VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE
Lexington, Virginia

FACULTY AND STAFF)
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1. **CALENDAR NOTES:**
   - Parade, 19 October, 1635
   - Parents Council Meeting, 19 October, Moody Hall, 0815
   - Senator Creigh Deeds Visit, 19 October, Scott Shipp Hall, 1400
   - Men's/Women's Swim Team vs. Gardner-Webb, King Hall, 19 October, 1700
   - Women's Swim Team vs. UNC-Asheville, King Hall, 19 October, 1700
   - Mid-Term Grades, 19 October, NLT 1600
   - Parents Weekend, 19-21 October
   - Keydet Club Board of Governors, 20 October, Preston Library, 0830
   - Parade, 20 October, 1030
   - Rugby (D2) vs. JMU, 20 October, North Post, 1300
   - Football vs. Coastal Carolina, 20 October, 1330
   - Rugby (D3) vs. W&L, 20 October, North Post, 1500
   - Keydet Club Scholarship Banquet, 20 October, Crozet Hall, 1830
   - Senate Finance Subcommittee, 23 October, Marshall Hall, 0930
   - Concert (Ariel Quartet), 24 October, Gillis Theater, 1945
   - Academic Board Meeting, 24 October, SHBR, 1430
   - Corps Flu Shots, 24-25 October
   - MAA Sectional Meeting, 26-27 October, Moody/Mallory Hall, 1430
   - Parade, 26 October, 1135
   - Byrd Award Convocation, 26 October, Cameron Hall, 1015
   - Lee Jackson Lacrosse Classic, 26 October, 1930
   - FE Exam, 27 October, Marshall Hall
   - MAA Sectional Meeting, 27 October, Moody/Marshall, 0700
   - Rugby (D2) vs. University of Richmond, 27 October, North Post, 1300
   - Rugby (D3) vs. Lynchburg College, 27 October, North Post, 1500
   - Virginia Powerlifting Tournament, 27 October, Cocke Hall, 0900

2. **HEALTH CENTER OPEN HOUSE -** All VMI faculty and staff are invited to an Open House at the VMI Health Center in the VMI Hospital building on Friday, October 19th between 1100 - 1300. The building is newly renovated and offers a modern facility to serve the medical and counseling needs of our cadets. Light refreshments will be served.

3. **PARENTS WEEKEND:** For more information please go to Parents Weekend Brochure. Some of the activities will be information sessions, Barracks open house, and athletic events. There will be an evening concert of patriotic, popular and jazz music featuring the VMI Glee Club, Men in Grey and the VMI Commanders Concert on Friday, 19 October at 1930 hours in Jackson Memorial Hall. Admission is free and open to the public. More information will be available on the VMI Home Page.

4. **VMI THEATRE PRESENTS:** *IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY*, a nonsensical British comedy, on 19 October at 8:30 p.m., 20 October at 8:00 p.m., and 21 October at 2:00 p.m. in the Gillis Theater, Marshall Hall. Set in a London hospital, this play features doctors, nurses, patients, and other confused characters who chase each other, mistake everybody for somebody else, balance on high window ledges, assume ridiculous disguises, and otherwise offer an evening of "unbridled lunacy" on stage. Admission for adults is $10; $5 for students and senior citizens over 55, and cadets free. Reservations are not required. For additional information, call 540-464-7389 or e-mail blandjk@vmi.edu.

5. **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.

6. **THE CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP AND ETHICS**
Lecture: Dr. William Lad Sessions, 2012 Floyd D. Gottwald '43 Visiting Chair in Leadership and Ethics, will give his lecture entitled "Morality, Honor and Brotherhood" on Monday, 22 October from 1115 – 1215 hrs in the Gillis Theater of Marshall Hall. Morality, honor and brotherhood are fundamental values for VMI. But what do they mean, and how do they fit together? The answers may surprise and challenge you. Join a philosophical inquiry into your basic principles. This lecture is mandatory for the second class cadets and open to others who may wish to attend as space allows.

   Three back-to-back conferences – the 2012 STEM Education Conference, 2012 VASCAN Conference, and 2012 SRAPPA Conference – were recently hosted by the CLE, bringing visitors from across the commonwealth and beyond to the VMI Post. **Thank you** to all VMI faculty, staff, and cadets who made our recent events a success!

