

YARD TALES

A PUBLICATION OF THE WISCONSIN NAVAL ACADEMY PARENTS' ASSOCIATION, INC.



Inside this issue Fall 2010



Academy Ball
Invitation
Page 17



Academy Ball
Update
Page 16



Alum/NAPS
Pages 2-6



BGO Report
Page 16



Midshipmen
News
Pages 7-15



Carol Sells
Update
Page 17



Spring Meet-
ing Minutes
Pages 18-19



Treasurer's
Report
Page 19



Karen & Steve Voigt



From the Helm

By: Steve & Karen Voigt
WISNAPA Co-Presidents
(Midn. Scott Voigt '11 - 11th Company)

What is the right choice?

What time did you get up today? What time did you go to bed last night? What did you have to eat for dinner? We have to make many choices in our lives. Some choices may affect a minute of our lives, some may affect us a day or two, while others may affect us the rest of our lives.

Recently, late one Saturday night our son, Scott ('11), called from Bancroft Hall. It really wasn't his "choice" to call. This is somewhat of a "standing order" to call us on a weekly basis. After talking a few minutes to catch up on academics and hearing about the first home football game, Karen asked Scott about his service selec-

tion choices.

Scott states that is really why he is calling. He has to have his "choices" in by midnight on Sunday. Nothing like waiting until the 11th hour (or is it the 23rd hour in military time?). This time in Scott's life is more difficult than Plebe Summer when all the choices were made for him. He now has to make his own choices.

After discussing his choice with his roommate, Scott felt he had his choices properly ranked. The tailgate party after the football game gave Scott an opportunity to meet up with some of his Leatherneck buddies from one of his summer blocks. After

talking to one of the platoon commanders from Leatherneck, his order of selections had been rearranged. Now Scott is asking us for our advice.

His asking for our advice is unusual. He usually did not like our advice. Even though Karen and I may have personal opinions, Karen didn't allow them to be spoken. She says, "Scott, no matter what your choice is, we will support you!"

Isn't that what WISNAPA is all about: offering support to our midshipmen, offering parental support to each other, offering support to our military family? When our son started the applica-

Continued on page 16



News from Alumni & NAPS



LT Betsy Burnett Class of 2007

Betsy is still serving in Baghdad, as an Individual Augmentee (IA). She is a postal platoon commander, responsible for 20 navy personnel. They process the mail at a number of permanent and mobile post offices. Most of the time she remains at Forward Operating Base Union III. However, she also travels to FOBs (Forward Operating Bases) in Baghdad by convoy and to bases outside of Baghdad by a Blackhawk helicopter. The end of the combat mission in Iraq means that her platoon will be responsible for twice the locations they now service.

She is scheduled to return to the US next March. Like the parents and mids of the Class of 2011, we are eagerly waiting for news of her next tour, which should commence sometime in the summer or fall of 2011.

Submitted by: Kathy & Jim Burnett, New Holstein

Ens. John Campion Class of 2010

Graduation and Commissioning Week were wonderful – even better than anticipated! The week afterward, John began a six-week summer internship at the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington. He worked at the DIA’s China desk and had a great experience. It was fun to keep up with 2010 classmates who were still in and around Annapolis, as well as fellow Truman Scholars doing internships in Washington this summer.

John came home on leave in late July and we squeezed in lots of good family time, with some camping and water fun, before he set out for grad school. His orders took him first to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for a week, before continuing on to Beijing.

He is excited about his masters program. The first year is spent at the School of International Studies at Peking University and the second year at the London School of Economics. So far, so good! One of the best aspects of the program is that it is a rather small group (30 students) and they are from around the world. John has had a great time getting to know this new group of classmates and many of them hope to travel as much as they can throughout the region, when time allows. There is a fall break in October and it sounds like he and a couple guys are making plans to head to Inner Mongolia. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to Skype regularly, which is pretty amazing, being half a world away. We usually catch up as our days are conversely beginning or ending.

Best of luck to all the new Class of 2014 members and their families! We are delighted the Grosches (especially Silas) are being blessed by the hospitality of the family sponsor we came to know and love, the Smiths!

Submitted by: Jane & Bill Campion, Green Bay

Right: Betsy Burnett, posing with Iraqi Girl Scouts.



Bottom: Betsy and part of her platoon playing basketball with Iraqi Boy Scouts at FOB Victory.



LT Victor Duenow Class of 2005

Victor had a busy summer as he closed out his first operational tour at HSC-22 (the Sea Knights). After completing three months in Haiti (Operation Unified Response), Victor deployed on board the *USS Wasp* for numerous test and training missions as crews continued to prepare for Overseas Contingency Operations (OCOs). As one of the few qualified Helicopter Aircraft Commanders (HACs), he was primarily responsible for training the squadron's new pilots, especially in night flight operations.



Victor & Caitlin Duenow

This summer he was selected to join Helicopter Training Squadron Eight (HT-8, "The Eight-Ballers"). Victor and his wife of three years, Caitlin, will report to Pensacola in October where he will work primarily at Whiting field in Milton, Florida.

Submitted by: Russ & Afton Duenow, Fredricksburg, Virginia

LTJG Jake Gerlach Class of 2008

Since graduation Jake has earned an advanced scuba/diving qualification, attended nuke school in Charleston, South



Left: Greg ('14) and Jake Gerlach ('08) on I-Day . Right: Jake Gerlach with his bride Monica cutting the cake at their wedding.



Carolina, and married Monica Ranadive in October 2009. He is serving on the sub *USS New Hampshire*, based in Groton, South Carolina. Until earlier this year, this was the Navy's newest sub, commissioned the same year as Jake! The boat is finishing time in the Electric Boat Company shipyards before new sea trials, then deployment next year.

Jake was able to be present on I-Day last July with his younger brother Greg.

Submitted by: Bryan & Jackie Gerlach, Elm Grove

LT Alex Haupt Class of 2007

We joined Alex at one of his 9th company mate's wedding Memorial Day Weekend in Indiana. It was great seeing the other 9th Company families and seemed like a family reunion.



Left: Bill, Alex & Jan Haupt at a wedding in Indiana. Right: Alex Haupt and Amanda Burns.

Alex requested a transfer from San Diego to Jacksonville. To our and Alex's surprise, it was granted and he moved in early July. With the current state of the economy, there is a plethora of homes for sale in Florida. And with low interest rates, Alex was on a search to buy a house. As we write this, Alex called to say he was on his way to sign an offer to purchase on a home. He hopes to be in his own place November 4.

In early August, Alex was able to fly a lot on a three-week work-up ("mini deployment") in the Bahamas. It was hot and humid, much like living in Jacksonville. He'll be training in Fallon, Nevada over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Alex came home for a wedding the end of August. He brought his girlfriend Amanda Burns, who is a Navy nurse in San Diego. It was fun seeing him again and introducing Amanda to the Lodi area.

Submitted by: Jan & Bill Haupt, Lodi

1st LT Kimberly Julka, USMC Class of 2008

The Marines of the 9th ESB (Engineer Support Battalion) continue to make a difference in Afghanistan, building and rebuilding roads and bridges in Marjah to support not only the movement of our troops and equipment, but to allow the Afghan people to redevelop trade and commerce. The forward operating bases and combat outposts battalion has been constructed for use by our troops that will later be used by the new Afghan national army and police to provide security for their own people in these regions. The role of the engineers also includes fresh water production and distribution, bulk fuel storage and transport and myriad of other service support tasks.

