HELLO PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, GUARDIANS & SPONSORS:

We hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving and break with your cadets/students at home.

If you missed the exceptional Tattoo Performance of last Tuesday, you need not feel left out. You may go to the home page of the website and click on the icon of the Herald Trumpets to view the entire show. For those who see it for the first time, enjoy!! For those who were able to attend, enjoy again!! We are so very proud of the performers and the Corps in the stands who thoroughly loved it! Since the performance was live streamed beginning at 4:30 PM on Tuesday, and the link had to be posted early with a slide show, please scroll the cursor to 5:59 to begin the performance.

https://youtu.be/YRnAufRntAI?t=5h54m26s

If you wish to order a DVD of the Tattoo Performance, please contact Mr. John Haines at jhainessr@gmail.com

WINTER HOLIDAY CONCERT:

Tomorrow, 4 December at 5:00PM in the Mellon Hall Ballroom, we will once again be entertained by our exceptional Regimental Band, Regimental Choir and Field Music.

We hope to see you there as we get “into” the Holiday spirit together.

Perhaps a special guest might surprise the audience with some specially baked treats! Wonder who that could be!

People of all faiths enjoy this delightful event.

Attendance is mandatory for Academy cadets and optional for Residential Students, and College Cadets. Academy cadets will gather at the outdoor tree for the Christmas Tree lighting directly following the concert.
CHRISTMAS VESPERS:
On Sunday, 6 December at 6:00 PM in the Alumni Chapel of Cornelius the Centurion, we will celebrate the Nine Lessons of Christmas with sacred music and scripture readings. This event is open to all parents, and guests including Residential Students and the Corps.

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 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. Because cadets and students arrive back to the airport at various times, a VF shuttle is not available to deliver them back to VF. However, taxis are readily accessible at the baggage claim area. The airport has a train station with trains departing for 30th Street Station in Philadelphia on the ½ hour. Upon arriving at 30th Street Station, they can easily switch to the Paoli/Thornton Septa train to Wayne, PA. It is a short walk from the Wayne station to VF.

- 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 you live in or around the NYC area and would like to assist in carpooling for the Christmas Holiday Break, please contact COL Ken Seitz at KSeitz@vfmac.edu.*
VFMA&C DSA – TRULY ANGELS HOLIDAY DRIVE:
We are sponsoring 2 local children in need this holiday season through Truly Angels. Truly Angels is a non-profit organization that helps children in need receive a gift under the tree this holiday season. Learning to give back to the community is a very important lesson for our cadets/students and we hope, that by helping to collect gifts, wrap them, and deliver them to children close to their ages, they can learn to be thankful for everything they have.

Please consider giving a gift for a child.
We are taking the gifts either in the Shannon Hall Guidance Office or with Mrs. Wochok in the Department of Student Activities in Bower Hall on the 2nd floor.

Child #1 – Tylan – Age 12 – Glenolden PA – Size 14/16
Likes – NY Giants Football, lacrosse, and football
Wants – NY Giants Jersey (favorite player – Becham JR - #13,) NY Giants merchandise (hats, shirts, etc,) Ipod (or Best Buy gift card toward the purchase,) gift cards for clothing (favorite store Aeropastale, American Eagle, and Modells)
Needs – Rot and Ruin book series by Jonathan Maberry, basketball socks (size large,) and a T1-83 graphic calculator

Child #2 – Giavanni – Age 14 – Size Sm/ 5 juniors/ shoe 8-8.5
Like – Dancing, ballet, jazz, hip hop, editing videos on her computer, downloading music and hanging out with friends
Wants – gift cards and clothing, make-up (Ulta, Victoria Secrets, Holister, Amazon)
Needs – socks, clothing, leg warmer, tights, shoes

All gifts should be dropped off or mailed before Friday December 18th. Donations will be accepted at the holiday concert on Friday, December 4th. If you don’t have the time to shop but would like to make a monetary donation, the student activities office and community service club will use the money to purchase gifts for our sponsored children. Please contact Mrs. Wochok at lwochok@vfmac.edu or 610-989-1262 with any questions.

CADET ACHIEVEMENT:
To Be Cadet Staff Sergeant:
Cadet Private Robert Roome, B Company, 1st Class, to be Plebe Trainer

Congratulations Cadet Roome!

