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## Dear Maritime Alumni and Friends:

Great things continue to happen here at SUNY Maritime! On July 4, 2008, Empire State VI returned from another successful Summer Sea Term. Throughout the voyage, the cadets were as enthusiastic and eager as ever! I was privileged to enjoy several weeks aboard the ship and was reminded once again that the hands-on training experience at sea is unique and invaluable to the personal and professional development of our students. In the middle of the ocean, leadership, teamwork and integrity are critical elements in a successful sea term.

In August, 2008, Maritime welcomed the largest student body in the history of the College, with a total of 1580 undergraduate and graduate students. This is an increase of 232 students over last year's record-breaking class. On August 23, 2008, 357 new MUGS formed up for Indoctrination graduation and were officially recognized as members of the Regiment of Cadets, which now totals more than 1100 - another college record and the largest Regiment of Cadets of any maritime college in the country!

Over the past few years, the campus has undergone extensive construction and upgrades, including the installation of the new \$7 million electrical feeder system. Over the summer, stone-paver sidewalks, repaved roads and parking lots, and a new running track which runs from the campus entry along the sea wall to the power plant were installed. New Central Park lighting now enhances nighttime visibility on campus. Next summer, we will continue our campus enhancements in areas by the pier, the Admissions Office, and the A & B residence hall.

For the fourth year in a row, Maritime College has been recognized by *US News & World Report* as one of the Best Baccalaureate Colleges in the North, and for the second year, Maritime has been recognized by *The Princeton Review* as one of the best colleges and universities in the Northeast. Our faculty and students continue to be recognized by the State University of New York for outstanding performance. In the Spring of 2008, Maritime's rifle coach, Captain Dorion Germany, was named Coach of the Year by the Mid-Atlantic Conference, making this Maritime's third Coach of the Year award in the 2007-2008 academic year.

With the enthusiastic support of 24 alumni who served on the Admiral's Scholarship Dinner Committee and the generosity of our outstanding honorees, Bob Johnston, '69, John Krousouloudis, '76, and Mallory Jones Lynch Flynn & Associates, our alumni and friends, this year's dinner raised a record \$450K for scholarships.

There is much on the horizon for Maritime College, and with your support, we will continue on a course befitting the College's proud heritage, keeping it first and foremost.

Sincerely,

John W. Craine, Jr.  
Vice Admiral, USN (Ret.)  
President





Constantia Constantinou with Maritime students in Mallorca

Constantia Constantinou, Library Director and Department Chair of the Stephen B. Luce Library at SUNY Maritime College since 2001, joined the New York State Higher Education Initiative Governing Board. She was elected to a three year term at the 2008 spring meeting of the SUNY Council of Library Directors.

A 2004 Fulbright Senior Specialist and a classically trained musician, Constantia will be a strong advocate for the Maritime Library. During the 2008 Summer Sea Term, Constantia was aboard the Empire State VI to work with students during their time at sea.

The Stephen B. Luce Library was one of only 62 libraries in the world and 13 in the United States chosen for inclusion in the 2009 Renaissance Library Calendar. Published in Sweden, the calendar features the greatest and oldest libraries in Europe and the United States.

The other 12 American libraries are: the Boston Public Library, Boston, MA, Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, DC, George Peabody Library, Baltimore, MD, Library of Congress, Washington, DC, Library Company of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA, the Library of the Boston Athenæum, Boston, MA, the New York Academy of Medicine Library, New York, NY, the Redwood Library and Athenaeum, Newport, RI, the Riggs Library at Georgetown University, Washington, DC, the St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis, MO, the Suzzallo Library, at the University of Washington, Seattle, WA, and Vassar College's Frederick Ferris Thompson Memorial Library, Poughkeepsie, NY.

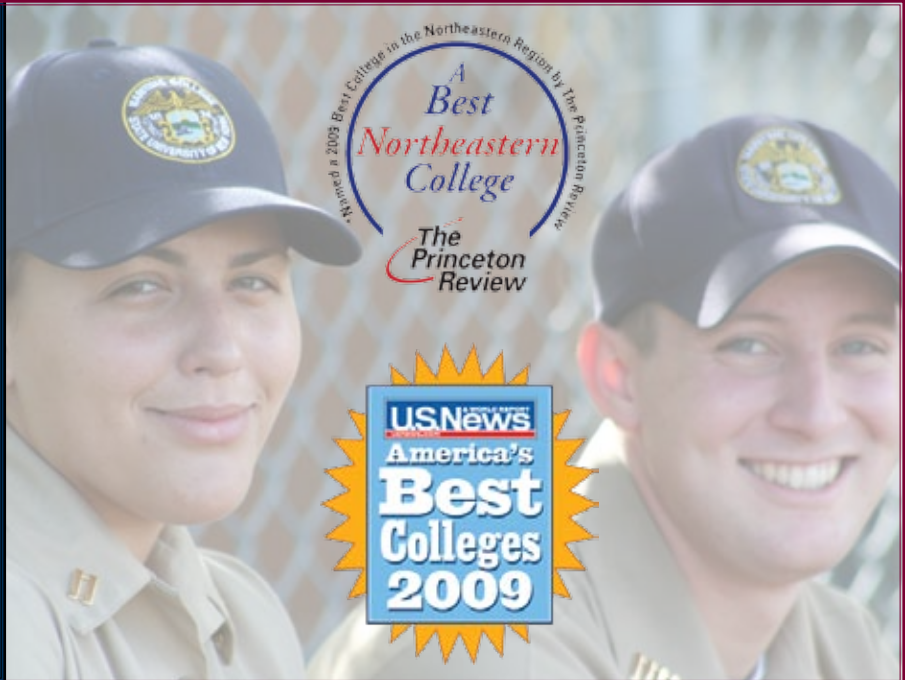
In addition to full page pictures, the calendar includes a brief history of the library, information about the library's collections, items of special interest, and a link to the library's own website. To learn more, visit: <http://www.renaissancelibrary.com/about-the-libraries.htm>



Maritime College's Stephen B. Luce Library

# NATIONAL RECOGNITION

SUNY Maritime College received national recognition from *US News & World Report* and *The Princeton Review* when the two highly regarded publications announced their annual educational reports in late August and early September, 2008. *US News & World Report* ranked SUNY Maritime College one of the Best Baccalaureate Colleges in the North for 2009 and singled Maritime College out for student selectivity, graduation and retention, peer assessment, and for a high number of international students. *The Princeton Review* cited Maritime College in its "Best in the Northeast" category.



## New Undergraduate Degrees Keep Pace with Global Marketplace

Maritime provost Dr. Joseph Hoffman, '75, reports the College created a new Bachelor of Science major in Marine Operations with the Unlimited Engine License. A new minor in Business Communications has also been added to the College's curriculum. "It has been designed to better prepare our students to enter the international maritime business world and meet the fast moving communications challenges and opportunities in the world marketplace," said Dr. Hoffman. It is a joint venture between the Global Business and Transportation Department and the Humanities Department.

