



# The Legionnaire



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“Virtus, Honor, Vincere”

Recognition Weekend Special

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## Plebe Graduation 2002 75 Years of Tradition and Triumph

“Sir, Request Permission to Pass in Review”....“Pass In Review”....Words long awaited and anticipated by the plebes! The words gently slip off the tongues of the Regimental Commander and the Reviewing Officer prior to the final plebe pass in review. The words mark the end of the plebe system at the recognition parade. It's that time of year again! The plebes have arrived, gone through six weeks of rigorous training, and, for the most part, have come out on top. The Corps is now at “cadet”

status and no longer has plebes intertwined with cadets. The plebes no longer have to square their meals, or square the corridors, or, for the lucky guys in the infantry battalion, swing their arms out around campus. The plebes can now drink soda, call home whenever they need to, and use the cadet store for any purpose! Plebe system is over and we're proud to recognize the 75th line of cadets to pass through a changed, but traditional, Valley Forge Plebe System!

*P. McKiernan '03*



C Company takes part in Recognition Parade

## “Tea Time at Valley Forge” Who is the British Sergeant Major?

One of the many new faces on campus is Sergeant Major Bernard F. Broad, a guest from the British Army's Grenadier guards, here to oversee the Corps' drill during the six-week plebe system. He is originally from Greater Manchester, a town located in northwest England, just east of Liverpool. His daughters, ages eight and twelve, and his wife currently live there. He has been in the British Army for twenty years and has served in various places throughout the world, including the Falklands and Belize, where he enjoyed

exciting experiences in jungle warfare.

He has been at VFMA since mid August instructing the Corps in the fundamentals of British Drill. He has been very pleased with the Corps' progress and is “very happy to see the standard of the young man in America, especially when he comes here to Valley Forge.” Some of the best parts of Valley Forge that he has seen (aside from his being here!) are the history of the school, how well the alumni treat the school, and the motivation of ranking cadets to keep up the stan-

dard for future cadets.

When he returns to England, he expects to miss the informal relationship he has had with cadets and the great way they have treated him. However, he will not miss the dreaded walk up the hill after the “wonderful” meal in the Mess Hall.

The Corps wishes to thank Sergeant Major Broad for his guidance and sense of humor. He will be sorely missed.

*B. Wespi '03  
S. Glavin '03*

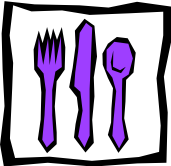
# HOOAH! COL "A"! The Commandant's Perspective

COL Adamczyk! The name rings a bell to every cadet present at Valley Forge! But who is he really? What secrets and ideas does he have locked away within the confines of his head? We recently had the privilege of sitting down with the Commandant and discussing how he feels about Valley Forge, how things on campus are affected by his everyday decisions, and how he is affected by the actions of the corps of cadets. COL Adamczyk came to Valley Forge just last year after serving four years at West Point as



*"The strong point of Valley Forge is that we'll never give up on a young man as long as he is willing to be a partner in his development; and even when he's not willing, we still won't give up."  
-COL Adamczyk*

the Brigade Tactical Officer, a position different in title but similar in responsibility to his current status at VF. The Commandant, a father of five, has worked with children and adolescents all his life, whether it be at Boy Scouts, coaching sports, or teaching Sunday School. The Commandant has a few simple goals at Valley Forge, namely, to focus all his attention on the Corps as a whole and not just on the plebes, and to provide a challenging and rigorous leadership training course to make leaders of the 21st century, to "achieve the unachievable". COL "A", as he is so well-known by cadets, sees the plebe system here as a challenging experience that has both changed and improved since his arrival. Much of what he saw last year was classified as "sophomoric antics" that have no place in Leadership Development here, and he is pleased at how things have come along and changed for the better. In his opinion, the current cadet leadership has an approach with a dedication to duty and an understanding that being a leader takes time and energy and maturity, and is pleased that the current leadership isn't "all for the perks." He sees an approach to performance and leadership by example, "I see it every day," and overall sees a vast improvement in the 75th Corps of cadets in comparison to last year. The plebe system is running smoothly, the leadership detail went well, and the academic year is off to a great start. His major goals are to "Break the paradigm" and to instill a core motto of "Leadership By Example". Just remember—"We're not there yet!" F. Matthews



