OUR MISSION: TO EDUCATE CADETS, WITHIN AN ACADEMIC AND MILITARY ENVIRONMENT, TO BE FULLY PREPARED FOR THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AS CITIZEN LEADERS WHO ARE MENTALLY ALERT, SOUND OF BODY, CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS, AND POSSESS THE HIGHEST SENSE OF DUTY, HONOR, LOYALTY AND COURAGE.

THE ACADEMY AT-A-GLANCE

FOUNDED IN 1928 BY LIEUTENANT GENERAL MILTON G. BAKER

VALLEY FORGE MILITARY ACADEMY IS A COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR BOYS IN GRADES 7-12

LOCATED 16 MILES OUTSIDE OF PHILADELPHIA SITTING ON 100 ACRES IN WAYNE, PENNSYLVANIA

24 CREDITS TO GRADUATION
4 CREDITS ENGLISH
4 CREDITS MATHEMATICS
4 CREDITS SOCIAL STUDIES
4 CREDITS SCIENCE
2 CREDITS WORLD LANGUAGE
2 CREDITS PHYSICAL EDUCATION
0.5 CREDITS HEALTH
3.5 CREDITS ELECTIVES

232 STUDENTS*
16% INTERNATIONAL*

11 SPORTS TEAMS
20 CLUBS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

*2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR
Proud of our past and THE FUTURE we will create.

Valley Forge Military Academy can help your son achieve his academic potential through a traditional curriculum, based on the values of academic excellence, character, and leadership.

Our military model and core values provide your son with the time management, character, and leadership skills to achieve more in life.

Established in 1928, VFMA has a long tradition of instilling values to prepare tomorrow’s leaders across a diverse spectrum of professions.

Through boarding and day options, the Academy offers a challenging academic curriculum, credentialed faculty, competitive Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) athletic teams, and individual attention, providing cadets with a safe environment conducive to attaining academic success.

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OFFERING BOTH AN ACADEMIC AND MILITARY ENVIRONMENT, VFMA BUILDS LEADERS BY DEVELOPING THE WHOLE PERSON.

THE FIVE CORNERSTONES

Education at Valley Forge Military Academy is about developing the whole person. Cadets are immersed in an educational experience centered on Five Cornerstones which serve as the keys to cadet success in the classroom and beyond. Valley Forge has built an international reputation for preparing global citizen leaders through these cornerstones.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Our dedicated faculty develops cadets with the knowledge to thrive in a four-year college or university, in their careers and throughout their lives.

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Cadets learn to contribute to society while maintaining our high standards of character and love of country.

PERSONAL MOTIVATION

Through teamwork, and establishing and achieving personal goals, each cadet learns to strive for excellence.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Through physical training and athletic competition, each cadet learns the habits and attitudes necessary for lifelong physical wellness.

LEADERSHIP

Through a structured environment cadets learn individual responsibility and gain the ability to become ethically-minded citizen leaders of character.
DEVELOPING THE WHOLE PERSON
Programs focused on character, religious, social, and physical development are provided to ensure that the cadet matures as a whole person. In addition to regular academic schedules, VFMA offers numerous clubs, activities, and honor societies to provide more opportunities to develop and pursue personal interests.

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES
The Department of Student Activities (DSA) is committed to ensuring each cadet has the opportunity to participate in a myriad of extracurricular activities. Cadets have the opportunity to take part in DSA programs and event offerings, provided they are in good standing, once all daily academic and tactical duties and responsibilities have been fulfilled.

THE BOODLE
Provided their daily responsibilities are completed, cadets can gather in “The Boodle” VFMA’s student lounge and play video games, watch movies in the 50 seat cadet theater, or play ping-pong, air hockey, foosball or shoot a game of pool. Food is also served in the Boodle throughout the day.

PLEBE SYSTEM
To become a recognized member of the Corps of Cadets at VFMA, one must successfully complete a period of training known as the “Plebe System.” The Plebe System is designed to orient new VFMA students with our cadet-led community and our customs and traditions. It is a period of adjustment that every cadet who attends Valley Forge undertakes. It is a time honored “rite of passage” that binds all those who attended Valley Forge in a common bond of brotherhood.

This process determines that each has the requisite skills, traits, and attributes to achieve success in all programs at Valley Forge. The process of overcoming challenges—whether it’s a difficult exam or an obstacle course—is deeply rewarding, even exhilarating. Facing these challenges together is how deep, lasting friendships are forged.

Student life at Valley Forge Military Academy centers on the challenging rigors of life in the Corps of Cadets. The common experience of living closely together in a highly disciplined and challenging environment creates esprit de corps and camaraderie that remains with the student long after graduation from VFMA.

