Alumni News

Fred Fields ’54

Fred Fields, D Troop ’54, best-selling author of How Short Hitting, Bad Golfers Break 90 All the Time has just published his second golf book. Fred lives in Columbia, SC, where he was in the real estate management business. His main hobby was golf, and he ultimately improved to a single digit handicap. Since retiring in 1998, Fred has taken up writing. He has published two golf "how to" books, and has two fictional biographies in the works.

Every golfer, from Tiger Woods down, wants to improve his game. Most have no idea how to do it. Fred Fields’ just released How I Cut 50 Strokes Off My Golf Scores describes in detail how he did this very successfully and tells how he reduced his scores from the 120s to the 70s. In his quest for improvement, Fred learned two important lessons. The golf swing can be much simpler and easier than is usually taught, and most golfers don’t know how to play the game of golf. Ben Hogan said, "Golf is 20% talent and 80% management." Fred figured out what Mr. Hogan meant, put that information to good use, and shares that information with his readers in his new book. You have a great opportunity to apply the tips and tricks in Fred’s book at our upcoming Golf Outing benefit on May 11th.

Steve Dailey III ’15C

Just wanted to let you know that my son Steven Dailey III VF College 2013, will be the first ECP candidate to graduate from Virginia Tech this May and will attend Army Infantry BOLC this summer. He is also a starter on the SELC championship lacrosse team. (Pictured far right, me 2nd from rt, and a Georgia Tech father and son.)
William Merritt Field ’68

William Merritt Field, 68, of Bristol, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, March 5, 2015 while vacationing in Florida.

Mr. Field was born in Kassel, Germany, to the late Col. Frederick P. Field Sr. and Ruth Harriot Field. He was the brother of Frederick P. Field Jr. (wife Cheryl Jean), of Fresno, Calif. and the late Rosalind Field Peters-Doyle of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. He is survived by his wife, Audrey Brito Field and his sons, Michael Field (wife Rebecca), and SFC. Kevin Field (wife Katie); and grandchildren Autumn and Jacob Field.

Mr. Field graduated from Valley Forge Military Academy and Providence College. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam, as a Green Beret, achieving the rank of Major before retiring. He also served in the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve.

He worked for C. Brito Construction, Inc. while pursuing his commercial pilot license. He flew freight for several airlines and finished the last 15 years of his career as a pilot for Cape Air, flying passengers on routes from Providence Rhode Island to the islands of Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket. William was an avid motorcycle rider and participated in many charitable endeavors. He also enjoyed a long relationship with the Special Forces community, serving on the board of the Rhode Island chapter of the Special Forces Association.

Brigadier General Walter Jajko, USAF (Ret.) ’53

On October 18, 2014 after a long illness beloved husband of Marilyn Jajko, brother of Edward Jajko (Pamela) and brother-in-law of William Barr (Annette), passed away. General Jajko was a soldier, statesman, strategist, and scholar of unwavering principle and indomitable character. At the time of his death, General Jajko was the Professor of Defense Studies at The Institute of World Politics (IWP), located in Washington, DC, where he taught a course in the Theorists of Military Strategy. Arrangements for a visitation, Mass of Christian Burial at Old Post Chapel, Fort Myer and interment at Arlington National Cemetery with Full Military Honors - See more at: http://www.fairfaxmemorialfuneralhome.com/obituary/Walter-Jajko/Fairfax-Station-VA/1445039#sthash.HCZOajZ6.dpuf

Jimmy Sturr ’60C

Several classmates met in Plant City, Florida on February 26th to watch Jimmy Sturr ’60C and his 18 Grammy Awarding orchestra perform at the annual Strawberry Festival. Considered the King of Polka, Jimmy Sturr and his orchestra have been the opening act at the Strawberry Festival for the past 35 years. Joining the concert event are (left to right) Carter Nute ’60C, Jimmy Sturr ’60C, Chuck Halsted ’60, and Lee Tompkins ’60.
Throwback Story and Picture for March 2015

1999 Alumni Association Trip to Panama

In 1999 the Alumni Association Board of Directors had an off campus Board Meeting with our Panama Regiment of the Alumni Association. We had the great pleasure of being treated to a tour of the Presidential Palace, yachting to Contadoro Island, a grand tour of the Locks of the Panama Canal and a Jungle BBQ with our hosts. This was truly one of the great trips we have taken. We re-established our ties to our members and had a wonderful time.

Pictured left are the members of the AABOD and our Panama Regiment hosts at the Presidential Palace in Panama City.

