HELLO RETURNING AND PLEBE PARENTS, GUARDIANS & SPONSORS:

Parents of Plebes, you will be thrilled to see how well your plebes are adapting to cadet life. They are learning their Cap Shield requirements and when they have done so, your plebe may call home to announce his/her achievement! The Cadet Plebe Trainers are doing a wonderful job in passing on the traditions of cadet life.

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 or plebe 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.

Please park in the General Lot next to the Athletic Field and walk down the hill on the right just steps past the driveway to the Athletic Field House. Follow the path down the hill to the Pavilion.

**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, October 31, and November 1 and 2, 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.

**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. Religion specific services will be held at various locations at VFMA&C simultaneously unless otherwise noted.
Chapel Parades and Regimental Reviews occur directly following the Chapel Services when the Corps is set.

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**POINSETTIAS AVAILABLE FOR ORDER:**
If you wish to order poinsettias, please contact Captain Hale, Chaplain, at 610-989-1506 or G ample@vfmac.edu.
The pots contain 3 plants in red, white or red glitter and they are $20 per pot.
Please make checks out to VFMA Foundation and send to Captain Hale at VFMA&C, 1001 Eagle Road, Wayne, PA 19087.
Plants may be picked up from the Chapel following the Christmas Vespers on 7 December.

**3RD ANNUAL VFMA&C CHAPEL MISSIONS TRIP, JAMAICA:**
Chaplain, Captain Hale will be leading a team of 12 cadets on the 3rd annual Chapel Missions Trip to Jamaica during the Academy Spring Break (18 March – 6 April, 2015.)

The team will spend a week of serving others, growing spiritually and having fun in another culture. If your cadet is interested in participating in this exciting trip, please contact Captain Hale at 610-989-1506 or GHale@vfmac.edu. Team members will be expected to regularly attend Chapel sponsored Bible studies in preparation for the trip.
Total cost of the trip is $2200 per student with a down payment of $800 due by 10 November and a final payment of $1400 due by 30 January, 2015. The Jamaica Team will fly into Montego Bay where it will be met by members of the Jamaican Military Christian Fellowship. The team will operate out of the Admiral Mountain Great House in Kingston, Jamaica.

http://www.jnht.com/site_admiral_mountain_great_house.php

THE COMMANDANT’S RECOGNITION:
1. The following appointments of Officers and Noncommissioned Officers in the Corps of Cadets of VFMA&C are effective this date.
2. The Cadet Chain of Command, Commandant’s Department, and individuals listed, will ensure they fully understand the duties and responsibilities of this rank and position and discharge same in accordance with VFMA&C Corps of Cadets policies, procedures and the “Guidon.”

TO BE CADET MAJOR:
Cadet Private Trevor Buggs, Band, to be Mounted Battalion Training Officer

TO BE CADET FIRST LIEUTENANT:
Cadet Master Sergeant Kenneth Bae, I Company, to be Battalion Provost Marshal

TO BE CADET SECOND LIEUTENANT:
Cadet Sergeant First Class Jesus Casado, H Company, to be Platoon Leader
Cadet Private Sadie Zellem, H Company, to be Platoon Leader

TO BE CADET FIRST SERGEANT:
Cadet Master Sergeant Keontay Gaines, H Company, to be Company First Sergeant

TO BE CADET MASTER SERGEANT:
Cadet Private Antonio Feria, H Company, to be Platoon Sergeant
Cadet Private Megan Kenner, H Company, to be Platoon Sergeant

CHANGE OF DUTY POSITION:
Cadet First Lieutenant Dennis Davenport, I Company, to be the rank of Sergeant Major with the duty position of Battalion Operations Sergeant Major
FOOTBALL NEWS:
Academy Football at Radnor High School
Radnor 40 VFMA 28

College Football at O’Hara Field VFMA&C
Monroe 30 VFMC 6

Academy Football at Lower Moreland High School
VFMA 53 Lower Moreland 10

College Football at O’Hara Field VFMA&C
AJA JV 6 VFMC 36

Both of our teams, The Academy and College, started slowly. Learning to play together and mesh as a cohesive unit takes time and patience. Coupled with their new military training and football talent both teams have made a truly amazing comeback in their second games of the season. BRAVO to all the players, coaches, staff, faculty and Alumni who came out and cheered our Trojans on. We all show the indomitable spirit of “The Forge”.

More information is available online about Academy and College athletics

Above, Academy Soccer Goal Keeper, Cadet Louis Sarkozy

Right, College Cross Country runner, Plebe Hannah Terwillinger
IS YOUR PA BUSINESS STILL PAYING STATE TAXES?
You could support scholarships for VFMA Cadets instead of sending your tax dollars to Harrisburg! A unique program in the Pennsylvania Tax Code encourages companies to support scholarships for financially deserving K-12 students through generous tax credits. Through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs, your company will provide life-changing scholarships to Pennsylvania’s youth. Scholarships are 100% need-based, and enable dozens of young men to benefit from the structure, discipline and values instilled through Valley Forge’s exceptional educational program. It can literally cost you 5-10 cents on the dollar when all is said and done.

Over the last 5 years VFMA has received over $500,000 through these programs. To learn how to fund Cadets instead of Harrisburg email Doug Hasbrouck (DHasbrouck@vfmac.edu) or phone 610-989-1342.

HONORING THOSE WHO CARE:
With great pleasure we present the fiscal year’s Honor Roll of Donors 2014 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014) to celebrate those whose generosity and commitment have helped provide the very best experience for our hardworking cadets.

In Dr. Sauchuk’s inaugural year, with gifts from 937 alumni, parents, past parents, grandparents, friends, corporations, foundations, faculty, and staff, we reached $1,813,338 on June 30, 2014, $215,359 more than FY 2013, a 13% increase.

We are on a roll and hope you will help us keep the momentum going by making a gift this year. An early gift saves mailing and printing costs and allows us to apply your gift right now to the 87th Corps of Cadets. Give online securely through our donation portal.

To thank all of those who made a leadership gift of $1,000 and above, Dr. Sauchuk will invite all members of the Society of the Golden Sword to a reception, following Tattoo, on Friday, November 21, 2014. A full listing of Society of the Golden Sword members is found on pages 3 -4 of the Honor Roll of Donors.

Thank you for allowing Dr. Sauchuk, her team, members of the faculty and staff to continue to educate in the traditions of the Long Line of Gray, to maintain the excellence for which Valley Forge is known, and to support the glory that is Valley Forge.

Hollis “Holly” M. Cheshire
Director of the Forge Fund
hcheshire@vfmac.edu
610-995-6008

DID YOU KNOW?
Amazon will now donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Valley Forge Military Academy Foundation when you shop at AmazonSmile. See how at AmazonSmile.

And, did you know that Target is on track to give $1 billion for education by the end of 2015. Talk about extra credit! Use the REDcard, and Target will donate 1% of your REDcard purchases made at Target and Target.com to help the eligible K-12 school of your choice. Just click on: https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home.
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, 1-215-333-1441, 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: Priority Shuttle

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

Jaycary@verizon.net 610-918-0568

Parena and Eoin Mooney, Vice Chairs of the Parents Association, 2014-2015
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
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**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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VFMA&C is enhancing its social media status. Follow us twitter and facebook. If you haven’t yet, be sure to follow us on twitter for sports scores and more. Share our stories with your friends and family, look for new photo albums of the unique experiences at VFMA&C.

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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