



VALLEY FORGE

MILITARY ACADEMY & COLLEGE

December 2013

FORGE FUND

Dr. Sauchuk is committed to cultivating great leaders. A gift to the Forge Fund will have a direct impact on Valley Forge's ability to help our cadets become leaders in the classroom, in their company, on the athletic field, and ultimately in the community and beyond.

Whether you give \$10, \$100, or are able to join the school's leadership giving society, The Society of the Golden Sword with a gift of \$1,000 or more, your charitable donation is a practical way to help Valley Forge secure its strength, perpetuate the vision of LTG Baker, and plan confidently for the future.

If you have questions or need advice as to the best way to give please be in touch with Holly Cheshire, Director of the Forge Fund, 610-955-6008, hcheshire@vfmac.edu, or give on-line by visiting <http://www.vfmac.edu/give-a-gift-donate/>. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER GIFT

During this season of giving and as we approach the end of the tax-year, if you are 70½ or older, perhaps an IRA Charitable Rollover gift will provide a tax-wise way for you to give to Valley Forge. The IRA Rollover was first enacted in 2006 as part of the Pension Protection Act. The provision allows individuals aged 70½ and older to donate up to \$100,000 from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) to public charities without having to count the distributions as taxable income. Please check with your financial advisor to see if this type of gift would benefit your tax situation.

“FIFTY FOR THE FORGE”

The Alumni Association Board of Directors has accepted the challenge of recruiting fifty cadets for Valley Forge! “Fifty for the Forge!” According to **Greg Copeland '56**, Chairman of the Fifty for the Forge Committee, the math is simple. If half of our registered alumni recommended three potential students for enrollment in VFMA&C, we will have over 12,000 applicants, and if 10% apply for admission we will have 1,200 applicants and if 5% percent enrolled we will exceed our goal. Take up the challenge! Thank you for providing the names of three young men or women to the Admissions Office: Kristen Rose, College Admissions, 610-995-1301, krose@vfmac.edu; COL John Ford, Academy Admissions, 610-989-1213, jford@vfmac.edu. A \$1,000 scholarship is available for those cadets who enroll as a result of the “Fifty for the Forge!” enrollment program.

TAKE STOCK....

If you would like to make a gift of stock on or before December 31, please be sure to be in touch with:

Daniel D. Crawford '67, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, LLC:

1-800-548-4077

101 Decatur Drive, Butler, PA 16002.

Fax #: 724-287-5776.

DTC#: 0015.

Receiving Account # at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney: 823108520006.

Account name: Valley Forge Military Academy Foundation.

Thank you also for letting Doug Hasbrouck (610-989-1342) or Holly Cheshire (610-995-6008) know that a stock transfer is in progress so that you may receive proper credit.

CLASS OF 1947

Red Stein '47, Dick Silhol '47, and Robby Robinson '47 met on post in September to tour the campus and meet Dr. Sauchuk. They reported to their classmates via a letter to all members of the Class of 1947: "...We were excited at what is currently going on at the Forge, and feel that the new President is the right person, at the right time, and with the right background to move the Forge back to being what we all experienced, and to move forward...."

VFMA&C ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TAC DINNER

Please join us as we thank Valley Forge's hardworking and dedicated TAC Officers on Friday, December 20 at 6PM at the Seven Stars Restaurant, located at 263 Hoffecker Road, Phoenixville, PA. The price is \$75 for prime rib, filet mignon, or veal. Attendees are asked to sponsor a TAC at the fixed rate price. Space is limited and reservations are required so be sure to call either Vanessa Spencer-Maggs (610-989-1329) or Susie Farrell (610-989-1330). If you can't join us, please consider sponsoring a TAC.

EARLY BIRDS

Alumni Homecoming is Friday, April 25 – Sunday, April 27, 2013. Alumni whose graduation year ends in a "4" or "9" will celebrate a significant five-year reunion. On-line registration is now available at www.vfmachomecoming2014.eventbrite.com. The weekend will feature the Alumni Association General Meeting, Retreat Formation, Post Visitation, Alumni Cocktail Reception, Memorial Chapel Service, Alumni March-On and Salute to the 86th Corps of Cadets, reunion pictures, Regimental Review, and the William T. Gans, Jr. '59, '61 Memorial Band Concert. The schedule of events will be posted on the VFMA&C website soon!

