HELLO PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, GUARDIANS & SPONSORS:

We look forward to seeing many family members of our cadets and plebes (soon to be cadets) at the Join the Ranks Recognition Parade on Saturday at 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Golf carts will be looping from the General Parking Lot and Parade Field for those needing assistance. Leave will begin following the end of the ceremony and will end at 9:00 PM on Sunday, November 1.

FALL FORMAL BALL FOR ALL CADETS AND RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS:
On Saturday November 7th, the Department of Student Activities will be holding a formal Ball from 6:30 to 10 PM in the Mellon Hall Ballroom. The Ball will include formal portraits, great music, dance contests, appetizers, and refreshments. Cadets and students are encouraged to bring a date to this formal event. Cadets will be in full dress uniforms, residential students in business attire and female dates in gowns. Dates under the age of 18 must be registered with the Department of Student Activities by November 5th in order for them to attend the dance. The Purnell School for Girls will also be sending a group of girls to the dance to join our cadets. We are excited to have a great evening and make memories at Valley Forge that they will remember for years to come.

Please contact Mrs. Wochok at 610-989-1262 with questions.

CADETS IN VETERAN’S DAY PARADES:
Philadelphia, PA – November 8:

On Sunday, November 8, the Regimental Band, Color Guard, 2 cadets carrying the VFMA&C Banner and E Battery will be marching in the Veteran’s Day Parade in Philadelphia, PA. E Battery was chosen because its Company First Sergeant, Cadet Jaden Kelly, is continuously advocating for his company. Being a positive promoter has its rewards! Way to go Cadet Kelly!

For anxious onlookers, the parade begins at noon on the corner of Broad and Walnut Streets and ends at Independence Hall, 520 Chestnut Street.

Please join us in our fair “City of Brotherly Love” to cheer our cadets on as they proudly march to honor our Veterans!
New York, NY – November 11:
On Tuesday, November 11, the Regimental Band, Herald Trumpets, Color Guard, 2 cadets to carry the VFMA&C Banner and B Company will march in the Veteran’s Day Parade in New York City, NY. The reason B Company was chosen for this honor is due to winning “Best Company” for the month of September, 2015. Congratulations B Company!

The Valley Forge Herald Trumpets will formally launch the parade from the opening ceremony in Madison Square Park.

The parade begins at 11:25 AM on 5th Avenue at 26th Street and ends at 52nd Street. Please join our cadets on this special day honoring those who served our country. The VFMA&C Gotham Alumni Regiment will be in attendance and is hoping to march behind the cadets.

TATTOO PERFORMANCE:
This year’s Military Tattoo performance will be on Tuesday, 24 November at 4:30 PM in Price Gym. All are welcome!

Parents who are members of the “Society of the Golden Sword” (which recognizes donors of $1,000 or more) will be receiving invitations for an Open House with Dr. Sauchuk and other key administrators held prior to Tattoo. They will also be seated in the President’s section during the performance along with Trustees and other dignitaries. For information about joining the Society of the Golden Sword contact Lini Stevens at 610-989-1328 or Lstevens@vfmac.edu

Webster’s Dictionary describes a modern Military Tattoo Performance as “A military evolution of spectacular character performed to the accompaniment of music.” It is a time-honored tradition that was used to call military members back to base through various musical tools. Today we use the Military Tattoo to showcase the many talents of our youth and their mastery of music, precision and entertainment.

VF’s Military Tattoo will present performances from the Regimental Band, Field Music, Choir, and more.
As an additional bonus, the US Army Drill Team, and a 16 person platoon plus 4 soloists will be lead by their Commander, First Lieutenant Lauran D. Glover. Lieutenant Glover is the first female officer ever to command this unit. The unit performs as “good-will ambassadors” for the Army, supporting community relations and recruiting efforts on behalf of the 3rd U.S. infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) and the U.S. Army. Today’s U.S. Army Drill Team Soldiers and their performances are one of the finest examples of what dedicated training and teamwork produces in today’s Army.

Why not experience the excitement for yourself! Bring your family and friends!

Parking will be permitted on the Parade Field through gate E2 on Eagle Road. Following the performance, Cadets and Residential and Commuter

Admission is free but donations are welcome.

