HELLO CADET PARENTS, GUARDIANS & SPONSORS:

We hope you will enjoy the Tattoo Performance on Friday at 4:30pm and your time home with your Cadet. We are also thrilled to include current parents who are members of the Society of the Golden Sword to the reception directly following the Tattoo.

Academy Cadets’ leave begins at 7:00 PM directly following the performance and College Cadets’ leave begins after their last class on Tuesday, 25 November. All Cadets must return no later than 6:30 PM on Sunday, 30 November.

The Corps will enjoy a special Thanksgiving meal (with all the trimmings) in the Mess Hall at 11:00 AM on Thursday. Many of our international Cadets will get their first taste of this delicious national treat, Thanksgiving Dinner!

MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH CENTER TO ACADEMY PARENTS:
The Thanksgiving break is coming up this Friday, 21 November, for the Academy cadets. The Health Center has requested that we send a reminder out to the parents of cadets who take medication, to please remember to pick up their son’s medication at the Health Center prior to departing campus for the holiday break. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Health Center directly at 610-989-1517 or by email at HealthCenter@vfmac.edu.

Debbie Hammer, RN and the VFMA&C Health Center Staff

EVENT AND LEAVE ITINERARY AT A GLANCE FOR DECEMBER, 2014:

- Winter Holiday Concert – 5 Dec., at 5:00 PM - Mellon Hall – all are welcome
- Christmas Vespers – 7 Dec., at 6:00pm - Chapel – all are welcome – religion specific celebrations are held in various campus locations simultaneously
- Wreaths Across America – tentative – Chapel
- Cadet Holiday Meal – 11 Dec., Mess Hall, 11:00 AM
- College Winter Holiday Leave – After Last Exam, 13 Dec., - 6:30 PM 11 Jan., 2015
- Academy Winter Holiday Leave – 4:00 PM 18 Dec., - 6:30 PM 4 Jan., 2015

Please do not schedule leave outside of the Leave periods.
WINTER HOLIDAY CONCERT:
On Friday, 5 December at 5:00PM in the Mellon Hall Ballroom, we will once again be entertained by our exceptional Regimental Band, Regimental Choir and Field Music. We hope to see you there as we get “into” the Holiday spirit together. Perhaps a special guest might surprise the audience! Hohoho, wonder who that could be!

CHRISTMAS VESPERS:
On Sunday, 7 December at 6:00PM in the Alumni Chapel of Cornelius the Centurion, we will celebrate the Nine Lessons of Christmas with sacred music and scripture readings. This event is open to all parents, family members, and friends as we allow the spirit of the season to instill us with harmony and thanksgiving.

During that time, our Jewish cadets will meet with Rabbi Kaplan and our Muslim cadets will meet with Dr. Selim. Family members and friends are also welcome.

WINTER HOLIDAY LEAVE:
College Cadets Winter Holiday Leave begins no earlier than after the last exam on Friday, 12 December and ends no later than 6:30 PM on Sunday, 11 January, 2015. College Athletes and College Midyear Trainers return no later than 6:30 PM on Sunday, January 4, 2015

Academy Cadets Winter Holiday Leave begins no earlier than 4:00 PM on 18 December, and ends no later than 6:30 PM on Sunday, 4 January, 2015. A shuttle bus to the Philadelphia Airport will leave VF at 4:00 PM on Thursday, December 18 and also at 7:00 AM on Friday, December 19. Return transportation to campus from the airport is the responsibility of the individual cadet.

Travel time from VF to the Philadelphia Airport is approximately 45 minutes. Your cadet will need to check in 2 hours prior to his/her flight departure.

The campus will be closed until noon on Sunday, January 4, 2015. Please do not book flights for your cadet’s return before that date.

If your cadet is traveling back and forth from Newark, NJ, LaGuardia or JFK International Airports, New York City, NJ. Super Trans Philly Shuttle Transportation provides transportation for $65. Please go to: http://supertranspa.com/jfkandnewarkairport.aspx or call 215-333-1441

If you have questions concerning travel, please contact Col Ken Seitz, Adjutant, at 610-989-1254 or KSeitz@vfac.edu.
A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL, MRS. SANDRA R. YOUNG:
Please do not make travel arrangements (including purchasing airline, train or bus tickets) that will conflict with the official start and end dates for the Winter Holiday Leave. All Academy classes will be in session up to Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 4:00 PM, and will resume at 7:45 AM on Monday, January 5, 2015. If your son misses class due to an unauthorized early departure or late return to school it will have a negative impact on his academic progress in his classes and he will be considered “Absent Without Leave”.

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES (DSA) UPDATES:
November has been a busy month for the Department of Student Activities offering 4 free trips for both Academy and College cadets to participate in and give them a chance to leave campus.

Army vs. Navy Soccer - Friday November 7th
A group of cadets went to the Army vs. Navy Soccer Game at PPL Park (the home of the Philadelphia Union). The game was exciting for all that attended and ended up with a 1-0 Win for Navy. Cadets were able to experience this rivalry of the academies first hand and represented Valley Forge Military Academy & College very well at this event.

Philadelphia 76ers vs. Chicago Bulls - Friday November 7th
Another group of cadets attended the Philadelphia 76ers vs. Chicago Bulls soccer game at the Wells Fargo Center in South Philadelphia for the Stars and Stripes Night held by the 76ers. Our cadets, as well as members of a local Boy Scout’s troop and alumnus of Valley Forge attended this event together. It was the first of two free 76ers games our cadets will attend this year.

Purnell School for Girls - Saturday November 8th
Cadets in our 9th - 11th grades were invited to the Purnell School for Girls in New Jersey for an afternoon of community service, performance by a hypnotist, dinner, and time to interact with the girls from the school. This is a trip our cadets attend each year and look forward to as soon as it is on the calendar. The young ladies from the Purnell School will join us for the Winter Ball on February 14th. However, please be sure to encourage your cadet to invite his/her own date to the Winter Ball as well.

Ring Ceremony and Dance - Saturday November 8th
Our Academy seniors and College sophomores were presented with their VFMA&C rings by favorite TACS, faculty members, family, and friends. Each cadet receiving a ring had the opportunity to choose the presenter and over the next 6 months, the cadet is tasked to get 87 people (for the 87th Corps of Cadets) to turn the ring symbolizing the journey he/she has taken at Valley Forge. This was a momentous evening for all involved and one not soon forgotten.

Afterward, cadets were invited to the Ring Dance in the Mellon Hall Ballroom to celebrate with their dates and other cadets.
Boy Scout Camping to US Naval Academy – Friday November 14th - 16th

Boy Scout Troop 971 attended the US Naval Academy camping event. They camped at Camp Letts in Maryland for the weekend and on Saturday, attended the USNA vs. Georgia Southern Football game. The Cadets also received a private tour of the US Naval Academy.

The troop had a great time and hopes to make this a yearly event for the VF Boy Scout Troop, 971.

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 our website which is updated as needed.

3RD ANNUAL VFMA&C CHAPEL MISSIONS TRIP, JAMAICA:
If your cadet is interested in this exciting trip, please contact Captain Hale at GHale@vfmac.edu.

2014-2015 CROSSED SABRES YEARBOOK ADS FOR SALE:
Purchase a yearbook ad for your business or a special message to your graduating Cadet! Please contact CPT Irvan at jirvan@vfmac.edu or call him at 610-989-1417.
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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.

In addition, portrait photos were taken during the Sunday breakfast, check the link to view
and make your purchase.

YOUR CADET IS 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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