VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE
Lexington, Virginia

FACULTY AND STAFF)
BULLETIN 15) 16 November 2012

1. **CALENDAR NOTES:**
   - Third Period Grades Due, 16 November, NLT 1600
   - Ring Figure Presentation, 16 November, Cameron Hall, 1330
   - Ring Figure Ball, 16 November, Marshall Hall, 2000
   - Parade, 17 November, 1030
   - Football vs. Liberty University, 17 November, 1330
   - Rifle vs. Morehead University, 17 November, Kilbourne Hall, 0800
   - Rat March, 18 November
   - Biology Colloquium Series, 19 November, Mallory Hall, 1100
   - Friday Classes meet, 20 November
   - Thanksgiving Furlough Begins (CAD), 20 November
   - Women's Club Basketball, 20 November, Cameron Hall, 2000
   - Thanksgiving, 22 November
   - Basketball vs. Elon University, 24 November, Cameron Hall, 1700
   - High School Wrestling Camp, 24 November, Cocke Hall, 1930
   - Thanksgiving Furlough Ends, 26 November, 2200
   - Women's Club Basketball, 27 November, Cameron Hall, 2000
   - Parade, 30 November, 1635
   - Admissions Open House, 30 November -1 December
   - Men's Soccer US E License Course, 30 November-2 December, Patchin Field
   - Alumni Network Forum, 1 December
   - Rifle Tournament vs. Penn State, 1 December, Kilbourne Hall, 0800
   - Basketball vs. Morgan State, 1 December, Cameron Hall, 1300
   - Boxing Tournament, 1 December, Cocke Hall, 1800
   - Basketball vs. Virginia University of Lynchburg, 3 December, Cameron Hall, 1900
   - Lecture (MAJ Todd Pierce), 3 December, Turman Room, 1105
   - Lecture (Dr. Leo Daughtry), 3 December, Scott Shipp Hall, 1300
   - Blood Mobile, 4-6 December, Cameron Hall
   - Women's Swimming vs. Hollins University, 4 December, King Hall, 1800
   - Women's Club Basketball, 4 December, Cameron Hall, 2000
   - Virginia Values Veterans Conference, 4 December, Marshall Hall
   - Department Heads Meeting, 5 December, SHBR, 1430
   - Academic Reception, 5 December, Moody Hall Activities Room, 1615-1830
   - New Cadet Recruiting Reception, 5 December, Marshall Hall, 1830
   - Theater Production (Stocking Stuffers), 7-9 December, Marshall Hall

2. **RING FIGURE:** The Ring Presentation Ceremony for the Class of 2014 will be held on Friday, 16 November at 1330 hours in Cameron Hall. This event is open to parents and family. The Ring Figure Ball that evening is by invitation only.

3. **FOOTBALL GAME EVENT (16 November)**: This weekend's football game on Saturday is against Liberty University. The game will be televised live by ESPN3, which is the second time this season. During pre-game ceremonies the VMI football seniors will be introduced, along with family and special friends. VMI is competing in the Game Day Challenge on Saturday, 17 November. Game Day Challenge is a friendly competition among colleges to reduce waste from one home football game. Last year VMI reduced waste by 36% - this year's goal is a 50% reduction. Help VMI "green the gridiron" by recycling at the game. If you plan to tailgate, consider serving food on reusable or compostable plates, cups, and utensils. Ticket prices are: Adult general admissions $17 and youth general admissions $10. For tickets please contact the ticket office or Ben Pittsley at pittsleybb@vmi.edu (540-464-7266).

4. **AFROTC HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE:** Please consider the less fortunate this holiday season. The Air Force ROTC food drive is benefitting the Rockbridge Area Relief Association food pantry. Most-needed items at the food bank are boxed cereals, peanut butter and tuna fish. Donation bins are located in cadet barracks, entryway to the PX, and main hallway in Kilbourne Hall. We will have a donation bin at the AFROTC tent during the tailgate for this Saturday's home game. Contact Captain Kimberly Kennedy (x7587) with questions.

5. **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 19 November, in the Physics Lecture Room (MH 135). Speakers will be **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*), and **Matt Waalkes:** Analysis of *Glycine max* external and internal stem anatomy in relation to cell wall chemistry and biodiesel yield

6. **THANKSGIVING FURLOUGH:** Thanksgiving Furlough for cadets will begin on Tuesday, 20 November, at the close of academic duty and continue through 2200 hours on Monday, 26 November.

7. **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY:** VMI will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday beginning at noon on Wednesday, 21 November, and reopening on Monday, 26 November.

8. **UNIFORM CHANGE**: Cadets will switch over to the winter uniform on Tuesday, 27 November.

9. **THE CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP AND ETHICS: Leadership Book Program:** The Leadership Book Program, hosted by the Center for Leadership and Ethics at Marshall Hall, will meet on 29 November to finish discussion of ***We Were Soldiers Once…and Young***. The next book will be ***127 Hours: Between a Rock and a Hard Place*** by Aron Ralston. This autobiography recounts Ralston's harrowing experience trapped in a Utah canyon. Books for cadets are provided and can be obtained by contacting the cadets in charge of the book program: Cadet Hansen, Cadet Pryor, and Cadet Tafolla. Contact Ms. Kathy Wirtanen with questions.

10. **ACADEMIC RECEPTION:** All academic employees are invited to attend an end-of-term holiday reception hosted by the Dean, In Moody Hall Activities Room on Wednesday, 5 December, at 1615 hours. Dress is business casual or Class B uniform. RSVP not required, just stop in and enjoy a little holiday cheer! Questions can be directed to Pat Leahy at leahypj@vmi.edu.

11. **VMI COMMUNITY THEATRE**: The VMI Community Theatre will present STOCKING STUFFERS, a holiday revue of short plays, songs, and stories, on Friday and Saturday, 7-8 December at 1930, and Sunday 9 December at 1400 in the Gillis Theater, Marshall Hall. A cast and crew of community performers, VMI faculty and staff, and cadets will celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, and the Winter Season in a revival of this show which ran from 1997 to 2009. The entire family will enjoy the variety of holiday performances. General admission is $5.00, with cadets admitted free. Reservations are not necessary. Information: 540-464-7389 or blandjk@vmi.edu.

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.

Fire Systems Inspection:

There will be a Post-wide sprinkler inspection November 19-20. There will be no disruptions to cadets, facility or staff. If you have any questions please contact Mark Hall at 464-7048 or hallms@vmi.edu.

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. **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.

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.

FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT:

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