As part of SUNY China 150, a special State University of New York leadership program, Maritime College is one of 22 SUNY campuses hosting 150 Chinese students from the earthquake ravaged Sichuan Province for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Maritime College welcomes four of these students. Three are studying International Business and one is majoring in Marine Transportation. The goal of the program is to build a team of young leaders who will help re-build their local communities when they return to China.

(L-R) Chengqi Li, Shiming He, Shanshan Lu, Dongsheng Fang, and Admiral Craine







(L-R) Study co-authors Chang Guan, '91, and Sam Yahalom, NYCEDC EVP Madeline Wils, Marta Bede, '06, NYEDC senior project manager, and co-author Eric Johansson, MS '00

**Maritime College** was commissioned by the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) and the Brooklyn Navy Yard to conduct a study to examine the economic impact of New York City's maritime industry and associated support services. SUNY Maritime professors Eric Johansson and Sam Yahalom conducted the study and received extensive media attention after its announcement on June 13, 2008.

The study found that additional dry-dock capacity will be needed to meet future growth in port activities in New York harbor. Currently, there is an 18-month waiting period for repair and maintenance of the East Coast tug fleet, forcing many to go out of the region for service. As a direct result of the study, the Brooklyn Navy Yard recently extended its lease with GMD Shipyard for an additional 10 years. "Maritime support services represent a significant share of the region's economic activity, generating more than \$2 billion each year for the region, and supporting approximately 12,000 jobs, of which 7,000 are waterborne,"

said NYCEDC Executive Vice President Madelyn Wils. "Finding innovative ways to support this important industry sector, which takes 3.1 million trucks off New York City roads annually, is consistent with the Bloomberg Administration's PlaNYC." (PlaNYC is a comprehensive sustainability plan for the City's future.)

## OTHER MAJOR FINDINGS INCLUDE:

- \* The maritime support industry generates \$1.1 billion in wages
- \* The NYC tug fleet has increased 35% since 1991, representing a quarter of the East Coast total fleet
- \* The Port's barge fleet has increased more than 20% since 1991, representing one third of the East Coast total fleet

**The Maritime Industry Museum** at Fort Schuyler held its sixth annual spring benefit and silent auction on Saturday afternoon, April 26th, and honored Maritime Industry Museum Director Stan Bartels, '47. The theme of this year's event was "Marine Piloting." The afternoon event featured a fascinating presentation by Captain Andrew McGovern, who serves as president of the New Jersey Sandy Hook Pilots Benevolent Association and chairman of the New York/New Jersey Harbor Operations Committee. Speaking before a capacity audience in a Fort Schuyler classroom, Captain McGovern provided his audience with a first-hand look at the perils faced by a pilot in the course of a normal day and discussed the vital role that pilots play in the maritime industry.

Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and conversations with old friends and colleagues. The event also served as the opening of a special exhibit of miniature ship models, on loan from Roland Parent, '68, a retired harbor pilot from Port Everglades, FL. Each model was built by Parent, and all represent ships that were manned or operated by SUNY Maritime graduates. The models will remain on display in the museum until the spring of 2009.

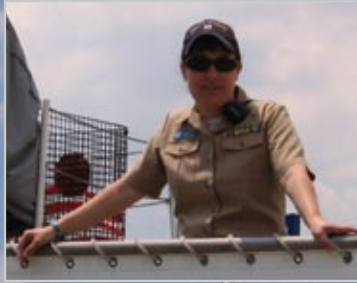


Mr. and Mrs. Bartels



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) state-of-the-art research vessel, Thomas Jefferson, docked at Maritime's pier on June 20, 2008, for a three-day visit. The Norfolk-based ship, one of NOAA's 19 research vessels, was in New York to begin charting the seafloor of the Port of New York and Long Island Sound. Maritime graduate, LT Jennifer Pralgo, '98, the vessel's Executive Officer, said the mission would include mapping of areas of Long Island Sound that had not been chartered since the 1800's. "We place special emphasis on areas of high traffic and under keel clearance," she noted.

The ship is named after the nation's third president who established the first federal science agency – Survey of the Coast – to support safe maritime commerce. NOAA is celebrating 201 years of science, service and stewardship. "Mariners' needs," said Jennifer, "are of high importance to us."



LT Jennifer Pralgo, '98 aboard NOAA Ship Thomas Jefferson



# Rocking the Boat

This summer, Maritime College teamed up with the non-profit group, Rocking the Boat, to give South Bronx teenagers an opportunity to learn about sailing, boating and the waterfront.

Based in Hunts Point, the group provides year-round programs for more than 2,000 under-privileged youngsters from a range of New York City public high schools and neighborhoods, most from the South Bronx. "Rocking the Boat opens new doors of opportunity for these kids," said Rob Crafa, Maritime's waterfront director.

"By the end of the summer, the students had experienced sailing and hands-on power boating as part of US Powerboating program. It's been a great partnership for Maritime. A highlight of the summer program occurred on August 13 when Rocking the Boat high school students shared their newfound knowledge with preteens from the Urban Park Rangers Summer Camp program. We're looking forward to working with Rocking the Boat and many other Bronx youth groups throughout the school year!"





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A mock operation center enabled participants to monitor security activities



Robert W. Klein, Vice President, Marine and Tactical Systems, Northrop Grumman Corporation, spoke at the press conference

# Trojan Horse Conference

The third annual Trojan Horse multi-agency security exercise broke new ground. The three day annual event was held August 4-6, 2008, at Maritime College.

Under the direction of Dr. Larry Howard, Chair of Maritime's Global Business and Transportation Department, and Robert "Bob" Wolf, the College's Director of Graduate Admissions, the exercise is designed to allow agencies and businesses to come together to test policies, procedures and operations in a non-competitive and secure environment. Following the success of the past two Trojan Horse events, this year's exercise drew an unprecedented number of senior executives from private industry, federal, state and city agencies, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the U.S. Navy.

The event received extensive media coverage from national as well as New York City television, radio and print news organizations including Fox News, New York 1 News, WABC, WNBC and the New York Post. Commenting on the success of the event, Dr. Howard said, "special thanks must go to Northrop Grumman for their exceptional level of support and technical assistance. We were

especially pleased with the extensive media coverage that Industry Day generated as we unveiled several new state-of-the-art technologies including Northrop Grumman's joint multi-mission expeditionary craft, a high speed intelligence and surveillance watercraft, and new marine-threat detection equipment from the British firm, Coda Octopus. We have already begun to plan next year's Trojan Horse."



SUNY Maritime's chief operations officer for Trojan Horse, Bob Wolf, and NYPD Assistant Chief, Commanding Officer of Special Operations Division Charles Kammerdener observed NYPD police divers in operation.