**THANKSGIVING LEAVE POLICY:**

*Academy and College Cadets and Residential Student Leave* begins no earlier than the conclusion of the Tattoo Performance, 24 November, 2015 at approximately 6:00 PM. Cadets are required to attend the Tattoo Performance and sign out with their TAC Officers. Residential Students may attend if they wish but are not required. However, leave for all begins following the performance.

There will be a shuttle bus to the Philadelphia International Airport leaving VF following the performance at 7:00 PM and also the next morning on Wednesday, 25 November at 7:00 AM for cadets and students at no charge.

Return time for cadets is no later than 6:30 PM on Sunday, 29 November 2015. Residential students are highly encouraged to return early on the evening of the 29th but they must be present for classes on Monday, 30 November 2015.

- No early or extended Leave requests will be granted.
- Cadets who make travel arrangements outside of these Leave periods are subject to disciplinary action.
- Please check with your cadet’s TAC Officer to find out exactly when he or she may leave before making travel arrangements.

If your cadet is an unaccompanied minor (15 for train and 14 for airlines) you must have your cadet’s travel information to the TAC, not later than 6 November 2015 to allow staff time to arrange accompaniment for your cadet. If you wait until too close to the departure or arrival date, there is no guarantee of staff availability.

**WINTER HOLIDAY LEAVE:**
* Academy Cadets Leave begins after last duty and no earlier than 4:00 PM on Friday, December 18.

Academy Cadets Leave ends no later than 7:00 PM on Sunday, January 3, 2016.

* College Cadets, Residential and Commuter Students leave begins following their last final examination/last duty.

- College Cadets: Leave ends no later than 7:00 PM on Sunday, January 17, 2016.
• Residential and Commuter Students: Highly encouraged to return early on the evening of January 17, but they must be present for classes beginning on Monday, January 18, 2016.

*College Winter Sports team members (Men’s and Women’s Basketball/Wrestling) return no later than 7:00 PM on Sunday, January 3, 2016.

*College Cadets involved in training College Midyear Plebes return no later than 7:00 PM on Sunday, January 10, 2016

There will be a shuttle bus to the Philadelphia International Airport leaving VF for cadets and students at no charge. The first will leave at 4:00 PM on Friday, December 18 and the second will leave at 7:00 AM on Saturday, December 19.

• Cadets who make travel arrangements outside of these Leave periods are subject to disciplinary action.
• Please check with your cadet’s TAC Officer to find out exactly when he or she may leave before making travel arrangements.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PLEBE CRUCIBLE – SUNDAY, OCT. 25:
The Plebe Crucible was a culminating event of the Plebe System lasting approximately 12 hours and completed as one Company. Plebes completed the following events:

• Combat Water Survival Test
• High Ropes Course
• Paintball
• Obstacle Course
• 5.62 Mile March in Valley Forge National Park
• Mogadishu Mile (1 mile run carrying water jugs, ammo cans, rifles and 2 cadets on litters – 4 laps on the track)
• VF PT Test (push ups, sit ups and 1 mile run)
• Written Cap Shield Test

In the words of Sergeant Thomas Miller, USMC, Training NCO, “congratulations on your Crucible success! You did an outstanding job!” This was a totally “cadet run” crucible with adult supervision as needed and it went very well. The Cadet Chain of Command from the 1st CPT down to the Squad Leader who participated did an outstanding job.

After the event, the plebes enjoyed a special “Warrior Dinner!”
Photos will be forthcoming as they are available.

CADET ACHIEVEMENT:
To be Cadet Captain:
Cadet First Lieutenant Zongda Che, Band, to be Regimental Academic Officer

To be Cadet Sergeant First Class:
Cadet Staff Sergeant Romeo Logiurato, C Company, to be company Supply Sergeant and Armory Sergeant
Cadet Sergeant Max Murog, Band, to be Cadet Staff Sergeant, Squad leader

Cadet Staff Sergeant Conor Mooney, Band, to be Cadet Sergeant, Team Leader and medical NCO

RECAP OF POCONO MOUNTAINS FIELD TRIP:
On Thursday, 22 October, 7, 8, and 9th graders were on a field trip to Glen Onoko Falls (Lehigh Gorge State Park) in Jim Thorpe, PA. (Yes, there really is a town in Pennsylvania named after the famous athlete and Olympic medal winner, Jim Thorpe!)

