Tom McCullough ’41

On a very hot day in June an intrepid band from VFMAC went out to visit one of our most senior members. Brother Tom McCullough ’41 at the beautiful senior living center of Ann’s run in Warminster, Pennsylvania. Most of you will remember it as the former Naval Research and Development Center. We had a great time talking about the times at VF during WWII and what life was like there. We got to talk about Tom’s brother Richard McCullough ’45 TAPS (KIA Korean War) who produced the comic books depicting everyday cadet life at the Forge.

Our little party included Former QB and Football Star and current Trustee Jim Davis ’78, Christina Richter, and Tom Goldblum ’69, ’71C, Director of Alumni Relations. Jim presented Tom with a brand new alumni pin and a 70 Year Reunion cap. We brought his and Richards’ Yearbooks with us (he had a copy of each) and we listened as he told his stories of life at the Forge in the 40’s. Jim and Tom recounted our experiences in the 60’s, 70’s and 80’s but it was fascinating to hear about the beginning.

Richard is buried at Arlington National Cemetery as one of our National Heroes. We presented a sample of his renowned cadet art here but we have many of his comic books in the Alumni Museum in Mellon Hall. If you are visiting campus be sure to inquire about seeing some of these magical items from the past.
CAPT Alan Wes Weseleskey, USN (Ret.) ’53, ’55C, Navy Cross
Article by: Allen Fritz ’90C


I just started reading this today and it is a good read. His is a most interesting story. Many of us have gotten to know him over the years during homecoming. His awards for valor include the Navy Cross. He is the only person I know who was awarded Navy Aviator Wings and a US Infantry CIB. I highly recommend this book. Funny story. During my first homecoming as an alum, one of the cadets at the IKE cocktail hour told me "that guy over there should shave his beard. There is no way he was real military." There was no way I could pass up THIS opportunity. I pulled him aside, explained Captain Wes's military history and then told this young cocky cadet: "Now YOU go tell him to shave off his beard." You needed a forklift to lift that kid's jaw off the floor.

Paul Galanti ’57 states: as a plebe at USNA, one of my favorite stories was when LTJG Weseleskey suffered an engine failure over downtown DC during rush hour and auto rotated onto a traffic island. No personnel injuries. No damage to Wes's helo. Typical VF grad...

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VFMC Army ROTC

We want to welcome our new VFMC ECP Cadets for the 2019-2020 school year. These are our leaders of tomorrow.

VFMAC Regimental Band

The VFMAC Regimental Band has the distinct honor to represent the USA at the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo in Halifax, Canada this summer. They had an incredible showing and a fantastic experience both socializing, competing and working with military bands from all over North America. The culmination was that all the bands together played the United States National Anthem and were conducted by our Bandmaster Vince DeMarro. Fantastic rendition and performance.

All of our Band members received a Royal Canadian Army Band patch to wear on their uniforms and show the pride they had in the competition and the comradery they developed on a grand scale. Fantastic leadership, terrific musicianship and most of all amazing fun and learning.
83rd Infantry Division Reunion at the Forge on Local TV
Article by 6abc

“...it was a special service at Valley Forge Military Academy as family and friends gathered for a reunion for the 83rd Infantry Division Association for World War II. It's the 75th anniversary of their push to liberate Europe from the Nazis. "Normandy, Northern France, Central Europe and everyone is dead," said World War II Veteran Al Klugiewicz.

Eight veterans were in attendance ranging from age 92 to 103. And yes, there is a secret to living past 100. "Cigarettes, whiskey and wild women," said 103-year-old Klugiewicz.

The veterans who showed up reflected on the war back in the 1940s and after seeing so many friends pass away, they were thankful to see familiar faces and share stories of combat. "It means a gathering where we can see people of like kind, that did the same thing we did, and we get together and enjoy ourselves," said World War II veteran Fred Pearson. "I was an infantryman. I fought in the first battle we had in Normandy and that is where I got knocked out. I was lucky I had about three for four days of real battle," said World War II Veteran Wayne Kunkel.