Kim serves as the battalion's security platoon commander. Her platoon has responsibility for all security needs of the battalion including providing a 360-degree perimeter of security surrounding each project worksite as well as providing convoy security. The 9th ESB has also been tasked with serving as a CLB (Combat Logistics Battalion) providing direct combat service support for an infantry battalion which, from her standpoint, increases the number of convoys requiring security coverage.

Kim continues to be proud of the job that her platoon is doing, applying the training they received, working hard and staying reasonably safe while effectively performing their jobs to keep others safe. The 9th ESB deployed from Okinawa in early May on a scheduled seven-month deployment. During our one telephone conversation in early August, I mentioned that I had seen a picture online of her promotion ceremony in late May. She said so much has happened since then and it happens so quickly that that day seems like so ... so long ago.

Submitted by: Jeff Julka, Fond du Lac



Battalion Commander Lt. Col Ted Adams, promotes Security Platoon Commander Kim Julka to the rank of 1st Lt. in a May 23 ceremony at Camp Leatherneck, Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

LT Kate Kasten Class of 2006

Kate spent more time this summer away from home than she did in Norfolk! First she had three weeks of training in Key West, Florida. That was a tough assignment! They loved the weather and the snorkeling when not flying.

She was in Norfolk for a few weeks, then off to Fallon, Nevada for more training. On weekends they went to Reno, rented a house on Lake Tahoe, and camped in Yosemite. Kate is now ACO (Air Control Officer). She is hoping to make the first seat before the *USS Bush* is deployed next spring.

Kate was able to come home for a week and finally was able to see our new house without snow on the ground. Kate was able to join my sister's family and me in Annapolis for my niece's, Emily Favorite, Second Class Parent (and Aunt) Weekend.

Submitted by: Linda & Alan Kasten, Whitewater

LT. Allison (Pulver) Keller Class of 2006

Our daughter Allison and son-in-law Rob are both SWOs. They transferred from San Diego to Annapolis in April 2010. Allison works in the USNA training office while Rob is pursuing a masters degree in leadership at the University of Maryland and will be a company officer in 2011. Our son Mitch and Rob's brother Tim, enjoy spending time at Allison and Rob's townhouse, which is a short walk from the Yard.

Submitted by: Scott & Jody Pulver, Chippewa Falls

2nd LT Chad Kelling Class of 2009

The month of May brought another graduation for Chad, this time USMC TBS at Quantico, Virginia. John and Chad's brother Chris drove out early and participated in Warrior Day, which was fun. After graduation, we toured the Marine Corps Museum - not to be missed! The following day, we were treated to another Blue Angels performance at Andrews Air Base for Armed Forces Weekend. It was déjà vu, as we did the same thing after Chad's plebe recognition

Continued on page 5

2nd LT Chad Kelling

Continued from page 4

Right: John, Chad & Stephanie Kelling at TBS graduation.

Below: Chad Kelling as part of a sword arch with company mates, Kelling is the third from the left below right.



week in 2006, and two of his USNA friends that were with us then, joined us again for the air show.

After a brief visit home over Memorial Day, Chad and John moved a trailer full of possessions to his first townhouse in Dumfries, Virginia. Chad helped train a USNA Leatherneck class for a month at Quantico, and then started six months of language school, learning Arabic eight hours/day.

In July, many of the '09 13th Company returned to Annapolis for company mate Nate Thayer's wedding. Chad was in the sword arch.

Chad hopes to head to Pensacola in January to begin flight training.

Submitted by: John and Stephanie Kelling, Waukesha

Capt. Eric Larsen, USMC Class of 2003

Eric and Annemarie have been dealing with the heat and humidity in Woodbridge, Virginia this summer. This past spring they adopted a second dog, Cooper, who has become a part of the family along with their dog Jaymie.

Eric remains busy as the data instructor at the Communications School in Quantico. He is hoping that plans to move to California this next July will fall into place where he will serve at a Marine air base as the communications officer. Annemarie is busy teaching a 4th grade class at a school in Woodbridge. They were both home in Wisconsin for the

month of July and were happy to see friends and family. Family have also been out to Virginia to see them.

We are planning a trip at the end of October to see them as well at a Navy football game. Plans are also in place to see the Army-Navy game with them in Philadelphia.

Best wishes to our current midshipmen and our graduates who are serving.

Submitted by: Cindi and Loren Larsen, Racine



Annemarie & Eric Larsen with their dogs Cooper, left, and Jaymie.

David Paz, MD Class of 1999

Dave and a classmate from '99 will be doing more than a 100-mile bike ride from Santa Monica to San Diego for the Wounded EOD Warrior Fund. EOD stands for Explosive Ordinance Disposal and it is a joint service military that is manned by volunteer candidates. There are over 7,000 brave men and women in all four services and they are responsible for disarming, rendering safe and disposing of IEDs. The Wounded Warrior Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit group that provides assistance to the wounded EOD warriors and their families and Dave is very proud to be a part of this.

Dave is in his last year of residency, had his 10th year USNA class reunion last year (somehow Plebe year is still fresh in our minds) and his message for the midshipmen is, "Hang in there."

Submitted by: Judy & Eduardo Paz, Greendale

Ens. Andrew Scherer Class of 2010

It's amazing to us that graduation was nearly four months ago! Commissioning Week was fabulous from start to finish. Along with Andrew having life-long friendships, we are thankful for the dear friends we have gained within the USNA "family."

Following graduation, Andrew was assigned to USNA until he reported to Pensacola NAS on 6 August. He is cur-

Continued on page 6

Continued from page 5

rently working on the computer ground school for the flight screening program. After finishing ground school, Andrew will have about 15 hours of flight training at Pensacola Regional Airport. Then he will start the U.S. Navy ground school at Pensacola NAS.



Andrew Scherer, far left, with his USNA 27th Company roommates (all four years) Ross Hammerer and Jason Rutherford.

So, it's back to the books and exams!

Andrew is sharing a furnished condo with two other USNA grads. August in Pensacola was quite hot and humid, but Andrew has acclimated well. He said he actually enjoys running in this climate, although he tends to wait until evening.

Andrew joins us in wishing all the current midshipmen a great academic year. GO NAVY! BEAT ARMY!

Submitted by: Janis & John Scherer, Delavan

Photos Desired

for the spring
edition of *Yardtales*

Army-Navy game All-Academy Ball

Contact Jan Haupt
jhauptlodi@aol.com
608-592-4278

Wyatt Stone Naval Academy Prep School

So far my experience at NAPS has been a great one. During the three-week indoctrination period, I learned many things about the Navy, my shipmates and myself. There are kids from all across the country here at NAPS. It's been a major change for all of us to transition from our civilian lives to our Navy careers. The detailers helped with this transition.



Dawn Stone, Wyatt Stone and Sue Nicolai

Our cadre included seniors from the Naval Academy who answered all the questions we had about the academy and service selections. They also taught us what we needed to know – how to keep your rack tight and how shiny my boots should be.

Our company had a rough start, but I believe the obstacles we have overcome will just make us stronger at the Naval Academy. I am very excited for the rest of the year here at NAPS. This experience will help me be the best midshipman I can be at the Naval Academy. I am getting plenty of practice at studying and PT, which consumes the majority of the day. I have learned the value of time here at NAPS and the fact that there is always something productive you can be doing. I am looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead of me.

