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FACULTY AND STAFF)
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1. **CALENDAR NOTES:**
   - Second Reunion Weekend, 5-6 October
   - Homecoming Weekend, 5-7 October
   - Parade, 5 October, 1635
   - Parade, 6 October, 1030
   - Football vs. Presbyterian, 6 October, 1330
   - Homecoming Hop, 6 October, Cocke Hall
   - Women's Soccer vs. Coastal Carolina University, 6 October, Patchin Field, 1100
   - Women's Rugby vs. University of Richmond, 6 October, Turf Field, 1300
   - Lecture (Mr. John Leacock), 8 October, 312 Mallory Hall, 1105
   - Virginia SCAN Conference, 9-10 October, Marshall Hall
   - Youth Baseball Camp, 9 October, Gray-Minor, 1815-1945
   - Girls Club Basketball, 9 October, Cameron Hall, 2000
   - Men's Soccer vs. Radford, 10 October, Patchin Field, 1600
   - Department Heads Meeting, 10 October, SHBR, 1430
   - Youth Baseball Camp, 11 October, Gray-Minor, 1815-1945
   - FTX (Army Only), 12-14 October
   - Southeast Regional APPA Conference, 13-16 October
   - Men's Soccer vs. Coastal Carolina, 13 October, Patchin Field, 1400
   - Speaker (COL Daniel Shrimpton), 15 October, Nichols Engineering, 1105
   - Ending 2nd Grading Period, 16 October
   - Men's Soccer vs. Liberty, 16 October, Patchin Field, 1600
   - Youth Baseball Camp, 16 October, Gray-Minor, 1815-1945
   - Girls Club Basketball, 16 October, Cameron Hall, 2000
   - 2nd Period Demerit, 17 October
   - Jackson Hope Board Meeting, 18 October, Smith Hall Board Room
   - Women's Soccer vs. Liberty University, 18 October, Patchin Field, 1600
   - Youth Baseball Camp, 18 October, Gray-Minor, 18 October, 1815-1945
   - Speaker (Dr. Jon E. Lendon), 18 October, Nichols Engineering, 1945

2. **REUNION WEEKEND:** The second Fall Reunion Weekend will be held on Friday and Saturday, 05 – 06 October. The classes of 1997, 2002 and 2007 will be honored.

3. **FOOTBALL GAME EVENT (06 OCTOBER):** VMI Keydets against Presbyterian College starting at 1330. Please come out and support the VMI Keydets. Ticket prices are Adult Reserved $22, Adult General Admissions $20 and Youth GA/Reserved $10. For tickets please contact the ticket office or Ben Pittsley at pittsleybb@vmi.edu (540-464-7266).

Back by popular demand, one of the most popular and anticipated halftime performances, the U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon. Department Head and Commanding Officer, Colonel Patrick G. Looney, USMC and his staff in Navy ROTC help coordinate the Drill Platoon's appearance at VMI. The Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon is a 24-man rifle platoon that performs a unique precision drill exhibition. This highly disciplined platoon exemplifies the professionalism associated with the United States Marine Corps.

The Marines Corps Silent Drill Platoon execute a series of calculated drill movements and precise handling of their hand-polished, 10-and-one-half pound, M1 Garand rifles with fixed bayonets. The routine concludes with a unique rifle inspection sequence demonstrating elaborate rifle spins and tosses. These Marines are individually selected from the Schools of Infantry located in Camp Pendleton, Calif., and Camp Lejeune, N.C., based on interviews conducted by barracks personnel. Once selected, Marines are assigned to Marine Barracks Washington to serve a 2-year ceremonial tour. To remain proficient, these Marines hone their infantry skills at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., throughout the year. Only two Marines per year are selected to become rifle inspectors. They, along with the platoon's drill master, are entrusted with keeping and passing on the unique knowledge and traditions of the Silent Drill Platoon. Once the year's Silent Drill Platoon Marines have been selected each fall, they begin their rigorous training at Marine Barracks Washington and later move to Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., in order to perfect the routine before beginning a tour of the Corps' continental installations.

Come out and support the Keydets and see an exceptional half time show!

