NEWS

Opening Day
Opening Day was September 5, and what a day it was! We celebrated the Inauguration of Stacey R. Sauchuk, Ph.D. as our new President. Dr. Sauchuk spoke of the “magic” of Valley Forge. One theme she heard over and over again, was that the ‘structured discipline alumni received at Valley Forge was an integral part of their becoming a success in business, academics, and in life.’ The Band serenaded as guests proceeded to Eisenhower Hall for the reception.

Valley Forge Football
This should prove to be an exciting year as the school is now part of PIAA (Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association). This allows our athletes to participate on a district-, regional-, and state-wide level and to be eligible for post-season awards. The Academy season began Friday August 30 with a home game against Morrisville High School. The College had its first game against Jersey Coastal Academy Saturday, September 14. The Alumni Board is once again selling food at our home games. The Charcoal Grill Café
serves gourmet hot dogs and hamburgers. Come check out what Greg Copeland ’56 has prepared for you!

**Student Enrollment and Recruitment**
We are happy to report that enrollment for the 2013-2014 academic year is 565 cadets. But, we need to do more to ensure the legacy of the Long Line of Gray. The Admissions Office published the “Alumni Ambassador Program Handbook” (AAP). Become an ambassador. **2LT Robert Devonshire, PAARNG, ’11C** will be the point of contact. His phone number at The Forge is: 610-989-1304 and email is: rdevonshire@vfmac.edu.

**New Science Lab/Shannon Hall**
Shannon Hall now boasts updated biology, chemistry, and physics labs. Our cadets now have state-of-the-art equipment to help them in their experiments. We are grateful to the Mellon Foundation Grant and eight additional donors who made this possible.

**Honor Roll of Donors**
The “Honor Roll of Donors” has been posted on the VFMA&C website for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013. It can be viewed here: [http://www.vfmac.edu/campus-give-a-gift-honor-roll-donors/?template=gift-alumni](http://www.vfmac.edu/campus-give-a-gift-honor-roll-donors/?template=gift-alumni).

**EVENTS**

**New York City Event**
**October 24** is the date; the Cornell Club is the place for the Gotham City Regimental Alumni Event. **President Sauchuk** will be there. If you find you will be in New York on that date and would like to attend please contact the Alumni Office by calling Susie Farrell at 610-989-1330, or emailing to sfarrell@vfmac.edu. The tickets are $100 per person, for a full, top-shelf, open bar and heavy hors d’oeuvres. Tickets can also be ordered online at [https://vfmacgotham2013.eventbrite.com/](https://vfmacgotham2013.eventbrite.com/).

**Washington D.C. Event**
**John English ’91**, Trustee and member of the National Capitol Region George Washington Alumni Regiment is hosting an event in Washington, D.C. on **Wednesday, October 30** from 5:30 to 7:30 at The Hamilton Restaurant. There will be an open bar and hors d’oeuvres served in The Loft. **President Sauchuk** will be there to meet and greet the D.C. alumni. Please contact the Alumni Office if you plan to attend by calling Susie Farrell at 610-989-1330 or emailing to sfarrell@vfmac.edu.

**Gold and Silver Star Dinner**
The Gold and Silver Star Dinner will be held **Monday, November 11** at 6:30 in Eisenhower Hall. The dinner will recognize cadets for achieving academic excellence. Please contact the alumni office by emailing Susie Farrell ([sfarrell@vfmac.edu](mailto:sfarrell@vfmac.edu), 610-989-1330) or Vanessa Spencer-Maggs ([vspencer-maggs@vfmac.edu](mailto:vspencer-maggs@vfmac.edu), 610-989-1329) if you are planning to attend. The cost of $20 per person will be accepted at the door.

**Career Day**
What are your plans for **Friday, November 15**? It is Career Day on post. Come and see how our new cadets are faring and share your best kept secrets for success. Mentoring is another way you can make a big difference in a cadet's life. Get in touch with **Bob**
Shapiro ’60 at oliver1941@msn.com or Frank Winters ’87 at frank.winters@morganstanley.com if you or anyone you know would be interested in becoming a mentor.

Homecoming 2014
Reservations have begun to come in for Homecoming Weekend, **Friday, April 25 to Sunday, April 27**. Be sure to put it on your calendar. If your graduating year ends in 4 or 9, this is your five year reunion! So clear your calendar and make your reservation now by calling the Alumni Office. We are in need of **class agents** to ‘rally the troops.’ Don’t be shy. We need your help to make this the best ever Homecoming. If you or someone you know would be interested, contact us in the Alumni Office. See you in April, if not before!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1966 Alumni Is Published
Erik Ronningen ’66 has published *From the Inside Out*, a collection of 15 heart-stopping stories of escapes from the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center. Erik recounts his own escape form the 71st floor of the North Tower in the last chapter.

Lost and Found
Christopher Im ’98 is looking for a copy of the 1996-1997 TATTOO. If anyone has a copy or know where one can be gotten please contact Chris at: chrisim126@gmail.com.

FYI
Jim Conlon ’79 writes that he is now retired military currently working at the US Naval Academy. If any of you are attending the USNA to please contact him if you need anything while there. 410-295-2374(wk) 410-280-1685(hm).