This is not a one-day affair. The 83rd Infantry reunions started back in 1947 and since then, gatherings have been held all across the U.S. Family members who have lost loved ones in the war still show up to pay their respects. "This is why we are here. It is for that reason and I think they all appreciate it and know it," said John Markuns, Advocate for the 83rd Infantry.

The Division was hosted here at the Forge by N.E. Ohio / Rudy Herzog Alumni Regimental Commander, Hugh Roberts ’56, a member of the 83rd, COL Ken Seitz, VFMAC ’08H and Commander of the Local American Legion, and Tom Goldblum ’69, ’71C, Director of Alumni Relations. After a tribute at the Battle of the Bulge Memorial and a Chapel Service, a lunch was held in Mellon Hall where we had the opportunity to show off our Museum. Please watch the TV broadcast from the link below:

Alumni Sword and Saber Program

Calling all alumni to donate your swords and sabers for the benefit of the Corps of Cadets. These swords and sabers will go all long way in providing them to cadets in need. They will be kept in Lee Hall under the auspices of the Commandant’s Department and will be signed out to each individual cadet. The cadet will be responsible for the care and upkeep of their unit. If they are promoted from senior NCO to Officer they will trade in their sword for a saber. This will be carefully monitored, and cadets will be charged for any damage to the unit or charged a replacement fee.

The prices of swords and sabers have become very high and by establishing this program we hope to maintain a supply for the Corps.

Please send your sword or saber to VFMAC, 1001 Eagle Road, Wayne, PA 19087 to the attention of Tom Goldblum ’69, ’71C, Director of Alumni Relations. You will receive a gift-in-kind letter for your contribution. For those who wish to make a tax deductible monetary contribution, please visit www.vfmac.edu/donate and be sure to include the note “Alumni Sword Fund”).

Your Legacy Can Live On

Valley Forge Military Academy & College takes special care to honor individuals whose gifts transform their generosity into their legacies. That’s why we have the LTG Milton G. Baker Society for individuals who make a documented legacy gift (or bequest).

By naming Valley Forge Military Academy & College in your will you leave a Lasting Legacy to be remembered, you support generations of future cadets and you may lessen your family’s tax burden...all without affecting your cash flow today.

You can include language in your will or trust specifying a gift be made to family, friends and Valley Forge Military Academy & College as part of your estate plan.

Simply contact Tom Goldblum ’69, ’71C, Director of Alumni Relations, 610-989-1329 or tgoldblum@vfmac.edu for additional information.
College Football Corps Reports
Article by: Colonel Bossert ’85

We had several cadets arrive to participate in new cadet training. They will be part of our College Football team and also be part of the 92nd Corps of Cadets. They are an amazing group of young men and I look forward to helping them along their journey and to recognition on the 21st of September. Even being totally unfamiliar with Valley Forge and the military model, they excelled in physical training, rifle drill, room inspections and all other activities we expect our new cadets to know and do.

This was a test model for the future to ensure we do not leave our athletes out of the team building events of plebe training. I rate this a SUCCESS.

Cadet Leadership Detail Reports

On August 7, the 2019-2020 Cadet Leadership Detail reported to campus for their classes in becoming the trainers of the 92nd Corps of Cadets. Their journey started last year when they all went through evaluations and had opportunities to assume multiple command and staff positions with the Corps. They went through leadership training by our Commandant, TACS, Regimental Officers and NCOs and their Company Officers and NCOs learning every aspect of command and leadership.

We wish them well and admire their fortitude for coming in early to advance themselves and work hard. Good Luck Ladies and Gentlemen.

The Welcoming Committee for our leadership is headed by Col J.J. Rivera USMCR, Commandant of Cadets, followed by Senior TAC COL Raymond “Boz” Bossert USA (Ret.) ’85, and GSM William “Bill” Mott, Bandmaster Vince DeMarro, and all other TAC Officers. This year they will be assisted by members of the Alumni Association who have been trained in working with our cadets and teaching them their
specialties. Under the direction of Colonel Joseph A. Bartasius USA (Ret.) ’81, ’83C, Chairman of the Alumni Board of Directors, Team Leader John J. T. Hughes ’74, Dr. Glenn Horsky ’74, Jeffrey Bevenour ’04, Jeffrey Offner, Jr. ’90, Ralph Orr ’82, LTC Rob Sterbutzel USA (Ret.) ’88, Al Skipper ’64, Jeff Brennecke ’73, ’75, and Tom Goldblum ’69, ’71C, Director of Alumni Relations.
Jeff Bevenour ’04 and Larry McKittrick ’69 B Company

