HELLO PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, GUARDIANS & SPONSORS:

Welcome new Midyear College Plebes, Residential Students and Academy plebes’ parents and family members! We look forward to getting to know you!

Plebe parents, please mark your calendars for the Recognition Ceremony and Reception on Friday, March 4 at 4:30 PM in Eisenhower Hall. You will see your plebes become full cadets on that day. Parking is available on the Parade Field, Gate E2 on Eagle Road.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, Lini Stevens, at 610-989-1328 or L.stevens@vfmac.edu.

ACADEMY SENIORS AND COLLEGE SOPHOMORE PARENTS, 2015-2016 CROSSED SABRES YEARBOOK ADS FOR SALE:
The deadline for the purchase of a yearbook ad for your business or a special message to your graduating Cadet or Student is Friday, February 5, 2016. If interested, please contact CPT Irvan at jirvan@vfmac.edu or 610-989-1417.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE DINNER:
For all Academy and College Gold Star students and cadets, an Academic Excellence Dinner (formerly known as the Gold/Silver Star Dinner) is scheduled for Monday, February 8. An e-invitation will be sent to Academy parents of Gold Star awardees as soon as the list of names becomes available. College students and cadets will receive their own e-invitations and will be instructed to notify their parents.

Due to space constraints, this will only be offered to the Gold Star awardees and parents, however, congratulations to all cadets and students who performed well academically!

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR, YEAR OF THE MONKEY!
In honor of the 2016 Chinese New Year, on Friday, February 5, the Chinese cadets and many of the faculty and staff members will be enjoying a many course Chinese dinner in Philadelphia’s own China Town. Cadets will be bused downtown a bit earlier to enjoy sightseeing and souvenir hunting. Thank you Mrs. Hsu for organizing this festive event!

The 40th MILITARY SCHOOL BAND & CHOIR FESTIVAL - 2016:
Valley Forge Military Academy and College has the privilege this year to host the 40th Annual Military School Band and Choir Festival of 2016. The event will take place from February 26-28 and will be held at various facilities on the VF campus. We are honored to
have 10 Military School Bands from around the nation to practice, compete and perform with select members from our Regimental Band and Choir. The performing schools are:

The Culver Academies, Culver Indiana
Fork Union Military Academy, Fork Union, VA
Hargrave Military Academy, Chatham, 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

The Military School Band Association is very proud to have:

a) The Director Emeritus Colonel John R. Bourgeois, USMC (Ret.), who was 25th Director of "The President's Own" United States Marine Band as the conductor of the concert band.

b) Senior Chief Musician Mike Bayes who is the Senior Drum Major for the United States Navy Band in Washington, D.C. as the Drum Major instructor.

c) Major Scott McKenzie associate Bandmaster, Conductor/OIC, Concert Band of The U.S. Army Field Band who will be the Choir instructor.

The United States Navy Band – Country Current, will perform a free concert in Mellon Hall on Friday, February 26th at 7:00 PM - all are welcome to attend this glorious Blue Grass event.

And as an additional delight to the weekend’s events, on Sunday, February 28, at 2:00 PM, the band and choir will present the efforts of their intense rehearsals with a free concert in Mellon Hall. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Phil Evans
WOII Royal Marines (Ret'd)
Director of Music Programs
Valley Forge Military Academy & College
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**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY’S COMMUNITY SERVICE:**
Each year Valley Forge Military College honors the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, through a day of service. This year marked an exceptional opportunity for our Cadets and Students to truly make a difference in the lives of many less fortunate families throughout the Philadelphia community. The day began with an inspirational presentation by Reverend Dr. Herbert H. Lusk II, the Senior Pastor at Greater Exodus Baptist Church. Dr. Lusk, a former NFL running back for the Philadelphia Eagles, has dedicated his life in service to those in need. His message of service and character struck accord across the entire college, as our Cadets/Students went out to eight locations across Philadelphia to lend a helping hand. The organizations that Valley Forge partnered with included the African American Museum, Church of the Saviour, Mount Zion AME Church, Philadelphia Reads, Our Closet, Lane Montessori School, and Rosemont Presbyterian Village pictured at right.

Our day of service was a remarkable success, due to the hard work and dedication of our Cadets and Students. Well done!

COL Todd Zachary, USAF (ret)
Dean of Student Services, VFMC

**Cadet Captain Benjamin White enjoys conversation with Senior Resident**

**WRESTLING TOURNAMENT UPDATE:**
Last Saturday, January 16, Valley Forge Wrestling Team engaged in a team event from 9:30 AM to 7:30 PM. It was a great day of wrestling with VF taking a 3rd place finish out of 8 teams. **Cadet Emmanuel Ahoua**, A Co., led the Trojans by going 5-0 in the day.

Congratulations Cadet Ahoua and the VF Wrestling Team!

**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 17***

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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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