HELLO CADET PARENTS, GUARDIANS & SPONSORS:

Plebe parents, your plebes are getting better organized!

Cadets are instructed in the proper laundry turn-in procedures by their cadet Chain of Command. Each cadet is required to mark all uniform items with his/her cadet ID number and place a completed laundry slip in the laundry bag to assist in accountability of uniform items. It is picked up by the janitorial staff once per week and usually available for pick up within 24 hours. How do you like that?

Another interesting VFMA&C historical fact!

The rolling terrain of VFMA&C’s campus, where cadets live, study, drill, and play echoes, is the very ground where the hoof beats of Henry “Light Horse Harry” Lee’s dragoons, and the steady tramp of General Anthony Wayne’s division of Continental Light infantry exchanged “courtesies” with British scouting parties on long-range patrols almost 250 years ago.

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE FOR FEBRUARY, 2015:

○ Chapel Service, 8 February at 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.

_Baked goods needed for Winter Ball, Saturday Feb 14._

We are looking for hand held items (nothing that needs a fork or needs to be cut) such as cookies, brownies, cupcakes, candy etc. Just to be on the safe side, please no peanut butter or nuts. Items can be dropped off with Lini Stevens in Mellon Hall on Friday the 13th. Items do NOT have to be homemade. Please use disposable containers as we cannot guarantee you will get your container back.

The cadets and their dates REALLY enjoy the dessert table and are always curious as to who-made-what...so if you are dropping off, please leave your name so we can make a note card with your name for the table. Also, we cannot have too many items, whatever is left over the cadets take back to the barracks in zip lock bags!!! Please contact Theresa Piscal with any questions tpiscal@vfmac.edu.

**CATHOLIC MASS SCHEDULE:**

Below is the schedule for VFMA&C Chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Mass for the rest of the school year. The Mass is held at 4:30PM in the Chapel and all are welcome!

February 8, 15, 22

March 1, 8, 15, 22

April 12, 19, 26

May 3, 10 Parents Spring Weekend, Mass at 9:00 AM, and the last Mass for the school year.

**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 and seeing 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
THE COMMANDANT RECOGNIZES:

**College:**
To Be Cadet Captain:
- **Cadet Sergeant First Class Cynjun Salinas**, G Co. to be Company Commander
- **Cadet First Lieutenant Rebecca Shumard**, I Co. to be Company Commander
To Be Cadet First Lieutenant:
- **Cadet Second Lieutenant Krishawn Brown**, I Co. to be Executive Officer
- **Cadet Staff Sergeant Joshua Rosen**, G Co. to be Executive Officer
To Be Cadet Second Lieutenant:
- **Cadet Private Maxwell Burbridge**, G Co. to be Platoon Leader
- **Cadet Master Sergeant Alois Steinbugl**, C Go. to be Platoon Leader
To be Cadet First Sergeant:
- **Cadet Master Sergeant Wesley Davis**, G Co. to be Company First Sergeant
- **Cadet Private Ryan Joyce**, I Co. to be Company First Sergeant

**Academy:**
- **Cadet Private Douglas Kopp**, A Co. to be Medical NCO
- **Cadet Private David Pacholick**, E Batt. to be Audio Video NCO

**FCA PRAYER BREAKFAST UPDATE:**
Ten Academy Cadets travelled with CAPT Hale, Chaplain, to Newtown, PA on Saturday, 31 January, to attend the Annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Super Bowl Breakfast. The speaker was former NFL player and participant in Super Bowl XXXIV, Mike Frederick. **Cadet Lawrence Holman, Cadet Miles Vando, Cadet Emmanuel Ahoua, Cadet Damien Frombach, Cadet Chance Holness, Cadet William Lot, Cadet George Ramirez, Cadet Jun Hee Kim, Plebe Min Su Kim and Plebe Jae Woo Yoon** happily participated.

**SUPER BOWL, NOT JUST FOR NON-VF CADETS/PLEBES:**
On Sunday, our cadets and plebes anxious to watch the New England Patriots and the Seattle Seahawks duke it out in the XLIX Super Bowl, had several flat screen sites available to them in
Valley Forge Military Academy & College wishes to congratulate Michael Lombardi, VFMA&C alumnus from the class of ‘77, for achieving the ultimate in his career as a coach and executive in the NFL, by winning the 49th Super Bowl as a coach and special assistant to Bill Belichek, Head Coach of the World Champion New England Patriots. Mike inspired cadets, alumni, faculty and staff as Chapel Speaker during Homecoming, 2014.

CADETS ENJOYED A WINNING 76ER’S GAME AT THE WELLS FARGO CENTER:

Three buses full of Academy and College cadets traveled, with six chaperones to the Wells Fargo Center in South Philadelphia last Wednesday, January 25 to witness an exciting NBA game between the Philadelphia 76ers and the Detroit Pistons. Before the game, our Color Guard marched on to the court with the Colors and students from a local middle school sang the Star Spangled Banner. The game got off to a roaring start with the 76ers making baskets right away. The 76ers won 89 – 69.

The cadets had a wonderful time and made us proud.

Thank you cadet parents, Mrs. Paren Mooney and Mr. Chris Gallagher for your chaperoning services!

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 610-989-1540 to place a cake or cookie cake order if you wish.

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