Met at the Gershwin Theater in Manhattan to see the Broadway Play “Wicked”. We come together at all times and in all places.
VALLEY FORGE
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The Valley Forge Military Academy and College Alumni Association is proud to present our Memorial Brick Campaign. Personalized bricks will be laid on the walkway from the Main Area to the Chapel to commemorate alumni and friends of the Forge. Memorialize your cadet years, family member, friend, even your pet, business or organization. All proceeds are directed towards redoing the walkway from the Main Area to the Chapel. Memorialized Bricks in this prominent location will not be available once the walkway is complete. We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the IRS. All donations are tax deductible.

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LTC Douglas B. Davis ’70, ’72C Boodle Shop Dedication

A ribbon cutting and dedication was held on August 12 to unveil the new Boodle Shop. It was a great honor to dedicate the Boodle to LTC Douglas B. Davis ’70, ’72C who was there with his family and friends to celebrate. Doug and wife Sally were accompanied by his son, Todd Davis ’99, his son-in-law Bryan Geiling ’94, ’96C and his daughter Lori Geiling and the Davis’ grandchildren.

Opening remarks were made by Colonel Stuart Helgeson, USMCR (Ret.), Superintendent, and LTC Doug Davis ’70, ’72C, USA (Ret.), former Professor of Military Science, Senior TAC and mentor to so many who are members of the “Long Line of Gray”. The traditional cutting of the ribbon to signify the opening was performed by LTC Davis and Jeremy Shoemaker ’00.
**Dates to Remember**

- September 21, 2019  AABOD Planning Meeting in Eisenhower Hall
- April 24, 25, 26, 2020  Homecoming 2020
- May 4, 2020  Annual Golf Outing – St. David’s Country Club

**Don McHugh ’46 DFC (Distinguished Flying Cross)**

B Company and 1952 United States Air Force is here flying his favorite plane the P-51 Mustang. **Don** was the last Mosquito Ace in Korea and was presented with the Distinguished Flying Cross by a grateful American People.

![P-51 Mustang](image)

**Joshua Hardin Folger ’99 TAPS**

Joshua Hardin Folger ’99, passed away as a result of a tragic traffic accident. Josh leaves his loving wife, Janet Folger (nee Frank). He was the son of Joe Folger and his late wife Linda. He is survived by his father Joe and his wife Dr. Marilyn McDonald, his brother Jamie and his wife Renee and their son Chace, and his brother Jake and his wife Nikki, as well as Janet's parents Michael and Karen Frank.

Josh had a career as a driver. His hard work ethic, desire to help, and to complete a task as well as he could were his strengths. He had a wonderful sense of humor and joy of life. Josh, along with Janet and his family, enjoyed many magical visits to Disney over the past 25 years creating special memories together.
D Troop Awards
Reported by: Colonel Bossert ’85

The Foley Medal for the Best New Cadet in D troop: Cadet Ramirez.

The Stackpole Medal to the Best Overall Cadet in D troop: Cadet Martin

The Commandants Commendation Ribbon: Cadet Martin and Cadet Ezekiel.

Squad members of the 1st Philadelphia Squad Challenge Cup. Cadet Ramirez, Cadet Cregut, Cadet McMinn, Cadet Murphy, Cadet Martin, and Cadet Horne.
2019 TAC Dinner

On August 31, the Alumni Association had the great pleasure of honoring the Commandant’s Department with a fantastic dinner at the Erin Pub in Norwood, Pennsylvania. Special thanks to the following Alumni who came or helped support this tribute. Joe Bartasius ’81, ’83C, Chairman of the AABOD, Glenn Horsky ’74, Director and Museum Curator, Jeffrey Bevenour ’04, Forge Way Committee, Hans Klotzbach ’02, Chairman The Forge Way Committee, Arthur Lambert ’60, Director, Pete Mcallen ’62, ’64C, Hugh Roberts ’56, Robert Sterbutzel ’88, Robert Bacine ’60, Trustee, William Floyd ’63, Trustee, Jerry Supplee ’69, Thomas Zlockie ’78C, and Daniel Van Winkle ’58.

