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1. **CALENDAR NOTES:**
   - Women's Soccer vs. USC-Aiken, 1 September, Patchin Field, 1300
   - New Cadet Oath Ceremony, 2 September, New Market, 1100
   - Parade, 7 September, 1635
   - Men's Soccer vs. George Mason (J. Sculley Memorial Tournament), 7 September, 1600
   - Alumni Association Board, 7-8 September
   - Parade, 8 September, 1030
   - Young Alumni Luncheon, 8 September, HOV, 1200
   - Football vs. Chowan, 8 September, Foster Stadium, 1330
   - Rugby 7's Tournament, 8 September, North Post, 1000
   - Men's Soccer vs. Marshall (J. Sculley Memorial Tournament), 9 September, 1530
   - Academic Convocation, 12 September, Cameron Hall, 1115
   - Department Heads Meeting, 12 September, SHBR, 1430
   - Parade, 14 September, 1635
   - First Reunion Weekend, 14-15 September
   - Football vs. University of Richmond, 15 September
   - Parade, 15 September, 1030
   - Constitution Day, 17 September
   - Board of Visitors (BOV), 17-19 September
   - First Period Demerit, 19 September
   - Remington Society Annual Seminar, 19 September
   - Women's Soccer vs. Campbell University, 20 September, Patchin Field, 1600
   - Parade, 21 September, 1635
   - Corps Trip (Naval Academy), 22 September
   - Women's Soccer vs. High Point University, 22 September, Patchin Field, 1400

2. **NEW CADET OATH CEREMONY:** The Rat Class will be traveling to New Market, VA on Sunday, 2 September, to participate in the New Cadet Oath Ceremony. New Cadets will take a historic tour and recite the Cadet Oath at 1100. The parade will begin at 1400. They will charge across the battlefield exactly as the New Market cadets did on May 15, 1864. As always VMI employees are welcome to attend. Additional information may be found at http://www2.vmi.edu/museum/nm/index.html.

3. **JACKSON HOUSE VOLUNTEERS:** An information session for new museum volunteers will be held at the Stonewall Jackson House at 8 E. Washington St. in Lexington on **Thursday, September 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m**. Individuals interested in volunteering at the only home that Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson ever owned are invited for a complimentary tour, refreshments, and the information session. The museum has openings for volunteer tour guides, museum shop assistants, and gardeners. For more information call Lucy Wilkins at (540) 464-7704 or email wilkinslr@vmi.edu. The site is part of the Virginia Military Institute Museum System.

4. **OPENING FOOTBALL GAME EVENT (8 SEPTEMBER)**: The Army ROTC has made arrangements to have the USSOCOM Para-Commandos here for the opening VMI football game versus Chowan. The Para-Commandos are a team of Special Operations Soldiers. They perform precision free fall parachute demonstrations across the United States, informing the public about the unique mission of Special Operations Command. The team is comprised of active duty military and Department of Defense civilians assigned to Special Operations Command and have a combined total of over 23,000 jumps. Most are combat veterans with a Special Operations background. The jumpers normally exit the aircraft from an altitude of 12,500 feet, free falling at speeds in excess of 120 miles per hour wearing smoke canisters on their feet to make them visible to the public below. During free fall, the members of the team maneuver their bodies like an aircraft to create formations in the sky. When the jumpers approach an altitude of 4,000 feet, they break their formation and glide in different directions, opening their parachutes approximately 2,500 feet above the ground. Once open, the members steer their parachutes and land one behind the other with precision accuracy in the landing area.

   We hope that you will come to the opening football game and to watch this specular event! Ticket prices are Adult Reserved $20, Adult General Admissions $17 and Youth GA/Reserved $10.

5. **ACADEMIC CONVOCATION**: Wednesday, 12 September at 1105 in Cameron Hall. Our Keynote speaker is Dr. Sherry Turkle, who has been studying people's changing relationships with digital culture for three decades. She is the Abby Rockefeller Mauzé Professor of the Social Studies of Science and Technology in the Program in Science, Technology, and Society at MIT and the founder and current director of the MIT Initiative on Technology and Self. She will discuss her latest book "Alone Together: Why We Expect More from Technology and Less from Each Other" (Basic Books, January 2011), which explores technology's influence on our interpersonal relationships, calling for society to reexamine and redefine our basis human connections.

   All faculty members will process, to include part-time faculty. Uniform will be academic regalia (preferred) or Class A uniform. Non-uniformed faculty without regalia will wear business attire. COL Mullen will marshal the faculty procession. Faculty should be robed and present in "Coaches Hall" on the Diamond Street side of Cameron Hall by 1100 hours. Cadets eligible to wear Academic Stars will process and be seated on the floor. Questions can be directed to COL Rob McDonald.

5. **REUNION WEEKEND:** The first Fall Reunion Weekend will be held on Friday and Saturday, 14 – 15 September. The classes of 1967, 1977 and 1987 will be honored.

