HELLO CADET PARENTS, GUARDIANS & SPONSORS:

Parents of New Cadets, we were delighted to visit with you on Friday after your sons’ and daughters’ Recognition Ceremony. We share your pride and enthusiasm in their accomplishments!

Another interesting VFMAC historical fact!

The cornerstone of the Alumni Memorial Chapel is one of the foundation stones taken from the White House while it was undergoing extensive renovation in the late 1940s. President Harry S. Truman arranged for the presentation of the historic stone to General Baker and Valley Forge Military Academy & College. At its dedication, the guest Chapel speaker was none other than General George Marshall. Cadets see some of this country’s notable military heroes in the beautiful stained glass windows each time they enter the Chapel.

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE FOR MARCH AND APRIL, 2015:

- 15 March – Academy Admissions Open House in Eisenhower Hall – Chapel Service – 11:00 AM
- 17 March – VFMA&C Regimental Band to perform in NYC’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade
- 20 March – 7:00-9:30 PM – Academy Parents Association Event – Cadet County Fair
- 22-27 March – Academy Close Up Trip to Washington, DC for invited cadets
- 26 March – 6 April – Chapel Mission Trip to Jamaica
- Academy Spring Leave begins no earlier than 6:00 PM on Friday, 27 March and ends no later than 6:30 PM on Monday, 6 April
- 12 April – Chapel Service at 11:00 AM
  Order of Anthony Wayne Induction Ceremony in the Chapel at 11:00 AM
  Regimental Review (Parade) following the Chapel Service on the Parade Field
  Academy Admissions Open House in Mellon Hall
  Accepted Student Welcome Day for accepted college students
- 13 April – Gold and Silver Star Dinner – 6:30 PM – Eisenhower Hall – parents will receive an e-invitation if their cadets have earned a Gold or Silver Star
- 15 April – Dunaway Oratorical Competition (Junior Division) – Mellon Hall
- 16 April – Dunaway Oratorical Competition (Senior Division) – Mellon Hall
- 24-26 April – Alumni Homecoming Weekend (no special leave will be authorized)
- 29 April – International Day – Mellon Hall – details will be forthcoming

ALERT – COLLEGE PARENTS:
Info to your cadet:

Final exams will begin on Tuesday May 5th and conclude on Saturday May 9th.
Final Exam schedule for SP-15 is available online.
There are only two reasons that an exam can be rescheduled:
1. Two or more exams at the same time
2. More than two exams on the same day

Your cadet should work directly with their instructor to reschedule an exam if either of the above circumstances occurs. Please do so prior to the final exam. No exam will be rescheduled due to early travel plans.

If you have any questions, please vist or contact the Registrar’s Office in Sorley House on College Hill to discuss.

**A NEW COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED:**

We take great pleasure in announcing the establishment of the Dr. Patrick Murray Scholarship for Excellence in the Study of Political Science or History. This annual scholarship, sponsored through the generosity of Mr. Dennis Levitt, the parent of a recent graduate, will be awarded in the amount of $1000 to each of five rising sophomores. Criteria for selection includes a minimum GPA of 3.0 with a major in Liberal Arts and a concentration in either political science or history; a good conduct record; and exemplary character and integrity. Selections will be made in the spring of freshman year with award of the scholarship at the start of sophomore year.

This scholarship honors Dr. Patrick Murray, Professor Emeritus of History, who for nearly four decades has been the example of the Five Cornerstones of Valley Forge Military Academy & College and who has inspired countless cadets and students to pursue excellence in all areas of their lives. This scholarship recognizes academic achievement as it pays tribute to a truly outstanding educator.

William J. Gallagher  
Colonel, US Army (Ret)  
Dean of the College

**SEMINAR FOR ACADEMY JUNIORS:**

Dear Parents, Grandparents, and Guardians of Valley Forge Military Academy Juniors;

Greetings from the Guidance Office! I am excited to report that the Guidance Department has started meeting with the high school junior class bi-weekly for Junior Seminar. Junior Senior allows us, as a group, to review, discuss, and prepare for the college research process. Among the topics we have been discussing are: college fairs, testing, use of Naviance, the Common Application, writing the college essay, securing letters of recommendations, and more.

Naviance is a web based solution that takes high school students through the entire journey of career exploration and college admissions. As part fo the VFMA family, you too will have access to this program so that you can monitor and track your student’s status at the colleges and universities to which he will ultimately apply.

To gain access to your personal Naviance account, please contact the Academy Registrar, Ms. Katy Ford by phone (610-989-1380) or e-mail (kford@vfmac.edu). Learning the Naviance program is a primary focus of the Junior Seminar, one we will help your Cadet learn how to use. The Naviance tool will also help him learn more about himself, his interests, his skills, and find colleges that are well suited to his interests and future aspirations. While our initial meetings are in a large group setting, each cadet will meet in April with their guidance counselor individually to discuss their educational plan after graduating from Valley Forge Military Academy.
Lastly, there is still time to for your son to register for the SAT exam. We prefer that all Cadets take the exam at least once in the junior year. The deadline to register for the May 2 SAT exam is April 6. If you wish for your son to sit for the June 6 test date, the registration deadline is May 8. Please note that we will provide transportation to Plymouth Whitemarsh High School only for the May 2 exam, as the June 6 exam will take place after the cadets have already departed campus for the summer. As such, if registering for the June 6 test date, please be sure to choose a test site closer to your home.

Warm regards,
Megan Sullivan
Director of Guidance

A DEAR FACULTY MEMBER ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT

I would like to inform you of my retirement from Valley Forge Military Academy, effective the last working day of this school year.

