



The Vessey Voice

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Word from the editor

Congratulations, you're reading the first publication of the Vessey Voice. This monthly newsletter will inform both parents and cadets about upcoming events and provide important information about our cadets and our school. Sorry it took so long to come out, but all that matters is that it's out now and you're reading it.

Until next time,
C/CPT. Beacham, Chris (editor)

Monthly Interview

For those of you who don't know; Fone Yang is VLA's current Battalion Commander. He has been a cadet here since we first opened the doors in 2004. So...we thought it would only be fair if he was the very first interview for the "Vessey Voice".

I started my interview by asking him how it feels being the Battalion Commander, knowing that teachers and cadets have high expectations of him. C/LTC Yang (Fone) told me how rewarding it is to know he has the ability to impact someone's day and/or life. As for the high expectations, he tells me, "It was hard at first, to adapt to all the pressures to do my best, every day. It just took some getting used to". When asked about how he feels about the upcoming inspection, Fone answered, "I hope everybody does their best and doesn't worry about passing or failing"

C/CPT. Valento, Michelle

Fone Yang

During spring break, some of the Spanish students flew to Mexico, along side Mrs. Trautman, to learn and experience a different culture and traditions.

Welcome back

B.F.I

Coming up on April 10th, VLA will participate in its first Brigade Formal Inspection. This is a requirement for all JROTC programs, which occurs every four years. The inspection will test all students' JROTC common knowledge, drill and ceremony skills, and evaluate uniform wear and appearance. In addition, the cadet staff will brief the status of the corps, and stand a rigorous inspection of their individual areas of responsibility.

On February 29th, VLA and Minnesota Transition School had their first Joint Military Ball. It was held at the Ft. Snelling Officer's Club. We learned about a military tradition, ate a wonderful dinner, and experienced great fellowship. The music was great...you could say we had a ball!

C/ILT Jerue, Robert

It was a "Ball"

Calendar/Events

- Tuesday, MAR 25:** Board Meeting
- Wednesday, MAR 26:** Open House; 6 to 8pm
- Thursday, APR 3:** End of Quarter (no students Friday)
- Thursday, APR 10:** JROTC Formal Inspection
- Wednesday, APR 16:** parent meeting
- Friday, APR 18:** Student Career Day

An anonymous donor has challenged Vessey to donate 2,000 cans of food to a local food bank. In return, the donor will provide \$1000 to offset the cost of this year's prom. Turn-in cans to your advisory teacher, March 24th through May 1st. No outdated items, kool-aide, or ramen noodles, please.

A CANNED PROM

INSPECTION CHECKLIST

1. Turn-in uniform to VLA for professional cleaning
2. Check student records for accuracy
3. Be able to identify your awards and ribbons
4. Understand the proper wear of the uniform
5. Make sure males get a haircut so hair does not touch the top of the ears or the top of the shirt collar
6. Males must shave—no sideburns below middle ear; no beards or goatees, mustache must not touch upper lip or extend beyond corners of the mouth
7. Female hair must be up neatly and fit beneath headgear-not touching bottom of collar.

Across

4. The Vessey voice Jr. editor

Down

1. The name of our newspaper

2. Our Battalion Commander

3. May 3rd

5. the name of the formal inspection

-Word Bank-

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-Fone Yang

-Prom

-BFI

-Chris Beacham

Cool links

- vesseyvoice.piczo.com(we have a web page)
- vlabattalion.blogspot.com(VLA's unofficial web page)
- Vesseyacademy.org(VLA's official website)

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