WE DO ALL WE CAN TO ASSIST THE CADET IN DEVELOPING NECESSARY SOCIAL AND LIFE SKILLS THAT ALIGN WITH OUR CORE VALUES.

Cadet Life
The vast majority of VFMA cadets are full-time boarders who hail from all over the country and the world. However, we also offer the option to board five days a week or attend as a day student for families who live locally.

Designed for young men in grades 7-12, the Day School Program is a great way to experience academic structure and discipline in the classroom and develop the leadership skills needed to be successful in life — all the benefits that make VFMA distinctive.

To the fullest extent possible, the experiences of Day School Program cadets mirror those of VFMA’s boarding cadets — with a curriculum that focuses on developing the whole person and stresses Valley Forge’s Five Cornerstones.

As after-school experiences are essential to the cadet experience, our Day School Program cadets are encouraged to participate in the same activities as their peers, including interscholastic and intramural sports, clubs, physical training, band, and choir.

The Valley Forge Military Academy Day School Program offers cadets the same exceptional academics, interscholastic sports, extracurricular activities and camaraderie as the boarding program without residing on campus.

100% OF OUR DAY SCHOOL CADETS ARE INVOLVED IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

Witness your son’s PROGRESS every night.
At Valley Forge Military Academy, boys are challenged — in and out of the classroom — through an academic program designed to teach the values that lead to success.

**SCHOOL COMPOSITION**
VFMA is comprised of a Middle School and a High School. Support is gradually eased between the earlier and later grades to prepare students for success in college and life. Ultimately, successful young leaders result from the combination of support and independence allotted to them.

**CORE CURRICULUM**
In keeping with a college preparatory curriculum, we offer Advanced Placement and Honors coursework, a SAT prep course, and an intensive English Language Institute. We broaden horizons with field trips and opportunities for independent study. High achieving high school students can earn college credit by enrolling in courses at Valley Forge Military College, also on campus, at no additional charge.

**ONE-ON-ONE INTERACTION**
Of our 20 faculty members, 80 percent hold advanced degrees. Faculty members take an active interest in every student’s life. They supervise and assist students in their mandatory evening study periods and many serve as athletic coaches or advisers of extracurricular activities. In short, they care. Small class sizes enable faculty to know their students and build a bond.

**COLLEGE CREDITS**
High achieving cadets can even earn college credit by enrolling in dual enrollment courses at Valley Forge Military College, also on campus, at no additional charge. Select cadets may also enroll to obtain the VFMC Cybersecurity Certificate, which has been recognized by the NSA and DHS as a Center for Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense for two year colleges (CAE2Y). The Certificate program prepares cadets for a high-demand career in information security.

**STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM SMALL CLASS SIZES, ONE-ON-ONE INTERACTION WITH THEIR TEACHERS, AND A STRONG ACADEMIC PROGRAM.**

**Teacher: Cadet Ratio**

1:14
Diversity is STRENGTH.

One of the great strengths of Valley Forge Military Academy is the incredible diversity of the student population. Students from around the world have attended VFMA in preparation for success in life.

Cadets at VFMA come from a wide range of religious and cultural backgrounds and each individual is supported in their spiritual development within those traditions. It is one of the most diverse schools of its size in America.

International cadets at VFMA have an abundance of resources available to them. From immersion in American culture to the English as a Second Language Program, each international cadet receives individual attention from the dedicated staff and faculty.

In an increasingly economically interconnected world, there is no better way to build relationships with future leaders. A cadet from Gabon may room with a cadet from the Dominican Republic. A cadet from Bahrain may room with a cadet from Kansas. Each grows to appreciate the other and forms a bond which can last a lifetime.

ACADEMIC ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING
Cadets prepare for the upcoming academic year with English language instruction focusing on reading, writing, listening and speaking, and critical thinking skills. They also take a placement exam to determine the course level that will best support their needs.

AMERICAN CULTURE AND RECREATION
Cadets will venture into the community on organized experiential learning trips to complete academic, leadership, and cultural projects and to enjoy all the Philadelphia area has to offer. In addition, cadets will visit historic sites, parks, and museums, attend sporting events, participate in recreational activities, and experience American culture.

Our cadets represent more than 14 countries* from around the world.

*2018-2019 Academic Year
The VFMA athletic program focuses on flexibility, muscular strength, endurance, and body composition. The physical conditioning program is designed to meet the individual needs of cadets. We place emphasis on daily fitness and wellness as an important aspect of their future well-being. These practices contribute to all cadets’ ability to accomplish their goals and objectives.

