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1. **CALENDAR NOTES:**
   - 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
   - Blood Mobile, 25-27 September, Cameron Hall
   - Academic Board Meeting, 26 September, SHBR, 1430
   - Piano Concert (Misuzu Tanaka), 26 September, JM Hall, 1945
   - Admissions Open House 28-29 September

2. **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. 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.

3. **ACADEMIC CONVOCATION (12 SEPTEMBER)**: 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.

4. **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.

5. **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.

6. **THE CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP AND ETHICS**

24th Annual Environment Virginia Symposium Call for Papers: Abstracts will be accepted online through 16 October 2012. We invite submissions from VMI faculty and cadets for 5-minute or 15-minutes presentations. Learn more about topics of particular interest and submit your abstract. The 2012 conference will be held on 9 – 11 April 2013 at Marshall Hall Center for Leadership and Ethics.

Leadership Book Program Kick-off: On 20 September at 1930hrs, the Leadership Book Program will kick off the academic year with *Heart of a Soldier* by James B. Stewart. Stewart, who also spoke at the 2012 Leadership Conference last March at VMI, will be at Marshall Hall Center for Leadership & Ethics to discuss his book. There will also be a book signing following the talk. This event is open to all cadets, faculty and staff. Questions? Contact Ms. Kathy Wirtanen.

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." Book signings will be held for keynote speakers Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson, astrophysicist and director of the Hayden Planetarium, and Salman Khan, founder of the Khan Academy. Dr. Tyson's talk will be held at Cameron Hall at 11:05 am on Wednesday, 3 Oct. Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. 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**.

7. **PHYSICAL PLANT UPDATES AND INFORMATION:**

Work Requests –

- It is very important that all facility and event support requirements are processed through the Physical Plant Customer Service section.
- If you have a facility or event support need, please use the following email to submit a work request: physicalplant@vmi.edu. THIS IS THE QUICKEST PATH OF ACTION.
- If you have a facility *emergency*, call 464-7357 [during normal business hours] and speak to our customer service representative.
- From 1600 to 0730 hours daily and on weekends, 464-7357 provides instructions on reporting your facility requirement.
- Please follow these guidelines to avoid delays in addressing your facility requirements.

8. **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.

9. **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.

10. **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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