*Submitted by: Midshipman Candidate Wyatt Stone, USN
Parents: Jim & Dawn Stone, Grand Marsh*



2010 Army - Navy Game Sat, Dec. 11 in Philadelphia

Rooms for WISNAPA members, family and friends are reserved at the Holiday Inn - Historic District for \$169/night (use code: WN8). More information is available on the WISNAPA web site.



Midshipmen News



Midn. John Bowen Class of 2011 - 22nd Company

John is looking forward to being back in Wisconsin for OpInfo in November. His summer duty included a submarine cruise from Pearl Harbor and YP duty on the Atlantic. He has been accepted into VGEP, and is looking forward to beginning his masters in space systems engineering at the University of Maryland this January.

His sister, Rebecca Bowen Sigmon '00, came to Annapolis for her 10th USNA reunion in mid-September, and John enjoyed visiting with Becky and her daughter Anna. Becky's husband, in his last year at USUHS medical school, was on a west coast hospital rotation.

We are looking forward to Commissioning Week. John's graduation is the last of four we have to celebrate in May!

Submitted by: Mike & Sara Bowen, Fox Point

Right: Anna Sigmon, John Bowen's niece, at Becky (Bowen) Sigmon's USNA reunion in September.



Below: John Bowen, top row on far right, at Ring Dance last spring.



Norfolk, Virginia, old stomping grounds as a elementary-middle school student. Dee bought herself an ensign mobile to drive home in June followed by Plebe detailer Drum & Bugle OPs and tapped a second job for company squad leader when another detailer dropped out, before coming home for a second time. (We only saw her for a weekend over last summer!)

Deidre is enjoying her classes, most in her major of systems engineering. She had PRK done last September and has received her waiver if she picks up aviation in November. Along with classes, Dee is company honor representative, taking ground school, trying to finish up scuba certification, helping out with the Naval Sea Cadets at USNA as the CO, Drum & Bugle bass drum-line lead (Air Force competition is in two weeks), Protestant Chapel Choir and her last Halloween concert. Makes one tired, doesn't it? Dee will be back in "cheesehead" territory for OpInfo in November, and we are all looking forward to that! You take what time you can spend with them, knowing that the time will come when you won't see them every year.

Hope to see some of the Wisconsin midshipmen over homecoming in October and then again at Army-Navy in Philadelphia.

GO NAVY - BEAT ARMY (and every one along the way!)
Submitted by: Maggie & Jim ('77), Hudson



Midn. Deidre Coulson

Midn. Deidre Coulson Class of 2011 - 30th Company

As "we" enter Firstie year, it is hard to believe how fast these past three years have gone. Wasn't Plebe Summer just over? Summer started with zero block on a helo cruise in

Midn. Jeremiah Derrick Class of 2011 - 25th Company

Jeremiah served the second half of zero block and the first half of first block on a submarine. He then spent the majority of the summer at home before returning to Annapolis for sail-planing. Jeremiah enjoyed the sub cruise but his experiences were limited because midshipmen do not have all

Continued on page 8

Midn. Jeremiah Derrick

Continued from page 7

of the security clearances to participate fully in drills. He is still considering submarines as a service selection, but he would also be very happy with a surface warfare selection.

Jeremiah put the challenges of his second class year behind him and is excited about his Firstie year. He is energetic and actively pursuing completing as many qualifications as he can before he enters the fleet.

Submitted by: Sandy & David Thurwanger, Racine



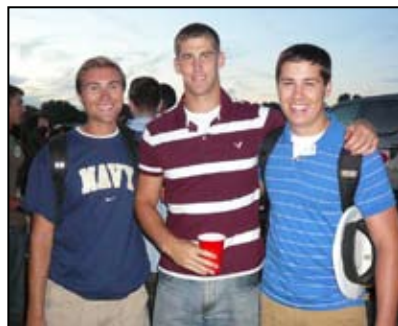
This picture is how the Thurwangers imagine Jeremiah Derrick on his summer cruise. (Picture Photoshopped from "Down Periscope.")

Midn. Anthony Beaupre Class of 2012 - 4th Company

We just came back from parents' weekend in Annapolis to see Anthony. We went to one of his classes (macro economics) after lunch on Friday, walked around the Yard, went to the Mid Store (of course) and also got to see his room he shares with three other mids. While we were in his room, it was inspected (that was a treat). We realized it needs air freshener!

We had dinner outside at Pusser's on a really beautiful night. On Saturday we picked up our nephew from Washington, D.C. (he just started as an intern) and Anthony showed him the Yard and then we got ready for the parade and the game. (We lost Mark and Judy Klein until the game.) The weather was beautiful and it was extra special with a Navy win.

We went to the tailgate after the game and met some of Anthony's friends. Then we went to the Boatyard for a late supper with Max Klein, his girlfriend Sarah and Judy and Mark Klein. What a day!



Anthony Beaupre, far right, with his cousin Justin and roommate Jordon.

It was raining a little bit Sunday morning so we just decided to have lunch before our flight back. Anthony has 22 credits this semester so we let him study or sleep the rest of the day! It was an amazing weekend with all the parents around and the football home opener. If you go to a game, don't be afraid of the \$20 lawn seats, they're great! We could see everything up close.

Anthony is going to speak at EAA for the All Academies Annual New Information meeting so we will get to see him soon. Another amazing weekend at the Naval Academy!

Submitted by: Doug & Sue Beaupre, Omro

Midn. Michael Briski Class of 2012 - 7th Company

Michael had a busy summer and put on a lot of miles. While on leave in June he spent time in Green Bay and also took a road trip to Niagara Falls, New York, stopping along the way at Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio to ride some roller coasters.

Then it was back to Annapolis to begin PROTRAMID (Professional Training for Midshipmen).

Aviation Week was spent in Norfolk, Virginia. He toured the *USS Enterprise*, rode in a MH60-S Knighthawk helicopter, and sat in an E2-C Hawkeye airplane. They toured a MH-53E Super Stallion helicopter, which is huge. He said it takes off carrying as much weight in fuel as a MH-60 (the Navy's smaller helo) weighs fully loaded. He had a flight in a T-34 Mentor. The pilot flew him through some loops, rolls, and other assorted aerobatics. "I'd definitely like his job flying mids around all day trying to get them to puke," he said. The highest G-force during flying was 3.5 Gs. Earlier he had flown an FA-18 simulator and pulled 7.8 Gs.

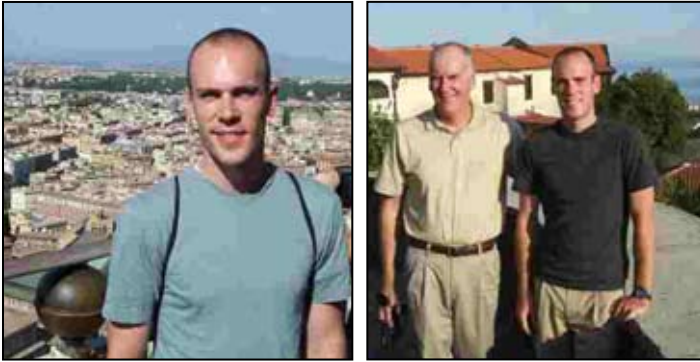
Marines Week was spent at Camp Geiger and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina where the temperatures were in the 100s all week and the humidity was very high. He said, "I spent a lot of time sweating." He toured assault vehicles, Abrams tanks, and LAVs. Later they took a helicopter to a nearby air station to see the V-22 Osprey. Time was spent at a Cobra helicopter simulator. They got to shoot Marine Corps weapons. "Five hours of machine gun fire, grenade explosions, and mortar rounds exploding was a lot of fun," he explained. He also got to tour a RQ-7 Shadow UAV (unmanned), KC-130 cargo plane, Harrier jet, and EA-68 Prowler.