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The mission of the National Wreaths Across America: "To Remember, Honor, & Teach about the service and sacrifices of our veterans, active military, and their families. We Will Never Forget." Valley Forge Military Academy & College will serve as a stop on the way from Vermont to Arlington as we honor our men and women of the armed forces who put themselves in harm's way through the placement of wreaths on gravestones on post. Please join us in the Alumni Memorial Chapel of St. Cornelius the Centurion on Thursday, December 12, 2:00 p.m. (tentative and estimated start-time which is dependent upon the arrival of the Wreaths Across America participants).

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The nominating committee has constituted and started the nominating process of Officers and Directors in preparation for next year's Annual Alumni Meeting for the term of 2014 thru 2016. Notification in an official memorandum via email was distributed to the alumni community and posted on the VFMAC website. **Nominations for Officers and Directors will close on Friday, February 14, 2014, at 5:00PM EST.**

The Committee requests that nominations be submitted as early as possible to ensure ample time for review. Self-Nominations will not be considered. The selection process for members of the nominating committee will begin and potential members will be invited to participate and vetted. The focus will be to select class year representing each decade (3 board members and 3 non-board members). The new Committee will review the By-Laws in detail as well as be instructed as to how we will derive in selecting Director Nominees, who will be presented at the Annual Alumni Meeting during

Homecoming Weekend for consideration. Establish communications to our Alumni community to identify and nominate the “best qualified” candidates to serve as Directors of a 2 year term. This will encourage Alumni to get involved and bring forth those Alumni who would like to support the institution in good standing.

The committee will be reviewing available positions and any updates to its process to further enhance the effectiveness of the process and ensure adherence to the VFMA&C AABOD bylaws. All information received by the Nominating Committee concerning a nominee will be held in strictest confidence by all members of the committee. Just a reminder, to be eligible to serve as a member of the Alumni Board of Directors, proposed members shall have expressed, through active participation, their commitment to foster and strengthen the relationship between Valley Forge Military Academy & College and its alumni and friends; to preserve, perpetuate and promote the traditions, purposes, growth and progress of the Institution; and to keep alive the spirit of affection and reverence for our Alma Mater. Please e-mail recommendations to Joseph A. Bartasius, COL (USA) (Ret.), '81, '83C, Chairman, Nominating Committee at coljoebartasius@gmail.com and Juan Santana '81C, Co-Chair at juan.santana@convatec.com.

NEWS

Golden Sword Reception

The Society of the Golden Sword is Valley Forge's leadership gift society, honoring those who contribute \$1,000 or more to support Valley Forge. It includes the Commandant's Circle (\$2,500), President's Circle (\$5,000), and the Trustee's Circle (\$10,000). Dr. Sauchuk hosted the Society of the Golden Sword Reception at the Presidential Residence, Crossed Sabres, Saturday, November 3rd. It was chance for the school's leadership donors to meet the President, Commandant, Trustees, cadets whose parents are members of the Society and several members of Cadet Leadership.



Members of the Society of the Golden Sword, Cheryl Knoell and Sam Laird '62 visit with Cadet Liam Winters at the Presidential Residence Crossed Sabres

Career Day

Hats off to **Bob Shapiro '60** and **Frank Winters '87** for organizing Career Development Day on Friday, November 15th. The day began at 8:30 a.m. on Eisenhower Hall with a Continental Breakfast. Dr. Sauchuk greeted the 33 Career Counselors who participated in the day. Many thanks to all who gave of their time and talent to enrich our cadets' experience.

The Fall Stars Dinner

Proud parents, staff, and alumni gathered on November 11th to honor 166 cadets for their outstanding academic performance. The Headmaster's Medal for the 2012-13 school year was awarded to 35 cadets who had earned a gold star for all four marking periods.

Ring Dance

Eighty-six Academy seniors and College sophomores received their rings at a ceremony on Friday, November 8. They celebrated formally on Saturday evening at the Ring Dance. Male cadets were in full dress; women all wore gowns; and male guests dressed in tuxedos. The festivities began with heavy hors d'oeuvres and concluded with the cake cutting.