VFMA is a member of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA), the governing body of high school athletics in Pennsylvania. As such, VFMA is required to comply with the PIAA Constitution and its Bylaws.

Boasting a strong athletic reputation, VFMA has gained national recognition. A number of Trojan Alumni have gone from Valley Forge to play at competitive college and university athletic programs. Many have gone on to play in the NFL, including:

- Larry Fitzgerald ’02
- Markus Curry ’01
- Chris Vincent ’01
- Rasheed Marshall ’00
- Julian Peterson ’98
- Larry Smith ’95
- Gary Stills ’95
- Jim Bundren ’93
- Aaron Beasley ’92
- Lovett Purnell ’92
- Lawrence Wright ’92
- Mario Grier ’91
- Karl Hankton ’90
- Chris Doleman ’81

Valley Forge Military Academy integrates athletics, physical training, and a cadet’s personal fitness program to help students achieve fitness levels exceeding national norms.
Music at Valley Forge Military Academy has been, and always will be, one of the top-tiered extracurricular programs we offer. Our Music Department incorporates the five cornerstones from the institution’s mission statement into the philosophy of music.

Cadets involved in the music program receive an excellent education both musically and academically. Each elite musical unit has a particular focus, with an international reputation to match.

REGIMENTAL BAND
The Regimental Band, which is comprised of Academy and College cadets, maintains a busy schedule, playing daily for the Corps formations, as well as for parades in the fall and spring, two formal concerts on campus, the annual Military Tattoo, and many outside concerts and parades for civic and charitable organizations. Most recently they represented the U.S.A. at the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo.

This group has made appearances in inaugural parades of U.S. Presidents and has historically performed at the inaugurals of Pennsylvania governors since VFMAC’s founding in 1928. Annually they participate in both the Philadelphia and New York City Veterans Day Parades and the NYC St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

Special engagements include the annual performance at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show in Harrisburg and the Devon Horse Show, appearances with the Philadelphia Phillies, numerous appearances at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the National Constitution Center, and Philadelphia’s Union League.

HERALDIC FANFARE TRUMPETERS
The brass members of the Regimental Band also form a special group called the Heraldic Fanfare Trumpeters. They provide a regal significance on and off campus. These trumpeters routinely perform prior to on-campus Chapel services throughout the school year and are on call to perform for Presidents, Supreme Court Justices and Governors on a regular basis.

FIELD MUSIC
Valley Forge upholds the traditions of Field Music, which is older than American patriotism. Throughout history, soldiers have used music to communicate with one another.

The school’s Field Music group is comprised of Middle School band members as well as all academy cadets who have an interest in learning an instrument. No experience is required.

Field Music plays regularly for parades and formations both on- and off-campus. With Field Music, cadets are able to become competent musicians within a short period of time and contribute their talents to this gifted unit.
Valley Forge Military Academy & College has a strong equestrian tradition, dating back to the school’s establishment in 1928. The D Troop is a close-knit company comprised of both Academy and College cadets who are taught basic horsemanship and hunt seat equitation from the ground up. No experience is required to join the troop.

D Troop cadets are required to ride a minimum of two times per week but are encouraged to ride as often as their schedule allows. Riding lessons are also offered seven days a week.

VEHICLES INCLUDE:
- Harley Davidson 883 Sportster motorcycles
- Jeep Wranglers
- Ford Broncos
- Trucks with tow behind cannons

TOPICS INCLUDE:
INSURANCE
- Auto Insurance
- How best to select insurance and financing offers
- Options and features that help reduce insurance rates

DRIVING TACTICS
- Defensive driving techniques
- How to survive while driving on Interstate Highways
- Driver distraction - cell and other devices
- The effects of alcohol and drugs while driving

BASIC VEHICLE MAINTENANCE
- How to safely change a tire and oil
- The importance of correct tire pressures
- How to find a good repair facility
- Maintenance habits that will save you money
- Anti-lock brakes and stability control features
- How to modify vehicles intelligently

Our focus is on hunt seat equitation on the flat and over fences, as it is the foundation of traditional cavalry riding. D Troop cadets participate in Intercollegiate Horse Show Association and Interscholastic Equestrian Association competitions, mounted parades, and learn basic Cavalry skills involving the saber and lance.

Once cadets have developed a strong base and balance, they go on mounted trail rides in Valley Forge National Park. In addition, cadets have numerous opportunities to participate in Mounted Color Guard performances at prestigious horse shows, including Dressage at Devon and the Pennsylvania National Horse Show in Harrisburg.