Surface Week was spent out of Norfolk on board the *USS Truxton* where he spent a few exciting hours at the helm steering the 9,200-ton ship. While underway they also served as "plane guard" for the *USS George H.W. Bush* (CVN-77) during its flight operations. They also did an UNREP (underway replenishment) with the *USNS Arctic*. "We got fuel

Continued on page 9

Midn. Michael Briski

Continued from page 8



Clockwise from top left: Michael Briski from the top of St. Peter's Basilica's in Rome; Dan & Michael in Voskovo, Croatia; in the Arctic on board the USS Truxten; and "flapping his gums" in the wind on board a MH-60S Knighthawk.

from them and they even sent over a Coke for our captain. "After hearing about how this is done in school it was good to finally witness it in the real Navy," Michael noted. I think he meant the refueling, not the Coke.

Submarine Week was spent in Kings Bay, Georgia and Mayport, Florida – with some time spent on the *USS Memphis*. Michael said the rumors are true – the food on subs is the best. They also toured the *USS Maryland* (SSBN-738)

He had two weeks of aviation knowledge schooling and participated in SOAR training which involved riding in a glider plane and being towed by an airplane to 2,500 feet and released to glide back to the ground. There was an instructor in the cockpit with him who taught him how to fly straight, turn, and ride thermals.

Summer training was fun. He especially enjoyed riding in the Knighthawk helicopter during aviation week and shooting "big guns" during Marines week.

While on leave in August, Michael and Dan traveled to Europe. From Rome they flew to Zagreb, Croatia and visited with relatives. By train they then traveled to Slovenia, Austria, and back to Italy to see Venice, Florence, Milan, Pisa and then back to Rome again before returning home. They had a wonderful trip, saw many sites and ate a lot of good food. They especially enjoyed climbing all 531 steps to the top of St. Peter's Basilica's dome in Rome.

Michael is enjoying his classes and teachers this fall. He's not so sure about swimming class where they jump in the pool in their khakis! We are looking forward to 2/C Parent's Weekend (Sept. 10-12) in Annapolis.

From one of his E-mails this fall during the school year, he wrote, "Signed my life away yesterday. No biggie." We are happy for him and the rest of the 2/C midshipmen who made the commitment. They are having an awesome experience. Go Navy! Beat Army!

Submitted by: Dan & Nancy Briski, Green Bay

Midn. Jacob Cavey Class of 2012 - 22nd Company

We attended 2/C Parents' Weekend. The weather was great. We were able to see Jacob's room that he shares with two others and it was bigger than expected.

Jacob is physics major and we attended three of his classes. About 50 percent of the midshipmen had parents come. The classes were pretty much for the students as the professors did not change the content for the parents. We also saw Cindy & Tony De Vuono, Racine (Christina '12, Douglas '08 and Anthony '06).

Purchasing a class ring has also an adventure. Make sure your son/daughter has looked at them and has an idea.

Jacob and his friend spent their summer in Italy taking advantage of the military transportation. For summer training Jacob did soaring and PROTROMID.

Submitted by: Julie & Tom Cavey, Racine

Midn. Emily Favorite Class of 2012 - 15th Company

I just got back from 2/C Parent Weekend. Wow! What a good time. I had not been back since Plebe Parent Weekend. It was so different to see Emily there as a 2/C compared to a Plebe. My daughter Julie and son Kyle, and my sister, Linda Kasten (mom of Lt. Kate USNA '06) also went. It was fun to see some of Emily's classes, eat lunch in King Hall, the formal parade, Glee Club, and of course the football game. We were also able to meet Emily's sponsor family. I will be forever grateful to them for all they do for her.

Emily had Block 1 leave over summer. She spent part of it in Wyoming at her boyfriend's and about two weeks home. Then it was off to PROTRAMID for Block 2. Block 3, she spent in Russia. She had a great time. There was smoke there because of the fires going on around Moscow, but it

Continued on page 10

Midn. Emily Favorite

Continued from page 9



Emily Favorite, left, in her room on her rack with her brother Kyle and sister Julie.

didn't damper their time there at all. I still laugh about when she told me that her Russian mom told her not to wear her contacts because of all the smoke. If I had told her that, she would have rolled her eyes at me.

Her "2 for 7" papers are signed; there was no hesitation about that. As she told me, "Now the Navy owns me for at least seven years."

Emily will be coming home early for Thanksgiving to go to some of the area high schools. Then it will be off to San Diego for the Poinsettia Bowl game, where she will meet up with her sister and brother-in-law (Sam, *USS Reagan*) who live there.

The first two years went so fast. I know the next two will go even faster and before we know it, it will be commissioning.

Submitted by: Karen J. Favorite, New London

Midn. Maxwell Klein Class of 2012 - 15th Company

Max had a busy summer. He was able to come home for a week in early May. He then headed off to the seas with his sailing teammates in their sailboat vessel, *Swift*. This is Max's second year on the varsity offshore sailing team for USNA. This summer they raced in New York and across the ocean to Bermuda. This was extra exciting for us. We were able to track the race on the Internet until Max's boat stopped a third of the way there. We sat at home wondering what was going on. Three days later Max called, they finished the race in second place and their tracking system failed them during the race. So all is well and we have a few more gray hairs.

They were able to spend a couple of extra days in Bermuda due to engine and generator problems on *Swift*. They flew back to the states and were happy to be back. If they had to stay any longer, they would have entered their leave time on the island.



Midn. Max Klein signing his "2-for-7" papers.

Max was able to spend time learning the culture of Washington, D.C. by staying with his friend for a couple of weeks in Washington. Lots to learn in a big city compared to easy living in Oshkosh.

Mark was on the Yard in July during the "new heat wave record." He was learning the ropes of being a Blue and Gold Officer. Max and Mark, with new and old friends, were able to enjoy everyone's company during the week.

Max had his third block of PROTROMID. He enjoyed every aspect of the different services of the Navy, especially driving a sub for half-an-hour at 650 feet below sea level and the loops and barrel roles he did with the aviation trainer. WOW, what a summer!

Max has 19 credits again this semester. Most of his classes are related to his math major. I have asked many times, "How many times/ways do you need to learn that $2+2=4$?"

Max signed his "2-for-7" papers. Emotions ran high that day. We are so proud. USNA is on Facebook now. While visiting that site they had pictures from the 2-for-7 signing. Here goes Waldo hunting again. I thought I recognized his hand signing his papers – no, not his. But his company was in a few pictures and so was Max. Yes, it was definitely him in those pictures. Waldo hunting never ends.

We went to 2/C Parents' Weekend in September, and salute everyone associated with the USNA.

