Camden Health Care Center and chairman of that building project. He was a 61-year member of Masonic Amity Lodge #6.

### Leonard D. Madden '43

died August 17 in Ossipee, New Hampshire. After graduating from MMA, Madden joined the maritime services as a lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve and sailed to ports around the world. After the war ended, Madden continued with the American President Lines as a chief officer. He later became Terminal Superintendent for the

Stevedoring Company in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and then went on to work for CITGO as public relations manager. He held licenses as an apprentice and Master Coast Pilot and was a member of the Master Coast Pilots of America.

## George G. Martin Jr. '50

died March 14. After graduating from MMA, Martin served in the Navy as an ensign, then Lieutenant (junior grade) on several mine-sweepers during the Korean War. After leaving the Navy, Martin worked in Atlanta, Georgia as a mortgage banker and real estate broker, and started his company Guardian Mortgage Corporation. In 1985, he retired and moved to Martha's Vineyard where he was able to enjoy his love of sailing. Martin had many interests, including Kiwanis International, in which he was the Georgia governor, 1980-81; the Masons, in which he served as Massachusetts district deputy to the grand master, 1990-91, and the Boys and Girls Club in Atlanta and Martha's Vineyard. He was a member of the board of directors for the Edgartown National Bank. Martin was a member of New Covenant United Methodist Church, The Villages, Florida where he served in many capacities.

## Peter Martin '66

died February 19 in Kannapolis, North Carolina. He was born in Ellsworth, Maine, and worked for Maersk Line Limited as a port engineer. He was recalled by one classmate as a "good shipmate, good engineer, and a great auto mechanic." He loved to tell tales of his involvement at the unsanctioned drag-strip in East Sullivan, Maine.

## Dr. Douglas W. McKay '47

died May 26 in Milbridge, Maine. McKay graduated from MMA, University of Maine and Tufts Medical School. As a Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon, he had a distinguished career serving as Chief Surgeon of Carrie Tingley Hospital for Children in New Mexico, 1961-67, Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children, Shreveport, Louisiana, 1969-72, and Chairman of Orthopedics, Children's Hospital, Washington, DC, 1972-88. He was acting department chair and professor at numerous prestigious universities and served as a certifying examiner in charge of Pediatrics for the American Board of Orthopedic Surgeons. McKay

was a founder of the Pediatric Orthopedic Society of North America, and President of the Louisiana Orthopedic Society, the Washington, D.C. Orthopedic Society, and the Pediatric Orthopedic Society, while maintaining a general orthopedics private practice, 1988-2003. He was a member of the American Orthopedic Association and recognized as a world leader in the treatment and correction of childhood deformities including clubfoot and scoliosis.

## Fred J. Merrill '43-2

died April 2 in Saco, Maine. After graduation from MMA, he served in the Navy as a lieutenant and was an engineer aboard a refueling ship during the Pacific Campaign in World War II. Upon his return, he worked for Central Maine Power Company before joining his brother, Paul, at PJ Merrill Seafood where he worked until his retirement in 1985. He then obtained a real estate license and worked as a property manager at Pine Point Vista in Old Orchard Beach.

In retirement, Merrill was active in the community and regardless of where he ended up on any given day, he made friends with neighbors and strangers alike. To his death, he would ask about the many people who he had met and befriended. He brought with him a positive attitude, responding to other's achievements with, "Isn't that great!" or "Oh boy!" Merrill had a passion for flower arranging. He volunteered more than 2,000 hours as a flower arranger at the Mercy Hospital Gift Shop. He was also a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.

## William M. Mihalic '45

died April 3 in Spokane, Washington, exactly two months after the passing of his wife of 69 years, Eleanore Marie Mihalic. His first years of education were in a one-room schoolhouse in Pennsylvania. Mihalic's first job was delivering newspapers. In a foreshadowing of his future career in labor relations, he led his fellow newsboys in a strike for a 1/8-cent increase per paper, resulting in a day in jail. As a teenager, Mihalic was a talented amateur boxer. One of the highlights was sparring with the world welterweight champion, Fritz Zivic. After high school, he worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) until he was old enough to join National Electric as a machinist's apprentice. This program required 8,000 hours over three-and-a-half years.

While there, he earned the trust and respect of his co-workers who elected him president of the IBEW local.

After graduation from MMA, he was commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Navy and served aboard the USS *Doyen* (APA-1), assisting personnel transport in the WWII Pacific Theater. According to his son Bill, one of Mihalic's thrills in recent years was participation in an Inland Northwest Honor Flight to visit the war memorials in Washington, D.C.

## John M. Moscone Sr. '72

died June 13 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Moscone made his living as a talented salesman and entrepreneur, holding various patents for inventions he created. He also possessed a knack for woodworking, specializing in children's toys and furniture under the name Wicked Decent Woodworking, and was also an accomplished writer and cartoonist. Moscone was described by those who knew him as adventurous, entertaining and lovable. He was always thoughtful, putting the needs of others in front of his own. He loved to laugh, play pool, ride his motorcycle and was frequently the life of the party, regaling gatherings with his many stories.

## J. Scott Powell '82

died May 19, while working on the SS *Alpena* in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. Powell graduated from MMA with a degree in Nautical Science and continued his education at Southern Maine Community College where he enrolled in an accelerated marine engineering program. His career as a merchant seaman took him all over the world, but the place he most wanted to be was in Maine with his family. Powell's greatest joy was being with his family. He also enjoyed hunting, skiing, snowmobiling and any other activity that took him outside.