2013 Military Tattoo

Under the direction of **Bandmaster Phil Evans, R.M. (Ret)**, the 86th Corps of Cadets put on a rousing show of precision and musical talent. Guests also enjoyed the performance of the Washington Memorial Pipe Band. A DVD is available for \$24.95. Place your order by sending a check, payable to: Mr. John F. Haines, 605 Brookside Avenue, St. Davids, PA 19087. Phone: 610-687-3564 or email: jhainessr@gmail.com.

Regiment Events

The **Gotham Regiment** hosted by **Roque Shipilliti '06** was held a reception on October 24th at the Cornell Club. This was followed by the **National Capitol George Washington Alumni Regiment** October 30 hosted by **John English '91** at the Hamilton Restaurant. Both events provided alumni, parents and prospective parents the opportunity to meet members of the Admissions Department and Dr. Sauchuk and both events were well attended. We look forward to welcoming new cadets next fall as a result of these gatherings.



National Capitol George Washington Alumni Regiment

EVENTS

VFMA&C Holiday Programs

The annual Holiday Concert will be held on Friday, December 6 at 5:00 p.m. in Mellon Hall. Christmas Vespers will be Sunday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Chapel of Cornelius the Centurion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Class of 1968 Alumnus Published

Timothy Erdman '68C and his two brothers, Fredric and James served simultaneously in the United States Marine Band. "Guaranteed Notes: The Demand for Perfection" is a memoir that gives a backstage perspective of the unique experiences that come with being part of the "President's Own." It is available through Amazon.

New Forge Athletics Wear

Valley Forge Military Academy & College has partnered with eFootwear.com to make Under Armour football and athletics gear available just in time for holiday shopping. Apparel can be purchased at <http://www.efootwear.com/m-189-valley-forge-football-athletics.aspx>, and 20% of the proceeds will benefit our student athletes. Show your Valley Forge pride!

TAPS

It is with sadness we note the names of the members of the Long Line of Gray who have passed or whose passing we have learned about since October 2013:

We pray as once he prayed. Valley Forge for thee.

Mr. Michael Stein, '42, TAPS, May 24, 2013, Palm Springs, FL
Dr. Byron E. Besse, Jr. '44, TAPS, December 23, 2012, Siesta Key, FL
Mr. Norman F. Phillips, '44, TAPS, May 21, 2012, Portola Valley, CA
Leon T. Loch, '44C, TAPS, September 6, 2011, Coopersburg, PA
Mr. William Orcutt Guasti, '45, TAPS, November 2013, Los Angeles, CA
Mr. Frederick R. Williams, '45, TAPS, August 3, 2013, St. Petersburg, FL
Mr. Richard S. Earle, '47, TAPS, October 27, 2013, Frederick, MD
Mr. Chester W. Crowther, '47, TAPS, November 24, 2013, Philadelphia, PA
Mr. Kurt Ritthaler Jr., '48, TAPS, July 6, 2013, Huntingdon Valley, PA
Gerald A. Barrett, '49, TAPS, August 11, 2008, Ocean City, NJ
Mr. Joseph F. Herger, '51C, TAPS, October 7, 2013, Boulder, CO
Mr. Robert S. Phillips, '57, TAPS, October 10, 2013, Neffs, PA
CDR Michael Ray Conway, USN (Ret.), '66C, TAPS, September 25, 2013, Pottstown, PA
Mr. Peter Napoli, '69, TAPS, October 17, 2013, Glen Mills, PA
Mr. James W. Ward, III, '75, TAPS, June 14, 2012, South Bend, IN
Mr. Edgar F. Puryear, III, '78C, TAPS, October 30, 2013, Charlottesville, VA
Mr. Douglas J. Angell, '86, TAPS, November 21, 2013, Westminster, MD
Rev. Dr. Josephine Lousia Redenius Baker, LTC USA (Ret.), '94H, TAPS, Nov. 20, 2013
Mr. Jeffrey S. Calvert, '12C, TAPS, October 1, 2013, Tyler, TX
Mr. Edward Griffin, '13C, TAPS, November 30, 2013, Richmond, VA.

Apologies

We apologize for the significant error in the *2013 Alumni Today*. We failed to include **LTG Willard Pearson** on the listing of Superintendents and Presidents, page 6. We are troubled by the omission caused by human error and send our regrets for the seeming disrespect this omission caused to the Pearson family and the Long Line of Gray.

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