The school has participated in many equestrian competitions and events to include: United States Polo Association National Interscholastic Championships, inaugural parades, and performances in prestigious horse shows such as the Pennsylvania National Horse Show, the Devon Horse Show, and the American Gold Cup.
The military model serves as a balanced and effective method of challenging cadets in a safe and secure learning environment. It teaches cadets to be accountable for their actions, respect others, manage their time, prioritize appropriately, think critically and develop those life skills most essential for our cadets, our communities and our country.

VFMA prepares cadets for success in their academic journey and future careers. Countless VFMA alumni have gone on to distinguish themselves in military careers. However, many have excelled in other fields, including business, medicine and government.

Our graduates are poised for CONTINUED GROWTH.

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RECENT COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Alabama A&M University • American University • Arizona State University • Baruch College • Bentley University • Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania • Boston University • Brandeis University • Cabrini University • Coastal Carolina University • Colorado State University-Pueblo • Columbia College Chicago • Concordia University, Montreal • Cornell University • Dickinson College • Drexel University • Florida Institute of Technology • Fordham University • Gettysburg College • Hofstra University • Howard University • Indiana University of Pennsylvania • James Madison University • King's College London • La Salle University • Lehigh University • Loyola Marymount University • Loyola University New Orleans • Marshall University • Michigan State University • Monmouth College • New York University • Newbury College • Northwestern University • Norwich University • Oklahoma State University • Pennsylvania State University • Pepperdine University • Princeton University • Purdue University • Quinnipiac University • RMIT University • Rosemont College • Rowan University • Rutgers University • Saint Joseph’s University • Sarah Lawrence College • Seton Hall University • SUNY Maritime College • Syracuse University • Temple University • The Citadel • The Culinary Institute of America • The George Washington University • The Ohio State University • The University of Arizona • The University of Iowa • United States Air Force Academy • United States Military Academy • United States Naval Academy • University of California • University of California, Berkeley • University of Central Florida • University of Connecticut • University of Delaware • University of Illinois • University of Kansas • University of Maine • University of Maryland • University of Massachusetts • University of Missouri • University of Montana • University of Nevada • University of Ontario Institute of Technology • University of Oregon • University of Pittsburgh • University of Rochester • University of South Carolina • University of Southern California • University of Vermont • Ursinus College • Valley Forge Military College • Virginia Military Institute • Washington & Jefferson College • West Chester University • West Virginia University • Xavier University
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS
These merit awards are based on academic performance. Based solely on the candidate’s cumulative grade-point average over the last full year.

NEED-BASED GRANTS
Non-performance-based awards are generally associated with financial need. VFMA need-based financial aid may also be awarded to eligible cadets in grades 7-12 who display financial need. Financial need is determined through the filing of the “Parents’ Financial Statement” through SSS (School & Student Services). Our SSS code is 900044. Applications are available online at: http://sss.nais.org/parents

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS
VFMA has many donors who have established endowed scholarship funds to support both new and returning cadets. Each award has specific eligibility requirements and criteria to be selected. Endowed Scholarship recipients are chosen by a panel. Please note:
• All new and returning cadets are automatically reviewed for eligibility.
• Not all applicants will receive an endowed award.
• Awards are applied to the following fall semester and may take the place of need-based grants.

FINANCING OPTIONS
Monthly Payment Plans
VFMA works with a financing service, Higher Education Services (HES), to provide families the opportunity to pay for their child’s education in ten (10) monthly installments beginning 1 June. To learn more, contact HES at 1-800-422-0010 or visit www.highereducationservices.org.

Private Scholarships
Some organizations offer scholarships for elementary and secondary education based on family background, membership in clubs and associations, and other variable factors.

Private Loans
Lending partners offer various loan products to help finance a secondary education. For example: salliemae.com or yourtuitionsolution.com

AWARD LETTER
A financial aid award is activated only after VFMA receives your $500 enrollment deposit. VFMA reserves the right to change the terms and conditions of a financial aid offer if a deposit is not received prior to the appointed deadline, or if VFMA financial aid is exhausted by other prospective students who have deposited.

Financial aid offers are awarded on a full-year basis, and will be pro-rated or canceled in full if the cadet withdraws, is dismissed, or otherwise does not meet the award requirements. Renewal of financial aid in subsequent years is automatic as long as:
• The cadet continues to meet pre-determined academic and behavioral standards.
• The family has paid their portion of tuition payments.
• In the case of need-based aid, the family’s financial situation has not significantly changed.

Invest in your SON’S FUTURE.

The cost of attending a premier private boarding school can seem daunting. Yet a Valley Forge Military Academy education can be affordable to provide your son the opportunity to achieve success in secondary school and beyond. VFMA offers numerous scholarship opportunities for new and returning students.