Submitted by: Mark, Judy and Heidi Klein, Oshkosh

Midn. Mitchell Pulver Class of 2012 - 26th Company

This summer, Mitch participated in PROTROMID training in San Diego and spent his four-week break in Chipewewa Falls training for a triathlon. Two days before leaving for glider training, Mitch broke his ankle wakeboarding and had surgery in Annapolis. He will be in a cast until October

Continued on page 11

Midn. Mitchell Pulver

Continued from page 10



From left:
Midn. Mitch
Pulver,
LT Rob
Keller '06,
Lt. Allison
(Pulver)
Keller '06 &
Midn. Tim
Keller '13.

and will hopefully be skating for the USNA hockey team in November. Mitch is majoring in quantitative economics.

Submitted by: Scott & Jody Pulver, Chippewa Falls

Midn. Henry Christoph Class of 2013 - 28th Company

We visited Henry in May for the Herndon event. His hands and arms were still scraped up from Sea Trials. The time spent with the family was very memorable: playing tennis on the Yard, catching a Nationals baseball game and touring Washington, D.C. Herndon was still fun for us even though a disappointment for many because they didn't grease the obelisk.

During the month of June, Henry had a training cruise aboard the *USS Wasp*, an aircraft carrier (helicopters & harrier jets). They departed from Norfolk, Virginia and sailed to Halifax, Nova Scotia. He reported that it was a terrific experience working alongside enlisted Navy men and women.

He was home for the month of July where he was able to relax and play. He had to be back in Annapolis for the month of August for more training and a calculus summer course. His academic year is off to a good start.

Submitted by: Roger & Marion Christoph, Burlington

Midn. Patrick Costello Class of 2013 - 18th Company

Patrick had an excellent summer. We all joined him during Commissioning Week for Herndon and the Blue Angels and even his grandparents got a preview of the graduation activities a few years down the road.

We were in town for his brother's medical school graduation from Johns Hopkins which Patrick was able to attend. The next day Patrick was at Commissioning, but we went to the Baltimore ship building yard to attend his sponsor's retirement and change of command ceremony from the Coast Guard. It was a wonderful ceremony attended by all the ship workers and one of Maryland's US senators, Barb Mikulski. Congratulations Captain John Kaplan, a Wisconsin native!

Patrick enjoyed a month on his first ship, a DDG out of Norfolk. Highlights included watching the crew practice night helicopter landings and takeoffs. Home in Neenah, he accomplished one of his summer goals, making a movie with friends. His next assignment was on a Naval Academy sailing boat, *Courage*. He had a great crew including a French naval student. They sailed to Long Island, New York and Patrick had liberty at his grandfather's home nearby. He met up after the cruise with his friend from the Czech Republic and they had a week together before school started once again.

Submitted by: John & Eileen Costello, Neenah

Midn. Zachary Derrick Class of 2013 - 11th Company

Zach spent the first block on a frigate out of Mayport, Florida. He was lucky enough to be with a great team of midshipmen, one of whom lived in Jacksonville so they had a place to stay rather than spend all of their time on the ship. Zach learned two important things: 1) families of military members are some of the most generous people in the world, and 2) Zach doesn't want to serve on a frigate chipping barnacles.

Zach spent the second block home on leave then he returned to the Academy where he went through SHAPE training to be able to teach other midshipmen about the Navy's harassment policy. He then returned home for another two weeks before returning for his youngster year.

Zach started his Youngster year by switching majors from English to economics. Then, he learned that they were holding open try-outs for the

Continued on page 12



Midn. Zach Derrick

Midn. Zachary Derrick

Continued from page 11

rock climbing team. Having zero experience was no deterrent for Zach. We don't know if he made the team, but we do know he survived

Submitted by: Sandy & David Thurwanger, Racine

Midn. Sean Freitas Class of 2013 - 18th Company

Sean was happy to wrap up his Plebe year at the academy. His summer training started with a zero block sailing cruise to Newport, Rhode Island. They experienced a few days of rough weather and not much sleep, but overall the cruise went well. He enjoyed being out on the ocean, especially during the evening hours. Sean spent some time sightseeing in Newport and then he and a couple of other mids traveled to Providence where one of the mid's parents picked them up and took them to Boston to see the sights and eat. (Bless them!) Sean said the meal was especially good after eating on the sailboat for several days!

Sean was able to come home after his zero block training was completed and enjoyed hanging out with friends and family, spending time up north at our cabin, and as Sean put it, "Sleeping in my own bed. You have NO idea how good it feels!"

After about a two-and-a-half-week break at home, Sean returned to Annapolis and subsequently Norfolk for his second block training aboard the *USS Nicholas*, where he learned a lot and "met some great people" aboard the ship. Sean returned home again after his second block training was completed, and other than taking a trip with friends, was able to relax at home and gear up for his Young-

Left: Sean Freitas, on right, during a surface cruise.

Below: Sean Freitas sailing during zero block.



ster year. It sounds like he has once again settled in well at Mother B, and with the academic year well under way is spending the majority of his "free" time studying!

Looking forward to this year's football season (GONAVY!) and Christmas when Sean and his brother and sister return home for the holidays.

Submitted by: Beth and Bryon Freitas, Hudson

Midn. Rebecca Guild Class of 2013 - 9th Company

Rebecca was fortunate to have second and third block at home. She spent zero block at an internship in Newark, New Jersey working at an all-boys high school. She really enjoyed it, but doesn't want to be a teacher. Rebecca spent first block in Norfolk stationed on the *USS Stout*, working in engineering on oil mixtures, which she enjoyed. She said what they had learned in classes was finally making sense, actually being on a ship helps!



Midn. Rebecca Guild

While at home, she spent some time in Mexico with a friend from Women's Glee Club (had a lot of fun snorkeling, parasailing, etc.) and some time in Kentucky, with a side trip to Nashville with a roommate.

Currently, she is doing fine. She is enjoying having a little more time off the Yard, having a little more freedom and sleeping in on Saturday mornings (I found that out when I called her at 8:30 CST and she was still sleeping). She is planning on a trip to Washington, D.C. to watch the Packers, hoping to go to the Air Force game, and has decided to join the Women's Glee Club singing for the optional *CHRISTMAS in DC* concert for President Obama rather than sit in the cold and spend time with her mom at the Army/Navy game.

Submitted by: Jan Heintz, Thiensville

Midn. Michael Reindl Class of 2013 - 6th Company

When Michael's Plebe year ended in May, he enjoyed a 10-day leave, which was spent at home in Wisconsin. After leave, he departed back to Annapolis to join the sailing team on *Swift*. They sailed to Newport, Rhode Island and then entered the Newport-to-Bermuda race. The *Swift* earned

Continued on page 13

Midn. Michael Reindl

Continued from page 12

several trophies and Michael earned the Dan A. Kimball trophy as navigator of a USNA yacht with the best corrected time in the St. David's Lighthouse Division.

Michael's second summer block was spent at home completing his instrument



Clockwise from top: Michael and Fred Reindl on a fishing trip; Michael on the USS Nimitz; and holding the Dan A. Kimball trophy.

pilot certificate training, embarking on a Canadian fishing trip with family and celebrating his younger brother's 10th birthday.

In August, Michael headed to San Diego and boarded the USS Nimitz for his last summer block of training. Now that he has started his second year, he said every minute of his waking hours are FULL, which includes varsity offshore sailing, heading up the VT-NA flight simulators and lots of homework.

