HELLO CADET PARENTS, GUARDIANS & SPONSORS:

From all of us at Valley Forge, Happy New Year to you and your family!

Now that most of the cadets have returned and new mid-year plebes are arriving, the Corps will have a productive and active semester. The plebes will work diligently to attain the goal of “New Cadets” as soon as they pass their Cap Shield requirements and take the Cadet Oath.

An interesting VF historical fact!

Did you know? The coat of arms pictured at left and above, was designed by the founder, General Milton G. Baker, in 1928 with the expectation of its use on diplomas, invitations, publications, insignia, Corps flags and for other similar purposes.

The emblem typifies the spirit and motivating principles of the institution. The symbols are simple and full of significance and well worth careful contemplation.

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 2015:

- Winter Holiday Leave ends no later than 6:30 PM, Sunday, 11 January for returning College Cadets
- College cadets who have not yet registered for Spring classes should contact the Registrar’s Office.
- New Academy Mid-year plebes report on Monday, 12 January
- Dr. Martin Luther King Day – Monday, 19 January, No classes
- Wrestling Tournament, 31 January beginning at 9:00 AM in Price Gym
- Ski Trip to Vermont – Tentatively scheduled. Please check with Student Activities for details at LWochok@vfmac.edu or 610-989-1262.
- Gold and Silver Star Dinner on Monday, 9 February in Eisenhower Hall – details tbd
- Winter Ball – Valentine’s Day on Saturday, 14 February in Mellon Hall – details tbd
- President’s Day and Academy Open House in Mellon Hall and College Open House to be held in Eisenhower Hall at 9:00 AM, 16 February.
- Military School Band Festival at St. John’s Northwestern Academy in Delafield, WI. 19-22 February
- Mid-year Crucible for plebes
- College Spring Leave begins at 6:00 PM on Friday, 27 February and ends on Sunday, 8 March no later than 6:30 PM.
- Mid-year New Cadet Recognition Ceremony and Reception in Eisenhower Hall – Friday, 27 February. Time tbd.
A PARENT SHARES A HAPPY EXPERIENCE WITH HIS CADET:
Mr. Stephen Consentino, father of Cadet Alexander Consentino, C Co., had an exciting time at the Army/Navy Football game in Baltimore, MD this past December. Mr. Consentino won the tickets at the Parents Reception Silent Auction last October. The tickets were donated by Chuck and Nancy Schappert, parents of two alumni, Chuck, III '07 and Henry, '12. Proceeds raised at the Parents Reception benefit cadet activities and projects not otherwise included in the budget throughout the year. If you wish to make a donation, please do so at any time by contacting Lini Stevens at Lstevens@vfmac.edu.

“We had an amazing time and the seats were great!! Please pass along a big “thank you” to the Schapperts and feel free to send them the photos I have attached.

Alexander was so proud to represent VFMA&C and so many people, including many Naval Academy midshipmen, stopped to ask him where he went to school. His chest puffed up a little and he said, “I’m a 7th grader at Valley Forge Military Academy in Pennsylvania, sir.” Which would elicit a response of, “that’s fantastic…and I can’t believe you’re in 7th grade, you are very impressive in your uniform and conduct!”

It made me so proud to be his father and see him so proud of himself. He tells me he wants to go to the Naval Academy and become a Marine officer, a pilot or a Navy SEAL.

Many thanks again for the fine job you are all doing at VFMA&C.
MESSAGE FROM CPT BECHTEL, VFMA HISTORY PROFESSOR:
On Tuesday 16 December, 2014, the 9th grade cadets visited the NJ National Guard Armory for a VIP tour of the museum. Cadets learned about US tanks, armor, artillery, small arms, equipment and uniforms from the Revolutionary War through modern conflicts. All tour guides were retired army officers (most were Vietnam veterans) who were very knowledgeable and did an excellent job of engaging the cadets. A highlight was meeting Brigadier General James Grant of the NJ Army and Air National Guard.

We would like to thank Mr. van Bentem, father of Cadet Jonathan van Bentem, B Co., for providing the opportunity for VFMA to visit this impressive museum!

PARENTS OF ACADEMY SENIORS AND COLLEGE SOPHOMORES:
The deadline for placing an advertisement in the back of this year's VFMA&C's Yearbook is February 5, 2015. If you wish to submit some photos and well wishes for your graduate, please see CPT Irvan's message below.

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 submitted 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 5 February 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."

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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**EMERGENCY INFORMATION ALWAYS AVAILABLE:**
A voice and text emergency notification system is available for parents and guardians of our cadets. You may sign up by submitting the form found on the Emergency Information page on the website, link provided below. Messages are primarily text based, and therefore you should submit a cell phone number that can receive text messages. You will be subject to any fees or limits set by your cell phone provider for text messages and minutes used, based on your current contract conditions. International texts are not obtainable at this time.

In the event of any emergencies, we encourage you to access the VFMA&C Emergency Info page on the bottom of the home page on our website which is updated as needed.

**3RD ANNUAL VFMA&C CHAPEL MISSIONS TRIP, JAMAICA**
March 26-April 6, 2015:
If your cadet is interested in this exciting trip, there is still time and space to accommodate. If interested, please contact Captain Hale at GHale@vfmac.edu.

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COLLEGE COUNSELORS:
Please get the counselor’s contact information from your plebe or cadet.

NEED COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS?
Official or unofficial transcripts, please go to: www.getmytranscripts.com
Enrollment verification, please go to: www.studentclearing.org.

PHOTO GALLERY ONLINE:
Please feel free to check our online photo gallery for both the Crucible, Join the Ranks Ceremony and more events throughout the current school year.

IS YOUR CADET HAVING A BIRTHDAY?
Just call the Cadet Store a few days ahead of the great event at 610-989-1542 or 1540 to place a cake or cookie cake order if you wish.

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