



# **THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION**

**Office of Maritime Workforce Development**

## **YOUR MARITIME SERVICE OBLIGATIONS**

**For the  
USMMA Class of 2017**



# Welcome to the Plebes

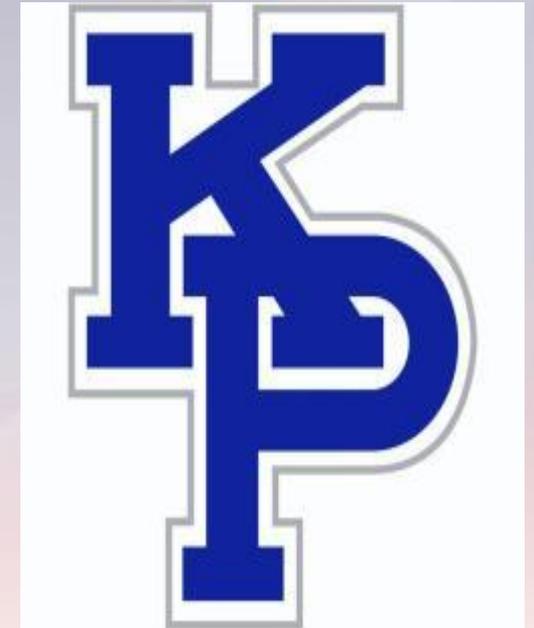
**\* \* WELCOME ABOARD \* \***

- **You have excelled on your SAT and/or ACT Exams.**
- **You graduated High School, many top of your class.**
- **You have the aptitude to attend numerous colleges.**
- **You were nominated & accepted to attend the USMMA.**
- **Today, you sit here in the auditorium of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in New York.**

**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR DECISION!**



# MANY OPPORTUNITIES





# You Decide Your Path

- **You decide which Major Program you will pursue.**
- **You will develop your leadership skills.**
- **You will develop lasting friendships.**
- **You sail and gain invaluable on-the-job training.**
- **You will travel, see, and learn about the world.**
- **You will earn a world class education.**
- **You will graduate with a sense of accomplishment.**
- **You will or be employed in a maritime-related field that will keep you engaged or go active duty in the military and you will know your work is valued.**



# Not A Free Lunch





# Your Service Obligation



**We want you to know you will incur a service obligation:**

- 1. To Sail / Meet the 5 year maritime employment requirement;**
- 2. Maintain a U.S. Coast Guard Credential with endorsements as an officer in the U.S. Merchant Marine for at least 6 years after graduation; and**
- 3. Serve for a period of at least 6 years in the U.S. Naval Reserve, or any Reserve Component of the U.S. Armed Forces;**
- 4. Report your compliance annually to the USMMA (Dept. of Professional Development and Career Services) or on-line.**

**If you serve on Active Duty in the US Armed Forces for a minimum of 5 years after graduation, you will meet items 1, 2, 3 of your service obligation. **\*\*ALL graduates must submit an annual report.\*\*****



# Enforcement of Obligations

- **Failure to meet any component of your obligation, including reporting, after graduation may result in a breach of your Service Obligation Commitment.**
- **If you are found in breach:**
  1. **Serve on Active Duty in one of the US Armed Forces for up to 2 years, or**
  2. **Repay Cost - USMMA Education.**

**The Cost of your Education is Est. Over \$200,000.**



# So Jump Right In





# FOR ASSISTANCE



- **Rita Jackson:**
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  - Academies Program Officer, MARAD
- **Captain Gene Albert**
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  - U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Department of Professional Development and Career Services
- **Maritime Service Compliance System (MSCS)**
  - <https://mscs.marad.dot.gov>





# ANY QUESTIONS





# PLOT YOUR COURSE





# MILITARY OPTIONS

- Start thinking now, “What do I want to do?”
- Options: active duty or reserve
- Service may be as a commissioned officer:
  - In **ANY** of the armed services of the U.S.
  - NOAA or the Public Health Service





# MILITARY OPTIONS

- Points of Contact:
  - Navy - Department of Naval Science, Furuseth Hall
    - Lieutenant Jamail, x5790
  - Coast Guard Liaison Officer – Bowditch Hall
    - Lieutenant Kelly, x5876
  - Army/National Guard Liaison Officer– Bowditch Hall
    - Major Burgos, x5077
  - Air Force Liaison Officer– Bowditch Hall
    - Major Brenneke, x5217
  - Marine Corps Liaison – Palmer Hall
    - Gunnery Sergeant Harper, x5657



# USCG QUALIFICATIONS



- You will earn:
- Tankerman Assistant (Deck Graduates)
- Tankerman Engineer (Engine Graduates)
- Vessel Security Officer (VSO)
- Medical Care Person-in-Charge
- Global Marine Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) Radio Operator (Deck Graduates)



# USCG QUALIFICATIONS



Deck Graduates can earn:

- Tankerman Person-in-Charge (PIC)
- PIC improves your employability
- PIC requires time aboard Tankers.
- If you *don't* earn PIC while a Midshipman, you will have to sail as AB or Observer to earn the qualification
- Start thinking now about Sea Year!



# ANY QUESTIONS

