



Dear Families,

Congratulations to you and your family on your child being selected as a member of the Class of 2027. Your child is about to enter one of the most unique schools in this country and upon graduation, will enter service into the world's greatest Coast Guard. Let us be among the first, as presidents of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Alumni Association and U.S. Coast Guard Academy Parents Association, to welcome you!

The **USCGA Alumni Association** is a non-profit organization, with a membership that includes those who attended the Academy, as well as parents of cadets and alumni, and Academy friends. Our members and donors care deeply about the Coast Guard and the Academy and want to ensure that the leaders of tomorrow are provided with the best education possible. We exist exclusively for educational and charitable purposes to improve the Academy, advance the professional knowledge and education of the cadets, and provide service to and promote fellowship among alumni, cadets, and all members of the association. The **USCGA Parents Association** is an all-volunteer organization run by parents of cadets with the goal of supporting the Academy, the cadets, and their families. We focus on helping parents stay in touch and stay up-to-date with the information needed to support their cadets. The Association also raises funds, through membership, the Parents Gift Fund and local Chapter fundraisers, which directly support initiatives, both large and small, targeted at enhancing cadet life.

Throughout your child's time at the Academy (and beyond) the parents you meet through the USCGA Parents Association will offer you information and support at every stage of the journey. The USCGA Alumni Association will show you how the Corps of Cadets is impacted by the support of Academy alumni, parents, and friends. Together, we aim to keep you connected to the Academy and the Corps of Cadets.

We are proud to partner to support all of you. By becoming a member, you join both organizations and have access to the full benefits of both, including those below.

- Alumni Association magazine, *The Bulletin* - full of Academy news, CG history, alumni achievements, and class notes;
- access to the weekly Swab Summer eNews – the most comprehensive summary of the summer training program. Photos of each swab platoon are featured in each issue;
- access to the alumni and parent online membership directory; and
- membership in your local Parents Association Chapter ensuring you are connected to parents in your area.

Next Steps to Stay Connected:

- **Mailing List:** Get connected to the Parents Association and Alumni Association today by becoming a part of our mailing list at www.cgaparents.org/welcome.
- **Join the Association:** Become a member of the Parents Association: www.cgaparents.org/join
- **Visit the Website:** Keeping parents informed on life at the Academy is one of our main efforts. Our website (www.cgaparents.org) is your best starting point for information on all aspects of cadet life.
- **Meet us on Day One:** Look for our table on Day One. We'll be there to answer questions as well as provide an opportunity to join the Parents Association.
- **Connect on Facebook:** Check out our Facebook group for parents at www.facebook.com/groups/CGA.PA.

We look forward to meeting you and your soon-to-be swab on Day One and Parents Weekend. Congratulations once again and welcome to the Coast Guard family!

Sincerely,

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