



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

United States Coast Guard Academy Class of '73

April 27, 1998

CDR William J. Barker, USCGR
1200 141st Place NE
Bellevue, WA 98007

Dear Commander Barker: *Bill*

At our twenty year reunion the members of the Class of '73 established an endowment that, in part, helps cadets strive for academic excellence throughout honors programming. During the past five years, our endowment has supported the travel and expenses of cadets pursuing Rhodes and other scholarships. I understand that in 1997 a 1/C cadet went to the final stage of competition for the Rhodes. Additionally, as our class desired, a part of our endowment goes toward unrestricted need that the Superintendent can apply where they will make the most difference in the quality of life and work at the Academy.

At the twenty year mark we gave almost \$15,000.00. Currently there is \$60,000 in our endowment (Yeah, Stock Market!). Having discussed our upcoming 25th reunion with some of our classmates, may I suggest that we all increase our financial support to the Academy this year with a check for \$250.00? If 100 of us come forward, that's \$25,000.00. If more step up, or if everyone is willing to go beyond the \$250.00 level, we can make a difference in the leadership development of all current and future cadets.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this gift to our class fund. Through our efforts, we can keep the USCGA tradition of excellence vibrant into the next century and beyond. All donations collected from January 1998 to September 1998 will be presented to the Academy at Homecoming. Enclosed is the Class of '73 Twenty-fifth Reunion Pledge.

With Regards,

Tom
Thomas J. Haas

*Hope all's
going well*