AABOD NOMINATIONS
Joe Bartasiuis ’81, ’83C eagerly awaiting your nominations for the Alumni Association Board of Directors for the 2014-2016 term. Please contact him at: joseph.a.bartasiuis@saic.com.

Alumni Website:
The Valley Forge Website (http://www.vfmac.edu) is the place to go for alumni information, sporting events and anything else you might want to know about what is happening on post. For alumni information, click on Academy or College, and then click on "Alumni & Friends" at the top or bottom toolbars. For convenience, please add the following link to your bookmarks: http://www.vfmac.edu/alumni-friends/.

“The Long line of Gray at 85”
Remember to order your commemorative 85th Anniversary DVD from the Alumni Office. Reminisce and relive the heritage that is Valley Forge. Just $25 will bring back memories and help support the activities of the Alumni Association. Enjoy a bottle of “Butch’s 85th Anniversary Imperial Ale” while watching the DVD. There are bottles still available of **Woodie Stevens ’60** nut brown ale. A donation of $85 to the Alumni Association will keep a bottle on ‘tap’ for you.
Job Opportunities at Valley Forge
The Forge is looking for a Director of Alumni Relations. This individual will work to engage alumni and build effective communications platforms; play a key role in coordinating, marketing, and supporting Alumni Homecoming Weekend; assist the regional Alumni Regiments; work closely with the Alumni Association Board of Directors, and; as part of the overall development team work to increase alumni giving. VFMA&C alumni are strongly encouraged to apply.

A search for a new Director of Corporate and Foundations Relations is also underway. If you are interested in either of these positions and are qualified, please contact Marianne Meade (610-989-1240, mmeade@vfmac.edu) or Doug Hasbrouck (610-989-1342, dhasbrouck@vfmac.edu).

Apologies and Corrections
We send double apologies to Robert D. Widenor ’62 for misspelling his name in the Class of 1962 50th Reunion picture featured in “The Forge” Summer/Fall 2012. We apologize for not noting the error in “The Forge” Summer/Fall 2013.

Jeff Toczylowski ’95C, died in Anbar Province, Iraq, not Afghanistan as noted in the previous newsletter. The Toczylowski Memorial Scholarship continues his legacy at The Forge in perpetuity.

TAPS
It is with sadness we note the names of the members of the Long Line of Gray who have passed or whose passing we have learned about since June 4, 2013:

    We pray as once he prayed. Valley Forge for thee.

CPT Oliver D. Goldman, ’40, TAPS, July 10, 2013, Philadelphia, PA
Mr. Kenneth J. Somers Sr., ’43, TAPS, June 4, 2013, Bayonne, NJ
Mr. Alden D. Korn, ’44, TAPS, June 27, 2013, Middletown, CT
Dr. Jordan S. Ruboy, ’46, TAPS, July 20, 2013, Taunton, MA
Dr. John P. McDaide, ’47, TAPS, June 14, 2013, Scranton, PA
Kurt Ritthaler Jr., ’48, TAPS, July 6, 2013, Huntington Valley, PA
Mr. John W. Moores, ’49, TAPS, June 5, 2013, Jacksonville, FL
LTC Otto A. Schludecker, ’50,’52C, TAPS, July 8, 2013, New Hope, PA
Mr. Robert B. Rich, ’52, TAPS, August 1, 2013, Boston, MA
Mr. Stephen J. Miranti II, ’54, TAPS, June 11, 2013, Paterson, NJ
COL Philip C. Medenbach, ’56, TAPS, July 23, 2013, Bryn Mawr, PA
Mr. Henry W. (Bill) Clatworthy, ’62C, TAPS, June 5, 2013, Boston, MA
Mr. Edward B. Roper Jr., ’64C, TAPS, January 5, 2010, Carrollton, TX
Mr. William G. Davis, ’64, TAPS, July 7, 2013, Weston, WV
Mr. Richard F. Beierschmitt, ’68C, TAPS, June 8, 2013, Ashland, PA
Mr. Albert O. Van Anglen, ’69, TAPS, July 1, 2013, New Orleans, LA
Mr. Micheal A. Dinallo, ’72, TAPS, November 25, 2012, North Caldwell, NJ
Mr. John F. Monahan, ’74C, TAPS, June 21, 2013, New York, NY
James W. Ward, III, ’75 TAPS, June 14, 2012, South Bend, IN
Mr. Joseph M. Gaffney, ’76, TAPS, June 15, 2013, DuBois, PA
Mr. Bryan Scott Koch, ’87, TAPS, October 1, 2013, Philadelphia, PA
Mr. Brian P. Cromie, ’89, TAPS, June 30, 2013, San Jose, CA
Mr. Flint M. Tendean, '98C, TAPS, July 15, 2013, Jakarta, Indonesia
Mr. Stephan G. Jarjisian, '99, TAPS, September 23, 2013, Berkeley, CA
Mr. Nicholas V. Arena, '08, TAPS, August 1, 2013, Chestertown, MD
CPT Martin P. Monahan, '01, TAPS, July 24, 2013, Dunmore, FL

There was a memorial presentation in memory of Nicholas Arena ’08 at Chapel Service Sunday, September 8 at 11:00.

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