HELLO RETURNING AND PLEBE PARENTS, GUARDIANS & SPONSORS:

Did you know?

LAUNDRY SERVICE AND CADET RESPONSIBILITY
The barracks are assigned a laundry day each week. The plebes and cadets are responsible for their own laundry – in that they must place their i.d. pins on all dirty laundry. This includes pulling their socks straight and pinning them together. Then they enclose an inventory sheet with the correct number of shirts, socks, etc. In the morning on their assigned days, the Press Shop picks up all laundry bags. That afternoon, they each go to the Press Shop to get their clean laundry which they must fold and place on their shelves in order to pass inspection.

Impressed? Absolutely!

ACADEMY PARENTS’ BACK TO SCHOOL DAY:
On Saturday, September 27, 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., the Academy will host a “Back to School” day for Academy parents. This will enable all parents/guardians to meet the faculty and experience an abbreviated version of their son’s academic day. In addition, you will be able to spend time with your plebe, cadet, and/or TACS. The plebes will not take their Cadet Oath until November 2 when they officially become a New Cadet, so he will still be considered a plebe, however, many will have earned that sought after prize of the Cap Shield allowing them more privileges at this time.

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Your cadet will be allowed to leave campus with you on Saturday for the afternoon, evening, and overnight – leave will begin sometime between 11:00 and 4:00 p.m. (depending upon whether the Corps needs extra time to practice for Sunday’s parade). The exact dismissal time will be announced that morning. Your son must return no later than 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 28 and sign back in with the TAC Officer in his barracks.

Please park in the General Lot next to O’Hara Athletic Field and make your way to your son’s barracks. You may visit with his TACS and proceed to Shannon Hall to follow a shortened version of his daily academic schedule.

Chapel Service on Sunday begins at 11:00 a.m. and our first Regimental Review (parade) of the year will be held on the Parade Field, following the service. We ask that you do not park on the Parade Field as it will prevent the Corps from performing the Regimental Review.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing then.

EQUESTRIAN COMPETITION ALSO ON SEPTEMBER 27:
The equestrian competition on Saturday, 27 September, will be the first regular season IHSA (Intercollegiate Horse Show Association) show of the year. It will be held at the VF Mellon Polo Pavilion and is open to the public. The first rider goes in the ring at 9:00 a.m. and the shows generally run until 3:00 p.m. We will be competing against 7 other colleges and a university for both individual and team honors.

CHAPEL AND PARADE SCHEDULE:
All services, Chapel Parades on the Main Area, and Regimental Reviews on the Parade Field are open to the public. They begin at 11:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted. Religious specific services will be held at various locations at VFMA&C simultaneously. Chapel Parades and Regimental Reviews occur directly following the Chapel Services when the Corps is set.

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**COLLEGE PLEBES/CADETS CORPS WEEKEND LEAVE:**
Corps Weekend is when your college plebe or cadet is allowed to have weekend leave. He or she may leave no earlier than 6:00 PM on Friday, October 17 and must return to sign in with his or her TAC no later than 6:30 PM on Monday, October 20, 2014. If you have questions, please feel free to contact his or her TAC.

**RECOGNITION WEEKEND-UPDATED - 09/12/14:**
Plans for Recognition Weekend, 31 October, 1 and 2 November are underway and it will prove to be a highlight in your son's and daughter's lives.

A package will be in the mail soon with RSVP forms and an itinerary for this great weekend.

A preview of the itinerary is below:

**Friday – 31 Oct.** – 7:00-10:00 p.m. in Eisenhower Hall - Parents Fundraising Reception
No cadets will be present that evening.

**Saturday – 1 Nov.** - 8:30-10:15 a.m. Barracks and Classroom Visitation with plebes and and cadets
- 10:30-noon - Academy and College plebe Talent Show in Price Gym
- Noon-9:00 a.m. Sunday morning is leave with family members

**Sunday – 2 Nov.** - 9-10:30 a.m. Family Breakfast (RSVP form will accompany the packet)
Mellon Hall
- 11-12:15 p.m. Chapel Service
- Regimental Review and Joining the Ranks Ceremony with Cadet Oath.
- Subsequent to the Regimental Review Cadet leave is authorized until no later than 9:00 p.m.

Please contact me, Lini Stevens at Lstevens@vfmac.edu with questions or if you wish to volunteer at the Parents Reception.

Details as they are confirmed will be included in the Parents Newsletters.

