Cadet Camara Receives the Widener Leadership Award

Cadet Camara was presented with the Widener Leadership Award Plaque in honor of the prestigious award he was selected to receive last year. Today I had the opportunity to take a photo of him with Dr. Sauchuk, President of VFMA&C, COL Piscal, Commandant of Cadets, and Mrs. Young, Head of the Academy.
E Battery New Cadet Recognition Day

The Officers, NCOs, Old Men and Alumni of the Battery want to congratulate the newest members of a storied company in the Corps of Cadets. Great job men and keep up the great work: Hopely, Kelly, Jaden, Kreitzer, Barnes, Mutahar, Benway, Barcliff, Simmonds, Knight, Taher, Palendeck, Burke, Osifo, Adams, Scott, Stover, Ayebare, Povenski, Pacholick and Trent.

VFMA&C Turns out the Best of the Best (Letter from admirer)

TO: Dr. Stacey R. Sauchuk, President
COL Richard Piscal, Commandant of Cadets

I am writing to you in recognition of a fine young man currently attending Valley Forge Military Academy. This gentleman's name is Sargent Malik, I'm not sure if this is the correct spelling but he is originally from Connecticut.

On Friday, October 10th my husband and I were traveling on the Blue Route and experienced a flat tire. As we pulled over to the shoulder a young man pulled behind and approached our vehicle. Sargent Malik offered his assistance in helping my husband change the tire. He was the most well mannered polite young man I have met in a very long time and am I grateful for his help. What was most impressive was his response to us as we tried to offer him gas or lunch money: "No thank you Sir / Ma’am this is what we are trained to do at Valley Forge Military Academy --- help people."

It is rare in today's society to experience an act of kindness from a total stranger and it is obvious that you all are instilling honesty, integrity and compassion in the young men you are teaching at your academy.

Thank you and Regards,
Alumni News Notes

Samuel Donnelly ‘10 and Katherine Donelly ‘11C

Please let us all congratulate Sam and Katherine for the opening of their new business located on 123 Main Street, Chicora, PA 16025. They can be reached at 609-412-6477 and there will be an online presence very soon. Sam and Katherine would like all of us to know that they will donate 10% to the marksmanship program for any firearms they sell that were given to them from alumni that are undesired, need repair or accessories they no longer want. They are available for any alumni who wants to call with a question or a need to let them know and they will be able to help. We are very proud of our Alumni and we will always try to support them in their endeavors.

Chicora Sporting Goods

Hunting, fishing, archery and more!

Bill Kear ’70, ’72C, a VF Bandsman and Band Captain of 1972 has continuously practiced his musicianship by playing trumpet in an organization called Repasz. The Repasz Band was established in 1831 in Williamsport, Pa. and played during Lee’s surrender at Appomattox Court House, Va. in April 1865. The current Repasz Band is an all volunteer group and has accepted the National Park Service’s invitation to play at Appomattox in April 2015 in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of this historic event.

Since this email group contains VF Bandsmen from 1969-71 in addition to several from the 1950's, Bill would like to invite all those, whether former Bandsmen or not, who would like to support their performance at Appomattox by asking for your donations in order to help defray the group’s trip expenses. With numerous alumni in the Washington DC and Northern Virginia area, Bill would also like all who would want to hear this historic unit play to come to Appomattox Court House in April of 2015.

It is gratifying to know so many former VF bandsmen continue the pursuit of excellence in their musical performances.

Bill Kear ’70, ’72C

Terry Detwiler ‘64

One of the more celebrated VF Bandsmen during the Feltham history of the VF Bands has been Terry Detwiler ‘64. Most on this email group are not acquainted with Terry or his brother, Dave, who also was a highly gifted musician and a VF Bandsman during the 1960’s. Terry was a very talented trumpet player who utilized his talents in not only the band but in the VF Dance Band as well. Before there was Hoffman and Jarvis, the Detwiler brothers dominated the high skill trumpet solos we knew Hoffman and Jarvis to do during 1969-1971. Terry was known for his Ode for Trumpet solo he performed during his three years at The Forge.
Terry went on to audition for the United States Marine Band and with over 20 years of service with "The President's Own", be retired in 1992. With his solo performances at The Forge in combination with the many trumpet solos he performed with the US Marine Band, Terry has over 500 trumpet solos to his credit.