## Dining Review The Regimental Mess

The Regimental Mess Hall, under the operation of the Wood Dining Company, has been the eatery of choice for cadets for three years. Just a short step down the hill, the Mess Hall is a quick and usually tasty solution to a hungry stomach. Upon entering the mess hall, one hears the familiar sounds of cafeteria-style dining, but experiences a range of pleasant atmospheres at different times of the day. At first mess a sluggish, hostile environment starts off a cadet's day but is followed by the relaxed, friendly environment of second mess. Optional third mess closes the day with a vibrant social setting where friends meet and enjoy a hearty meal after a long laborious day as a cadet. The food served in the mess hall runs the gamut in refined military dining, including such delicacies as chicken nuggets, chicken patties, and chicken a la king. This rare bird, indigenous to just about everywhere can be prepared in a wide variety of ways, many of which are explored by the Wood Dining Company. During second mess, cadets are lavished with chicken nuggets, which, according to most, are a welcome break from some of the other foods. If fried foods tingle your taste buds, you'll love these juicy, tender nuggets with B.B.Q. sauce bi-weekly. But if you're looking for something with a bit more gusto, try the chicken a la king at third mess. This luscious evening pleasure is another popular choice for cadets. The moist breast of chicken is sautéed with peppers, mushrooms, onions, and celery to satisfy any appetite.

Reviewer's Opinion

- Chicken Nuggets.....✪✪
- Chicken a la King.....✪✪✪

B. Wespi '03

## The "New" Legionnaire

The Legionnaire's mission for the Academic Year 2002-2003 is to become a factual, positive, and informative cadet-oriented publication that interests cadets, faculty, alumni, and staff alike. The Legionnaire staff's goal is to publish an issue a month, with special issues throughout the year when deemed necessary. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the content, or would like to learn more, you can contact us via E-mail: [VFLegionnaire@yahoo.com](mailto:VFLegionnaire@yahoo.com). We look forward to serving the interests of the Valley Forge Family!

-The Legionnaire Staff

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# Plebe System 2002 A Photojournalistic Look



**Above-**Plebe Pita anxiously checking into Field Music.  
**Below-**The Regimental Staff lines up for a 2nd mess Pass in Review, which occurs on every academic day.

“The plebe system is the most effective form of leadership training that I have ever encountered.”  
-SSG Mike Metallo  
C Company  
Squad Leader



**Above-**Plebe Dzhamurzaev of E Battery squaring a 2nd mess meal.

**Right-**SSG Oehlberg of C Company instructs a plebe on the proper hand salute.



**Above-**Plebes take the Cadet Oath on their first day before saying goodbye to all they know for six weeks.



Photo Courtesy of Patrick McKernan-Sean Glavin



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**Above-**B Company passes by the reviewing during a 2nd mess Pass in Review.  
**Below-**COL Temperton distributes much-needed candy to the Corps during an Academy football game.

**Quote of Note:**  
“The very spring and root of honesty and virtue lie in the felicity of lighting on good education.”  
--Plutarch  
(c. A.D. 45 - A.D. 125)

**Above-**An overhead view of D-Troop and C Company chowin-down during a standard everyday 2nd mess.

“The plebe system is a process by which we take undisciplined individuals and change them to be Disciplined and moral persons of character.”

**MSG Justin Carter**  
A Company  
Platoon Sergeant



Photo Courtesy of CPT David Jackson

**Above-**College plebes recite the Cadet oath, just a few days before the Academy plebes arrive on campus.

# The Newest Members of the Valley Forge Family

This fall, many new staff and faculty joined the Valley Forge Family. We would like to establish who they are and what they'll be doing for VF this year!