Submitted by: Janice & Fred Reindl, St. Nazianz

Midn. Logan Roy Class of 2013 - 19th Company

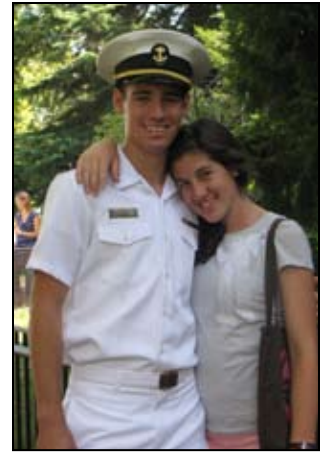
Logan's Youngster year is off to a terrific start and he's most excited that Navy football is back in action! We spent a spectacular Labor Day weekend with him in Annapolis and the Yard was hopping with families and their mids. It was especially nice to also have a bit of time with fellow Plymouth grad and new Plebe, Greg Poser.

Logan's summer consisted of the YP cruise to Newport with fellow Wisconsinite Craig Walker, second block home and third block cruise on the USS Monterey, a missile cruiser based in Norfolk. All in all, Logan enjoyed the experiences but is already looking forward to the next summer's opportunities.

Logan finished the year in good stead academically (Supe's List) and is enthusiastic for his USNA Youngster year with the 19th Company. He's selected systems engineering as his major and the coursework for the coming year will prove to be a terrific challenge as well as an opportunity for great learning.

We are looking forward to a fall trip back to the Yard to catch a Navy football game and the Army-Navy game in December. GO NAVY! BEAT ARMY!

Submitted by: Ann & Tom Roy, Plymouth



Logan Roy with his sister, Isabel, while touring the state capitol in Madison.

Midn. Troy Tauber Class of 2013 - 28th Company

Plebe year came to a great close for Troy with his participation in Herndon. Starting as part of Company 28 (at the rear of the participants), Troy managed to work through the crowd and assist with pushing up the "admiral." He prominently appeared in several clips of the event, including one on Good Morning America.

Days after the school year finished, Troy headed to San Diego, California where he was assigned to a Marine LHD, the Bonhomme Richard. The ship was being readied for a voyage to Hawaii where they would participate in international war games in the Pacific before arriving in our 50th state.

Troy's early lesson on board was getting noticed as a lowly midshipman amongst 6,000 Marines. Early on, he and his fellow midshipmen endeared themselves to the kitchen staff by showing up to clean the mess hall with the enlisted men. The kitchen crew was astounded by their offer and saw fit to keep the hardworking midshipmen in sodas and evening snacks for the duration of the voyage. Seems like both sides appreciated the others' attention.

Troy also was the beneficiary of some extra attention by a Marine pilot who chauffeured him out in the dark of the night for a helicopter ride over the Pacific. Troy described

Continued on page 14



Midn. Troy Tauber

Midn. Troy Tauber

Continued from page 13

the event as unbelievable as they soared through the night sky, but positively heart-stopping when the pilot cut the engines and they started to free fall before the pilot re-started the engines. A short 48-hour rest on the beaches of Waikiki and Troy was on his way back to the USNA for adventure number 2.

Adventure 2 found Troy assigned to a racing sailboat along with seven other Plebes. Objective: to sail from Annapolis to Rhode Island and back again in two weeks time. After designing navigation charts, shopping for food and getting to know seven new guys, the boat set sail. Bad weather, a very sick fellow sailor and "disgusting" hot racking, the salty dogs landed in Mystic, Connecticut for a brief reprieve. After being assigned to a family for the weekend, Troy and a fellow midshipman were surprised to see an ancient man and woman looking towards him expectantly. As he made his way over, Troy noted that they seemed to be well known among the "townies." A while later after getting settled into a large island home, a cell phone call was placed to mom beginning with "Should the name Woolworth mean anything to me because there are a lot of them hanging on the walls in this house?"

Adventures over, Troy arrived home for a four-week vacation that was enjoyed by him and us!

Submitted by: Shaun & Dave Tauber, Sturgeon Bay

Midn. Scott Walker Class of 2013 - 16th Company

Scott is pleased to be a Youngster with all of the Plebe year fun behind him. He went to Newport on YPs in June and really enjoyed the trip to see the *USS Constitution* in Boston Harbor.

We enjoyed having him home for several weeks in July, a visit extended by two days as he was supposed to fly out in the middle of the massive rain storm that flooded Milwaukee. Scott traveled to Mayport for his Youngster cruise on *USS Gettysburg*. Scott has chosen mathematics for a major and is singing in the Men's Glee Club again this year.

Submitted by: Craig (USNA '83) & Kathy Walker, Germantown

Midn. David Gallaher Class of 2014

My name is David Gallaher. Plebe summer has flown by and now the time has come for the academic year to start for

the Class of 2014. What an experience so far!

As I look forward to the rest of my four years at USNA, I can only imagine the things I can accomplish. My dream is coming true; call it child's play, but being the only "G.I. Joe" in my home town meant the world to me. To lead invisible men, or my one brother, on secret raids thru the kitchen or basement would later set the tone of my future decisions. It would be a calling of sorts to my desired profession. When I graduated high school, I thought of nothing other than becoming a leader and a protector; thus, the reasoning for going through all the high school leadership organizations I could do and accomplishing as many goals as I could.

Last year, I had the privilege to experience a plebe system and a military environment at Valley Forge Military Academy & College as a USNA Foundation Prepster. Experiencing hardship, handling time management, and achieving leadership opportunities has given me a greater sense of what I still desire of: becoming one of the nation's finest, a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, and an opportunity to become a Marine Corps officer. Honor, courage, and commitment are only a few of the many values I wish to live and adhere by. Majoring in mechanical engineering and later becoming an officer of the Corps would be just the beginning of a life filled full of goals. It will instill in me the discipline and character needed to make what may seem childish dreams a very true reality.

The military lifestyle, friends and family, outdoor fun, and racing are all the things that drive me each day to become a better person than what I was yesterday. This is my passion.

*Submitted by: David Gallaher
David's mother is Manon Durand, Bristol*

Midn. Gregory Gerlach Class of 2014 - 8th Company

Some unusual tidbits. The weekend of September 11 Greg stood watch. He wrote: "It was 2/C Weekend with a lot of higher ups here. Most importantly, ADM Roughhead, the Chief of Naval Operations, the second highest ranking Naval Officer behind ADM Mullen. I probably wouldn't see him just because he's on the Yard, however, the commandant chose my company to tour with the CNO. They are going to walk around and inspect a plebe's room (not mine thankfully)."

Continued on page 15



Midn. David Gallaher

Midn. Gregory Gerlach

Continued from page 14

Greg's sport is off-shore sailing. With Hurricane Earl threatening earlier this fall, they moved all the sailboats out of the water further up the Chesapeake. After the threat passed, they went upriver to the storage area and sailed them back to USNA.

Greg has a great sponsor family a comfortable walking distance from Gate 1 – same as older brother Jake's ('08) and parents of one of Jake's roommates. We're thankful for that!

Submitted by: Bryan & Jackie Gerlach, Elm Grove



Midn. Greg Gerlach

Midn. Jonathan Kappel Class of 2014 - 1st Company

The year my son Jon spent at the Naval Academy Prep School in Rhode Island was invaluable. The transition from civilian to military life, the rigors of mental, academic, and physical preparation, and the exercise of reflection on dedication and commitment were transformational. True, the reward of Midshipman status was deferred a year, but the NAPS experience was transforming in its test of strength, patience, and will.