Campus Happenings

Museum Remodel 2.01

Under the leadership of Museum Curator John JT Hughes ’74, AABOD Member Glenn Horsky ’74, Joseph Klumpp, Jr. ’59, Scott Appel ’74 and Joseph J. Klumpp, Jr.’59 and their intrepid team of cadets, they are working diligently and careful to spruce up our museum. Special thanks go out to this hard working crew.
The Academy senior history class, under the direction of our Chaplain Captain Gerald Hale USCG (Ret.) took a trip to the University of Pennsylvania Ancient History Museum where fun and learning was had by all. The displays of ancient history were an amazing learning tool for our soon-to-be graduates.

Coming Events
April 13, 2015, 6:30 PM – Gold & Silver Star Dinner – Eisenhower Hall
2015 ALUMNI HOMECOMING

Friday April 24th - Sunday April 26, 2015
Members of the 87th Corps of Cadets welcome back our Alumni for a fun and festive weekend. Please come and join us, bring back the good old days, and let us show you the new and modern.
Please hold the dates, and register now at www.vfmachomecoming2015.eventbrite.com
The event scheduled can be found on the last pages of this Newsletter.

Valley Forge Military Academy & College Homecoming Car Show

This year in order to provide Homecoming activities that will appeal to a broad spectrum of Alumni and their families the Alumni Association is planning a Concours d’Elegance-type car show on the Sunday, April 26, 2015. We are interested in seeing how many alumni, parents and friends have vehicles that they would like to show at this event. If you have a vehicle or have a friend that has a vehicle that you would like to nominate please send an email to Pete McLallen ’62 ‘64C at www.vfcarselect@icloud.com
Welcome Back one of our Nation’s most Prominent Leaders and also a Distinguished Alum

LTG Gustave Perna ‘81C
Deputy Chief of Staff
United State Army

LTG Gustave Perna ‘81C with United States Army Chief of Staff GEN Raymond Odierno, USA
Dinner is available for those who are not participating in the golf for $40.00 per person.
Alumni Appeal for Homecoming Silent Auction and Raffle

Note to Alumni and Friends:

If you have an item that is unique and unusual and are willing to donate it to help support our annual Alumni Weekend Silent Action it would be most appreciated. Your donation will help support the activities of the Alumni Association and all that we do for our beloved Forge. Events we sponsor, for example the Academic Stars Dinners, Graduating Classes Dinner, The Cadet Officer’s Dining-In, The TAC Officers’ Appreciation Dinner, Homecoming Weekend and much, much more. We are also looking for top shelf alcoholic beverages (example is Johnny Walker Blue) for the Raffle on Friday night.

We are also seeking Alumni who can donate their time to help make Homecoming 2015 an even bigger success than in previous years. For those who wish to volunteer contact Tom Goldblum ’69, ’71C @ 610-989-1329 or tgoldblum@vfmac.edu.

Sincerely,

David Esqueda ’98, ’00C
Chairman, VFMA&C
AABOD Committee

Joseph Bartasius ’81, ’83C
President, VFMA&C
Alumni Association

Paul Lea IV ’87, ’89C
Chairman
2015 Homecoming Committee
Honor Roll of Donors

Reflecting gifts received in Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015 as of March 26, 2015

Valley Forge Military Academy & College is gaining momentum as a result of the generosity of alumni, parents, and friends who have supported the Forge Fund! We send a sharp salute to the members of the Society of the Golden Sword listed below and thank them for their gifts made in support of the 87th Corps of Cadets.

Members of the Society of the Golden Sword and higher level gift clubs are invited to a reception each fall at the President’s residence in Crossed Sabres. Leadership gifts have an especially strong impact on the quality of Cadet life today and help build new academic programs and facilities for the future. Those who have pledged or renewed their support at the Golden Sword level or higher since July 1, 2014 are listed in bold print. Donors whose membership will be lapsing this spring are not emboldened. Renewals must be completed by June 30 to be included in the final Honor Roll of donors posted annually in Eisenhower Hall.

Is your name listed correctly and at the appropriate level? If not, or if you would like to make a gift and be included in the next edition, contact Holly Cheshire, Director of the Forge Fund, hcheshire@vfmac.edu (610-995-6008); Doug Hasbrouck, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, dhasbrouck@vfmac.edu (610-989-1342) or go on-line to http://www.vfmac.edu/give.

Thank you for your generosity and support of our hardworking cadets!

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TAPS

“When our last taps are played May thou be not dismayed We pray as once he prayed Valley Forge for thee.”

The Valley Forge Military Academy and College family extends its condolences to the friends and families of those alumni who have passed on, as well as those whose passing has been noted since the release of our most recent newsletter.

