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1. **CALENDAR NOTES:**
   - Basketball vs. UNC-A, 8 February, Cameron Hall, 1900
   - Academic Speaker (Lt.Col. Paul Barron), 8 February, Scott Shipp Hall 448, 0900
   - M/W Rifle Team vs. North Georgia, 9 February, Kilbourne Hall, 0830
   - Rugby vs. Virginia Tech, 9 February, North Post, 1300
   - Midwinter Formal Hop, 9 February, Cocke Hall, 1900-2200
   - Fly Fishing Film Tour, 11 February, Gillis Theater, 1900
   - End of 1st Grading Period, 12 February
   - Legislative Reception, 12 February, Library of Virginia in Richmond
   - Basketball vs. Radford University, 13 February, Cameron Hall, 1900
   - 5th Demerit Period, 13 February
   - Admissions Open House, 15-16 February
   - Parade, 15 February, 1635
   - Wrestling vs. The Citadel, 15 February, Cocke Hall, 1930
   - Parents Council Meeting, 16 February
   - Basketball @ Campbell, 16 February, 1400
   - HB Johnson Lecture (RADM Matthew Klunder), Gillis Theater, 18 February, 1100
   - Basketball vs. High Point University, 19 February, Cameron Hall, 1900
   - Academic Board Meeting, 20 February, SHBR, 1430
   - American Math Competition, 20 February, Hall of Valor, 0800-1500
   - Wrestling vs. Appalachian State, 20 February, Cocke Hall, 1930
   - Basketball @ Charleston Southern University, 21 February, 1930
   - Cadet Life Ski Trip, 22-24 February
   - Baseball vs. Buffalo, 22 February, Gray-Minor, 1600
   - MAC Rifle Championships, 23 February, Kilbourne Hall, 0800
   - Baseball vs. Buffalo, 23 February, Gray-Minor, 1230
   - Conway Cup (Soccer Tournament), 23 February, Washington & Lee Campus
   - Baseball vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore, 23 February, Gray-Minor, 1600
   - Baseball vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore, 24 February, Gray-Minor, 1600

2. **ALERT ROCKBRIDGE**: Have you signed up for Alert Rockbridge notifications? VMI uses Alert Rockbridge for late opening and closing announcements as well as any other emergency announcements. You can sign up to have the notifications sent to your cell phone as text messages as well as e-mail messages to your computer. When you register with Alert Rockbridge you can select the groups you're interested in. The groups include: VMI (under Colleges and Universities, you can select W&L and SVU as well); Lexington, Buena Vista or Rockbridge County schools (you select the individual schools and you'll receive only the messages that pertain to those schools); weather alerts (24/7 or 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.); Crime alerts (by locality); Amber alerts; Community Events; Dam Notifications; and Parks and Recreation. Don't worry, you will receive notifications only for the groups you have selected and you can opt in or opt out of groups at any time. To register with Alert Rockbridge, go to https://www.alertrockbridge.com.

3. **BASKETBALL GAME EVENT (8 FEBRUARY)**: VMI will be playing UNC/Asheville, the Big South defending champion on Friday, 8 February at 1900 in Cameron Hall. The game will be nationally televised by ESPNU. The Glee Club will be performing the National Anthem. Cadets' dates that plan to attend the Midwinter Formal Hop on Saturday, 9 February will be admitted into the game as guests of the Athletic Department at no charge.

   The half-time show will be the United States Navy Ceremonial Guard, established in 1931. They are the official ceremonial unit of the Navy. Located at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, DC, the Navy Ceremonial Guard's primary mission is to represent the service in Presidential, Joint Armed Forces, Navy, and public ceremonies in and around the nation's capital.

   Members of the Navy Ceremonial Guard participate in some of our nation's most prestigious ceremonies, including Presidential inaugurations and arrival ceremonies for foreign officials. In addition, the Navy Ceremonial Guard serves as the funeral escort and conducts all services for Navy personnel buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

   Tasking for ceremonies comes from the President of the United States, the Secretaries of Defense and the Navy, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Chief of Naval Operations, and the Commandant, Naval District Washington. Navy Ceremonial Guard Sailors participate in numerous other military ceremonies at local commands. Some elements of the command, such as the Drill Team and Color Guard, have represented the Navy in public events across the nation and around the world.

4. **FLY-FISHING FILM TOUR (F3T)** is coming to VMI Gillis Theater, 102 Marshall Hall at 1900 on Monday, 11 February. A night of fly-fishing filmography that you will not soon forget including massive hatches, jungle adventures, and lots of big fish. If you do not know about "f3t" check out the following link for more information, http://flyfilmtour.com/f3t. Tickets are free and the public is welcome. Doors open at 1800 with a pre-event social including door prizes, raffles, and Trout Unlimited (TU) information. This event is sponsored by the Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited and the 5 Rivers Program. It is being hosted by the VMI Fishing Club and the W&L Fly-fishing Club. Forward your questions about this event to COL Lee Dewald at ext. 7490 or email at dewaldls@vmi.edu.