4. **EVENT (MONDAY, 8 OCTOBER):** Governor Mitt Romney will speak at VMI on Monday, 8 October, at 1115. Traffic flows on Post may be disrupted and parking in the Marshall Hall parking lot will be limited. The audience will be composed mostly of cadets. The speech is not open to the public. Press coverage for this event is expected to be considerable. More information will be forthcoming.

5. **FALL FTX PLANNING:** Fall Field Training Exercises (FTX) begins at the close of academic duty on Friday, 12 October, and will continue through Sunday, 14 October.

6. **VMI ARCHIVES AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION:** Please review the information located at http://www.vmi.edu/archives.aspx?id=3969. Records retention requirements are state-mandated. Contact COL Diane Jacob with questions regarding records retention or to transfer records to the VMI Archives. We also provide secure bulk shredding services.

7. **FRANCES MCNULTY LOGAN LEWIS LECTURE**: Lois Quam, Executive Director, Global Health Initiative, U.S. Dept. of State, will deliver the 2012 Frances McNulty Logan Lewis Lecture for the George C. Marshall Foundation on Thursday, 18 October at 1930 in the Marshall Foundation Library in Lexington. A reception will follow the lecture. Ms. Quam will talk about "The Strength to be Bold." The public is invited. RSVP Leigh McFaddin at 463-7103, ext. 138.

8. **COLLOQUIUM SERIES IN BIOLOGY**: This semester, the Department's series will focus on **Undergraduate Research in Biology**. Come support our cadets and see the exciting research being conducted in Biology! The entire VMI community is invited. Presentations will be held during Dean's Time (1100-1215) on selected Mondays throughout the semester, in the Physics Lecture Room (MH 135). Meetings will be held on 8, 15, & 29 October, 19 November, & 3 December. On 15 October, Dr. W. Mark Ford (Unit Leader at the Virginia Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Unit at Virginia Tech.), will give a special presentation, entitled *"Herding rats in the high country: fifteen years of Appalachian northern flying squirrels."* Contact MAJ Paul Moosman at ext. 7433 for details.

Date	Topics
8 Oct.	**Charlie Shutt:** Evaluation of auditory, olfactory and visual attractants on eastern coyotes **Cameron Sayer:** Digestion of *Francisella* by the ciliate *Paramecium*: implications for control of an important pathogen **Zack Hann**, Roosting ecology of eastern red bats in west-central Virginia
15 Oct.	**Mark Ford, Unit Leader, Virginia Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit**: Herding rats in the high country: fifteen years of Appalachian northern flying squirrels

9. **LECTURE**: Dr. Michael Grabchak from North Carolina State University will deliver a talk on Monday, 22 October at 1100 in the Turman Room, Preston Library. The title of his talk will be "Do Financial Returns Have Finite or Infinite Variance? A Paradox and an Explanation." This talk may be useful to math, economic and business majors.

10. **MATHEMATICS CONFERENCE:** The VMI Department of Applied Mathematics will host the Fall 2012 Meeting of the Maryland/D.C./Virginia Section of the Mathematical Association of America. The meeting will take place 26 - 27 October and will feature a range of contributed and invited lectures given by students and professors from the region. For more information, please feel free to visit http://sections.maa.org/mddcva/Fall2012Meeting.php or contact MAJ Nathan Axvig at ext. 7493.

11. **PHYSICAL PLANT UPDATES AND INFORMATION:**
POST WIDE SAFETY:
Seasonal Fire Safety
http://www.vafire.com/fire_safety_education/seasonal_safety_information.htm
Fire Safety
    - Keep all exit routes clear
    - No items may be stored in stairwells at anytime
    - All electrical panels must be accessible at all times
    - All appliances must be plugged directly into a receptacle or into fused adaptors (i.e. power strips). Extension cords are for temporary use only.
    All items listed are fire code violations.

The VMI Fire and Life Safety Program has been updated and can be accessed at the following link: http://www.vmi.edu/Administration/Finance_Administration_Support/Physical_Plant/Fire_and_Life_Safety/

12. **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.

13. **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.

14. **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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