After retirement, Terry has continued his musical career by teaching trumpet lessons and has published a "Beginning Jazz Improvisation," book, called: "Let's Play Jazz," which can be purchased through Amazon. Terry has also authored a book about his life experiences titled, "My Road to the President's Own...And Beyond" and is offered through Amazon as well.

Terry has 6 YouTube’s of his playing. To hear his music, go to his name. Terrance Detwiler, and the songs are “Hejre Kati,” “Danza Allegra,” “Work Song,” “Satin Doll,” “I Remember Bobby,” and lastly, “The Ode for Trumpet” that he played at the Forge.

Matthew Craig ’87

God and Dr. Takashima blessed Akiko and me with our 'little one', Mia, at 9:00am this morning. So here she is, fresh out of the oven, at 6.8 pounds, and just a few minutes old.

Congratulations to Matt and his lovely wife Akiko on the birth of their beautiful new daughter Mia. May God bless your whole family with health, wealth and prosperity for all time. Welcome from the 87th Corps of Cadets at VFMA&C.

TROJAN SPORTS

Congratulations to our Academy Football team. After a long and hard fought season we are overjoyed to report that our TROJANS have made the District 1 Playoffs. For a group that started the season as a basic plebe team we have worked and strived and grown together to for a cohesive unit. Now that we have made the playoffs it is anyone’s game. LET’S GO TROJANS!!!! Congratulations to Coach Noon his staff and the team on a tremendous turnaround IN ONE YEAR!!!
VFMC Trojan College Football team is the 2014 SEA BOARD CHAMPIONS!!!! Congratulations to Head Coach Mike Muscella ’86, Athletic Director Rich Casey, the total coaching staff and especially our fighting Trojans. The team took a huge step from the early days of August to winning the Championship in November. It shows us that teamwork, leadership and hard work will always pay off. With the win over Stevens we had very notable performances from these special players:

- Andrew Smith – 18 yard catch and run for a TD.
- Christian Summers – 17 yard catch and run for a TD
- Hakeem Sillman – 27 yard run and a 50 yard run for a TD each.
- Keith Davis Jr. – 15 yard run for a TD
- Gabe Yuille – 40 yard catch and run for a TD
- Carlo Thomas threw for 4 Touch Down Passes!!!!

Trojans win 39 to 13.

WAY TO GO TROJANS!!!!!!!

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Congratulations to the following Academy Soccer players who have achieved All League Honors, Independence Division:

- 1st Team – Christian Minich Sr.
- 2nd Team – Uriel Romero Jr.
- 2nd Team – Cole Stremple Jr.

Great Job for a Great Season!!!!!

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Great News from the VFMC Trojan NJCAA Cross Country. The following cadets will represent VFMC at the NJCAA Cross Country Championships:

- Freshman ROTC Cadet Ryan Sevret, Mount Wolf, PA – 1st Team District 19
- Freshman ROTC Cadet Tyler Eccles, Grove City, PA.
On Thursday, November 6, both the College Men’s and Women’s basketball teams play their home openers. The action in Price Hall begins at 5:00 PM with the Women’s Tipoff with Cumberland County Community College followed by the Men’s game against Cumberland at 7:00 PM.

Congratulations to all athletes and coaches for a great season!

GO TROJANS!!!!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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2015 ALUMNI HOMECOMING

Friday April 24th and Saturday April 26th 2015
The 87th Corps of Cadets welcome back our Alumni for a Great and Festive Weekend. Please come and join us, bring back the good ole days and let us show you the new and modern.

Valley Forge Military Academy and College
Alumni Association Annual TAC Appreciation Dinner

Come and join the Alumni Association in recognizing the incredible job that our Commandant and his TAC officers do at The Forge. This is one of the most enjoyable events of the year. For a great time and great food and great company please put this on your calendar.