6. **PHYSICAL PLANT UPDATES AND INFORMATION:**
   Key Request Policy General Order 56
   Key requests should be made by completing a "Request for Key Issuance" form available on the Physical Plant Website. Department heads must sign and approve subordinate requests for key issuance. It is the responsibility of the requestor to ensure that the original form is submitted to VMI Physical Plant Customer Service. Copies, faxes, or scanned documents will not be accepted. All key requests are kept on file and are considered to be confidential. Please call VMI Physical Plant Customer Service at extension 7357 during normal business hours for assistance.

7. **SCHEDULING EVENTS ON POST:** Throughout the year events are scheduled on Post by offices and departments. Faculty and staff are reminded that when an event is being contemplated that involves use of a facility or off Post visitors, they should consult General Order 72, VMI Scheduling Policy. Scheduling Policy Quite often there are multiple events occurring the same day

or in a very short time period. Is there going to be adequate parking and security to support the event? Can Physical Plant (housekeeping, room set up, audio, etc.) provide the needed support? If it is not a VMI organization that is the official sponsor, is a lease agreement required? Is Protocol support needed? Reserved parking? Are there special handicap needs? There are a whole host of issues that need to be resolved in order to ensure that these events are successful. When the procedures are not followed, it jeopardizes having a successful event. Please consult the General Order and if you have questions, please contact the Assistant Chief of Staff, LTC Gary Bissell, at ext. 7824.

11. THE CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP AND ETHICS

Leadership Book Program Kick-off: On 20 September, the Leadership Book Program will kick off the academic year with *Heart of a Soldier* by James B. Stewart. Stewart, who spoke at the 2012 Leadership Conference last March at VMI, will be on Post to discuss his book with participants of the book program. Questions? Contact Ms. Kathy Wirtanen.

2012 Floyd D. Gottwald '43 Visiting Chair in Leadership and Ethics: This year's Gottwald Chair is Dr. William Lad Sessions. Dr. Sessions will be on Post this semester teaching a class titled "Honor". As part of the CLE Class Lecture Series, on 22 Oct at 1115 hours Dr. Sessions will deliver a presentation on leadership entitled "Morality, Brotherhood, Honor" in the Gillis Theater at Marshall Hall.

2012 VMI STEM Education Conference, 1-3 October: If you care about math - how it's taught, how it's learned and the great strides being made in math education - this is a conference you can't miss. Join 400 educators and administrators, students, policy makers, and members of the private sector. First of a three-year conference series planned in partnership with the VMI STEM faculty focusing on student proficiency and performance in science, technology, engineering, and math, the 2012 conference theme is "Math as the Gateway to STEM Success." Keynote speakers include Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson, astrophysicist and director of the Hayden Planetarium, Salman Khan, founder of the Khan Academy, and Virginia Secretary of Education Laura Fornash. Learn more about our speakers and don't forget to register now! To receive complimentary registration, VMI faculty and staff use promo code **FACSTAF**, cadets use promo code **CADET**.

2012 VA Scan Conference, 9-10 October: Hosted by the CLE and the VMI Department of Information Technology, the 2012 VA Scan Conference will bring together IT managers, IT security professionals, technical staff, and auditors from higher education, K-12, government, and law enforcement. The Virginia Alliance for Secure Computing and Networking (VA Scan) exists for the purpose of strengthening information technology security programs within the Commonwealth of Virginia and the 2012 theme is "Securing the Future: BYOD and Beyond." Registration is now open! Keynote speaker Stacey Halota, Vice President of Information Security and Privacy at The Washington Post Company, rounds out an impressive list of presenters. Similar to the 2011 conference, a SANS course will be offered in addition to the main conference programming. "Metasploit Kung Fu for Enterprise Pen Testing" is hands on class, click here to learn more.

61st Annual SRAPPA Conference, 13-16 October: The Southeastern Regional Association of Physical Plant Administrators (SRAPPA) Conference, co-hosted by Virginia Military Institute's Physical Plant and Washington and Lee University's Facilities Management Office, will be held at numerous facilities on both campuses. The conference offers an opportunity for physical plant administrators from across the region to get together and share ideas, experiences, and advancements in the industry. Click here to register

8. **INSTITUTE POLICIES**: General Order 67 Club Policy was updated and can be found at http://www.vmi.edu/generalorders. Please take a moment to review the change in this policy. Contact the Chief of Staff's office at ext. 7104 with any questions.

9. **POST PEDDLER:** A weekly email compilation of unofficial notices for your review. Please visit the Post Peddle at www.vmi.edu/peddler. Please update or delete your previous postings as needed. Contact the Mrs. Sandra Ewald in the Human Resources Office at ext. 7322 with questions, concerns or to have old postings removed.

10. **INSTITUTE CALENDAR:** The Office of the Chief of Staff maintains the Institute calendar. If you need to add or change events currently shown on the Institute calendar, or need the most recent version of the calendar, please contact Katrina Butner at ext. 7104 or by email at (butnerkk@vmi.edu). Sherri Tombarge in the Office of Communications and Marketing maintains the Web calendar. Please contact Sherri at ext. 7207 or by email at tombargesk@vmi.edu with edits and additions.

11. **BULLETIN INFORMATION:** Anyone wishing to have information included in the bulletin should send the information to Katrina Butner (butnerkk@vmi.edu) before noon on Wednesdays.

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