AMCSUS Launches Enhanced Website

Check out the amazing enhancements Mob42 put into the new AMCSUS website.

New Leaders’ Workshop

R-MA hosted gathering lauded by participants.

Hurricane Irma & Maria

Four AMCSUS Schools impacted by recent storms.

Prep School Challenge

Association to host three competitions: Drill, Run & Academic.

SMC & MJC Conferences

VMI hosts SMCs 8-10 Oct and VFMA&C hosts MJCs 22-24 Oct.

The new and improved AMCSUS.org website went live on 1 Oct. The site includes significant enhancements designed to attract prospective students, parents, and sponsors, while providing Association members with easy access to Best Practices and the new “Essential Elements” chapters. Please encourage your Marketing and Admissions Offices to visit the site soon to ensure your school’s information, photos, and website are working and displayed as desired. The new format allows increased opportunity for you to showcase your school’s activities, programs, and cadets. Please check out the website and let Mob42 (wilson@mob42.com or andrew@mob42.com) if you need any changes.

Your New AMCSUS Website is now LIVE!
New Leaders’ Workshop & College Prep Conference
Randolph-Macon Academy hosted the Association’s 2017 New Leaders’ Workshop and College Prep Conference 24-26 Sept. The group participated in a series of presentations to include perspectives from a Head of School at the 1 year, 5 year and 30 year point. Outside speakers from Hobgood and Associates, the VA State Patrol, and FBI covered a variety of informative topics from admissions, development, drugs and cyber crimes. R-MA cadets showcased their impressive drone program and allowed participants some hands-on training! Brig Gen Doug Murray (New Mexico Military Institute Dean) provided some powerful insights into the critical importance of the military school. The highlight of the workshop was the candid and open discussion and the building of relationships which serve us all.
With Hurricane Irma projecting for a direct hit on Admiral Farragut Academy, Bob Fine directed the cadets be evacuated ahead of the storm. While the majority of cadets and staff chose to return home to wait out the storm, there were about 25 cadets who did not have that option. It was at this time that Riverside Military Academy, aware of the projected path of the storm, reached out to Admiral Farragut and offered to host the remaining cadets. The 25 ADM Farragut cadets and 7 staff members travelled to Riverside to wait out the storm. Riverside’s President Bill Gallagher had the cadets (male and female) billeted on campus and fully integrated into the school’s ongoing classes. Having female cadets on campus and attending classes was certainly something new for Riverside, but their plan worked perfectly. Hat’s off to Riverside Military Academy for assisting a fellow school in need, and doing so without charge!

A skeleton crew, including ADM Farragut’s Commandant Todd Wallingford, rode out the storm on campus along with family members and alumni who sought a secure location. Riverside also opened their school to family members and alumni. Jamie Dwight, President of Florida Prep, located on Florida’s East Coast, chose to keep the majority of his cadets on campus once it was clear that the brunt of the storm would miss the school. While Riverside, ADM Farragut, and FL Prep sustained some damage, all cadets and staff safely survived the storm.

At the time this Newsletter goes to press, calls and emails from AMCSUS to American Military College (AMA) in Puerto Rico remain unanswered. The devastation in Puerto Rico from Hurricane Maria is significant, and the power and communication will take some time to bring back on line. Facebook posts show cadets and staff working post storm clean-up, and confirm they are receiving great assistance. Our thoughts and prayers are with the cadets and staff of AMA, and we stand ready to support in any way possible.

Technology Enhancement Rebates Available

- E-Rate is a Federal program that has distributed billions of dollars to schools to help cover phone services, internet access, and now includes Wi-Fi equipment and maintenance
- All non-profit schools with an endowment less than $50 million are eligible to receive E-rate funds.
- eRate Program, LLC (http://erateprogram.com/erate/public/) is a company which helps Religious, Private & Independent schools/colleges receive E-Rate funds (over $35M in 11 years)
- eRate Program, LLC filed almost 25% of all 2016 filing Religious, Private & Independent schools
- eRate Program, LLC handles all the paperwork for their 1,100 clients to make filing easier, faster and more comprehensive…eliminating the complexity
- Most of the $35 Million in E-Rate funds went to schools that never received E-Rates
- Every Private, Religious and Independent school and college with an endowment under $50M can add to, or upgrade their WIFI environment for 1-to-1 tablets, blended and 21st century enhanced learning over the next 2 years and get between 40% and 85% E-Rate funding to help pay for it
- Every school is spending $$$ on WIFI equipment. How much per student?
- Every school can get $60 or more per student in E-Rates for eligible WIFI equipment purchased between Apr 2017-Sep 2018
- That's 40% E-Rates - up to $1,200 per classroom for equipment you will buy anyway to become technologically proficient
- Plus, you can get 40% or more E-Rates on all internet access costs
2017-2018 College Prep School Challenges
Building off of last year’s Drill and Academic Bowl challenges, AMCSUS College Prep Schools will be invited to participate in three competitions during the 2017-2018 academic year. Two events will be held this Fall and one in the early Spring. Expect competition details to follow later this month!

- Athletic competition (Fall 2017)
- Drill Team Competition (late Fall 2017)
- Academic Bowl (early Spring 2018)

Personnel Announcements
- Lt Gen John Rosa announced his retirement as President of the Citadel with effect at the end of the 2017-2018 school year
- RADM Scott Burhoe announced his retirement as President of Fork Union Military Academy with effect at the end of the 2017-2018 school year
- Hobgood and Associates contracted to conduct search for Hargrave Military Academy’s next President
- WELCOME: Col Mike Titus, Norwich University’s new Commandant & Steve Wall, Oak Ridge Military Academy’s new Dean

Valley Forge Military College
Designated as Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense 2 Year Education by NSA/DHS
https://www.vfmac.edu/project/vfmc-designated-center-academic-excellence-cyber-defense-2-year-education-nsadhs/
Congrats to Dean Maureen Malone!

Block Your Calendars!
- 2017 Senior Military College Conference: 8-10 Oct at Virginia Military Institute
- 2017 Military Junior College Meeting: 22-24 Oct at Valley Forge Military College
- 2018 AMCSUS Annual Conference: 25-27 Feb at the Westin Alexandria, VA

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