Cadets hiked up the scenic mountain 2 miles along the creek and cascades, to an 80 foot waterfall. The trail has an 875 foot elevation gain making it both strenuous and dangerous at times, however, our cadets worked together and ascended Glen Onoko safely and successfully with their company Guidons.

The hike promoted cadet camaraderie, woods navigation, and physical fitness. The day was wrapped up with a glutinous lunch at a nearby Chinese Buffet.

A special thanks to LT Tidwell and Mrs. Wochok for joining us and our Parents Association for funding the lunch!
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<td>Recognition Weekend for plebes and cadets - Join the Ranks Ceremony</td>
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<td>Academy Community Service Day</td>
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<td>Academy and College Admissions Open House</td>
<td>Eisenhower Hall</td>
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<td>Chapel Service and Pass in Review weather permitting</td>
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<td>Students/Cadets Thanksgiving meal</td>
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<td>Thanksgiving Leave for all students and cadets begins after</td>
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<td>All cadets and students encouraged to depart campus –</td>
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Tattoo Performance

Nov. 29
All Cadets are due back no later than 7:00 PM.
All Residential Students are encouraged to return early Sunday evening as well but are required to attend class on Monday, Nov. 30.

Dec. 4 5:00 PM
Winter Holiday Concert
Mellon Hall
Mandatory Attendance for all Academy Cadets
Details will be forthcoming

Dec. 6 6:00 PM
Christmas Vespers
Chapel
All are welcome
Details will be forthcoming

Dec. 10 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM
Students/Cadets Holiday Meal
Mess Hall
For their enjoyment

Dec. 10
Wreaths Across America
Chapel
Details will be forthcoming

Dec. 18 1:00 PM
College Midyear Graduation
Eisenhower Hall
Location will be announced

Dec. 18 4:00 PM
Academy and College Winter Holiday Leave
Begins after last duty and no earlier than 4:00 PM
Academy Leave ends on Jan. 3 no later than 7:00 PM
College Leave ends on Jan. 17 no later than 7:00 PM
Details above

Kaplan New SAT Complete Classes At VFMA for Juniors and Seniors:

SAT Course in prep for the March 5th 2016 New SAT
Class Codes: SMKM16106L & SMKM16106M
$849 ***$699 if enrolled by January 17th***

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**ANNUAL VFMA&C CHAPEL MISSION TRIP, JAMAICA:**
Academy Spring Break - 19 - 28 March 2016
Please contact Captain Hale at 610.989.1506 or GHale@vfmac.edu.

**POINSETTIAS AVAILABLE FOR ORDER:**
Please contact Captain Hale at GHale@vfmac.edu by November 25. Poinsettias are $20 each.

**2015-2016 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 610-989-1417.

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1LT Ingram NIngram@vfmac.edu 484-614-1533

G Co – Younghusband Hall SSG Senseny TSenseny@vfmac.edu 484-639-5960
I Co – Younghusband Hall SFC Graham BGrhaam@vfmac.edu 484-614-1456
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Residential Life Students – Hocker Hall
SSG Dell ResLifeCoordinators@vfmac.edu 610-989-1286/1285
1LT Barkley 610-989-1286/1284

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Last names from N-Z: Megan Sullivan MSullivan@vfmac.edu or 610-1384
Registrar and Power School: Kathryn Ford KFord@vfmac.edu or 610-989-1380

**COLLEGE COUNSELORS:**
Please get the counselor’s contact information from your cadet or residential student.

**NEED COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS?**
Official or unofficial transcripts, please go to: www.getmytranscripts.com
Enrollment verification, please go to: www.studentclearing.org.

**ATHLETIC SCHEDULES:**
http://www.vfmacathletics.com/landing/index
Click on Academy or College for the latest.
PHOTOS ON THE WEBSITE ON THE PHOTO ALBUM:
http://www.vfmac.edu/faculty-staff/photo-scrapbooks/

CADET PROMOTIONS:
Go to the website, click on Academy or College, Cadet Life, Cadet Leadership
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http://www.vfmac.edu/academy/cadet-life/cadet-leadership/

HOTEL INFORMATION:
http://www.vfmac.edu/visit-us/hotels/

PARENTS NEWSLETTERS, PARENTS HANDBOOK, PHOTO ALBUM:
Go to www.vfmac.edu, click Parents and scroll down.

YOUR /STUDENT/PLEBE/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 sheet cake or cookie cake order if you wish.

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On Instagram: https://instagram.com/
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