We were honored have VFMAC leadership with us, including Col Stuart Helgeson, Superintendent, Dr. Paul Lea IV ’87, ’89C, Dean of the Academy, Col J. J. Rivera, Commandant of Cadets, COL Ken Seitz ’08H, Chief of Staff, Tom Goldblum ’69, ’71C, Director of Alumni Relations, GSM William Mott and all of the TAC’s, Health Center Staff, and all of the people who make our Alma Mater run. We even sent dinner back to those who had to work tonight, including COL Raymond “Boz” Bossert USA (Ret.) ’85.

Hometown Hero Banners

Article by: Colonel Ken Seitz ‘08H, VFMAC, Chief of Staff and Commander of Anthony Wayne American Legion Post 418.

The Anthony Wayne American Legion Post #418, in conjunction with Radnor Township, has recently honored the memory of two of our Alumni Brothers who gave their lives for our Country. This “Hometown Hero” Program selected members of the community whose names are on the Wall of Honor, located on the Radnor Township War Memorial. Those chosen were Brother Eric Fisher Wood Jr. ’37, who gave his life during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II and Brother Alonzo Robert Toal ’56, who gave his life during the Vietnam War.

The Township has placed, in tribute of these local heroes, over a hundred banners throughout the area to honor them.
Wallace H. Spaulding ‘47

In our ever growing attempt as Alumni of VFMAC to take over the world, one country at a time, it is my duty to inform you that Brother Wallace H. Spaulding ‘47 is the 22nd generation in line of decent of King Edward III of England. All Hail Brother Spaulding!

Brother Wally has been a fixture here at The Forge for many years and we wish him a continuing long reign. Other alumni in positions of power in other countries are His Royal Majesty King Simeon II of Bulgaria ‘60C, and President Laurentino Cortizo ’72C of Panama.

92nd Corps of Cadets Chain of Command

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Jason R. Barker ‘00
Article by: Tom Goldblum ’69, ’72C

Brothers and Sisters we have had the great opportunity to see joy brought to the heart of Jason R. Barker ’00. After graduating from VFMA, Jason went off to Texas for College. He graduated in 2004 and somewhere along the way he lost his class ring. He thought he would never see it again.

I received a call in the Alumni Relations office from a Mr. Sparks in Dallas, TX who told me that he inherited a lot of things from his Uncle who had passed. He described him as a dumpster diver and hoarder. Mr. Sparks was going through these things and found a box with a VFMA 2000 Class ring and it was engraved with the name Jason R. Barker. I looked up Jason’s contact information and unfortunately his address and phone number were long changed. The miracle was that his email address was still there and usable. I shared his email address with Mr. Sparks and now Jason has his ring back!

Moral of the story: It is important to keep your contact information up-to-date with the Alumni Relations Office- especially for moments like this one!
After 25 yrs of being unavailable, due to the molds no longer existing, we’d like to reintroduce the Valley Forge Cadet Statue. Connect with your past and proudly display this limited representation of your days at Valley Forge. Along with excellent details, of the cadet uniform, this 14” tall statue will make a statement no matter where it is displayed. Order today, we are limited to only 300.

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Chesapeake Bay Cruise & Dinner

Saturday – October 26, 2019
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DC Regiment Members, Family and Friends

Location:  *Schooner Woodwind* (docked at the Annapolis Waterfront Hotel)
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Details:  Cruise the beautiful Chesapeake Bay for two hours. A cash bar Beer/Wine is available onboard. The cruise will be followed by dinner at Pusser’s Caribbean Grille ([www.pussersannapolis.com](http://www.pussersannapolis.com)). This is a restaurant on the water in downtown Annapolis connected to The Waterfront Hotel.

Costs:  Cruise: $85.00 per person (priced at a minimum of 30). With more members the price will be reduced. Dinner is Ala Carte (per the menu)

RSVP:  NLT September 10, 2019 to Tom Zlockie (78 C)

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