



HISTORY OF EXCELLENCE

When athletes of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy take to the fields, courts, track or swimming pool, they wear a uniform comprised of the colors, **Blue & Gray**. Since 1942, these colors represent an Academy that is rich in tradition and strives for excellence on the field and in the classroom.

To continue this tradition, the **Blue & Gray Club** was formed to give alumni, family members, businesses and other organizations the opportunity to offer annual financial support so that the Academy's athletic teams may prosper on the national level.



The Blue & Gray Club

Blue & Gray Club contributions are critical in providing the Merchant Marine Academy with the supplemental dollars necessary to defray the expensive costs of recruiting, facility enhancement, equipment improvements, uniform replacements and general operating expenses.

As part of the USMMA Alumni Foundation, the **Blue & Gray Club** offers you the ability to donate tax-deductible contributions along with providing you the decision power of where the funds shall be designated. We encourage you to restrict your gift to general athletics, which gives the athletic administration the flexibility to fund programs where the need is greatest. However, should you wish to donate to a specific sport, please clearly earmark your contribution with the appropriate information.

Long Term Success

We invite you to become a valued member of the **Blue & Gray Club** and take full pleasure in the personal satisfaction of knowing that you are helping make a difference in the lives of today's midshipmen athletes.

Thank you for taking this first step in supporting USMMA athletics. If you require more information and have questions, please contact Gregg Matalas, Manager of Blue & Gray at 516-773-5544 or gregg.matalas@alumni.usmma.edu.

Tax Information

Your contribution to the **Blue & Gray Club** is tax deductible. Only the individual or organization contributing is eligible for the tax deduction. **Blue & Gray Club** contributors will receive a letter from the USMMA Alumni Foundation upon receipt of payment for tax purposes.



USMMA ALUMNI FOUNDATION GIFT LEVELS

SUPERINTENDENT'S COUNCIL:

\$10,000 or more	Admiral's Circle
\$5,000 to \$9,999	Quarterdeck Society
\$3,000 to \$4,999	Kings Point Society
\$2,000 to \$2,999	Polaris Society*
\$1,000 to \$1,999	Sextant Club
\$500 to \$999	Mariner's Club
\$250 to \$499	Compass Club
\$100 to \$249	Century Club

*** POLARIS SOCIETY or higher level donors will earn entry to the Superintendent's Council, which includes invitations to:**

- Invitation to the Holiday Ball (Dec. 2009)
- Invitation to the June Ball (June 2010)
- Superintendent's Council Day (Spring 2010)
- Invitation to Graduation (June 2010)

USMMAAF: The United States Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation qualifying as an IRS designated 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. The tax-identification number of The USMMA Alumni Foundation, Inc. is 11-6037948.

Matching Gifts: If your company has a matching gift program, please contact Gregg Matalas, Manager of Blue and Gray at 516-773-5544 or gregg.matalasg@alumni.usmma.edu.

Gifts-in-Kind: Contributions of product, merchandise, equipment, or services are often provided in support of the Athletic Department. Gift-in-kind donations must receive approval from the **Blue & Gray Club** and are reviewed on an individual basis.

****Estate Gifts:** The USMMA Alumni Foundation accepts planned gifts through wills and bequests.

****Life Income Gifts:** Charitable trusts or gift annuities allow a donor to make a major gift while retaining an income for a fixed period of time or for life.

****Contact Jim Tobin '77, Chief Operating Officer at 516-773-5993 for additional details**

COMPLETE ENTIRE SECTION FOR GIFT:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, St., Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

GIFT INFORMATION

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

PLEASE CHARGE MY CREDIT CARD:

Charge: \$ _____ Visa / MasterCard / AmEx

Account No.: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

_____ YES, my employer has a matching gift program and I enclosed the forms along with my contribution.

***Make checks payable to:**
USMMA Alumni Foundation

Mail Form to:

Gregg Matalas, Manager of Blue and Gray
USMMA Alumni Foundation
300 Steamboat Road
Kings Point, NY 11024

Fax: 516-482-5308 to the attention of Gregg Matalas

Questions Regarding Your Donation?

Contact Gregg Matalas, Manager of Blue & Gray
516-773-5544 (Direct Office Number)
gregg.matalas@alumni.usmma.edu

Please restrict my gift to:
(please check appropriate box(es))

General Athletics:

Athletic Department _____
(Blue & Gray Club)

Men's Athletics:

Baseball _____
Basketball _____
*Cross Country _____
Football _____
Golf _____
Lacrosse _____
*Pistol _____
Soccer _____
*Swimming & Diving _____
Tennis _____
*Track & Field _____
Wrestling _____

Women's Athletics:

Basketball _____
*Cross Country _____
*Pistol _____
Softball _____
*Swimming & Diving _____
*Track & Field _____
Volleyball _____

**Note: If donating to both men's and women's sports, please check both sports.*

Notes/Questions/Instructions:



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