HELLO RETURNING AND PLEBE PARENTS, GUARDIANS & SPONSORS:

This Friday afternoon, 10 October, the local CBS station, CBSPhilly.com, will be filming the first half of the Academy football game (starting at 3:45 PM), as VF will be featured in that evening’s broadcast (11:30 PM) of the high school football show. Click on this link to view: http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/

CHAPEL SERVICE AND REGIMENTAL REVIEW THIS SUNDAY:
This Sunday, 12 October beginning at 11:00 AM, the Corps will attend a Chapel Service and Regimental Parade. The Corps will march into the Chapel beginning at 10:45 AM. Religion specific services will be held for the Muslim cadets in Shannon Hall and the Jewish Cadets in Mellon Hall simultaneously.

The Regimental Review will occur directly following the Chapel Service on the Parade Field. All are welcome.
ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE:
This Sunday, 12 October at 9:00 AM, the Academy (Mellon Hall) and College (Eisenhower Hall) Admissions will be hosting an Open House for prospective new cadets. If you have family members, friends or acquaintances who might be considering enrollment for mid-year (January, 2015) or the next school year (August, 2015,) please feel free to bring them or send them to us. They will receive a warm welcome and overview of cadet life at Valley Forge.

This is an Admissions event only. Faculty are not available for parent/teacher conferences that day but if you wish to connect with your son or daughter’s counselors, please contact Megan Sullivan at MSullivan@vfmac.edu for Academy and MAJ Wood at RWood@vfmac.edu for College.

Please park in the General Lot next to the Athletic Field as the Regimental Review will take place on the Parade Field following the Chapel Service.

Thank you.

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.

This is for College only. Academy plebes/cadets do not have leave this weekend.

RECOGNITION WEEKEND:
If you have not received the mailing, please let me know so I can get one out to you ASAP. Please return your RSVP slip as soon as possible. If you wish to be mentioned on the donor list at the event, please send donations in ASAP as well. Thank you to all who have made a donation thus far!
For donation forms, please click on this link for your convenience: http://www.vfmac.edu/campus-parents-family/campus-recognition-weekend/?template=paf-academy

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 is in the packet) Mellon Hall. The breakfast is $15 per guest but cadets do not pay.
- 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.

EVENT AND LEAVE ITINERARY AT A GLANCE FOR NOVEMBER, 2014:

- Recognition Weekend – 31 Oct. – 2 Nov. – details above
- Ring Presentation – 8 Nov., 5:00 PM – Chapel. Family members welcome.
- Ring Dance – 8 Nov., 6:30 PM – Mellon Hall
  Academy Seniors, Sophomores and their dates only – details below
- Military Tattoo Performance – 21 Nov., 4:30 PM – 6:15 PM - Price Gym
- Academy Thanksgiving Leave – 21 Nov., 7:00 PM – 30 Nov., no later than 6:30 PM
- College Thanksgiving Leave – 25 Nov., after class – 30 Nov., no later than 6:30 PM
Details will be forthcoming.

RING CEREMONY:
On Saturday, 8 November, beginning at 5 PM in the Chapel, all cadets receiving Class Rings will be invited to have their rings presented to them in a formal, longstanding tradition at Valley Forge, the Ring Presentation Ceremony.

The program will include remarks from Dr. Sauchuk, President, an explanation of the significance of the Class Ring, and the culmination of each cadet receiving his/her ring.

The ring should be presented by someone of significance in the cadet’s life at Valley Forge. Suggested presenters include TACS, faculty members, and family members who have impacted the cadet in a positive manner over his or her enrollment at Valley Forge.
The Ring Ceremony is open to family members of the cadet who would like to attend. It will begin promptly at 5:00 PM and last for approximately one hour.
We look forward to seeing families and friends of our ring recipients at this special Ring Ceremony in the Chapel.

Cadets must submit ring presenters to the Department of Student Activities by Monday October 27th.

RING DANCE:
Immediately following the Ring Ceremony, all Academy Seniors, College Sophomores and their dates are invited to the Ring Dance at 6:30 – 10:00 PM in the Mellon Hall Ballroom.

