HELLO RETURNING AND PLEBE PARENTS, GUARDIANS & SPONSORS:

We hope to see many Academy parents for “Academy Back to School Day” tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. in Shannon Hall and also hope to see many Academy and College parents for the Chapel Service and first Regimental Review of the season this Sunday, September 28.

The Corps will begin its march into the Chapel at 10:45 a.m. as the Jewish cadets head to Mellon Hall for their service and the Muslim cadets head to Shannon Hall for their service.

Catholic Mass will be available in the Chapel at 4:30 p.m. and our neighbor, The Church of the Saviour, holds a special service for interested VF cadets and students from Eastern University in their gym at 5:00 p.m.

All are welcome.

Parking is available in the General Lot, next to O’Hara Athletic Field.

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:
Your package is on its way! If you do not receive one within the next couple of weeks, please let me know so I can get one out to you ASAP.

College parents, in the event your envelope is addressed to your cadet, it is because he or she did not provide your names. However, the Recognition Weekend information is enclosed. If you care to send me your contact information, please do so to Lstevens@vfmac.edu. Please include your son or daughter’s name.

An overview of the itinerary is below:

**Friday – 31 Oct.** – 7:00-10:00 p.m. in Eisenhower Hall - Parents Fundraising Reception.
Join us for an evening of food, drink (beer and wine) and much fun
with staff and faculty, new and veteran parents, auctions, raffle, casino and a special march performed by the Regimental Band! Plebes and cadets will not be present that evening.

**Saturday – 1 Nov.**
- 8:30-10:15 a.m. Barracks and Optional Academy Open House in Shannon Hall. Department Chairs will be available to answer questions you might have.
- 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.

**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. Donate online.

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.

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

**POINSETTIAS AVAILABLE FOR ORDER:**
If you wish to order poinsettias, please contact Captain Hale at 610-989-1506 or Ghale@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. Congratulations to the Academy and College Football Teams, the Academy Soccer Team, the Woman’s Volleyball Team and Academy and College Cross Country Teams who all have had victories or outstanding individual performances recently.

2. I would like to recognize **Cadet Mathew Auman** for his positive influence and impact with the Peer Education Program— he has done a super job and has consistently gone out of his way to make it an effective and worthwhile program. Well done!

3. I would like to recognize and congratulate all the cadets who tried out for the Choir and are now members of the VF Regimental Choir!

**HEALTH CENTER NEWS:**
Parents, we are giving flu shots to cadets.

Adult cadets or cadets 17 years or younger, whose parents have checked “yes” on the box asking for the flu shot, on the Health Form on their check-in forms, will automatically receive them when available. If you are not certain the box was checked and wish your cadet to receive the shot, please contact the Health Center at 610-989-1517 or DHammer@vfmac.edu. Your cadet will be added to the list. There is a $35.00 charge which will be placed on the school account.

**Health Center Statistics - FYI:**
The Health Center serves our Cadets and Plebes on a 24/7 basis.
To date we have:
- had approximately 1600 visits averaging about 38 per day since opening our doors for the school year. These include medication passes, nursing appointments, sick call, walk-ins, and doctors visits.
- We have arranged approximately 170 off campus appointments.

Debbie Hammer, R.N.

**CADET STORE NEWS:**
WEEKEND WRAP UP FOR VFMA&C ATHLETICS:

Last weekend got off to exciting start Friday Night!

Academy Football opened up with an overtime victory over New Hope Solesbury, 18 to 12. This now puts VF 3-0 in BAL Conference and 3-1 overall. The Trojan’s were led by Cadet Bronson Szaller with 22 carries for 155 yards and also rushed for 2 touchdowns. Cadet Audley Issacs contributed with 16 tackles (10 Solo, 5 assisted, 1 sack.)

As the morning approached our Academy Cross Country Team was off and running at the George School Invitational with two top individual finishers, Cadet Seth Bonzelet 19:31 and Cadet Ben Johnson 20:12.

In the afternoon the Academy Soccer Team was ready to go! They got off to a fast start scoring two early goals by Cadet Cole Strempel and Cadet Christian Minich. Abington Friends made a strong push in the second half and took the game to overtime. Unfortunately we lost in overtime 3-2. Academy Soccer is now 3-5 overall, 1-5 in the BAL conference.

College wrapped up the afternoon with a respectable showing in Women’s Volleyball 3 team match, taking two tough losses to Montgomery Community College 3-0, and also main line rival Harcum College, 3-0. Women’s Volleyball record is 1-9.

The Women’s Volleyball Team Above and the College Mens’ Cross Country Team Below show School Spirit!
College Cross Country ran in the PSU Brandywine Meet and landed in 1st place for the overall team grouping with Cadet Ryan Sevret, 2nd; Cadet Mikey Meacham, 5th; and Cadet Tyler Eccles, 9th.

Wrapping up the weekend was a final College Football game. Playing at the Historic Franklin Field vs. University of Pennsylvania Football JV program, the College brought VFMC a win over University of Pennsylvania, 27-17! The Forge was led by QB Cadet Christian Summers who threw for 2 touchdowns and rushed for one. TD passes completed to Cadet Damion Samuels and Cadet Gabriel Yuille. This was followed up by a rushing TD by Cadet Hakeem Sillman. Our Defense also played a big part with three interceptions, 2 by Cadet Ryan Muse and 1 by Cadet Rafee Cheesborro.

College Football is now: 3-1 overall and 1-0 Sea Board Conference.

Congratulations to all athletes and coaches for a great weekend!

GO TROJANS!!!!

Richard Casey
Director of Athletics

For more information on Academy and College athletics, please click on these links:
http://www.vfmac.edu/academy-athletics/
http://www.vfmac.edu/college-athletics/

RADNOR FALL FESTIVAL:
Every fall Radnor Township hosts a festival for its residence in the streets of Wayne. It includes activities such as face painting, magic, top dog show, food, art and of course, live music with the Valley Forge Military Academy & College Regimental Band.
Our cadets and guests from all around join in the fun!

**CHAPEL, PARADE AND OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE:**
All services, Chapel Parades on the Main Area, and Regimental Reviews on the Parade Field are open to the public. Chapel begins 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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**VFMA&C OPEN HOUSE: (Oct. 12)**
In the above table the Open Houses are also listed.
Open Houses are scheduled at Valley Forge for prospective new cadets. If you have curious friends or family members who wish to know more about VFMA&C and would enjoy a visit, please let them know they are welcome with their prospective sons or daughters. The staff will describe facets of cadet life and our Parents Association Chair, Jay Cary, will also be available to share his perspective as a parent of a cadet.

They may register online at www.vfmac.edu, Academy or College or by calling 610-989-1300.

**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.

**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.

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 CPT Irvan 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. They can be reached at 1-215-333-1441.

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

**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. This hotel provides a shuttle bus to and from VFMA&C.)

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:

- 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


FOLLOW VFMA&C ON TWITTER & FACEBOOK
VFMA&C is enhancing its social media status. Come follow us Twitter and Facebook. If you haven’t yet be sure to follow us on twitter. Share our stories with your friends and family, look for new photo albums of the unique experiences at VFMA&C.

On Twitter, search @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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