Meeting: AABOD General Meeting  
Date / Time: 16 March 2013, 9:30-11:00AM  
Location: Sara Crawford Room, Mellon Hall

Officers Present: Bob Shapiro, Secretary: Roque Schipilliti, Treasurer

Members Participating: Joe Bartasius, Gene Banco, On Line: Al Heyer, Niles Dally, Pete McLallen Mark Woolley, Tom Goldblum, Sean Condon, Gordon Hanscom  Guests: Holly Cheshire, Director, Forge Fund, Members Excused: David Esqueda, Dan Mc Sweeney, Dave Martin, Frank Winters Skip Mahler, Mark Schneider; Dan McSweeney, Woodie Stevens

Members Absent: Bill Beute, Ashley Neth, Scott Bartlett, Alex Grabiec, Paul Lea, Guest: Jason Didomenico 06C

Treaser’s Report: Roque Schipilliti commented on the AABOD Financial Report. The unconfirmed ending balance is $20,105.02 down by $2,815.00 from the ending balance of $22,920.02 in February 2013. Details provided in the Treasurer’s Report. Roque has introduced a number of easy to read pie and bar graphs to enhance his report

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Niles Dally moved and Gordon Hanscom seconded a motion to accept the 16 February 2013 AABOD meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Committee Report Up-Dates:

- Forgeway: Roque reported that the “Dining In” conducted on 8 March ’13 was not well attended by Cadet Officers, Staff and Alumni which was largely due to weak advertisement. Emphasis in these areas will be enhanced for the next event.

- Homecoming: (Status Highlights): 1). Tom Goldblum has assisted to recruit class representatives where there are none. These classes are:1958 (55th), 1983 (30th),1993 (20th),1998 (15th), 2003 (10th), 2008 (5th). Volunteers for class representative should contact Tom Goldblum at 215-565-5248 and/or by email to: tompm@comcast.net . 2). Volunteers for the Homecoming Registration desk are needed and should contact Holly Cheshire at 610-989-1341 or email: hcheshire@vfmac.edu . 3). Holly reported that as of this date, she has 57 paid reservations for Homecoming. 4). A survey of the women graduates has revealed that there is little or no interest in having a special
recognition of women in the Corps of Cadets during Homecoming. Despite this, we are still open should the interest level dictate a change.

- **Career Development Day/Mentoring:** The College is now engaged with participating during Career Development Day so the event is scheduled for Friday, 15 November ’13. Alumni and/or friends are encouraged to participate as career counselors. Contact Bob Shapiro (oliver1941@msn.com), Frank Winters (frank.winters@morganstanley.com) or Holly Cheshire (hcheshire@vfmac.edu).

- **Regiments:** Pete McLallen has completed contacting various members of the Regiments to ascertain interest level regarding the “Regiment Summit” during Homecoming. The results appear to be low interest.

- **Honors and Awards:** It is imperative, that those recommending folks for a special recognition leading to an award must provide a written rationale with their nomination.

- **Nominating:** Joe reflected that there is no change to his committee report.

- **Museum:** Woodie has reported that he and others are in the process of developing a narrated “(professional) virtual tour video” of the museum that is a historical presentation of VFMA&C which can be used by Admissions, VFMA&C web etc. Completion date is unknown at this time.

### AABOD 2012-13 Planning Committees Update/s by Objective

**Regiment Structure:** No new update.

**Fund Raising Approach:** Roque reported that the special Pennsylvania License project is moving ahead at a rapid pace. Hopefully, this project will be to a point where applications for special plates may be made by interested Alumni during Homecoming. These plates will replace the regular plates required for registration of a Pennsylvania tag. He also reported that upon completion of this with Pennsylvania, that a similar tag will be pursued in New Jersey and Delaware.

**Communications Plan:** Still currently working with the Alumni Office to establish an Alumni Newsletter to be distributed to all Alumni highlighting Association activities. The first issue was distributed and can be found on the VFMA&C web site in the Alumni section.

### Chairman’s Agenda:

- **Communications:** It is important for all members of the AABOD to become aggressively involved a committee activity.

- **Committee Participation:** As we draw closer to Homecoming, it is important to finalize the activities.

- **Regiment Summit:** “Regiment Summit” should be held off until the new VFMA&C President is hired and well in place before we have a summit. Al recommended that in lieu of a full agenda, that the “Summit” be replaced with a meeting of the Regiment Leaders some time during Homecoming. Surveys of the Regiments so far have resulted in low interest.
• **Forgeway Chair Position is open:** We are looking for a dedicated Alumnus on the Board to become the next Chairman of the Forgeway Committee. Roque will be available to mentor the candidate. Those interested should contact Al Heyer, David Esqueda and/or Roque Schipilliti.

• **Committee Power Point presentations:** Al reported that he will send out the Power-Point presentations that were used for the various briefings during the Homecoming meeting last year and requests that each responsible presenter review them for any desired modifications and return them to him as soon as possible.

**Next Meeting:** Homecoming Weekend, Friday, 26 April 2013 @ 9:30 AM in the Mellon Hall Ballroom.

**Attachments:**

1. Calendar of Events

Respectfully Submitted,

**Robert O. Shapiro**

Robert O. Shapiro, ‘60
Secretary, AABOD
Stars Dinner: Monday, Feb. 11th

Alumni Customs & Traditions Tour: Saturday, Feb. 16th

Dining-In: Friday, March 8th

2nd Annual Theinert Run: Sunday, April 7th

Valor Weekend: April 12-14th

Homecoming Weekend: April 26th – 28th

College Graduation: Friday, May 17th (1:30PM)

Academy Graduation: Saturday, June 1st (9:30AM)

Golf Outing: Monday, July 22nd