Jon deserves all the credit for having earned his place at the Academy, but I have to admit to reveling in the vicarious thrill of the journey that took him to Annapolis. Not that this experience was without its challenges. However, second only to Jon's incredible experience is the Navy fam-



*Left: Midn. Jon Kappel on Stribling Walk.
Right: Jon with his mother Pat Kappel.*



ily who has supported both of us. The generous, kindred spirit among the sponsor families, fellow parents, Academy staff, mids, and caring others – many of whom I have never met – have, in short time, made an indelible imprint on our lives.

I may be riding on the euphoria of the NAPS graduation or the pride of I-Day or the excitement of Plebe Parents' Weekend, but I don't have to have my feet on the ground to know that this opportunity given my son is nothing short of a blessing: one shared by other families and one that will grow exponentially.

Submitted by: Pat Kappel, Brookfield

Midn. Benjamin Matson Class of 2014 - 20th Company

We made the Baltimore news on I-Day with a video cut of Benjamin saying goodbye to me (his dad). We were able to get bits and pieces of how he was doing throughout his plebe summer through Dropshots and Facebook. I became a certified Facebook addict due to it.

Benjamin finished up his plebe summer well in K Company – 20th platoon and moved into the 20th Company for the academic year. He managed to validate English. Much

to our surprise (and concern) he decided to box and made the plebe boxing smoker! Unfortunately he did not win that match, though, but did validate out of boxing.

We were able to make it back for the Plebe Parent Weekend where we met and had dinner with his sponsor parents – wonderful people with a Naval Academy history! We were very thankful for the help from WISNAPA, list serve and the USNA Facebook site. We are not fluent in Navy-speak yet, but are a lot better off for the support and feedback we have received from all of these wonderful sources.

Now to get through the plebe academic year!

Submitted by: Matt & Susie Matson, Muskego



Top: Midn. Benjamin Matson during the boxing smoker. Bottom: Matt, Susie & Benjamin Matson during PPW.

Blue & Gold Area Coordinator

Vice Admiral Michael Miller became the 61st superintendent of the US Naval Academy this summer, a position of significant responsibility for the future of the Navy. The "supe" sets the climate for the Naval Academy through his words and actions. For instance, when Admiral Fowler became the superintendent,



*Cmdr. Craig Walker
USNA - 1983*

he stressed to the Brigade of Midshipman that the nation was in two hot wars, and that as the future junior officers, the mids needed to act in a way that reflects the gravity of the situation. Academy graduates closely tie their experiences as mids with the superintendent serving during their time in Annapolis.

Vice Admiral William Lawrence was the first supe I recall as a midshipman. He had a huge impact on my class, and until he passed away, would participate in our class events. Admiral Lawrence showed us how to lead through quiet grace. He also ensured we were aware of the gravity of our roles as leader, because he had been a prisoner of war in Vietnam. He relayed his experiences to us, and also brought in a number of other former POWs to teach leadership

classes. We were all very aware of the trials of these heroes, as well as the impact of the actions of people back home.

Time will tell how Admiral Miller will make his mark as the superintendent. If his first actions are any sign, he will be addressing questions with candor and facing issues head on. He recently spoke to alumni about admission policies, a subject recently in the news. He also is taking action on recent questions about discipline policies and the Honor Concept.

Change is constant in the Navy, and I am certain there will be changes coming with new leadership. We'll have to wait and see what changes Admiral Miller brings, and what the current midshipmen remember.

2010 All Academies Military Ball update

Meetings of the 2010 All Academies Military Ball committee took place on June 29 and September 1. Decisions have been made with regard to venue, food selection, entertainment, decorations, invitations and photography. We have planned what we hope will be a wonderful night for our sons and daughters.

While we have been successful in raising \$10,145, we are in need of at least \$8,000 more in order to provide the type of event we feel the midshipmen and cadets deserve. All WISNAPA members are encouraged to contact local businesses, friends, and family and ask them to help us show our gratitude, pride and appreciation for the commitment these young men and women have made. Sample solicitation letters and pledge forms can be found on the WISNAPA website (www.wisnapa.org). We

also urge you to contact local businesses and persuade them to donate product, gift cards, etc., that we can use as prizes for the casino games.

In addition to needing everyone's help raising funds, we are also going to need volunteers to assist us on the day of the event. Sara Bowen is going to need several people to man the registration desks, and Deb Rouse is going to need several people to help with the color guard ceremony, toast ceremony, and MIA/POW honoring ceremony. Sign up sheets will be posted at the October 9 WISNAPA meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting and are interested in volunteering to help in either of these areas please let Sara, Deb or me know.

The invitations have been sent to the printer and will be ready for assembly

at the October 9 WISNAPA meeting. Please plan on staying for a half an hour or so after the meeting ends to help assemble the invitations and get them ready to be mailed out in early November. It is going to take all of us working together as a team to make this event a success. Let's show our children just how proud we are of them and how much we love them by making the 2010 All Academies Military Ball an experience they will carry in their minds and hearts for many years to come.



Chris & Mike De Villers

*Submitted by: Chris & Mike
De Villers (Matthew '11)*



From the Helm

Continued from page 1

selection process for USNA four years ago, we as parents had a lot to learn. Much of that learning came through WISNAPA E-mails, meetings, and other WISNAPA parents. Thank you WISNAPA for your support!

Back to Scott's choices. It is now Monday morning. Service selection for the class of 2011 has been submitted. Will we

ever learn Scott's choices? We may not. Does it matter? Not really. As Karen so appropriately stated, "No matter what your choice is, we will support you." Whatever choices our mids will make, I know WISNAPA will be there to support them. Thank you WISNAPA for your continuing support.



Major Carol Sells

It is almost hard to believe that I am over halfway through my assignment in the Army.

As Russ and I knew before we made the decision, it has gone unbelievably fast. On the other hand, there are moments I am so homesick.

One of the coolest activities has been a class on occupational therapy for people with amputations. We had a chance to use the flow rider which is at the state-of-the-art rehab facility here. It is really awesome to see the soldiers with various amputations ride this – great for developing their balance. I do

just about everything the students do, except that! It takes too long for knee/ankle/hip injuries to heal at this age.

All the prostheses are custom made and the soldiers can get more than one for different activities – for running, women for their high heels, guys for cowboy boots, etc.

I have continued to do a little Army traveling; a few days in Fort Knox for an admissions board; a couple of OT meetings. One of my major projects here is launching a research study with my students to evaluate the effects of OT supplemented by animal-assisted therapy (dogs). When OTs deploy, their primary role is combat stress control and they are starting to use therapy dogs. It makes it much easier for soldiers to be open to asking for mental health care.

I haven't been home nearly as much as I want. Those 30 days of annual leave go quickly when you have to count the weekend days! I will be here through the end of April 2011 so please let me know if you think you could visit. My weekends are really quiet! And San Antonio is especially beautiful in fall and late winter-spring.

The work days here are just so long; we are running a 63-credit grad degree program with two faculty, we really need 4-5. But the work is satisfying and it is still an honor to be here.

*Carol Sells
(1st Lt. Joe Leonardelli, USMC '06)*

Carol Sells, Random Lake was commissioned in the Army for a two-year commitment to oversee a new doctoral program in her specialty at Brooke Medical Center,



*The Wisconsin Naval Academy Parents Association invites you to the
2010 All Academies Military Ball*

Honoring Wisconsin Midshipmen and Cadets

Thursday, December, 30, 2010

Country Springs Hotel

2810 Golf Rd., Pewaukee, Wisconsin

Photography from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Reception and cocktails at 6 p.m.