I am very grateful to Valley Forge Military Academy & College Foundation for the opportunities for professional and personal development that have been provided me over my 45 year association and have enjoyed working in many capacities during my tenure with VF.

It was a pleasure learning from my colleagues for all these years and most importantly, I feel honored to have helped the thousands of cadets that I have been privileged to work with and teach.

Lee Temperton
COL, VFMA
Chairman, Department of Mathematics

A WINNING CADET:

On February 21st, The Baldwin School hosted the 91st Annual Latin Week Contests sponsored by The Philadelphia Classical Society, in which the projects and poetry of our Latin students competed.

VFMA is delighted to announce that Cadet Alexander “Leonidas” Barnes won the prestigious Notepad Competition with his rendering of a Greek vase. His drawing will be printed on 500 notepads to be distributed to the 25 participating teachers from area public and private schools.

It is also a tribute to the wonderful artistic efforts of our VFMA cadets. In the past eight years, VFMA has won the Notepad Competition 4 times, among the winners were Cadet Tae Yoon Eum, Cadet Min Yoo, and Cadet Alexander Barnes.

Congratulations Cadet Barnes!

THE REGIMENTAL BAND, CHOIR AND DRUM MAJOR DO IT AGAIN!

Please join with me in congratulating the selected members of the Choir, Drum Major and Regimental Band who competed in a very successful weekend at the 39th Military School Band & Choir Festival which was held at St. John’s Northwestern Military Academy, Delafield WI.

Valley Forge Military won the award for the Best Academy Band and came within half a point of winning same for the college. The weekend event was comprised of two full days of
rehearsals for the Drum Majors, Choir, Band, and a very tense Drum Major’s competition on the Saturday evening. The festival culminated with a wonderful concert Sunday afternoon.

Valley Forge Military Academy and College cadets won eight out of 14 top chair placements.

**Cadet Samantha Barnes** – 1st place Flute  
**Cadet Young Sheng** – 1st place Alto Sax  
**Cadet Alec Moore** – 1st place Tenor Sax  
**Cadet Seamus Mooney** – 1st place Bari Sax  
**Cadet Cassius Christie** – 1st place Baritone  
**Cadet Edward Pedrys** – 1st place Tuba  
**Cadet Joseph Henry** – 1st place Percussion  
**Cadet Carlos Dolby** – 1st place Timpani  
**Cadet Daniel Che** – 2nd place Clarinet  
**Cadet Xiao Bin Shen** – 2nd place Trumpet  
**Cadet Arianna Lozano** – 3rd place Clarinet  
**Cadet Miguel Ramirez** – 4th place Alto  
**Cadet Christopher Bilardo** – 5th place Trumpet  

**Cadet Terry Kim** – did very well in the Drum Majors clinic  

**Cadet Fransheska Rosa, Cadet Rulbert Remy, Cadet Alec Drummond** and **Cadet Omoyemi Mebude** all sang their hearts out in a 90 piece choir.

There were a total of 11 schools represented in this weekend’s activities:

Admiral Farragut Academy, ST. Petersburg, FL  
Army and Navy Academy, Carlsbad, CA  
The Culver Academies, Culver IN  
Fork Union Military Academy, Fork Union, VA  
Missouri Military Academy, Mexico, MO  
Norwich University, Northfield, VT  
New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, NM  
Randolph-Macon Academy, Front Royal, VA  
Saint John’s Northwestern Military Academy, Delafield, WS  
United States Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT  
Valley Forge Military Academy & College, Wayne, PA

If you wish to see photographs from the weekend then please visit [http://academyphotography.smugmug.com/MSBF/MSBF-2015](http://academyphotography.smugmug.com/MSBF/MSBF-2015) and download for free. More pictures and award photos will be posted over the next few days.

Phil Evans  
WOII Royal Marines (Ret'd)  
Director of Music Programs

**THE COMMANDANT RECOGNIZES:**

To be Cadet Major  
**Cadet Second Lieutenant Patrick Horsky**, C Co. to be Academy Battalion Training Officer

To be Cadet Captain  
**Cadet Private Wesley King**, F Co. to be Company Commander
To be Cadet first Lieutenant
Cadet First Sergeant David Golyshev, F Co. to be Platoon Leader

To be Cadet Second Lieutenant
Cadet Private Eric Kumar, G Co. to be Platoon Leader
Cadet Master Sergeant Thomas Poitras, F Co. to be Academy Alumni Relations and Cadet Ambassador

To be Cadet First Sergeant
Cadet Private Chenhao Cui, F Co. to be Company First Sergeant

To be Cadet Master Sergeant
Cadet Private Wei Jun Zhou, F Co. to be Platoon Sergeant

To be Cadet Staff Sergeant
Cadet Private Ibraheem Bussey, F Co. to be Squad Leader
Cadet Private Daniel George, F Co. to be Squad Leader

Change of Duty Position
Cadet Master Sergeant Vladimir Korol, C Co. to be Academy Battalion Training NCO

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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.
Date  | Event                                      | Date  | Event                                      |
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March 15 | Chapel Service   | April 25 | Alumni Chapel Service   |
         | Admissions Academy | Saturday | Regimental Review   |
         | Open House, E Hall | | |
April 12 | Chapel Service | May 10 | Breakfast |
         | Regimental Review | Mother’s Day | Chapel Service |
         | Accepted College | | Regimental Review |
         | Student Welcome | | |
         | Day, Academy | | |
         | Admissions Open | | |

**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 “Parents” page on the website. 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 home page on our website which is updated as needed.

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**COLLEGE ACADEMIC ADVISORS:**
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.
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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