*Class of 2008 Navy and Marine Corps Commissionees*

The historic General Grant National Memorial on Manhattan's upper West Side was the distinguished site of the May 3, 2008, spring Maritime College Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) commissioning ceremony. The unit commissioned 15 officers as Ensigns in the Navy or 2nd Lieutenants in the Marine Corps.

Rear Admiral Sean F. Crean, USN, Maritime College, '78, gave the keynote address and Father Mark Vaillancourt, Maritime College, '81, President of Kennedy High School in Somers, NY, offered the invocation. Admiral John W. Craine, Jr., USN (Ret.), congratulated each new officer on their appointment. Members of the Maritime faculty and staff were present to witness the moving occasion and celebrate with the new officers, their families and friends.

In his address to the new officers, RDML Crean recalled his own commissioning ceremony 30 years earlier in the spring of 1978. "When I took the oath that you will take shortly," he told the commissionees, "the NROTC battalion had 30 Midshipmen and nine graduating seniors. Our commissioning took place as part of the graduation ceremony within the pentagon of Fort Schuyler. Today, you have built a program that is the fifth largest in the nation, with three colleges and a Battalion of over 170. Congratulations to you, Captain Driscoll, and the NROTC staff for meeting the challenge of educating and training this splendid corps of officers and preparing them to meet the fleet and expeditionary needs of the Department of the Navy. Welcome Aboard!"



*2nd LT Evan Bernstein, USMC, cuts the cake!*



## SPRING 2008 COMMISSIONEES

2nd LT Evan Bernstein	US Marine Corps
ENS Nicholas Chambers	USN, Submarines
ENS Gerin Choiniere	USNR, Merchant Marine Reserve (Deck)
ENS Joseph Goldstein	USNR, Merchant Marine Reserve (Deck)
ENS Michael Hansen	USNR, Merchant Marine Reserve (Engine)
ENS Marc Kunchev	USN, Aviation
ENS Nicholas Lakomcik	USN, Submarines
ENS James McCabe	USN, Merchant Marine Reserve(Deck)
ENS Ryan Miller	USN, Aviation
ENS Kevin Reilly	USN, Merchant Marine Reserve (Engine)
ENS Jorge Saza	USN, Merchant Marine Reserve (Deck)
ENS Kyle Scribner	USN, Submarines
ENS Manuel Sousa	USN, Surface Warfare
ENS Craig Tomalo	USN, Merchant Marine Reserve (Deck)
ENS Lief Ulstrom	USN, Merchant Marine Reserve (Deck)



**W**ith more than 200 members, Maritime's Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) Unit began the 2008 fall semester as one of the country's largest. Under the command of Captain James P. Driscoll, USN, the Maritime NROTC unit has more members than at any time in the last 10 years. The freshman class includes 67 midshipmen, officer candidates and one active duty Marine. "We have 12 four-year NROTC Scholarship recipients beginning their college careers at Maritime," said Captain Driscoll. "They are our most talented group yet. We're also pleased to welcome seven active duty Navy Seaman to Admiral Candidates (STA-21) and one Marine who is in the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECEP)."

This summer, 38 NROTC midshipmen took part in a summer cruise that took them to Indonesia, South Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Italy, Bahrain, and Malaysia. "The midshipmen had the opportunity to see what life was like onboard a US warship, submarine or Naval aviation squadron," Captain Driscoll stated. "They returned home with memorable experiences and invaluable insights into the many career opportunities the Navy has to offer."

# Empire State departs for Bahamas and Europe

The Empire State pulled away from the Maritime College pier May 12, 2008, and began its journey in a heavy rain storm. Maritime President Admiral John W. Craine Jr., Provost Joe Hoffman, '73, Maritime cadets, graduate students, faculty and staff were on board for the first leg of the journey. Nassau, The Bahamas, was the first stop. In port, Admiral Craine hosted a reception on the ship that was well attended by many Bahamian dignitaries from the government and the Caribbean maritime industry. Those attending the reception included the Minister of Maritime Affairs and Labour, Dion Foulkes; the Minister of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture, Carl Bethel; the Minister of State for Tourism and Aviation, Branville McCartney and board chairman of the Bahamas Maritime Authority, Ian Fair. The 13 Bahamian cadets on board were very helpful in assisting Maritime staff arrange details of the three-day visit that included community service work (beach and city clean up).

From there, it was on to the ancient Mediterranean port city of Palma de Mallorca, Spain. Dating back to the time of the Roman Empire, Palma is a vital European port town as well as a popular European resort. During the three-day visit, cadets toured the city's famous Gothic cathedral, LaSeu, the popular beach and tourist town, Magaluf, and



Nîmes, France

some took a train to see the island's west coast and passed through orange and lemon groves and beautiful tropical lands. The Empire State VI then traveled on to Toulon, France, and students continued their laboratory sessions in seamanship, marine engineering, communications, navigation, meteorology and oceanography. On June 9th the ship arrived in Toulon, home to the French Mediterranean Fleet. During the four days in port, the cadets had the



The French Riviera





# Memories to Last a Lifetime!

opportunity to visit the celebrated southern French region of Provence, as well as Paris, Marseilles and San Trope. A group of cadets accompanied Admiral Craine, Captain Greene and Captain Smith to Maritime alumnus Charles Strommer's home in Provence for a special luncheon. (See Admiral Craine's letter pages 24-25.)

The final European port of call was Liverpool, England, a city with a strong maritime history. The ship received a warm welcome as it pulled into the harbor. The BBC was on hand to capture the ship's arrival and a news story aired on BBC news. Visiting the UK gave cadets a chance to take a train to London and Plymouth and a number of cadets took part in an organized tour of Scotland's Loch Lomond & The Trossachs national park.

## A Very Happy 4th of July For Returning Cadets!

*It was a 4th of July to remember!*

On Friday morning, July 4, the Empire State VI returned to Maritime College's Olivet Pier. The ship carried more than 650 Cadets, faculty, staff and crew, all happy to return from the 54-day trans-Atlantic training journey. The cadets who made port calls in Nassau, The Bahamas, Palma, Mallorca, Toulon, France, and Liverpool, England carried home memories that will last a lifetime. The Maritime pier and waterfront lawns were filled with more than 1,000 parents, friends and loved ones who were on hand to welcome the cadets back home.



Photos by Bud Weede

# Dinner raises record funds for Scholarships

The 2008 Admiral's Scholarship Dinner began with a tented cocktail reception on the quad in front of Vander Clute Hall, followed by dinner in the "Mess Deck."

Transformed for the evening, the room took on an elegant new look as guests enjoyed fine wine and dined on filet mignon and delectable desserts. The College paid special tribute to graduates John Krousouloudis, '76, Celebrity Cruise Lines & Azamara Cruise Lines Senior Vice President of Marine Operations, and Captain Robert Johnston, '69, Senior Vice President & Head of Shipping Operations, Overseas Shipholding Group. The Stanford, CT, based shipping



(L-R) Captain Bob Johnston, '69, Admiral Craine, and John Krousouloudis, '76

Photos by Maria R. Bastone



Bob Flynn of MJLF

firm, Mallory Jones Lynch Flynn & Associates, Inc., was also honored for its outstanding contributions to the maritime industry. ESPN Sailing Analyst and former America's Cup sailor, Gary Jobson, '73, served as the Master of Ceremonies of the event and honed new skills as the evening's auctioneer.