The dance will include a formal receiving line, many various Hors d’Oeuvres, dancing with DJ, a dessert buffet, a formal cake cutting and time to spend and celebrate this special occasion with classmates and friends.

We are asking parents to donate baked goods for the Ring Dance dessert buffet. At the last Ring Dance and Winter Ball, this was a huge hit with the cadets and their guests.
There is nothing like homemade desserts to make them feel loved! If you wish to donate something such as cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc. please contact Mrs. Theresa Piscal at TPiscal@vfmac.edu. No nuts or peanut butter please! Thank you!

Academy Seniors and College Sophomores are encouraged to invite dates to this event. All dates under the age of 18 require parental permission to attend.

A photographer will be available in the Sara Crawford Room in Mellon Hall for formal portraits. Overnight leave will be granted at the discretion of the Commandant.

Questions about the Ring Ceremony and Ring Dance can be directed to the Director of Student Activities; Mrs. Lauren Wochok at lwochok@vfmac.edu or 610-989-1262.

**PHI THETA KAPPA ELIGIBILITY:**
The below list of College cadets who are eligible for membership in Phi Theta Kappa, Delta Epsilon Chapter: Eligibility is a GPA of 3.3 or higher and a good Tactical record.

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) is the international two-year college honor society. Membership in PTK is a singular honor marking them among the better transfer candidates in the United States; it is a distinction that will follow them the rest of their lives. When asked about any “honors” or “distinctions” they have received they will put down Phi Theta Kappa, even when applying to graduate school. These students may not be Phi Beta Kappa—I hope that they will—but we do not know; however, when they apply to transfer their applications will be singled out by admissions committees.

It is routine for members of PTK to receive $1,000 scholarships at state universities. Within the past ten years our PTK members have received such awards at Penn State, a $2,000 scholarship at the University of Delaware, and a full-scholarship to Kansas State University.

- Cadet Matthew J. Auman,
- Cadet Chad H. Inver,
- Cadet David Ivashenko,
- Cadet Daniel J. Fink,
- Cadet Keontay L. Gaines,
- Cadet Ronald G. Gombe,
- Cadet John T. Lawreck,
- Cadet Jose R. Magana,
- Cadet Jesse D. Quave
- Cadet Kareem T. Ragheb
- Cadet Lisle Ramos
- Cadet Cynjun C. Salinas
- Cadet Naomi V. Seaton
- Cadet Nicholas J. Stewart
- Cadet David V. Volyn
- Cadet Yeqing Wang

**THE COMMANDANT RECOGNIZES:**
1. Our Muslim Cadets who celebrated EID AL-ADHA this week.
2. Our Jewish Cadets who celebrated YOM KIPPUR during this past weekend.

**WES MOORE, ’96, ’98C, SPEAKS AT VILLANOVA:**
The Villanova University “OneBook” 10th Anniversary celebration featured VFMA&C’s very own, Mr. Wes Moore ’96, ’98C as the guest speaker. Wes inspired the audience with his astuteness and enthusiasm.
When Wes was enrolled at Valley Forge, he ran away five times during the Plebe System. Each time, his mother boldly returned him, much to his disappointment. As he finally “got the message” that he was staying, one positive experience led to another until “a light went on” and he began realizing the advantage of the opportunity. Wes also learned to appreciate the sacrifices his mother made for his wellbeing.

In his community talk, he explained that he proudly wears his Valley Forge ring, “because without Valley Forge, none of his success would be possible!”

In his book, “The Other Wes Moore,” Wes described the differences between himself and another man sharing the same name and growing up in the same city at the same time. Because of decisions made by each, one grew up to be a Rhodes Scholar, a decorated combat veteran, a White House Fellow and business leader. Sadly, the other is serving a life sentence in prison.

The audience was very impressed to hear from someone so passionate about his Valley Forge education and the opportunities presented to him.

