

The Maritime Anchor

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Maritime News, Speakers, & Visitors

Congratulations to senior Isabella Ross on winning the Four Chaplains Essay Scholarship of \$1,000! Isabella's essay was recognized in a ceremony at the Chapel of Four Chaplains Award Dinner. Another senior at MACS, Lauren Homan, won third place for her outstanding essay. Congratulations to our students on their exemplary achievements.

Four Chaplains Essay by Isabella Ross

During World War II, most men went off to war to fight for their country. This led to many jobs that were done by men to be lost. However, determined women looking to prove themselves in the workforce stepped up to the plate. The "Rosies," as they would soon be called, helped the war effort by working jobs that were strictly for men. They worked as factory workers, laborers, shipyard workers, and many worked in the aircraft industry. The Rosies displayed selfless service as they broke the norm of women strictly being wives and mothers in the household, to work jobs previously for men, to help the war effort.

The role of "Rosie the Riveter" stems from the iconic image of a woman showing off her muscular bicep, saying "We can do it!" This inspired many women to leave the household and prove they can be in the workforce and do anything a man could do. About 350,000 women joined the military, and in 1942 women could volunteer and join branches such as the Women's Army Corps and Navy Women's Reserve. They would serve as radio operators, repairmen, flight instructors and gunnery instructors. By giving up their duties in the household, many went on to serve their country. With all of their dedication and bravery, about 500 died serving their country.

In comparison to the Four Chaplains, they both displayed selfless service. On February 3, 1943, the Dorchester sank, and the four chaplains gave their own life jackets to save other crew when the supply ran out. They showed selfless service by giving their lives to save others. They put their differences aside during a time of crisis and came together as one to help the masses. They both were able to put their lives on the line to save others. Women volunteered or worked for wages far less than a man's wage, but knew their country needed them, and worked hard for the greater good of the country.

I have served my community by helping my school with the summer camp program and helping the kids in the school with art and music. I was also able to help with the theatre program, so the children could experience what performing on stage is like. Selfless service is important to a healthy society because it serves as a model for what a good person should be. If you're a selfless person, you know that you can put others first rather than yourself and show a willingness to dedicate time and effort to help others.

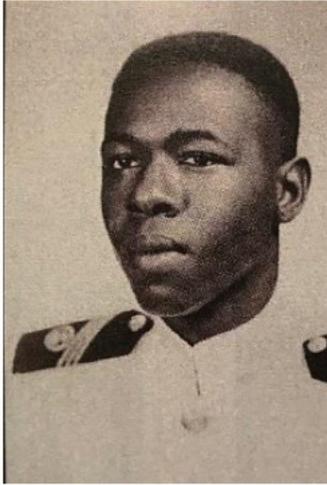


Remembering Joe Scroggins on Black History Month

by Eugene Mattioni, CEO

When I think about Black History Month, I remember my roommate at Kings Point, USMMA, Joe Scroggins. Joe and I entered the Academy together in June of 1958. We lived in a room about 20 x 30 feet wide, with a bed in each corner and a desk in the middle of the room.

We decided that we would work very hard together to complete our first year. We were in the same section of about sixteen plebes (*a newly entered cadet or freshman, especially at a military academy*), went to class together, ate together, and suffered upperclassmen harassment together. In those days, the harassment was known as "plebe beats." We did seem to be every upperclassman's target.



Joe and I found our courses quite a challenge. We studied together, tested one another, and on weekends reviewed all of our prior weeks' course material and prepared for the new week. We were both great notetakers, so our study habits were recognized as extraordinary by our classmates. We focused on completing our plebe year and, ultimately, graduation. We were a very special partnership. Those who attend any military academic institution know the first year is the toughest.

After graduation, Joe went to sea for several years. He served as Assistant Dean of the Academy for about three years, and personally developed a nationwide minority recruiting program at Kings Point. Joe then attended Harvard University School of Business and received an MBA with an emphasis in International Business, Finance, and Economics. Joe went on to a distinguished career in the maritime industry with Conoco, Inc., and the port of Houston, the most challenging port with the notorious Houston Ship Channel. Joe finished his maritime career ashore in Washington, DC as a member of the Federal Maritime Commission. Joe passed away in 2008.

I have been studying the history of Joe's ancestors and the tortuous voyage from the West Coast of Africa to the Americas. An estimated 11.5 million to 15 million enslaved people were transported over a period of 350 years. That sea voyage is about 4000 nautical miles, lasting anywhere from four weeks to about two months or more. The conditions were horrible and dehumanizing. I invite everyone to read the histories of slave ships and the thousands of intolerable voyages of enslaved people. Fortunately, many important movements, constitutional amendments, and people like my friend Joe, finally freed African Americans from enslavement and segregation. Joe Scroggins was part of Dr. Martin Luther King's dream and movement. I am honored to have shared a small part of his life, as we helped one another get through the first year as plebes at the USMMA. I will always remember Joe as one of the greatest people I have had the pleasure of knowing.

I hope that MACS celebrates all of the accomplishments of African Americans. Let us focus on engineers, scientists, doctors, inventors, and servicemen of color and commemorate each and every one of their stories and triumphs.

Maritime Elementary School

On Friday, February 7th, we held our annual **Someone You Love Dance** at Richmond Hall. Approximately 50 cadets and their loved ones enjoyed a night of dinner and dancing.



We celebrated the 100th day of school on Wednesday, February 12th! Our staff and grades 1-5 dressed up like 100-year-olds. Cadets and teachers participated in activity centers related to the number 100. Everyone had so much fun.



On Career Day, Mr. Braunstein lived out his dream of being a talk show host and I interviewed multiple teachers throughout the day. Mr. Mattioni, Mr. Saunders, Ms. Donovan, Ms. Coates, Mr. Salvitti, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Laverghetta, Mr. MacMurray, Ms. Decker, Mrs. Wassel, Ms. Luu, Mr. McGee, Ms. Giacino, Mrs. Christie, Ms. McManus, Ms. Deo, and Mrs. Purcell stopped by his classes to chat about their lives. The kids really enjoyed listening, and even asked multiple questions to each interviewee. It really was a lot of fun.



Elementary Corner

Last week while learning about soil, 4A spent their science class digging in the garden! The cadets had so much fun discovering roots, branches, leaves, roly-polies, centipedes, worms, spiders, dry



January Cadets of the Month



High School Corner

On February 3rd, Mrs. Gara and a group of co-op students visited Orleans Technical College to learn about current offerings.



Congratulations to the boys' basketball team for an incredible season!



On February 12th, Mr. Mattioni gave a presentation about maritime law and history.



Mr. Lint was interviewed in this month's "Estuary News" newsletter for the Delaware Estuary. This is the organization that sponsors the PWD's art contest every year. You can read

Jim Lint, the art teacher at Maritime Academy Charter School in Philadelphia, has entered his students in the art contest since 2003 when he first started teaching. Maritime Academy has had 51 winners in the history of the contest.

Maritime High School

Congratulations to Maritime High School for receiving the Highest Four Year Improvement in College and Career Readiness award from the School District of Philadelphia.



The United States Coast Guard Academy presented to our 11th and 12th grade cadets about the academy and its offerings. The students gained a better knowledge of the Coast Guard and what it takes to become an officer. This was a very interesting presentation, and the students were very engaged.



Sea Cadet, Lucas Santos, became the very first Dante Mattioni Division's Petty Officer in the unit's five year history!