## Horace "Hod" A. Record '43-1

died March 10 in Portland, Maine. He was a member of the first class known as the "Solid 28," graduated with distinction and was awarded Highest Honors from Governor Sumner Sewall and Adm. Douglas E. Dismukes. Record became an officer in the Merchant Marines and served until March, 1946. He sailed many trips during the war to overseas ports and recalled seeing the



armada of ships preparing for D-day invasion near London in 1944.

In 1946, Record decided to go back to school and entered Bates College where he studied mathematics and graduated in 1950. He then joined the Air Force as a weatherman and was stationed in Illinois. While there, he took advanced courses in actuarial work at the University of Illinois. After being discharged from the Air Force, Record returned to New England where he worked for Connecticut General. He later pursued a career as an actuary at Union Mutual.

### Richard K. Reese '57

died April 24 in Swanton, New Jersey. An Army veteran of the Korean War, Reese was also a Merchant Marine captain and an avid outdoorsman. He was a member of Cape May Lodge, F&AM and Zembo Shrine, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Reese was the high-point winner in Harrisburg's annual Kipona canoe races from 1948 to 1956. In 1992, in collaboration with the Canoe Club of Greater Harrisburg, he re-established the Kipona canoe races and provided prize sponsorships every year since.

### Paul C. Sackley '45

died May 31 in Rockford, Illinois. He went to sea as a third mate on a cargo ship loaded with war material meant for the World War II invasion of Japan. He graduated from the University of Maine in 1950 with a bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering. Sackley served as First Lieutenant and Gunnery Officer on USS *Diachenko* (APD-123) in the Korean War. He served as Platoon Officer of Underwater Demolition Team One (now U.S. Team One of Navy Seals), and retired from the Navy as Lt. USNR. Sackley worked for a variety of corporations, including General Electric (twice). In 1991, Sackley retired from Emerson Electric, where he was a field sales engineer.

### Peter S. Smith '64

died April 3. After graduating from MMA, Smith sailed with States Marine Lines attaining the rank of Chief Mate. He was an expert navigator and also grew his skills in cargo stowage, ship stability and the management of deck personnel while also serving as the ship's medical officer. In 1971, Smith joined States Steamship Company as Chief Mate on its demanding West Coast to

Southeast Asia service. He then signed on with SeaLand at the height of the container revolution and sailed as Chief Mate on its SL-7 Class ships. These 1,000-foot container vessels were very fast and required a tremendous amount of knowledge about stability due to the number of containerized cargoes onboard. By 1980 Smith was promoted to Master on smaller ships in the SeaLand fleet. Eight years later he was in command of the largest ships in the company's fleet. In 1995, SeaLand became CSX Lines. and a few years later, Horizon Lines, LLC. It was an exciting and tumultuous time, and Smith sailed as Master on some of the company's most prestigious routes and ships.

In 2008, he joined the faculty of Marine Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies in Linthicum Heights, Maryland as an instructor in Shiphandling and Bridge Resource Management, Emergency Shiphandling, Basic and Advanced Shiphandling, and Navigational Skills Assessment.

"Peter was an amazing instructor and wanted mariners coming up through the ranks to have the best opportunity for success," said Eric Friend, MITAGS Director of Training. "He will be remembered for the scale of his contributions to the maritime industry." Smith was a 50-year member of the International Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots.

MMA has established a Memorial Fund in the name of Capt. Smith. Donations can be made via telephone at (207) 326-2470 or mailed to Maine Maritime Academy, Development Office, Pleasant Street, Castine, Maine 04420. Please mention "In Loving Memory of Captain Peter S. Smith."

### Melissa A. Valliere '01

died March 21 in Brunswick, Maine. While attending MMA, she was a member of the first Women's Soccer Team. Valliere also studied for a semester at the Southampton Institute in Southampton, England. After graduating, she moved to Freeport and began her career at Unum as a producer compensation analyst. She later worked at Bath Iron Works in several analytical and estimating roles. For the past two years, Valliere worked for the Brunswick School Department as a substitute teacher. This transition allowed her to spend more time with her children. Valliere volunteered with Girl Scout Troop 1648, the Merry Meeting Girl Scout Service Unit, Cub Scout Pack 648, Boy Scout Troop 648, and also coached

youth soccer and softball.

A scholarship fund has been established in Valliere's name, and information is available from MMA Donor Services by contacting Leah Bishop, at (207) 326-2223, leah.bishop@mma.edu or Maine Maritime Academy, Development Office, Pleasant Street, Castine, Maine 04420.

### David C. Witham '62

died April 2 in the Bahamas. After graduation from MMA, Witham sailed with Moore-McCormick Line, raising his license to Chief Engineer. In 1968, he came ashore and worked as Plant Engineer at BDA Engineering and Textron. He attained his professional license in 1982, and opened his own consulting business, Witham & Associates. A lifelong resident of Rhode Island, he was an avid boater and fisherman. Always busy, he ran his business, fished and found time to build three houses and four boats, doing all the work himself. He always had a project or two going on.

—submitted by friend & classmate **Paul Tracy '62**

### Former MMA Staff Member, Barbara Trott

died June 8 in Maine. After high school, she worked as a receptionist for Dr. Robert Russell, and then served 21 years as the librarian for the Castine library. She also worked for MMA, and many remember her as the Voice of the Academy when she served as the main receptionist and switchboard operator before digital technology. "If you ever called the academy back then," stated her obituary in *Bangor Daily News*, "it was her no-nonsense, but lovely Downeast accent you heard on the other end of the line. She genuinely loved all the students, alumni, professors and support staff who she worked with throughout her tenure. Many became and remained close friends to her over the years."



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