**ACADEMY TRIP TO GREAT ADVENTURE:**
On Sunday, 21 September, the Department of Student Activities accompanied a group of Academy cadets on a free trip to Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey. Cadets enjoyed a day of many activities including sampling various foods, and participating in Halloween Fright Fest activities. Cadets enjoyed short lines and the chance to experience many rides over and over again. The weather was beautiful and the cadets behaved like gents. Highlights included rides on Kingda Ka, Green Lantern, Nitro, El Torro, and Bizarro. They returned to campus tired and happy after a day of fun with fellow cadets.

**FREE MOVIE TRIPS:**
In the month of September, the Student Activities Department accompanied cadets on two free movie trips to United Artists theaters, one for the Academy and one for the College. College cadets saw “Let’s Be Cops” on a Thursday afternoon and the Academy cadets enjoyed the blockbuster hit “Maze Runner”. Both movies were well received by the cadets who enjoyed time away from campus and time spent with fellow cadets.
Student Activities will offer a free trip every month to give cadets a chance to leave campus and experience local attractions.

**FOOD VENDORS IN THE BOODLE:**
During the 2013-2014 school year, the cadets expressed interest in having lunch vendors return to the Boodle in Bower Hall. We heard this sentiment across the board from all cadets so their voices have been heard! This year, the following food vendors arrive each week on the days below, offering cadets an alternative food option for lunch if they wish.

Tuesday’s – Jake’s Way Back Burger – selling hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries, onion rings, and chicken fingers
Wednesday’s – Paola’s Pizza – making fresh pizza in the Boodle kitchen and selling slices to the cadets
Thursday’s – Chinese Delight – offering a Chinese food buffet including rice and an egg roll for one low price

**COLLEGE CADETS VISIT “THE COMMEMORATION OF THE LIFE OF SGT. ISAAC HALL, CIVIL WAR VETERAN”:**
On Saturday, 4 October, a very long and overdue event took place at Mt. Zion AME Church in Devon, PA. The program featured a presentation on “A Slave to A Soldier to A Free Man: Commemoration of the Life of Sgt. Isaac Hall, Civil War Veteran,” Regiment 32, Company K. His life was celebrated in music, song, and poetry and a Graveside Salute was given by the 3rd Regiment Infantry Re-enactors from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sgt. Hall’s great-great granddaughter, Mrs. Dianne Cross, contacted Mt. Zion AME Church saying she had just located his burial site: the church cemetery! With the help of a cemetery preservationist and the Saving Hallowed Ground Program based in Wayne, PA, a location for the headstone was determined. Sgt. Hall is now on the list of at least eighteen other named U. S. Colored Troops in Mt. Zion’s cemetery. College Cadets were among the visitors along with dedicated church staff, proud Civil War re-enactors and members of the community.
NEED COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS:
If you are looking for official or unofficial transcripts, please go to:
www.getmytranscripts.com
If you are looking for enrollment verification, please go to:
www.studentclearing.org.

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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>October 12</td>
<td>Chapel Service</td>
<td>February 8</td>
<td>Chapel Service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Regimental Review Academy and College Open House</td>
<td></td>
<td>Chapel Parade</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>November 2</td>
<td>Chapel Service</td>
<td>March 15</td>
<td>Chapel Service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Regimental Review Join the Ranks Ceremony</td>
<td></td>
<td>Chapel Parade</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>November 10</td>
<td>College Open House</td>
<td>April 12</td>
<td>Chapel Service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Regimental Review Academy Open House</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>November 15</td>
<td>Academy Open House</td>
<td>April 25</td>
<td>Alumni Chapel Service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>(Saturday)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December 7</td>
<td>Christmas Vespers at 6:00 p.m.</td>
<td>April 26</td>
<td>Chapel Service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Chapel Parade</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>January 18, 2015</td>
<td>Chapel Service</td>
<td>May 10</td>
<td>Chapel Service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Chapel Parade</td>
<td>(Mothers Day)</td>
<td>Regimental Review</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

**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. Just click on this link to see how: (http://smile.amazon.com)

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.”

**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/

**PARENTS COUNCIL 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

**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:
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
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.

Lini Stevens
Director of Parent Relations
Valley Forge Military Academy & College
Phone: 610-989-1328
LStevens@vfmac.edu
www.vfmac.edu