VFMA&C ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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CAREER DAY & MENTORING COMMITTEE REPORT
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Committee Report: For the Meeting of: 15 March 2014

Career Development Day and Mentoring Program

A. Career Development Day:

The Career Development Day event was conducted on Friday, 15 November 2013 with the Academy and College on board with the event. The Academy was scheduled for counseling in the morning and the College in the afternoon. There were 26 careers counseled by 36 Career Counselors which were made up by Alumni, Parents of former Cadets and friends of VFMA&C.

We will be working to ensure that the Career Development Day will be placed on the VFMA&C calendar for the 2014-15 school year targeting Friday, 14 November as the preferred date which should be the week before Thanksgiving.

1. The Academy sessions were well organized and all of the counseling sessions were well received by the students.
2. The college was well prepared to conduct the sessions however they did not know the College students were granted leave during the afternoon assuming they had completed their assigned tasks. Unfortunately, there was a communication malfunction were seemingly some 240 College students did not understand that career counseling was a required tasking and so they took leave and did not attend the counseling sessions. Approximately 30 College students did not take leave and participated.
3. A “Hot Wash” was conducted following the event to discuss the overall Career Development Day events with the goal to highlight the positive aspects of the event as well as to discuss changes that would improve the 2014 Career Development Day. The Academy decided that they would prefer to continue the event as it unfolded for the 2013 event. The College would like to select specific career fields and assign counselors at various times throughout the school year and have counselors representing those careers counsel during these selected times. The College feels this approach will work better with their annual educational schedule more effectively.

B. Mentoring Program:

The Mentoring program has been basically placed on hold until we receive the VFMA&C clearance policies on outside counselors mentoring students. For those who may not be aware, Pennsylvania requires that those working with under age students must have a Child Abuse and Criminal Background check. We will request
the new administration to advise us as to the level of security background checks for the Mentors of the Academy and/or College. Please note that this requirement does not involve Career Development Day. OPEN ITEM

For those interested in participating as a Career Counselor and/or Mentor, please contact one of the following →

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