Dinner and program at 7:30 p.m.

Dancing and Casino Night 9 p.m. to midnight

\$60 per person

Family and friends welcome

*All Wisconsin Midshipmen and
Cadets attend at no charge as our guests*

RSVP by November 30, 2010

Mess Dress/Formal Attire, Black Tie Optional

WISNAPA Officers



Presidents:
Steve & Karen Voigt
stevevoigt@charter.net
karenvoigt@charter.net
920-648-3032



Vice Presidents:
Tom & Barbara Balistreri
thomasbalistreri@yahoo.com
414-282-7040



Treasurer:
Jan Heinitz
Jan.Heinitz@cuw.edu
262-238-0754



Secretary:
Nancy Briski
nancy.briski@wicourts.gov
920-465-7253



Wisconsin Naval Academy Parents' Association



Meeting Minutes - June 5, 2010

At 11 a.m. Co-presidents Bill and Jane Champion called the meeting to order. Bill thanked everyone for coming to the meeting followed by the pledge.

Jane welcomed three appointees in attendance who introduced themselves and their parents: Luke Leonhard, son of James and Kathy Leonhardt; Benjamin Matson, son of Robert and Susie Matson; and Silas Grosch, son of Tim and Karlene Grosch. Jane introduced Bryan and Jackie Gerlach (Gregory '14) who said a few words about their son who was unable to attend the meeting. Updates on mids and grads were given by their families.

Capt. Bill Clayton was recognized and thanked for his efforts in establishing WISNAPA in 1981 with Capt. Will Adams.

A prayer was given before the luncheon.

Craig Walker gave an update on the Class of 2014. Of 184 candidates, 53 completed 100 percent of their applications. There were nine appointments to the Academy, two to NAPS, and one foundation scholarship. He indicated the average ACT score was 31.5 (verbal) and 31.7 (math).

Craig introduced Capt. Bill Clayton, Blue & Gold Officer. Capt. Clayton is looking for volunteers to help at Badger Boys State June 18 and 19 in Ripon and Badger Girls State June 24 and 25 in Oshkosh. Anyone able to volunteer should contact Bill via email at wclayton1@wi.r.com or at (262) 377-5679.

Jane Champion gave an update on the Blue & Gold Officer training and encouraged members to consider becoming a Blue and Gold Officer.

At 1 p.m. the 2014 appointees separated from the group to meet with current mids to discuss what to expect at the Academy

while parents had a separate discussion.

Business Meeting

Jane Champion encouraged the incoming 2014 families to call other families with any questions they may have. Sign-up sheets were available on the registration table for members willing to mentor a Plebe family.

Jane introduced Ann Roy. Tom and Ann Roy (Logan '13) were the "Welcoming Parents" for the Class of 2014. Ann presented the appointees with an American flag and presented the families with the *Plebe Parent Handbook* and a gift bag. Peace Lily centerpieces were also given to the 2014 families.

Old Business

The minutes from the March 6, 2010 meeting were available on the tables for review. Treasurer Kalaniwai Grady moved to have a correction made to the minutes regarding the deadline for the completion of the third audit from a June 10, 2010 deadline to an October 9, 2010 deadline. A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded, voted on and carried.

Secretary Nancy Briski read two thank you cards from Midn. Patrick Costello ('13) and Ens. Timothy Mahoney ('10) thanking members for the care packages and support.

Treasurer Kalaniwai Grady indicated that copies of the treasurer's report were available on the tables for review. She gave an update on the audit and indicated that things are going well. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report, seconded, voted on and carried.

Yardtales/Website

Jan Haupt thanked everyone for their sub-

Continued on page 19

missions to *Yardtales*. She gave an update on the server situation. The web site will be moving to a new server soon. Jan reminded members to send in updated photos of their mids for the web site. Anyone with updates for member recommendations, handbooks, etc., should contact Jan at jhaupt-lodi@aol.com or (608) 592-4278.

Army vs. Navy Game

Co-Vice president Steve Voigt gave an update on the game. Rooms are available at the Holiday Inn-Historic District at the rate of \$169 per night. Members should check the web site for the code needed when making reservations. November 13, 2010 is the deadline for making reservations. He suggested that members willing to buy football tickets for resale to other members check the website.

2010 All Academies Military Ball

Bill Campion noted a correction to the agenda that the All Academies Ball will be held on Thursday, December 30, 2010, not Saturday, December 30, 2010.

Mike De Villers gave an update on the All-Academies Military Ball. Sample fundraising letters were available for members to use. Members were encouraged to mail fundraising letters along with the 501(c)3 form. Contact Mike and Chris DeVillers if you are able to help with any of the committees at badgermanmod@hotmail.com or moddevo@mil-wpc.com or (262) 250-9982.

Roger Christoph (Henry '13) is the chair of the fundraising committee. Anyone with questions regarding fundraising should contact Roger at marionchristoph@aol.com or (262) 878-2820.

Jan Haupt donated two handmade baskets which were raffled at the meeting. The winners were Karlene Grosch (Silas '14) and Chris De Villers (Matthew '11). Proceeds will go toward fundraising for the All Academies Ball.

New Business

Bill Campion gave an update on the 501(c)3 status. It was established that there will be two check signers on the WISNAPA bank account – the president and treasurer. Incoming Co-President Steve Voigt and incoming Treasurer Jan Heinitz will be the current co-signers on the account.

Bill reminded members of the upcoming meeting dates for 2010 and 2011: Fall – Saturday, October 9, 2010 at the Italian Conference Center (tentative); Spring – Saturday, March 12, 2011 at the EAA, Oshkosh; and Summer – Saturday, June 4, 2011 at Country Springs Hotel, Waukesha.

Jane Campion asked members their opinion of possibly moving future June meetings a week later so as not to conflict with spring sporting events and graduation dates. The general

consensus was to meet the first Saturday of June as some people would have conflicts with a later date.

Kalaniwai Grady was recognized and presented with a gift of appreciation for her years of service as treasurer. Jan Haupt was recognized and presented with a gift of appreciation for her continued service and for her efforts in welcoming new families to WISNAPA.

Bill Campion introduced the board members for 2010-11. The officers will be: Steve and Karen Voigt (Scott '11), co-presidents; Tom and Barbara Balistreri (Michael '12), co-vice presidents; Jan Heinitz (Rebecca Guild '13) treasurer; and Nancy Briski (Michael '12), secretary.

Steve and Karen Voigt presented Bill and Jane Campion with an Academy blanket in appreciation for their service to WISNAPA.

At 2:30 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded, voted on and carried.

Submitted by:
Nancy Briski

WISNAPA Secretar

(Michael Briski '12 - 7th Company)



Bankers Aweigh

Additional account information will be provided at the October 9 WISNAPA meeting and will be available at www.wisnapa.org.

Operating Account

\$ 3,818.28	Balance as of Sept. 4
3,947.14	Receipts
(127.86)	Disbursements

Academy Ball Account

\$ 7,434.72	Balance forward as Sept. 4
7,553.00	Receipts
(\$115.28)	Disbursements

Submitted by:
Jan Heinitz,

WISNAPA Treasurer

(Rebecca Guild '13 - 9th Company)