November 25th, 2014 – Seven Stars Restaurant – Cocktails at 18:00 – Dinner at 18:45
Appetizer: 7 Stars Snapper Soup Au Sherry
Cheddar Cheese and Crackers, Warm Fresh Bread
Tossed Salad with House Dressing
Entrees: (Select One)

House Specialty, Slow Roasted Prime Rib of Beef
32-40 Ounces, Extra Thick and Slow Roasted

Broiled King’s Cut of Filet Mignon
18-20 Ounces with French Fried Onion Rings

Veal A La Oscar
Natured Veal Sautéed in Lemon Butter, topped with Jumbo Lump Crab, Asparagus Spears, and Hollandaise Sauce

Sautéed Lobster, Shrimp, Scallops, Crabmeat
In Wine and Cream Sauce

Vegetables: Baked Potato and Buttered Broccoli
Dessert: Cherry Cheese Cake
Included: Coffee, Decaf Coffee, Hot Tea, Beer, Wine by the glass, and Mixed Drinks
Price: $75.00
Attendees are asked to sponsor a TAC at the fixed rate.
RSVP to the VFMA&C Alumni Office 610-989-1329 or TGoldblum@vfmac.edu
Other Events

November 14, 2014: Academy Career Day
November 21, 2014: Military Tattoo in Price Hall and Society of the Golden Sword Reception
November 25, 2014: TAC Officer Appreciation Dinner – 7 Stars Inn
November 25, 2014: Coach Dominic Larusso, Coaches Hall of Fame Induction Dinner

WHAT’S NEW IN YOUR LIFE...SHARE WITH US

Excited about your new job, house, or degree? Travel somewhere amazing recently? Or do you have something else to share? Get married, have a baby or a grandchild?

Fill us in!

Alumni News notes are a great way to stay in touch and up to date with your classmates and friends. We send your great news out to over 8,000 Alumni throughout the world and your classmates are anxious to hear about all the great things happening.

Contact by email with your pictures (if any) attached: TGoldblum@vfmac.edu and we will let everyone know the happy news.

Note to Alumni and Friends:

If you have an item that is unique and unusual and are willing to donate it to help support our annual Alumni Weekend Silent Action it would be most appreciated. Your donation will help support the activities of the Alumni Association and all that we do for our beloved Forge. Things like the Academic Stars Dinners, Graduating Classes Dinner, The Cadet Officer’s Dining In, The TAC Officers’ Appreciation Dinner, Homecoming Weekend and much, much more. So if you can see it in your heart to help it would be a wonderful gesture.

We are also seeking Brothers and Sisters who can donate their time to help make Homecoming and even bigger success than in previous years. We don’t ask for a lot of time but any that you can spare is a definite help. If you wish to donate of your time please contact Tom Goldblum @ 610-989-1329 or tgoldblum@vfmac.edu.

Sincerely,

David Esqueda ’98, ’00C
Chairman of the AABOD

Joseph Bartasius ’81, ’83C
President of the Alumni Association

Paul Lea IV ’87, ’89C
Homecoming Chairman
TAPS

Mr. Henry E. Harris, Jr. '43, TAPS, October 2, 2014, Amherst, NH
Mr. Robert S. Wohlsen, Sr. '45, TAPS, October 23, 2014, Lancaster, PA
COL William G. Murphy, USA (Ret.) '46, TAPS, October 21, 2014, Kansas City, MO
Mr. William A. Koenig '50, TAPS, October 3, 2014, Potomac, MD
Mr. Salvatore R. Perrotto '53C, TAPS, October 10, 2014, Reading, PA
Mr. Bernard F. Head, Jr. '54, TAPS, October 17, 2014, Hopedale, MA
Mr. Ernest E. Michelfelder '58C, TAPS, October 12, 2014, Colorado Springs, CO
Mr. Herman S. Tomforde '62, TAPS, October 11, 2014, Jordanville, NY
Mr. Olin D. Marberger '67, TAPS, October 13, 2014, Reading, PA
Mr. James J. Dykes '71, TAPS, October 15, 2014, North East, MD

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