

**Presentation of the SAR Capt. Joseph Ramsey Memorial Award
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United States Merchant Marine Academy
Kings Point NY**

Created in 2016 the Capt. Joseph Ramsey Award was funded by NSSAR, the Pennsylvania Society, and FP Joseph Ramsey's Frontier Patriots Chapter. The annual award of \$500.00 is administered by the USMMA Alumni Ass'n. & Foundation. Selection of the recipient is made by a committee of the Marine Transportation Department and Professional Development and Career Services, following criteria guidelines laid out in a Funding Agreement executed by NSSAR and USMMAAF. It is an award created to memorialize the outstanding service and generosity of a Sons of the American Revolution leader, who also enjoyed a career as a Master Mariner of tankships, followed by executive shore staff management. The award is made to a graduating Midshipman who has demonstrated academic excellence in tankship operations, superior cadetship service in tankships and superior performance during tanker company internship. The first SAR Capt. Ramsey award was made at the academy's Convocation Awards ceremony in 2017. Compatriot James H. Sanborn, a USMMA graduate and member of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter presented the award. The 2019 recipient of the SAR Ramsey Award of \$500.00 was Benjamin Braswell White, who comes from Carthage, NC. Benjamin was also a recipient of a total of 9 of the 93 academic awards. Not surprising, he graduated number two in the class of 2019. I had the opportunity to talk with him at the reception prior to the ceremony and learned that he will be joining Moran Towing and Transportation as a deck officer in one of the companies very large coastal articulated tug/barge units. Like his award predecessors Benjamin embodies the spirit of the academy's motto: "Acta non Verba".

Respectfully submitted,

CAPT James Harvey Sanborn, USNR (Ret)

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