VFMA&C ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING, 16 February 2013
Secretary Report: Bob Shapiro ‘60

Meeting: AABOD General Meeting
Date / Time: 16 February 2013, 9:30-11:15AM
Location: Sara Crawford Room Mellon Hall

Officers Present: Al Heyer, Chairman; David Esqueda, President; Bob Shapiro, Secretary; Roque Schipilliti, Treasurer

Members Participating: David Martin, Pete McLallen Frank Winters; Gordon Hanscom, Gene Banco, Gordon Hanscom, Bob Bacine, On Line: Bill Beute, Niles Dally, Scott Bartlett, Paul Lea, Mark Woolley, “Skip” Mahler, Guests: Holly Cheshire, Development, Members Excused: Tom Goldblum, Mark Schneider; Sean Condron, Dan McSweeney Members Absent: Joe Bartasius, Ashley Neth

Treasure’s Report: Roque Schipilliti commented on the AABOD Financial Report. The unconfirmed ending balance is $22,920.02, down by $669.61 from the ending balance of $23,589.63 in January 2013. Details provided in the Treasurer’s Report. Roque has introduced a number of easy to read pie and bar graphs to enhance his report.

Holly reported that the wall mounted flat screen TV located in the recently renovated Alumni Office has received many favorable comments because of communicating VFMA&C. It is on loan by IT. Through conversation, it was approved to allocate $300.00 to buy this unit.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Pete McLallen moved and David Martin seconded a motion to accept the 19 January 2013 AABOD meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Committee Report Up-Dates:

- **Forgeway:** 1). Following the 16 Feb ‘13 AABOD meeting, there will be a “Traditions Tour” for the mid-term new cadets. Please contact Roque to participate and 2). The Officer’s Dining In will be conducted on 8 March ‘13. Details are forth coming.

- **Homecoming: (Status Highlights):** 1). The Alumni Office has sent out letters to the graduating class members of the 5th, 10th, 15th and on, encouraging them
to participate in the Homecoming activities on 26-28 April ’13. 2). “Silver Taps “ may be conducted in the Chapel rather than on the Main Parade Field as during past Homecomings. 3). There are plans being discussed to recognize 5 years of having female Cadets in the Corps. 4). Bill Floyd, President, VFMAC Board of Directors (BOT), will be the keynote speaker during Chapel Services. 5). It was recommended that the “Summit” be postponed until after the new VFMAC President begins and has had time to gain control of that position. Pete McLallen has agreed to pole the Regiments to ascertain the interest level of this proposed event.

- **Career Development Day/Mentoring:** It was reported at the last AABOD meeting that Col. Seitz was contacted to establish the next Career Development Day on 15 November 2013. The Academy has reflected acceptance of this date. The College has been contacted directly to ascertain their acceptance of this date. No response has been received.
- **Regiments:** A comment was made under Homecoming that Pete McLallen will contact the Regiments to ascertain interest level regarding the “Regiment Summit”.
- **Honors and Awards:** No change.
- **Museum:** No Changes to the December ’12 Committee Report.

**AABOD 2012-13 Planning Committees Update/s by Objective**

**Regiment Structure:** No update.

**Fund Raising Approach:** Roque reported that the special Pennsylvania License project is moving ahead at a rapid pace. Hopefully, this project will be to a point where applications for special plates may be made by interested Alumni during Homecoming. These plates will replace the regular plates required for registration of a Pennsylvania tag. He also reported that upon completion of this with Pennsylvania, that a similar tag will be pursued in New Jersey and Delaware.

**Communications Plan:** Currently working with the Alumni Office to establish an Alumni Newsletter to be distributed to all Alumni highlighting Association activities. The first issue was distributed and can be found on the VFMA&C web site in the Alumni section.

**Chairman’s Agenda:**

- **Committee Participation:** It is important for all members of the AABOD to become aggressively involved a committee activity.
- **Reports for Homecoming:** As we draw closer to Homecoming, it is important to finalize the activities.
- **Regiment Summit:** David E. mentioned that based on the present work load of the Senior Staff directed towards the over all operation and improvement of VFMA&C,
it is recommended that the “Regiment Summit” should be held off until the new VFMA&C President is hired and well in place before we have a summit. Al recommended that in lieu of a full agenda, that the “Summit” be replaced with a meeting of the Regiment Leaders.

President’s Agenda:

- **Alumni Admissions Program:** Mark Woolley has submitted a revised version of the Alumni Admissions program proposal to the Administration, which was originally submitted in 2009. A follow up with the Admissions Office will be made to ascertain the status of implementation.

- **Traditions Tour:** The Traditions Tour took place with approximately 30 students participating.

- **Upcoming events:** Please refer to “The Calendar of Events” (attached) and try to support and / or participate to the extent possible.

**Next Meeting:** Saturday, 16 March 2013 @ 9:30 AM in the Sara Crawford Room, Mellon Hall  (NOT Wayne Hall as originally thought)

**Attachment:** “Calendar of Events”

Respectfully Submitted,

**Robert O. Shapiro**

Robert O. Shapiro, ’60  
Secretary, AABOD
CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

(11 Feb to 22 Jul 2013)

Stars Dinner: Monday, Feb. 11th

Alumni Customs & Traditions Tour: Saturday, Feb. 16th

Dining- In: Friday, March 8th

2nd Annual Theinert Run: Sunday, April 7th

Valor Weekend: April 12-14th

Homecoming Weekend: April 26th – 28th

College Graduation: Friday, May 17th (1:30PM)

Academy Graduation: Saturday, June 1st (9:30AM)

Golf Outing: Monday, July 22nd