This year, in addition to auctioning off Admiral Craine's cover and Major General Robert Wolf's New York Naval Militia cover, two coveted Maritime football helmets were on the bidding block. Honoree John Krousouloudis became the proud owner of the first Maritime football helmet after pledging \$10,000 for the pigskin "cover." The second helmet went to Gary Jobson's college roommate, Bill Quinn, '73. Known in his college days as "the Mighty Quinn," Bill captured the second prized Privateer helmet for \$10,000 and, much to the delight of the crowd, tried the helmet on for size! Admiral Craine's cover was won by A.J. McAllister, '80, and General Wolf's cover became the prized possession of Tom Sullivan, '81. A surprise announcement from Captain John Fox and his wife, Elizabeth, brought a quiet hush to the room when Mrs. Fox stood before the packed house and announced the couple would donate \$100,000 to the Class of 1956 Scholarship Fund. The 2008 Admiral's Dinner was the College's most successful dinner to date and raised more than \$450,000.



A.J. McAllister, '80 (L), winner of Admiral Craine's cover, Caroline Liscio, and Steve Gulotta, '80 (R)



Elizabeth and John Fox, '56



*Special Thanks to our Dinner Committee*

Mark W. Barker, '94

Alissa J. Bello, '06

Joseph V. Breglia, '80

Thomas R. Breglia, '80

James C. DeSimone, '73

Colleen M. Durkin, '94

Robert A. Fay, '80

Timothy J. Ferrie, '78

Constantine P. Georgiopoulos, '58

Alvin Golden, '46

Thomas E. Hancock, '58

James P. Hoy, '95

Eric J. Johansson, MS '00

Sal Litrico, '77

Guy E. C. "Clay" Maitland

Brian McClintock, '93

James J. McNamara, '64

Stuart W. McRobbie, '75

Barbara Ohl

Phillip D. Ohl, '56

John C. Timmel, '81

Michael J. Vanek, '96

Leonard J. Weiss, '46

Robert L. Wolf, MajGen, NYNM

Howard B. Wyche, '79



Head Football Coach Clayton Kendrick-Holmes and "The Mighty Quinn"



Football captain A.J. Gillilan, '08, with a coveted Privateer helmet as Gary Jobson moved the bidding along



Capt Tom Sullivan, '81, winner of Major General Robert Wolf's (NYNM) cover

Photos by Maria R. Bastone

# Maritime salutes class of 2008

**T**he class of 2008 entered the ranks of Maritime alumni on May 4, 2008. More than 1,000 family members, friends, faculty and staff attended the annual Commencement to salute the graduates and wish them fair winds and following seas.

During the ceremony, held in Fort Schuyler's St. Mary's Pentagon, Maritime President John W. Craine, Jr., VADM, USN (Ret.), conferred undergraduate, graduate, and associate degrees to students who received Bachelor of Engineering, Bachelor of Science, Associate in Applied Science, and Master of Science degrees. Class valedictorian, Virginia Ferrito, who graduated with a 4.0 grade point average, received a Bachelor of Science in International Transportation and Trade

NASA Astronaut Commander Scott Kelly, USN, '87, received a SUNY Doctor of Science degree. In his remarks to the graduates, Commander Kelly said the education and training he received at Maritime College were instrumental in his career achievements.

During the ceremony, Admiral Craine presented SUNY Chancellor's Excellence Awards to Cadet Mackenzie Hough, and 2nd LT Christian Kapey. SUNY Chancellor's Excellence Awards were also presented to two Maritime faculty, Dr. William J. Masano for Teaching, and Dr. Julie Wosk for Scholarship and Creative Activities. Ms. Patricia Sabatino, Maritime College's purchasing manager, received the Chancellor's Excellence Award for Professional Services.



(L-R) VADM Craine, Dr. Julie Wosk, and Dr. Karen Markoe, chairman of the humanities department.

**SUNY Chancellor's Excellence Awards Recipients, 2nd LT Christian Kapey and Cadet Mackenzie Hough**



Commander Scott Kelly



# Largest Indoc Graduation in Maritime History

On Saturday, August 23, 2008, 357 Midshipmen Under Guidance (MUGS) followed in the footsteps of thousands of cadets who have gone before them and took part in their indoctrination graduation ceremony. "You make us all proud," said Admiral Craine as he addressed the cadets and the families, friends, faculty and staff who filled the football field, stands, and sidelines, "I know the Class of 2012 is destined to do great things."

Because the class of 2012 is the largest incoming class in Maritime's history, the traditional ceremony had to be moved from St. Mary's Pentagon to the athletic field. Under a brilliant blue sky, the cadets marched on the field and the sections presented a regimental pass in review before the audience that included Admiral and Mrs. Craine, Captain Rick Smith, Commandant of Cadets and Master of the Empire State VI, Captain James Driscoll, USN, Commanding Officer of the SUNY Maritime College Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps, and Captain Thomas Greene, USN (Ret.), Deputy Commandant of Cadets and Vice President of University Relations.

Addressing the cadets, Captain Smith compared the athletes who were competing in the Olympic Games in Beijing to the new cadets. "The sacrifices and dedication that you have shown these past two weeks during your indoctrination period are no less challenging than those of our Olympic athletes. You, too, carry the same will, strength and desire to achieve your goals. I know that you have great futures ahead of you and that you will make a difference in the world."



2008 Indoctrination Ceremony, Athletic Field



Canons fire to announce the entrance of the 2008 MUGS.



Family and friends fill the stands.



# CADET OBSERVER PROGRAM



This past summer, in lieu of taking part in the traditional Summer Sea Term, 54 cadets participated in Maritime's prestigious Cadet Observer Program. The cadets gained valuable hands-on experience working in professional maritime industry settings and traveled to far-off ports ranging from Sweden and Finland to Hawaii, Alaska, Africa and Guam.

Some 44 Cadets worked on various assignments with Alaska Tanker, Celebrity Cruise Lines, Crowley Marine, Conoco-Phillips, Exmar, Hornbeck Offshore, IA Shipping Agency, Keystone, Liberty Maritime, Maersk, Military Sealift Command, Norwegian Cruise Lines, National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Navios, Overseas Shipholding Group, Penn Maritime, Port Albany Ventures, Sealift, SeaRiver, TYCO, United Marine Group and US Shipping. Another 10 students interned with Maritime's Marine Transportation Small Vessel Operations Program aboard Allied, Bouchard, Kirby, K-Sea, McAllister, Moran, Reinauer and Vane Brothers vessels. These students were able to hone their deck seamanship, boat handling, integrated marine transportation, ship-assist, piloting and navigation skills.

