HELLO CADET PARENTS, GUARDIANS & SPONSORS:

Plebe parents, your plebes are quickly learning the ins and outs of campus life at Valley Forge. While studying the Cap Shield requirements to earn that sought after prize, the Cap Shield, they are also learning how to salute, march, and organize their barracks’ rooms.

Cadet Parents, your Leadership Cadets are doing a fine job of teaching and leading the plebes along with their TACS. TAC stands for Teach, Advise, and Counsel. You should be proud!

An interesting VFMA&C historical fact!

Did you know?
In the middle of the 1700’s the rutted trail winding along Valley Forge Military Academy & College’s southern boundary, served as one of the primitive routes for the great, creaking Conestoga wagons, heavily laden with the possessions of courageous pioneering families, winds their way to Lancaster Pike (Route 30) as they travelled westward.

When you visit your cadet at Valley Forge, you will undoubtedly travel on this historic trail now called Eagle Road.

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 2015:

- Ski Trip to Vermont – Feb. 6-8. Please check with Student Activities for details at LWochok@vfmac.edu or 610-989-1262.
- Chapel Service, 11:00 AM. Chapel Parade (Main Area) following the service. All are welcome.
- The Gold and Silver Star Dinner to be held on 9 February in Eisenhower Hall has moved to 13 April to accommodate more marking periods. E-invitations will be sent to parents of Gold and Silver Star awardees.
- Winter Ball – Valentine’s Day on Saturday, 14 February in Mellon Hall – please see details below
- 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.
- Ash Wednesday, 18 February
- Chinese New Year, Year of the Sheep, 19 February – Chinese Cadets dinner scheduled
- Military School Band Festival at St. John’s Northwestern Academy in Delafield, WI. 19-22 February
- 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 at 4:30 PM.
WINTER BALL NEWS:

On Valentine’s Day, Saturday, February 14th, the Department of Student Activities is hosting our annual Winter Ball. The Ball is held in Mellon Hall Ballroom and open to ALL cadets in the Academy (grades 7-12) and in the College (freshman and sophomores). Cadets are encouraged to bring dates from home to attend the dance. We will have a small group of girls from a local school in attendance and be escorted by our Academy cadets. The dress code will be full dress for male cadets and formal gowns for female cadets. The receiving line will begin at 6:30 pm allowing the cadets to have a chance to introduce their dates to key school personnel. Dancing will begin at approximately 7:15 pm. Heavy appetizers, beverages, and a dessert buffet will be available.

Overnight leave will be given to cadets based on tactical standing and following the procedure set out by the tactical department.

Please contact the Department of Student Activities, Mrs. Lauren Wochok at lwochok@vfmac.edu or 610-989-1262 for more information on the dance. We encourage all cadets to attend this annual school tradition.

GRADUATES’ PARENTS:

2014-2015 CROSSED SABRES YEARBOOK ADS FOR SALE:

The deadline for placing ads and special graduate announcements is 6 February, 2015.

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."

REQUESTING UNIQUE CARS FOR A VFMA&C CAR SHOW:

The Valley Forge Alumni Association is planning a Concours d'Elegance-type car show on the Parade Field on the Sunday of Alumni Homecoming Weekend (April 26, 2015) and we are interested to see how many alumni, parents, and friends have vehicles that they would like to show at this event. If you have a vehicle that you would like to nominate please send an email to Pete McLallen '62 '64C or Greg Copeland '56 at vfcarselect@icloud.com
CADET INVITATIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT:

The 29th Annual Cadet Invitational Wrestling Tournament went on with great excitement and enthusiasm on 17 January. Thanks to all who helped with the event and a special thanks to former Coach Dom Lorusso and Craig Evans for their tireless work to organize this energetic day for the past 29 years.

Congratulations to Roman Catholic High School which was the overall winner of the event.

VFMA wrestling placed 8th but individual honors went to:

- **Cadet Blaise Coghlan**, 10th Grade, F Company, who placed 1st at 106 lbs
- **Cadet Tim Ewing**, 10th Grade, B Company, who placed 2nd at 113 lbs
- **Cadet Emmanuel Ahoua**, 10th Grade, A Company, who placed 3rd at 160 lbs

*At left, Cadet Ewing is working to get the power half nelson to turn his opponent to his back*

THE COMMANDANT RECOGNIZES:

To Be Cadet Staff Sergeant – College

- G Company – to be Squad Leaders
  - Cadet Zachary Assenmacher
  - Cadet Tyler Eccles
  - Cadet Juan Martinez-Rodriguez
  - Cadet Alex Raub
  - Cadet Gregory Sandefur
  - Cadet Brett van Buren

- H Company – to be Squad Leaders
  - Cadet Christianno Lopez

- I Company – to be Squad Leaders
  - Cadet Neil Benjiji
  - Cadet Alonzo Hilario
  - Cadet Claes Lind
  - Cadet Daniel Robinson

College and Academy – Band – to be Squad Leaders

- Cadet Amanda Botelho
- Cadet Carlos Dolby
- Cadet Constantine Proios

College and Academy – D Troop – to be Squad Leaders

- Cadet Groefthalee Gregoire
- Cadet Andres Marquard Cerisola
- Cadet Po Chia Tseng
- Cadet Ruichen Xu
To Be Cadet Sargeant – Academy

A Company
Cadet Luis Arias Castellanos
Cadet Kaine Geoffrion
Cadet Dominic Tarallo
Cadet Eugenio Torres Morales
Cadet Landon Whitmore

B Company
Cadet Sebastian Cantu-Siegrist
Cadet Timothy Ewing
Cadet Benjamin Goni Hernandez
Cadet Benjamin Waldron

C Company
Cadet Julian Bodnar
Cadet William Cannon
Cadet Gerardo Galan Garzafox
Cadet Nathan Welsh

To be Cadet First Lieutenant and Executive Officer:
Cadet Second Lieutenant Dmitriy Uskach, A Company

To be Cadet Sergeant and Assistant Squad Leader:
Cadet Private Douglas Eglington-Civitello, B Company

COLLEGE CADETS IN SERVICE ON DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY:

Each year on Dr. Martin Luther King Day, VFMC Cadets spend the day serving the community. This year, they were at the following sites: African American Museum, Valley Forge Park, Church of the Savior, Montessori School, Rosemont Presbyterian Village, Sarah Care, Girard College, (a city wide event,) The Freedom Foundation and several projects on campus.

We are proud of our College Cadets who did many tasks assisting the needy and supporting community events in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King.
**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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