**OUR CHINESE CADETS ARE VERY ENGAGED!**
The Chinese Club, under the leadership of Cadet Jianrui Li, organized a Moon Festival celebration for all the Chinese students on Monday, September 8 at the Boodle in Bower Hall. The Moon Festival is one of three major festivals that Chinese people value and celebrate with family reunions, just as Thanksgiving is celebrated in North America.

I baked 96 moon cakes for the Chinese students to remind them of home during this celebration. They had a good time as you can tell from their big smiles.

I appreciate the support from the Commandant, COL Piscal and the Director of Student Activities, Mrs. Wochok to make this event happened. Also thank you to the Academy Head of School, Sandra.
Young, ELL teachers, COL Vicki Flood and COL Fred Hoopes. Their participation meant so much to the Chinese plebes, cadets and me on this special day!
CPT Taini Hsu

Happiness is a Moon Cake!
OPENING DAY CEREMONY:
On Sunday, September 7, at the Opening Day Ceremony, the Color Guard once again took the Colors from the Chapel altar, where they were placed at the Closing Day Ceremony last May, and were presented to the Color Guard signifying the opening of Academic Year 2014-2015.

Mr. David Benway, father of Academy Plebe Sumner Benway, challenged the Academy plebes to take the ALS ice bucket challenge.

Last Wednesday, plebes, along with Academy Head of School, Mrs. Young, and VP of Institutional Advancement, Mr. Hasbrouck, and after our very own Herald Trumpets (right) initiated the occasion, took the “plebe plunge.” The plebes responded with enthusiasm and voluntarily lined up under the balcony of the viewing stand on O’Hara Athletic Field as Dr. Sauchuk, among other staff members, doused the group.

Mr. Benway also pledged to support the Cadet Scholarship Fund if the plebes accepted the challenge.

What great sports we have at VFMA&C!

Watch the excitement!
VFMA&C’S CADET HONOR COUNCIL FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2014-15:
Please join us in congratulating the following Leadership Cadets who have been appointed to the Cadet Honor Council of the 87th Corps of Cadets:

Cadet Colonel/Regimental Commander, **KYLE KIRVAY**
Honor Chairman
Cadet Lieutenant Colonel/Regimental Executive Officer, **NICHOLAS STEWART**
Honor Captain
Cadet Lieutenant Colonel/College Infantry Battalion Commander, **RYAN BLOUNT**
Cadet Lieutenant Colonel/Academy Infantry Battalion Commander, **MOUHAMMED CAMARA**
Cadet Lieutenant Colonel/Mounted Battalion Commander, **NIALL GALLAGHER**
Cadet Captain/A Company Commander, **WILLIAM KLEIFOTH**
Cadet Captain/B Company Commander, **PAUL FEMIA**
Cadet Captain/ Band Company Commander, **JOSEPH HENRY**
Cadet Captain/C Company Commander, **BENJAMIN JOHNSON**
Cadet Captain/D Troop Commander, **BROCK BURNER**
Cadet Captain/E Battery Commander, **AARON HALEY**
Cadet Captain/F Company Commander, **LOUIS SARKOZY**
Cadet Captain/Field Music Company Commander, **RYAN NIESSNER**
Cadet Captain/G Company Commander, **JUSTIN MOUNT**
Cadet Captain/H Company Commander, **JOSE MAGANA**
Cadet Captain/I Company Commander, **DANIEL FINK**
Cadet Regimental Sergeant Major, **JEFFREY BANHDITH**
Cadet Major/Training/Operations Officer, College Infantry Battalion, **DANIEL BEAULIEU**, Recorder

IN HONOR OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001:
The 87th Corps of Cadets gathered at 7:30am on September 11 with faculty and staff on the main area to pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. With the playing of the National Anthem, the flag was raised and then lowered to half-mast in honor of those who perished on that fateful day.

Chaplain CAPT Gerald Hale, USCG (Ret.) delivered a prayer when all the names of those who perished on 9/11 those that were serving since that time. The speaker for the ceremony was Regimental Sergeant Major Jeffrey Banhdith, also serving in the U.S. Army, who delivered a heartfelt tribute to those who have fallen. Taps was played and the Corps was reviewed by COL Richard Piscal, USA (Ret.), CAPT Gerald Hale, USCG (Ret.), and Cadet Regimental Sergeant Major Banhdith.

2014-2015 CROSSED SABRES YEARBOOK ADS FOR SALE:
Purchase a yearbook ad for your business or a special message to your graduating Cadet!