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Exclusive trunk showing April 24th and 25th at Valley Forge Military Academy Alumni Weekend

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Alumni Gift Items

2015 Alumni Pin - $15.00
2015 Alumni Shield Cufflinks - $40.00
Alumni Tie (Battery Red Tie) - $35.00
Alumni Crest - $30.00
Alumni Challenge Coin - $25.00

Total Price of Package (1 of each) - $145.00
Special Price for Homecoming Pre-orders - $115.00
To Order call Tom Goldblum ’69, ’71C Director of Alumni Relations,
with your credit card at 610-989-1329 or email to: tgoldblum@vfmac.edu
# 2015 Alumni Homecoming Weekend Agenda

(Subject to change)

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## Friday, April 24:
(Optional Activities for Early Arriving Alumni and their Families)

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<td>Valley Forge National Park with Lunch at the Valley Forge Park Visitors Center.</td>
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<td>Dine with the Corps of Cadets and your friends at 2nd Mess. (No formation due to class schedule)</td>
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<td>1:30 PM – 4:00 PM</td>
<td>Registration and gather with all your friends and classmates and catch up on what is happening in your lives and theirs. Tell those long ago tales of the “high seas” and take a reminiscence tour of our beautiful campus. Bring back those days of yore.</td>
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<td>4:00 PM – 6:00 PM</td>
<td>Open Meeting of the Alumni Association in Mellon Hall and hear about the “State of the Forge” from: Stacey Sauchuk, President VFMA&amp;C and her leadership team – “State of the Forge”</td>
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<td>6:30 PM</td>
<td>Cocktail Party, Raffle and Fun in Eisenhower Hall for our Annual Friday night party.</td>
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<td>Registration - Meet and Greet/Networking in Sara Crawford Room, Mellon Hall</td>
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<td>9:00 – 10:15 AM</td>
<td>Post Visitation – Most Buildings will be open for visitation – Limited to 1 room</td>
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<td>10:15 AM</td>
<td>Chapel Call and Alumni Memorial Chapel Service – Chapel Award – Gold and Silver Sword Best New Cadets in the Companies</td>
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<td>Drill Team Demonstration - Parade Field</td>
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<td>BBQ Luncheon - Mellon Hall Terrace</td>
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<td>William T. Gans, Jr. '59, '61C Memorial Band Concert - Mellon Hall Ballroom</td>
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<td>Polo Match Featuring Alumni vs Cadets</td>
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<td>Alumni Reception for all classes (except for Classes of 1965 &amp; 1990) - Eisenhower Hall</td>
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<td>Alumni Reception for Class of 1965 – Crossed Sabres</td>
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<td>7:00 PM</td>
<td>Alumni Dinner &amp; Silent Auction - Eisenhower Hall</td>
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<td>Class of 1965 - 50th Reunion Dinner, Eisenhower Hall, 1st Floor</td>
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<td>Class of 1955 – 60th Reunion Dinner, Eisenhower Hall, 1st Floor</td>
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## Sunday, April 26

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<td>9:00 AM – 1:00 PM</td>
<td>We are planning a Concours d’Elegance - type car show on the Sunday of Homecoming weekend (April 26, 2015) 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 <a href="mailto:vfcarselect@icloud.com">vfcarselect@icloud.com</a></td>
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SPECIAL NOTES!

Dress Code
- The dress code for all events during Alumni Homecoming Weekend is coat and tie, or business casual. It will be strictly enforced and greatly appreciated by Staff, Faculty, Cadets and fellow Alumni. Those inappropriately dressed may be asked to change prior to participating in the events. (Please no torn jeans or tee shirts)

Smoking
- The entire VFMA&C post is a tobacco free/non-smoking facility. Your cooperation will be appreciated by everyone.

Safety and Security
- Inappropriate behavior or activity on the post will not be condoned or tolerated.
- Specified Barracks and other buildings will only be open for visitation on Saturday morning during specific times. For safety and security reasons, all barracks are off limits to all alumni unless specified. Please respect the privacy of the cadets’ living quarters.
- **Always wear your name tag when on Post for the safety of ALL!!!!!**

Miscellaneous
- Handicapped bathroom is located in the 1st floor of Mellon Hall. Additional bathrooms are available in Mellon Hall, Eisenhower Hall and Bower Hall (2nd Floor).
- Shuttles and golf carts available all day, please be patient.
- Photos of the weekend can be obtained through www.vfmac.edu and go to Academy or College photo and then to Photo Album on the left toolbar.
- Boodle Shop, Cadet Store, Museum and Library will be open at convenient times during the weekend.
- *If you do not pre-register, you will not have your yearbook photo on your name badge.*
  Please indicate your company so we can include it on your badge.
  To register online for Alumni Homecoming Weekend, please go to: http://vfmachomecoming2015.eventbrite.com/#

Hotels Nearby:
(Please mention VFMA&C for our special rates.)