7. **BYRD PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD** – Former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates will receive the Harry F. Byrd, Jr. '35 Public Service Award on 26 October during a ceremony in Cameron Hall beginning at 1015 hours. Former Secretary Gates will address the Corps and faculty & staff. Uniform will be Class Dyke for the Corps of Cadets and Class B for faculty and staff. The Award, established by VMI in 2001, is made possible by the generosity of Senator Byrd, former Virginia and United States Senator. The award honors distinguished public servants whose careers characterize the ideals of the Institute: Selflessness, Integrity, Patriotism, and Courage. The event is open to the public.

   ACADEMIC SCHEDULE CHANGE: Due to the Byrd Public Service Award on 26 October, the following changes will occur to the Cadet Daily and Academic Schedules: Please note the times and changes below:

   - BRC 0600
   - First CP 0700 – 0750
   - Second CP 0800 – 0850
   - Third CP 0900 – 0950
   - Convocation in Cameron Hall (Byrd Award) 1015
   - Parade 1135

   No change to the academic schedule for the afternoon.

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 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.

29 Oct.	**Peter Van Steyn:** Effects of nitric oxide on angiogenesis in the vascular bed in embryonic zebra fish (*Danio rerio*) **Sarah Hunziker:** A catalog of vocalizations in Tree Swallows (*Tachycineta bicolor*) with a focus on alarm calls **Garrett Parsons:** Cell wall structure and its implications in bio-diesel production
19 Nov.	**Fritz Dawson**: Effects of estrogen deprivation on the vascular development of embryonic zebrafish **Ben Sykes:** Effects of nitric oxide on the development of the 'listless' condition in zebrafish (*Danio rerio*) **Matt Waalkes:** Analysis of *Glycine max* external and internal stem anatomy in relation to cell wall chemistry and biodiesel yield
3 Dec.	**Molly Western**: Temperature profiles of small-footed bats and their roosts in Virginia **Micah Hosler**: Analysis of the foraging niches of insectivorous bats using stable isotopes **Richard Scruggs**: Development and evaluation of methods for non-invasive hair collection of carnivores

9. **FLU SHOTS:** Everyone is encouraged to get the flu shot that is available at local pharmacies, the Health Department, and your doctor's office. By getting the flu shot you will be protecting yourself and your family from the seasonal flu. VMI will give the regular seasonal flu shot to all cadets who want one during clinics at the Post Hospital from 24-25 October.

10. **LEE JACKSON LACROSSE CLASSIC:** The annual event will take place at 1930 on Friday, 26 October at Wilson Field over at Washington & Lee. This year marks the 26th year of the Lee-Jackson Classic between VMI and W&L. This is the longest active DI vs. DIII contest in NCAA lacrosse. In addition to providing a great atmosphere for both programs to better prepare for the spring, this game also serves as an opportunity to promote the fastest growing sport in the country throughout the Lexington community. Admission into the game is free of charge. GO KEYDETS!

11. **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. Registration is required, and can be done the day of the conference. For more information, please feel free to visit http://sections.maa.org/mddcva/Fall2012Meeting.php or contact MAJ Nathan Axvig at ext. 7493.

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

Lease Vehicle Program:

- When leaving your personal vehicle at Physical Plant (Hinty Hall) to take a lease vehicle on a trip, please park your personal vehicle in a "visitor" spot when available. These parking spaces have brown signs indicating "Visitor Parking". Physical Plant employees are not allowed to park in these six spaces.

Surplus Program:

- Any request to visit K-Mart to identify needed surplus items, must be sent to: physicalpant@vmi.edu or call the help desk at 464-7357 to receive a work order number.
- K-Mart visits will only be accommodated on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 1300 – 1500 hours.

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

13. **EMPLOYEE CARD INCENTIVE**: ARAMARK has provided to all full-time employees a $30.00 credit on their VMI employee ID cards to be utilized in the PX (Lejeune Hall) only. If you have a card with a black magnetic stripe on the back, you **do not** have to stop by the HR Office to have it "encoded" – your $30 credit is ready for you to spend. If you do not have a VMI ID card with a black magnetic stripe on the back, please stop by the Human Resources Office to get one beginning next Monday 15 October, any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. A supply of new cards is on order and will be delivered this Friday. The $30 credit is good only for purchases in the PX Food Court. It cannot be used in the bookstore or vending machines. The $30 credit (and any carry-over balance) is good through **16 May 2013,** remaining balance will expire.

Part-time employees, ROTC employees and employees of the VMI Alumni Agencies are not eligible for the $30 credit, but these employees may stop by the HR Office to pick up a coupon for your choice of: a VMI Breakfast Plate and a cup of coffee or a double Angus cheeseburger, regular fries and a fountain drink.

14. **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.

15. **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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