The real-life, at-sea experience prepares cadets for their US Coast Guard Third Mate's or Engineer's license exam while they receive academic credit and are paid for their work. All 1/C, 2/C, 3/C, and graduate license cadets who meet

the required pre-requisites are eligible to participate in the program. This year, a new Winter Cadet Observer program will run from December 13, 2008 to January 12, 2009. "The Cadet Observer Program is very beneficial for our undergraduate cadets and graduate license students," said Dr. Joseph Hoffman, '75, Maritime's provost. "In addition to being paid, they have the chance to work alongside the very people who may hire them once they complete their studies here at the College!" A postcard sent by Cadet Joseph Jimenez, Deck 2/C, who spent the summer working on a grain bulk carrier in Africa summed it all up when he wrote, "No letter grade can give me what I've been through - I've learned so much!"

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# MAC Rifle Coach of the Year



Captain Germany proudly wore his Maritime Athletics T-Shirt at the Beijing Olympics.

Not long after Maritime's head rifle coach, Captain Dorion Germany, was selected as the 2008 Mid-Atlantic Rifle Conference (MAC) Coach of the Year, he headed off to Beijing to serve as an assistant coach for a US Olympic Rifle Shooter.

"It was quite a summer!" said the U.S. Army Captain, who was the third Maritime coach this year to be named Coach of the Year by their respective conferences. (Peter Vecchio won for Men's Swimming and Captain Jim Driscoll, USN, won for Men's Cross Country). After returning from Beijing, Captain Germany is ready for another great season at Maritime. This will be his third season with the Privateers. He honed his coaching skills as an assistant coach at West Point.

## New All-Marine Rugby Coach

US Marine Corps Director of Athletics, Steven Dinote, selected Maritime Rugby coach, Bob Wolf, as head coach of the US Marine Corps 2008 All-Marine Rugby Team. Wolf led the Privateers to an undefeated season and 3rd place finish in the 2007 North East Division III Championships. He also coached the 1987 All-Marine Rugby team and led them to victory capturing the Armed Forces Championships that year.

Active Duty Marines and Marine Corps Reservists stationed around the world are eligible to compete in the All-Marine trials that will be hosted at Camp Lejeune, NC, November 7, 2008. The team will train at Camp Lejeune until November 15, 2008, and will compete in the Armed Forces Championships at Ft. Benning, GA, November 16 and 17, 2008. SUNY Maritime graduate, 2nd Lt. Jeremy Krider (USMC), 2007 Class Valedictorian, who is completing his flight training in Pensacola, FL, is team manager.



## Two Privateers named Scholar Athletes of the Year

Skyline Conference Commissioner Tracy King announced that 33 Maritime athletes, spanning all 11 Privateer Skyline Conference teams, were named Scholar Athletes for maintaining a minimum 3.30 grade point average (GPA) during their season of competition. Men's and Women's Swimming/Diving and Men's Basketball Scholar Athletes had to maintain a cumulative 3.30 GPA for fall and spring semesters since they compete during both seasons. Two of the 33 Maritime Scholar Athletes were named Scholar Athletes of the Year, a distinction awarded to the athlete on the All-Conference First Team with the highest GPA. Men's swimmer, Chris Bosch (Middletown, NY), and men's lacrosse defender, Brandon Middleton (Davidsonville, MD), took the awards. Bosch had a 4.0 GPA, while Middleton was not far behind with a 3.81. Eleven teams, from New York's metro area schools, to Long Island, and schools as far north as Annandale, NY, make up the core of the Skyline Conference.



# Maritime College sails into Nationals at Newport

**T**he SUNY Maritime College sailing team, the only team from a New York City college to compete in the prestigious Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association (ISCA)/Gill National Championships, finished 16 in a field of 18. The event was hosted by the New York Yacht Club, Harbour Court, in Newport, Rhode Island, June 2-4, 2008. Only days before the Nationals began, six members of the dedicated Maritime sailing team were on board the Empire State VI on Summer Sea Term. Thanks to many alumni, the team was able to leave the ship at Palma, fly back to the U.S. and compete in the Nationals in Newport. Following the event, they returned to the ship in Toulon, France. With stiff competition, the Maritime sailors placed 10th in B Division and 18th in A Division which earned them 16th place overall. Maritime qualified for the tournament after placing third in the Mid-Atlantic Conference Championships. Maritime Head Coach Blaine Pedlow said it was a great event for the Privateers. "It was very exciting," he said, "especially in the B division. It bodes well for our performance this year, shows the depth of our young team, and provides our athletes with the motivation and experience for next season."

The 2008 ICSCA/Gill National Championship honors went to Georgetown University, followed by Boston College. St. Mary's College of Maryland placed third. Maritime sailors Dani Gamache, 2/C, and Matthew Brink, 2/C, turned in consistent performances, and skipper, Dan Hesse, 2/C, was exceptional, finishing in the top 10 in five of his final six races, helping raise Maritime into the top 10 for B Division. Todd Hawkins, 2/C, and Randy Hartranf, 4/C, each sailed with Laura Wasson, 4/C, and Will Gallagher, 3/C, in the highly competitive A Division. Todd and crew, Laura Wasson, 4/C, had their best finish of the regatta in the 4th race overall, finishing in 5th place.

The ICSCA is the sailing competition governing authority for colleges and universities throughout the United States and areas of Canada. Two hundred member teams compete in seven conferences throughout the country. A one-hour program on the ICSCA/Gill National Championship, hosted by ESPN Sailing Analyst Gary Jobson, '73, aired on ESPNU, ESPN's 24-hour college sports network. Complete results of the national collegiate sailing event can be found at: [www.collegesailing.org/nas/spring08](http://www.collegesailing.org/nas/spring08).





## 2008 HOME FOOTBALL SEASON

9/4/2008 - 7:00 p.m.

Chowder Bowl, Opening Game

Maritime College v. Massachusetts Maritime Academy

9/20/2008 - Noon

Maritime College v. Randolph Macon College

9/27/2008 - 1:30 p.m. - HOMECOMING GAME

Maritime College v. Norwich University

10/10/2008 - 7:00 p.m.

Maritime College v. Gallaudet University

10/18/2008 - Noon

Maritime College v. Husson College

11/1/2008 - 1:00 p.m.

Bronx Warrior Pee-Wee Football Day

Maritime College v. Becker College

The Privateers kicked off the 2008 fall football season on Thursday, September 4, 2008, with the second annual Chowder Bowl competition against Massachusetts Maritime Academy. The Privateers were victorious in their first game of the 2008 season, defeating the Buccaneers, 24-14.

Six of the nine scheduled Privateers' varsity games will be played at home. There are four junior varsity contests on the schedule - two at home, two away. The September 27 Homecoming game at 1:00 p.m. features an exciting match up as the Privateers face off against Norwich University.

