HELLO RETURNING AND PLEBE PARENTS, GUARDIANS & SPONSORS:

Dr. Stacey Sauchuk, President of VFMA&C is very enthusiastic about welcoming you and looks forward to an exciting year!

COL William Gallagher, USA (Ret.), our Commandant is also looking forward to working with an eager 88th Corps of Cadets, College Residential and Commuter Students.

Staff and faculty are anxiously awaiting your arrival and we trust that the AY 2015-2016 will be one of the most excellent adventures for your son or daughter and of course, you!

The Parents Council consists of leadership donors and veteran parent volunteers who will be making welcome calls to new parents who indicated they wish a call on their Parents Association Membership Forms.

If you have not made out a Parents Association Membership Form, please do so and return it to me, Lini Stevens, as soon as possible. Please click on this link to view:


You will find my contact information below.

To access the forms needed for enrollment please go to www.vfmac.edu, click on “College” or “Academy,” click on “Admissions,” click on “Returning Student” or “Accepted Students Checklist.” All the information needed will be there as you scroll down the page.

If you have questions, please contact either:
College Admissions at http://www.vfmac.edu/college/admissions/
Academy Admissions at http://www.vfmac.edu/academy/admissions/

REGISTRATION SCHEDULE:

Leadership Detail Move-In - Lafayette Hall on Sunday, 9 August - 12:00
(only for cadets who have completed all registration, including financially and medically.) If not complete, you must register beginning at 8:00 AM in Eisenhower Hall on Monday, 10 August. If you are not sure, please do not come on Sunday only to have to return again on Monday.

Leadership Detail Registration - Eisenhower Hall - Mon. 10 Aug. - 8:00 AM
**College Athletes** - Eisenhower Hall - Mon. 10 Aug. - 9:00 AM

**Academy Plebes, Band, Academy Athletes** - Eisenhower Hall - Mon. 17 Aug. - 8:00 AM

**College Plebes** - Eisenhower Hall - Wed. 19 Aug. - 8:00 AM

**SROTC ORIENTATION FOR NEW MS1, MS11, AND MS111 College Cadets** - Mellon Hall - Wed. 19 Aug. - 8:00 AM

**College Residential (New and Returning)** - Medenbach Hall - Tues. 25 Aug. - 8:00 AM

**Remaining Returning Cadets/Students** - Eisenhower Hall - Thurs. 27 Aug. - TBD

**OPENING DAY CEREMONY- SEPT. 10:**
On Thursday, 10 September, at 5:00 PM all are welcome to join us for the Presentation of Colors to the Color Guard in the Chapel symbolizing the beginning of Academic Year 2015-2016. Plebes and the Corps of Cadets will attend and depart to enjoy their dinner in the Mess Hall directly following the Ceremony.
A reception will follow at 6:00 PM in Eisenhower Hall for guests.
An e-invitation will be sent prior to the event.

**PARENTS WEEKEND AND RECEPTION - OCT. 2 - 3:**
**Save the Date:**
In early September, please look for a packet in your mailbox containing information about the upcoming Parents Reception in Eisenhower Hall on Friday, 2 October from 7:00 – 10:00 PM, the Academy “Back to School” Morning in Shannon Hall and College Open House in Hart Hall South on Saturday, 3 October from 8:30 – 11:00 AM.

**PARENTS RECOGNITION WEEKEND - OCT. 31 - NOV. 1:**
**Save the Date:**
Please plan on attending a milestone in your son or daughter’s life. This milestone is called the Join the Ranks ceremony and will take place from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM on Saturday, 31 October. This ceremony will mark the end of plebe period for your plebe and the beginning of his or her life at VFMA&C as a New Cadet in the 88th Corps of Cadets.
Details will be forthcoming.

**ARTICLE - SUMMER RENOVATIONS FUNDED BY LAST YEARS DONATIONS:**
Your Forge Fund dollars are helping prepare Post for the incoming 88th Corps of Cadets and College Students!

In terms of physical plant, it's amazing how much has to be accomplished between Academy graduation in June, and in-processing for hundreds of plebes, Old Men and Women and their families in August. Thanks to the $1.8 million raised through the Forge Fund, and coupled with a budget surplus from 2014 -15, Valley Forge has been able to tackle some campus projects while the VFMA summer campers were here and before the Corps of Cadets and College Students return:
• The road to College Hill has been completely re-asphalted at a cost of $75,000;
• Forty-six new LED lights/fixtures are being installed in Price Gym to cut the electric bill and provide better lighting for our athletes at a cost of $26,000;
• For cadet safety and communications, a public address system is being installed in Shannon, Hart and Lohtak Halls and will link to all barracks.
• Cadets and College Students will return to freshly painted interiors of all barracks at a cost of $45,000;
• The Price Gym floor is to be sanded, the lines repainted, and logo of George Washington and “Prayer at Valley Forge” will be repainted at a cost of $36,000;
• The retaining wall on Radnor Street Road, facing Crossed Sabres, will be replaced. The steps and walkway will also be replaced for safety and campus beautification. Alumnus, Peter Anthony ’61, is diligently working on this project. The materials and labor cost $37,000;
• To brighten the façade at VFMC, the exterior of Hart Hall North has been repainted at a cost of $17,000;
• For our cadets’, students and faculty members’ safety, high-efficiency lampposts are being added throughout College Hill at a cost of $19,000;
• Lee Hall and Wayne Hall have each been painted.

Beyond these aforementioned physical plant enhancements, the gardens and lawns continue to be maintained throughout the hot summer days to put Valley Forge’s best foot forward. Thanks to each of you who made a gift to the Forge Fund year.

All the Best from Everyone at Valley Forge Military Academy & College.

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