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The Center for Maritime Policy & Strategy has officially launched its “CMPS Dialogue and the Maritime Future Series” on November 27th. Kicking off the first dinner-dialogue of many yet to come, Dr. Denise Michels, Mayor of Nome, Alaska and Director of Transportation for Kawerak, Inc., an Alaskan Native Not-for-Profit Service Organization, offered a unique perspective through her address entitled *Arctic Development and the Future of Maritime Shipping*. This presentation was complemented by the

commercial shipping perspective provided by RADM Gene Brooks (USCG, Retired) former Commander of the USCG’s 17th District and the current Senior Director for Technical Organization for Maersk Line, LTD. Together these two respected leaders highlighted the increasing maritime commercialization of the Arctic and the effects of climate change on the Arctic environment and indigenous peoples. One common theme to the evening was that establishing resilient and mutually-beneficial partnerships among mariners and native populations has the potential to leverage capabilities during this exciting period of exploration and development. Ms. Michels, in

particular, stressed the importance of future Coast Guard officers understanding the uniqueness of the Arctic region in which they may someday serve. The Dialogue was attended by Senior Academy Leadership, faculty, staff, and the members of the Corps of Cadets including all 1/C Government Majors. Additionally, Mayor Michels enjoyed visiting with four cadets who call the great State of Alaska their home away from Chase Hall.



CGA Regimental Commander and Government Major Holly Bastink presents the Honorable Denise L. Michels with a model of the Coast Guard’s Tall Ship *Eagle*.