"We're going to play some great football this fall," commented Head Coach Clayton Kendrick-Holmes. "With a strong number of upper classmen, depth should be better as the season progresses. It's a challenging schedule that will serve us well as we head into the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) for the 2009 season."

Athletic Director Dick Hack notes that "there will be plenty of prime tail-gating locations for alumni returning to campus to cheer on the Privateers. We're looking forward to having a strong alumni presence in the stands, rooting our team on to victory!"

*The Maritime men's basketball team* will play their season opener against the Coast Guard Academy on Friday, November 21 in Vallejo, California at California Maritime. The first home game pits the Privateers against Kings Point on Friday, November 25 at 8:00 p.m. There will be a total of 13 home games in the 2008-2009 season. The team finished the 2007-2008 season as Skyline Conference semi-finalists with 13 wins.

## 2008 MEN'S HOME BASKETBALL

11/25/2008 - 8:00 p.m.

Maritime v. USMMA Kings Point

1/24/2009 - 4:00 p.m.

Maritime v. Mt. Saint Vincent

12/2/2008 - 8:00 p.m.

Maritime v. Mount Saint Mary

2/3/2009 - 2:00 p.m.

Maritime v. Centenary College

12/4/2008 - 8:00 p.m.

Maritime v. Berkeley College

2/5/2009 - 8:00 p.m.

Maritime v. Purchase

12/6/2008 - 4:00 p.m.

Maritime v. Farmingdale State

2/7/2009 - 8:30 p.m.

Maritime v. Yeshiva

12/30/2008 - 8:00 p.m.

Maritime v. Baruch College

2/12/2009 - 8:00 p.m.

Maritime v. Polytechnic

1/14/2009 - 8:00 p.m.

Maritime v. Old Westbury

2/18/2009 - 8:00 p.m.

Maritime v. Bard

1/17/2009 - 4:00 p.m.

Maritime v. Saint Joseph's







Charles Strommer,  
October '46

In the Fall of 2007, members of the October Class of 1946 were invited to campus for a dinner. One of the members, Charles Strommer, flew in from Geneva, Switzerland, just for the dinner! During the dinner, several of his classmates were regaling us about the wonderful time they had at a dinner that Charlie and his wife, Felicity, had hosted in their home at St. Maximin in the south of France. At that point, Charles said, "If you can get the Empire State to France, we would love to have you come for lunch." His classmates advised us not to pass up the invitation and opportunity, saying that we would be in for a very memorable experience.

Well, it happened that one of the countries we were hoping to visit during the upcoming Summer Sea Term was France. We were thinking of visiting Villefrance, but the port agent instead suggested Toulon, where we could be hosted by the French Navy. And, as it turned out, Toulon was just a couple of hours away from the Strommer's home in St. Maximin!

Little did we know what was in store for us during that memorable visit. It would turn out to be a day that none of us who were fortunate to participate in will ever forget. Arrangements were made through our port agent for a bus to transport 52 cadets and staff to the Strommers' home. The bus came with a tour guide who spoke non-stop about France and, in particular, Provence, the region through which we were traveling. We learned about the climate, vegetation, crops, wine and farm animals of the region. We also stopped at a place named Pont du Gard to see a Roman aqueduct built across the Gard River between 38- 54 AD. It was an incredible engineering marvel that is still in almost pristine condition.

St. Maximin, a very old stone village of about 480 residents, is a short, 10-minute drive from Pont du Gard and sits perched atop a hill surrounded by vineyards. Charles met us at the foot of the village, and we had to walk into the village, because the roads were too narrow for the bus. He pointed out, as we walked to his home that carpenters would not be able to survive, as all the buildings were constructed of local limestone and rock.

As we approached his house, it was difficult to tell where it began and ended due to the stone walls that surrounded it and, in some cases, were the outer walls of the house. When he opened the door lead-





ing into an inner courtyard, we were all stunned by what we saw – a charming, beautiful inner courtyard complete with a swimming pool, bath house and a home dating back to the Renaissance!

We were greeted by Mrs. Strommer, their son Erick, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of St. Maximin, and some close friends. We immediately knew we were in for a treat and an experience that we would not soon forget. Mrs. Strommer told us about the property and how at one time a very famous French writer, Jean Racine, had once lived in the house. At another time, it had been a farmhouse, and the cows had lived on the second floor. Later it became the Rectory for priests of an adjoining church that was accessed through one of the inner walls of the house. We were then given a tour of the beautiful and unique home which featured, among many other interesting things, a huge, walk-in stone fireplace.

We were then treated to a delicious, Provençal-style lunch of local salad greens, green beans, lamb, chicken and beef with homemade sauces, and fresh apple tarts for dessert. After

lunch, the cadets took full advantage of the pool before we had to leave. On our way out, Charles opened the adjoining church for us to see. On the bus ride back to the ship, we stopped in Nimes to see a perfectly preserved Roman coliseum.

As Charles's classmates had said it would be, our day was, indeed, an experience not to be missed! I encountered cadets and staff who are still talking about the visit and of meeting and talking with Charles and his family. They

were truly impressed by the tour, seeing Maison Racine and enjoying a delicious lunch, but what impressed us all the most were Charles and his family. The time spent with them was very special and will provide lifelong memories. Not lost on the cadets were comments Charles made about the value of his education at Fort Schuyler and how it had helped him throughout his life. Armed with a reinforced appreciation of the value of the work and effort required at the College, many are now dreaming about one day owning their own "Maison Racine!" I know that I speak for everyone who made the journey to Maison Racine when I say "Thank you, and Bravo Zulu!" to the Strommers for a truly superb and memorable day!

- John Craine





**Dick Hack**, Maritime's new athletics director (AD), brings more than 30 years of college athletics administration and coaching experience to the Privateers. The new AD came to Maritime from the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg where he was director of athletics. Earlier in his career Dick served as director of athletics at Medaille College in Buffalo, NY, and spent 25 years at

Tri-State University in Angola, IN, in a variety of capacities including athletics director, head basketball coach, dean of students, and associate professor of physical education. At Tri-State, he won the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Coach of the Year award three times and, under his direction, Tri-State's basketball team won 343 games, an average of 17 wins per season, eight of which had 20 or more wins.

During his basketball coaching career, Dick coached 14 Academic All-Americans and four All-Americans. A SUNY alumnus, Dick holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from SUNY New Paltz and a master's degree in physical education from Indiana University/Bloomington. Currently, Dick serves as chairman of the NCAA basketball rules committee.



**Jonathan White** joined Maritime as the new Dean of Admissions. He comes to Maritime from the University of Bridgeport (UB) where he was Director of Undergraduate Admissions. At UB, Jonathan was responsible for planning and directing the recruitment efforts for all new undergraduate students. He brought in the largest class in more than 20 years. Jonathan began his higher education career at Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia where he started as an admissions counselor and rose to the post of Senior Associate Director of Admissions and Director of Transfer Admissions.