5. **DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY COLLOQUIUM SERIES – SPRING 2013:**

When: 1100-1215 (Dean's Time), on selected Mondays
Where: Mallory Hall 135 (Physics Lecture Hall)
Who: Open to anyone; mandatory for all biology majors*

Date	Topics
11 Feb.	**MAJ Anne Alerding** – Developing a "super plant" optimized to produce clean-energy biofuels.
4 Mar.	**Cadet Molly Western** - Between a rock and a hot place: thermoregulation and selection of habitat by North America's smallest species of bat.
4 Apr.	**Dr. Robert Humston** – Ecology and Management of Smallmouth Bass in Virginia Rivers.

15 Apr.	**Cadet Micah Hosler** – You are what you eat: foraging ecology of insectivorous bats revealed through analysis of stable isotopes.

* Contact MAJ Paul Moosman for details

6. **THE CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP AND ETHICS:**
   - **Erchul Award nominations close 15 February:** The Erchul Environmental Leadership Award recognizes a Virginian who has made significant individual efforts to better our environment. Do you know someone who fits that description? Nominees will be judged on the basis of vision, expertise, commitment, integrity, communication skills, accomplishments, and diplomacy. Don't delay – get your nomination in before the deadline!

   - **2013 Honor Conference registration open:** The theme for this year's conference is "**Building and Strengthening Honor Codes: Inspiring Honor and Respect**." Keynote speakers include Martin Smith, producer and correspondent for PBS FRONTLINE, and Dewey Bozella, an aspiring boxer who was convicted and eventually exonerated of a murder he didn't commit. Visit www.vmi.edu/honorconference for more details and register now! VMI faculty, staff and cadets will receive complimentary registration.

   - **Leadership Book Program Speaker:** On October 11, 2000, the USS Cole was attacked by al Qaeda terrorists – the first assault against the United States. **Commander Kirk Lippold, USN (Ret.)** will be on Post to discuss his book, *Front Burner: Al Qaeda's Attack on the USS Cole*, with participants of the Leadership Book Program on 21 March at 1945 hrs in Gillis Theater. There will be a book signing with Commander Lippold after his talk. This event is hosted by the Leadership Book Program and the Center for Leadership and Ethics. This event is open to the VMI and local community.

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

   Physical Plant Employee Recognition for the month of January 2013

   Team Member of the Month
   - CS&L – Chad Austin
   - FMT I – Buddy Lawhorn
   - FMT II – Ora Youngblood
   - Grounds – Tracy Brown
   - Heat Plant – Scotie Swisher
   - HMT/WP – Joe Fix
   - Custodial I –John Vess
   - Custodial II – Tommy Vess
   - Custodial Barracks – Freda Crawford
   - Support – Mark Hall

   Congratulations! ***Tommy Vess*** Physical Plant EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

   Semi-annual elevator inspections will take place February 19 – 20 (Tuesday – Wednesday). During the inspections, elevators will be out of service for approximately 30 – 45 minutes. Please contact Physical Plant Customer Service at 7357 if there are any questions.

SUBMITTING WORK REQUESTS:

- When submitting a work order, it is important to provide as much detail as possible. Physical Plant customer service has seen an increase in requests that do not clearly explain the need. Work orders that are submitted with incomplete information will be returned. This can result in delays in service. We ask for your support in this matter.
- We are in the process of creating an on line form to be used to submit work requests. This form will be available from our website and when available, will be the primary process used by all to submit requests.

POST WIDE SAFETY:

- Post wide fire sprinkler inspections will take place in mid-February.
- If a fire alarm activates, all employees and Cadets must evacuate the building, and not re- enter until the Fire Department approves.

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.

RECYCLING

RecycleMania 2013 started on February 3 and runs through March 30. VMI is competing with more than 500 colleges and universities across the country to see who can reduce waste and recycle the most. Stay tuned for special recycling-themed events at VMI over the next 8 weeks.

This year, there's a new category in RecycleMania for thin film plastics. VMI does not normally collect these materials, so this is a great opportunity to measure the impact.
What's a thin film?

- Plastic bags
- Shrink wrap
- Bubble wrap
- Bulk product packaging (like the plastic around a case of soda bottles, e.g.)

VMI's ROTC supply offices, Physical Plant, and the QMD are participating in this special collection. Does your office want to join in? If you would like to collect these materials in your department, please contact MAJ deHart at x7658 for details.

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.

FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT:

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