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Dr. Charles Neimeyer  | Vice President of Academic Affairs    |
| LTC John Bacon        | Dean, Academy                         |
| MAJ Brian Gudmundsson | Tactical Officer, Band/Field Music    |
| CPT Nancy Cary        | Director Regimental Choir             |
| CPT Patrick DeVine    | Tactical Officer, Charlie Co./D Troop |
| CPT John Ford         | Instructor, Academy                   |
| CPT Christine Meyer   | Instructor, Academy                   |
| CPT Richard Scullin   | Instructor, Academy                   |
| ILT Dallas Alexander  | Instructor, Academy                   |
| ILT John Breslin      | Instructor, Academy                   |
| ILT Elaine Dryden     | Instructor, Academy                   |
| Ms. Amy Deegan        | Finance Assoc., Business Office       |
| Ms. Karen Dufala      | Instructor, College                   |
| Mr. Timothy Farrell   | Instructor, College                   |
| Mr. George Gumpfer    | Instructor, College                   |
| Mrs. Karen Helbling   | Instructor, College                   |
| Ms. Rennie Hutton     | Counselor, Achievement Center         |
| Mr. Charles Kane      | Security Officer, Commandant's Dept.  |
| Mr. John Reed         | Instructor, College                   |
| Mr. Jonathan Schubert | Brass Instructor, Music Dept.         |
| Ms. Christine Spencer | Instructor, College                   |

# In Sports



**Football-** On September 7, 2002, VFMAC kicked off the football season with a loss. James West had four sacks, despite the team's poor showing. Also, Mike "Weinke" Faulds threw for nearly 300 yards and T. J. Calabrese had over 100 yards receiving with two touchdowns. On September 14, there was a classic moment in VFMAC history when four players were inducted into the Hall of Fame, most notably Aaron Beasley of the New York Jets. Unfortunately, that was the only bright moment for VFMAC. The Trojans went on to lose a very lopsided (and wet) game.

**Soccer-**The soccer team has not yet lived up to its expectations, but is on its way with one win in the bag out of four games. Its latest game on September 24 against Malvern Prep proved to be quite a show as the Trojans put up a good fight, but in the end lost 2-0, missing ample opportunities to score against one of the top-seeded teams in the region. The Trojans anxiously await the next game, October 4, 2002, with anticipation of winning for their parents.

**Cross Country-**The cross-country team has run off, leaving some competition in the dust. With Jeff Morrison and Jason Brown leading the team, there is much to be expected as the team gusts off with anticipation of future meets and competitions.

F. Matthews



K. Bell

## Corps Leadership 2002 - 2003

All the cadets pictured here participated in a 10-day Leadership Detail in which they learned about their duties and responsibilities as cadet leaders within the 75th Corps of Cadets. The top positions in the Corps are as follows:

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Cadet 1st Captain Matthew Pledger   | Regimental Commander  |
| Cadet 2nd Captain Steven Taylor     | Regimental Exec. Off. |
| Cadet 3rd Captain Marshall Hildreth | Infantry Bat. Cmdr.   |
| Cadet 4th Captain Patrick Corcoran  | Mounted Bat. Cmdr.    |

**Top-Officers**

**Bottom Left-** Junior NCO's **Bottom Right-**Senior NCO's



## Upcoming Events

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|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| October 25-27, 2002 | Corps Weekend!!!!!!!!!!!!!! |
| October 28, 2002    | Ring Ceremony 5:30 PM       |
| October 28, 2002    | Corps Retreat 6:00 PM       |
| October 30, 2002    | MS Halloween Party          |
| October 31, 2002    | Halloween Parade 2nd mess   |
| October 31, 2002    | Corps Halloween Dinner      |
| November 2, 2002    | Ring Dance 8:00 PM          |
| November 6, 2002    | Cadet/Co of Month Awards    |
| November 6, 2002    | Gold/Silver Star Dinner     |

If you would like to join the Legionnaire staff, come to our weekly meeting every Thursday during EI on Room 211 - or contact [vflegionnaire@yahoo.com](mailto:vflegionnaire@yahoo.com).