Before joining Marymount, Jonathan worked in Washington, D.C. on the Capitol Hill staff of Congressman David Obey of Wisconsin, the ranking Democrat on the Appropriations Committee, and at the Democratic Campaign Committee. As an undergraduate student at Bates College in Maine, Jonathan worked in the Lewiston, ME, Mayor's office and for ME Congressman John Baldacci.

Maritime's new Dean of Admissions holds a B.A. in political science from Bates College and an M.B.A. from Marymount University with a concentration in marketing. He is a proud native of Minnesota and now calls CT home.



**John Whittaker** joined Maritime College as Chief Financial Officer in August 2008. He succeeds Joseph Schaefer in the position. A veteran of the Massachusetts, New Mexico and Hawaii state university systems, John brings more than 30 years of senior level financial management experience to his new post at SUNY Maritime. During his career, he

has held senior positions in finance and academic affairs. John began his financial career in banking with Shamut Bank of Boston and the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. He holds a bachelor of science in education degree from Northeastern University, an M.B.A. from Babson College and an ED.D. from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. John also served in the U.S. Army as an Assistant Adjutant General/Captain.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Tuesday, October 21, 2008**  
**Fall Career Fair**

**Wednesday October 22, 2008**  
**Towing Forum**

**Thursday, November 6, 2008**  
**GBAT Panel of Working Graduates**

**Monday, February 2, 2009**  
**Groundhog Day**  
**GBAT Conference on Cutting Edge**  
**Issues in Shipping**



**Joseph Williams**, Maritime's new Collection Development and Acquisitions Librarian, comes to Maritime from Briarcliffe College in Bethpage, Patchogue and Long Island City, NY, where he served as a college librarian and managed a staff of 12. In addition to his library duties, he also taught history as an adjunct instructor. Joseph also worked as a

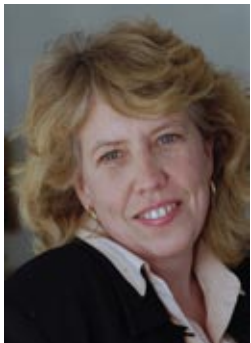






librarian at St. Francis College, Brooklyn, NY, and at the New York Institute of Technology, Art and Architecture Library, Old Westbury, NY. Earlier in his career, he was a history and government teacher at the Humanities and the Arts Magnet High School, Brooklyn, NY. He began his career in education as a textbook editor for McGraw Hill and for Pearson Education.

Joseph holds a Master of Library and Information Science and a Master of Arts in American History from Queens College, Flushing, NY. He received a Bachelor of Arts from SUNY Genesco and is a member of Phi Alpha Theta, the International History Honors Society, and Beta Phi Mu, the International Library Science Honors Society. The American Library Association (ALA) named him ALA Emerging Leader, Class of 2008. He was also selected to participate in the ALA's Emerging leader program



**Jane Bartnett** became Maritime's Director of Communications on January 2, 2008. Prior to her appointment at Maritime, she was the founder and president of Bartnett Communications, Inc., a Long Island based public relations and public affairs firm that she created in 1993. Over the course of the agency's 15 years, Bartnett Communications served a variety of

national and New York City based businesses, sports, professional and non-profit organizations. The agency provided media relations service, public affairs council, graphic design and writing as well as video production.

A former ABC NEWS Washington bureau producer and reporter, Jane was a member of the staff of the award winning "This Week" show. She also contributed news stories to other ABCNEWS shows and reported from Capitol Hill, the White House and federal agencies. After moving into public relations in New York City, she was a vice president at Howard Rubenstein Associates, an account supervisor at Porter Novelli Public Relations, and Communications Director for the Association for a Better New York before opening her own business.

Jane has written many news stories that have appeared on the *Associated Press* wire service, in the *New York Daily News*, as well as major newspapers and magazines around the country. A graduate of Marymount College, Tarrytown, NY, Jane holds a bachelor of arts in political science. She received a master's degree in public administration (MPA) from American University, Washington, DC.



**Robert Black** became executive assistant to Admiral Craine in May 2008. For the past year, "Blackie" has served as an adjunct professor in management information systems for Maritime's Global Business and Transportation graduate program. He has lectured at colleges and universities around the world and has led the international operations of

the Young President's Organization. He also founded The Ranger Corporation and has held positions at the Council on Learning, The Conference Board and Columbia University. A captain in the New York Naval Militia, he serves as aide to the commander, NYNM.

Blackie is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. He holds an M.A. in political science and an M.Phil. in international relations from Columbia University where he was a Lehman and International Fellow. A Marine Corps combat veteran of the Dominican Republic and Viet Nam, Captain Black was decorated with the Silver Star Medal and the Cross of Gallantry with Gold Star (Republic of Vietnam equivalent to the Navy Cross), and was commended for humanitarian relief operations in the Dominican Republic and Haiti. He also wears Presidential Unit Citations, and holds other Marine Corps honors.

## FUTURE STUDENTS

### Open House Dates

**Sunday, October 26, 2008**  
Admissions Open House

**Sunday, November 23, 2008**  
Admissions Open House

**Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009**  
Financial Aid Day

**Sunday, March 1, 2009**  
Admissions Open House



# ALUMNI NOTES

## Class of 1946

**Alvin Golden** reports that he is an active member of the board of directors of the Maritime Industry Museum at Fort Schuyler.

## Class of 1948

**Harold A. "Hap" Parnham**, professor emeritus at Maritime, is working with members of his class to arrange activities for their 60th reunion. Hap is also a member of the board of directors of the Maritime Industry Museum. He can be found at his desk, at the museum office, working several days a week on museum activities and projects.

## Class of 1958

**Frank Nickels** published a CD entitled, "The History of the Class of '58," complete with career biographies of most class members. The CD was created for the Class of 1958's 50th reunion celebration. For more information contact Frank at: franknickels@ca.rr.com

## Class of 1964

**John McMurray**, president of Commercial Weather Services, Inc. in Flint, MI, wrote with the news that his classmate and fellow meteorologist, **Dr. Walter Dabberdt**, is now president of the prestigious American Meteorological Society.

## Class of 1968

**Roland Parent**, a retired Port Everglades, Florida, harbor pilot turned his passion for ship models into a new career, building and restoring ship models for collectors and antique dealers. In April, 2008, Roland was on hand at the Maritime Industry Museum's spring benefit for the debut of his model ship display. The exhibit will remain on display until May 2009. Each model is a different class and represents US flag ships that

were manned, operated or piloted by Maritime graduates. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call Roland at 954-525-3845.

**Saunders A. "Sandy" Jones**, joined Alaris Companies, LLC in Petaluma, CA, as executive vice president and is responsible for the management and quality assurance of all port and vessel operations. He is a member of SNAME, ABS North America, Council of American Master Mariners (CAMMS), Past President San Francisco Marine Exchange and a Governor-appointed Member of The Board of Pilot Commissioners for San Francisco Bay.