**Marriott Courtyard - Devon**, 762 Lancaster Ave., 800-321-2211

**Marriott Courtyard – Valley Forge**, 11 Drummers Lane, 610-687-6700

**Radnor Hotel - Radnor**, 591 East Lancaster Ave., 610-341-3500

**Homewood Suites – Valley Forge**, 681 Shannondell Blvd., Audubon, 610-539-7300

**Hilton Garden Inn – Valley Forge**, 500 Cresson Blvd., Phoenixville, 610-650-0880

* The Homewood Suites and Hilton Garden Inn are offering a complimentary round trip shuttle to VFMA&C on Friday evening for the cocktail reception. Additionally both venues will donate $5.00 rebate back to VFMA&C for each night stayed over Alumni Weekend. If you have any questions, please contact General Manager Sean Fox ’96 on 610-539-7300.
2015 Alumni Homecoming Registration
Friday, April 24 - Sunday, April 26, 2015
Appropriate attire is required for all events
(Coat & tie, or business casual for men; dresses or dressy slacks for women)

ALL EVENTS PASS
Two-Day All-Event Pass ($120 per guest)
# Attending __________ Total Cost: $______________ (EventBrite Online*: $127.11)

Personal Sponsorship of Alumni Homecoming Weekend ($350 per sponsor; includes All-Event Pass at $120, and a $230 contribution to the Alumni Association)
# Attending __________ Total Cost: $______________ (EventBrite Online*: $368.84)

FRIDAY
Afternoon Second Mess ($15 per person)
# Attending __________ Total Cost: $______________ (EventBrite Online*: $16.76)

Evening Alumni Cocktail Reception
(Free event; includes raffle and silent auction to benefit the Alumni Association and the Forge Fund)
# Attending __________ RSVP's are highly recommended for this alumni function

SATURDAY
Afternoon Outdoor Luncheon ($35 per guest)
# Attending __________ Total Cost: $______________ (EventBrite Online*: $37.78)

Evening Alumni Cocktail Reception and Dinner
($70 per guest; includes open bar; must be 21 or older to drink)
# Attending __________ Total Cost: $______________ (EventBrite Online*: $74.56)

Enclosed is a contribution of $____________ to the Forge Fund as a class gift to support the 87th Corps of Cadets.

Total Enclosed: $______________

Please register me to participate in the William T. Gans, Jr. ’59, ’61C Memorial Band Concert: Saturday, April 24, 3:30 - 4:15 PM. For more information, please contact Bandmaster Phil Evans by phone (610-989-1252) or by e-mail: (pevans@vfmac.edu)

*EventBrite is an online payment service. The slightly higher price reflects a convenience fee and is not required for those submitting their payments by mail.
To register online, please go to:
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SUNDAY – Alumni Classic Car Show and Rally – 9:30 AM – Eisenhower Hall
(Pricing information to follow)
Special Requirements or Needs for Homecoming Weekend:
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Handicap Requirements:  Cadet Escort  Golf Cart

**Method of Payment**

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Valley Forge Class Years and Cadet Company:
(Be sure to include these so we can put them on your nametag):
_______________________________________________________________________

Spouse/Guest(s) Names and Relationships:
_______________________________________________________________________

Please make your check payable to “VFMA Foundation” and mail to:

**Valley Forge Military Academy & College**
**Homecoming Weekend Registration**
**Alumni Office—Mellon Hall**
**1001 Eagle Rd.**
**Wayne, PA 19087**

If you are paying by credit card you may fax your registration and credit card information to (610) 989-1332 or mail it to the above address. Questions? Check out our website: www.vfmac.edu, contact us at (610) 989-1329 or email tgoldblum@vfmac.edu. Open parking is available at the General & South Campus parking lots with a shuttle service running to the Main Campus.

*Please pre-register to receive your yearbook photo ID badge. Indicate your company so we can include it on the badge.*
WHAT'S NEW IN YOUR LIFE...SHARE WITH US

Excited about your new job, house, or degree?
Travel somewhere amazing recently? Or do you have something else to share?
Get married; have a baby or a grandchild?

Fill us in!

Alumni News notes are a great way to stay in touch and up to date with your classmates and friends. We send your great news out to over 8,000 Alumni throughout the world and your classmates are anxious to hear about all the great things happening.

Contact me by email with your pictures (if any) attached: TGoldblum@vfatmac.edu and we will let everyone know the happy news.