*Full Page = $200.00    *Half Page = $150.00    *Quarter Page = $100.00
All ads will be color and each must be given to me in a PDF file format. If you are not sure how to set up a PDF file please contact CPT Irvan at jirvan@vfmac.edu or call him at 610-989-1417. (Text and photos can be e-mailed to me for ad set up if needed). Deadline for final ads will be 3 Feb. unless all space is sold prior to this date. Space is limited!

Please make checks out to: Valley Forge Military Academy & College and put Yearbook Ad in the memo. Mail them to the school: “Attention: CPT Josh Irvan: Yearbook Coordinator.”

VALLEY FORGE CLASS RINGS:
Parents of Academy Seniors and College Sophomores, as you know your cadets who wish to purchase their VFMA&C rings have placed orders this week. Please know that you may contact Mark Judy at Jostens directly for any questions concerning your cadet’s class ring.

His contact information is: Mark.judy@jostens.com or 215-675-2044.

TRAVEL FOR INT'L CADETS:
International cadet parents, we recommend that you schedule flights in and out of the Philadelphia International Airport which is only a 40 minute drive in a taxi from VFMA&C.

However, if you schedule flights in and out of Newark, New Jersey, or LaGuardia and JFK Airports in New York, please arrange public transportation below for your cadet’s travel to Valley Forge in Pennsylvania.

-Super Trans Philly Shuttle Transportation which provides transportation for your cadet to Philadelphia for $65. He or she can then take a taxi to VF.


-Shuttle service that transports to/from Newark, LaGuardia and JFK airports is:
http://www.priorityshuttle.com/ 

NEW WEBSITE:
As many know, the VFMA&C website is receiving a makeover. Please be patient as the old is making room for the new. However, much of the information on our current website is applicable. Please click on the links below:

http://www.vfmac.edu/academy-athletics/ 

http://www.vfmac.edu/college-athletics/ 

http://www.vfmac.edu/parents-family-newsletter/?template=paf-academy 

PARENTS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
For your information please see the PA BOD below:

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Parena1970@gmail.com           302-897-7714

Bill and Nancy Minich, Secretary/Treasurer of the Parents Association, 2014-2015
nminich@comcast.net           609-504-1154

The members welcome your calls and emails if you wish to contact a veteran parent.

**TAC CONTACT INFORMATION:**
Lafayette Hall, the contact number is 610-989-1273 or LHTAC@vfmac.edu
Younghusband Hall, the contact number is 610-989-1270 or YHTAC@vfmac.edu
Von Steuben Hall, the contact number is 610-989-1248 or VSTAC@vfmac.edu
Rose and Hocker Halls, the contact number is 610-989-1286 or HHTAC@vfmac.edu
Martin Hall, the contact number is 610-989-1280 or MHTAC@vfmac.edu

Please look in your Parents Handbook on Page 52-53 for additional contact information

**HOTEL INFORMATION:**
Preferred Vendor (12 minutes by car to VFMA&C)

Homewood Suites by Hilton Philadelphia-Valley Forge
681 Shannondell Blvd.
Audubon, PA 19403
610-539-7300
(Please mention that you are a VFMA&C cadet family when making reservations.)

Other hotels with the closest proximity to VF are:

**Courtyard by Marriott, Devon**
762 W. Lancaster Avenue
Wayne, PA 19087
800-320-5746

**Courtyard by Marriott, Valley Forge**
1100 Drummers Lane
Wayne, PA 19087
800-320-5746
(Please mention that you are a VFMA&C cadet family when making reservations:)

Marriott Courtyards have rooms blocked for the following events:
Academy Back to School       9/26-9/28     – Cutoff date is September 12, 2014
Recognition Weekend          10/30-11/01   – Cutoff date is October 9, 2014
Mother’s Day Weekend         5/8-5/10      – Cutoff date is April 17, 2015
College Graduation           5/14-5/16     – Cutoff date is April 23, 2015
Academy High School Graduation 6/5-6/6      – Cutoff date is May 15, 2015

**Wayne Hotel**
130 E. Lancaster Avenue
Wayne, PA 19087
800-962-5850

Radnor Hotel
591 E. Lancaster Avenue
St. Davids, PA 19087
800-537-3000


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On Twitter, search @VFMAC
Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/VFMAC

YOUR PLEBE/CADET IS HAVING A BIRTHDAY?
Did you know that you can order a sheet cake or a “Cookie Cake” (a large cookie about 18” in diameter) from the Cadet Store for your plebe or cadet? It can be personalized with icing and is delivered during 3rd Mess. It is rumored that the cadets like the “Cookie Cake” more because it can be taken back to barracks. Just call the Cadet Store a few days ahead of the great event at 610-989-1542 to place the order.

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