**Frank Sabatano** is living in the small island nation of Cook Islands, South Pacific, where he is teaching music. Frank writes that he is looking for donations of used band instruments for his students. He can be reached by email: frank@oyster.net.ck.

## Class of 1973

**Gary Jobson** reported on the 2008 Olympic Games sailing competition for NBC. In June, he hosted a one hour show on college nationals for ESPNU that included Maritime's sailing team. He is currently working on documentaries for the New York Yacht Club and Maine Built Boats, and is preparing a show for ESPN on the 100th running of the Chicago Mac.

## Class of 1977

In May, 2008, **Thomas Merrell** was named president of General Dynamics American Overseas Marine (AMSEA), part of the Marine Systems Group of General Dynamics. He joined AMSEA in 1984, and has served as vice president, marine operations, since 2004. AMSEA manages and operates both private and government owned vessels for the U.S. Navy's Military

Sealift Command. He holds a master's in management from Lesley College as well as a master of arts degree from Simmons College. Following his graduation from Maritime, he sailed with Gulf Oil and was a captain with Amoco.

## Class of 1978

**Frank W. Keane** was appointed executive director for the Board of Commissioners of Pilots of the State of New York. Before joining the Board, Frank spent 25 years with the Port of Albany, serving as general manager for more than 20 years.

On the 4th of July, 2008, **Tim Ferrie** piloted Admiral Craine through the waters of New York Harbor to meet the Empire State VI for its triumphal return to Maritime's Olivet Pier.

**Edward Baird** married Joanne Marie Iurato on August 15, 2008, in Brookfield, CT. A patent examiner with the United States Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, VA, the groom is a mechanical engineer and holds a master's in mechanical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

## Class of 1981

In July, 2008, **Rev. Mark Vaillancourt** became the new president of Kennedy High School in Somers., NY, following his years as principal of St. Joseph's by the Sea High School in Staten Island, NY. On May 3, 2008, Father Vaillancourt gave the invocation at the spring 2008, NROTC Commissioning ceremony held at Grant's Tomb.

## Class of 1985

**Federico Sandoval**, a representative for Malabon-Navotas in the Philippines, was quoted in a news story that appeared in the *Manila Standard Today* about the need for well trained mariners.

**Class of 1989**

**Edgardo "Eddie" Montero** is assigned to the Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group in Williamsburg, VA, where he is director for training and readiness. Eddie and his wife, Nikki, live in the Yorktown, VA, area with their two children, Christopher and Hannah. He welcomes calls and emails from Maritime friends and may be reached at: edgardo.montero@navy.mil.

**Lt. Commander Mark A. Slavik,**

(USN), Navy Recruiting District in Seattle, WA, was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation medal from the United States Department of the Navy. He is in charge of recruiting for the Naval officer program in the Seattle District which encompasses Washington, Montana and Alaska.

**Class of 1990**

**Christopher Walsh** was promoted to the rank of detective in the Long Beach, New York, police department. Detective Walsh was sworn in at a ceremony held in Long Beach City Hall. He joined the Long Beach police force in 1990 and has received numerous departmental awards.

**Class of 1992**

**Edward Moore** joined WB Engineers/Consultants as a senior associate in charge of the firm's building commissioning services. Before joining WB Engineers, he worked with Keyspan Energy in engineering and operations, outage and controls management. His new position was announced in *Real Estate Weekly*.

**Johan Odvar Od fjell** was appointed Chairman of Jo Tankers, Bergen, Norway. Jo Tankers is one of the leading chemical tanker operators in the world with offices in Bergen, Rotterdam, Houston, Dundee, Singapore and Manila. Johan has served as the company's managing director since 1999. He joined the company in 1992 following his graduation from Maritime.

**Class of 1993**

**Lt. Commander Thomas P. Murphy** (USN) was transferred from Oak

Harbor, WA, to the Washington, DC area. He writes, "15 years has gone by pretty quick. I've been married for four years and have two little ones, Ava - 2 years and Aidan - 6 months."

**Class of 1994**

**Mark W. Barker** and his wife, Liz, welcomed another baby boy, Eli Barker, to their family on December 21, 2007. Mark is the president of Interlake Steamship Company in Richfield, Ohio.

**Class of 1997**

**Michael Kane** is the owner of Kane Insurance Brokerage Services, LLC in Westhampton Beach, Long Island, NY, a regional boutique firm that provides solutions to small and middle market businesses. Michael began his career with Aon Risk Services, the largest insurance brokerage firm in the world, and subsequently joined Bank of America's insurance unit. He was recently appointed Vice President of Chaminade High School's Alumni Association Board in Long Island. Michael is also a member of the North Shore Lacrosse Club team, an active member of the New York Athletic Club and a President's Club Member at the Heritage Foundation.

**Class of 2000**

**Captain Paul Kalapodas**, of Edison Chouest Offshore, was recognized by Cambridge *Who's Who* for showing dedication, leadership and excellence in all aspects of maritime services. He previously served as a navigation officer for the cruise ship company, Majestic America Line.

**Class of 2003**

**Margaret (Maggie) Matos** received the Mary Sears Outstanding Junior Analyst Award from the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. The award is presented by the agency's Workforce Development and Tradecraft Office Marine Analysis Professional Advisory Board to recognize high achievement by a maritime analyst with less than three years of experience.

**Class of 2004**

On Oct. 20, 2007, **Lt. Robert J. Frantz,**

USN, married Jessica Woodward in Midlothian, VA. The couple live in Jacksonville, FL, where he is a helicopter pilot at the Naval air station.

**Class of 2006**

**Alissa Bello and Raymond McGrisken** have announced their engagement and plan to marry in May 2009. Both graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marine Transportation and a Third Mates License. Alissa is a Maritime Specialist for International Registries, Inc., and Raymond is a third mate on the Staten Island Ferry. High school sweethearts, the couple dated during their student days at Maritime.

**Class of 2007**

**Joshua Lippert** is a 3rd mate on a bulk cargo carrier. He recently returned from a trip to Ireland, Venezuela, Spain and Israel.

**Class of 2008**

**Donald (DJ) Toby** was named an All-American by The United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA). The 2008 lacrosse team captain, DJ is a resident of Oceanside, NY. The recognition is the most prestigious award a lacrosse player can earn in their collegiate career. **Kevin Mannix, '86**, was the only other Privateer in Maritime history to be named an All-American.

**ENS Jeremy Leazer** married Michele Sikoryak on July 13, 2008 in New Rochelle, NY.





# IN MEMORIAM

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ELLIOTT GOLDEN, CLASS OF 1946

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WILLIAM P. PENNEY, CLASS OF 1944

JOEL PIERSON, CLASS OF 1960

## Attention Maritime Alumni

*Do you have any information to share with your classmates?*

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