COMMUNITY SERVICE BY ACADEMY CADETS:
On Saturday, November 21st, 17 Academy cadets volunteered their time to assist the staff at Elmwood Park Zoo in Norristown, PA. It is a gem of a place that many families in the area visit to enjoy. It is also the home of the Philadelphia Eagles and Temple University mascots. After breaking down, relocating, and rebuilding a tent, the cadets had an opportunity to enjoy the zoo as well. One of the highlights was that they were allowed to feed the family of Bison in residence. We hope to continue our partnership with Elmwood Park Zoo through future Community Service projects and class trips.
The volunteers were: Cadet Emmanuel Ahoua, Cadet Luis Arias Castellanos, Cadet Tywon Bell, Cadet Zongda Che, Cadet Alexander Consentino, Cadet Damien Frombach, Cadet Gabriel Henderson, Cadet Romeo LoGiurato, Cadet Omoyemi Mebude, Cadet Seamus Mooney, Cadet Dennis Narovchenko, Cadet Victor Ochei, Cadet Miguel Ramirez, Cadet Alexander Rusin, Cadet Sandy Saddler, Cadet Samuel Urszinyi and Cadet Nathan Welsh.

Mr. Aaron Barkley
Dean of Cadets, Academy

ROTC ON THE MOVE:
On September 29, Cadet Demetrius Colclough presented a briefing to JROTC students at his alma mater, Norristown High School in Norristown, PA. On October 1, Cadet Marina Torchia accompanied ROTC and College Admissions’ staff members to present at the Delaware County Regional College Fair on the campus of Penn State at Brandywine, PA. and on October 29, Cadet Nicholas Shields and Cadet Gabrielle Kline accompanied ROTC and College Admissions’ staff members to conduct a presentation to JROTC students at Dallastown Area High School in Dallastown, PA.

DSA UPDATE:
On Saturday, November 14, a group of 9th to 12th grade cadets attended the Purnell School in New Jersey to participate in the annual community service day. The cadets did a community service activity with the girls and then had the chance to enjoy a hypnotist performance and dinner. This event is a great way for the cadet to receive community service hours as well as have a chance to meet girls from the area. We hope to do more events with the Purnell School in the future.

Upcoming Events:
- A free Academy Trip to Devon Lanes, Thursday, December 10th, 4-6PM for afterschool bowling time at a local bowling alley.
- A free trip to Dave and Busters Restaurant and Arcade, Monday, December 14th, 4-6PM awarded to those cadets who are in good company standing and good academic standing in Shannon Hall. At Dave and Busters, they will experience the fun of dinner and time to play the various arcade games with their cadet friends.
ACADEMY PRE-ENGINEERING:
Academy juniors in Mr. Kevin Johnson’s Pre-Engineering class were each tasked to build a structure using 16 popsicle sticks that could hold at least two large textbooks.

In the photo to the right, Cadet Luis Arias Castellanos builds his structure which set a new record when his device held 32 textbooks!

At left Cadet Xuan Hao Liu is also working hard on his radical design for the textbook support project.

This class is exploring the different engineering disciplines through various mini-projects as well as readings and videos of major engineering projects from around the world.

Mr. Kevin Johnson
Academy Mathematics

ACADEMY CAREER DAY:
On Thursday, November 20, the VFMAC Alumni Association hosted its annual “VF Career Day” held in Mellon Hall. Cadets received personal instruction and advice as they visited each table hosted by VF alumni, family members, staff and faculty. Many occupations were represented from Veterinary Medicine to Acting and cadets loved the opportunity to converse with someone in their particular field of interest.

Thank you volunteers for enriching the lives of our Cadets!
MIDDLE SCHOOL CADETS VISIT THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE IN PHILADELPHIA, PA:
Last Monday, November 23, the middle school cadets went on an exciting field trip to the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, PA. Mrs. Sullivan, Director of Guidance, Ms. McCann, Science Instructor, and LT. Tidwell, their TAC, along with Chain of Command **Cadet Tyler Umphred** and **Cadet Kyle Greco** accompanied the cadets as they explored a variety of science exhibits and enjoyed an IMAX film on “Forces of Nature”. The 8th graders were able to learn about and actively participate in the dissection of a cow eye, and the 7th graders attended a class on volcanoes.

*Below: Eighth Grade cadets study a cow’s eye.*
*Below Left: Cadet Willoughby and Cadet Z. Lombardi travel through the human heart.*
*Below Right: Cadet Phinney examines the human brain.*
### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE: DECEMBER, 2015 AND JANUARY, 2016

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**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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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.

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Registrar and Power School: Kathryn Ford KFord@vfmac.edu or 610-989-1380

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Please get the counselor’s contact information from your cadet or residential student.

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Official or unofficial transcripts, please go to: www.getmytranscripts.com
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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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