

Important Information

Matriculation Website

www.vmi.edu/matriculation

What to Wear

Parents: casual attire and walking shoes are proper for all matriculation activities. New cadets should wear comfortable civilian clothes, athletic shoes and socks. **ALL NEW CADETS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR THE VMI ISSUED ATHLETIC UNIFORM TO THE SUPERINTENDENT'S WELCOME CEREMONY.**

New cadets who attended the Summer Transition Program must bring all uniform items issued to them when they return for matriculation.

The Athletic Uniform will be issued during the Matriculation process in Cameron Hall to new cadets who did not participate in the Summer Transition Program.

New Cadet Oath Ceremony @ New Market

Parents may observe the New Cadet Oath Ceremony held at 11 a.m. on 3 September 2017 at the New Market Battlefield State Historical Park in New Market, Va. Lunch tickets for this event will be available at the Parents Council table at the Matriculation Fair in Cocke Hall and the Parents Council tent in front of barracks. After returning from New Market and securing weapons in Barracks, new cadets are afforded an opportunity to dine with family and friends in Lexington. New cadets must sign back in to the VMI Barracks no later than 2200 (10 p.m.).

Mail, calls, etc.

Mail from home is one of the most important gifts a cadet can receive. Be sure to get your new cadet's box number issued during the Matriculation process in Cameron Hall. An occasional box of favorite foods from home also does wonders for a cadet's morale. Please do not send cash through the mail. The quickest way to contact a cadet is to leave a message at the VMI Visitor Center (540-464-7306) or send an e-mail after classes start.

Student Accounting

Student Accounting (located on the 3rd floor of Smith Hall) cashes checks up to \$200 and there are two ATM machines (BB&T) across post; one is located in the Lejeune Hall Food Court and the other is located in the Daniels Courtyard (behind Shell Hall). VMI accepts MasterCard, Discover, and American Express credit cards and debit cards. VISA is not accepted.

VMI Bookstore – Lejeune Hall

The VMI Bookstore (540-464-7637), located in Lejeune Hall, sells textbooks, authorized supplies, and toiletry items. For the convenience of cadets, the Bookstore also carries stationary, paperbacks, greeting cards, post cards, imprinted sportswear, grooming supplies, and souvenirs. Free gift wrapping is provided. New cadets will make several purchases in the Bookstore during cadre week. These purchases must be paid for at the time of sale by cash, check, Keydet Cash or major credit card. The website for the VMI Bookstore is <http://www.shopvmi.com>.

Keydet Cash

Keydet Cash is a declining balance account that is accessed through the VMI ID card to make purchases at the PX Food Court, the VMI Bookstore, the barracks Laundromat, and vending machines on the VMI Post. It works like a bank debit card; each time a purchase is made the total is subtracted from the balance in the account. You will hear more about Keydet Cash at the Summer Transition Program and Parent Orientation or you can read more about it now at: <https://vmi.campusdish.com/>.

Parents Council

www.vmi.edu/parentsCouncil

VMI Parents Council members are available to help you and your cadet during Matriculation day. Members have "Council" name tags with red ribbons. These parents of current cadets have been through the matriculation process. Members are stationed at key locations on Post to help you. They can answer questions you might have or point you in the correct direction. Please do not hesitate to contact any Council member or the liaison to the Parents Council, Colonel Jeffrey Boobar at (540) 464-7072.

Matriculation Photos

Photos of matriculation and other events will be posted online at: www.Flickr.com/VMIphotos.

Parents Weekend

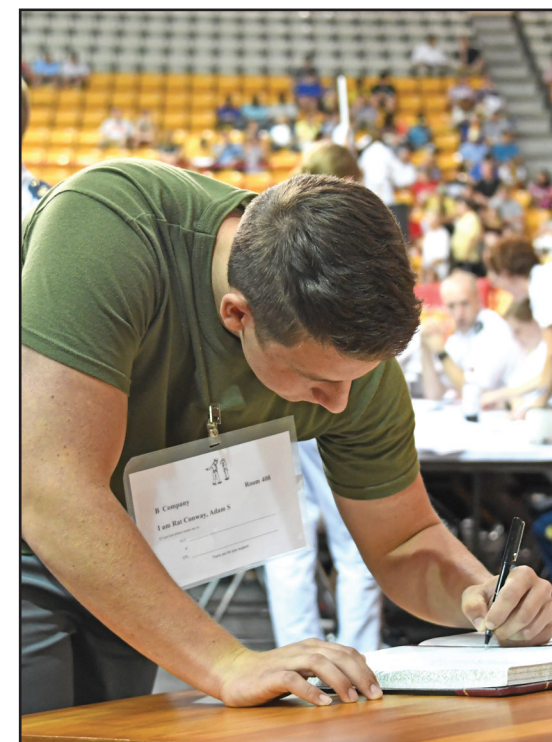
Parents Weekend will be September 22-24, 2017 and is a very special time. Be sure to make your reservations as soon as possible for overnight accommodations during Parents Weekend.



VMI

MATRICULATION DAY

Class of 2021



**Saturday
August 19, 2017**

Imagine more. Achieve more.

SCHEDULE OF MATRICULATION EVENTS

MATRICULATION

7:30 a.m.
Cameron Hall

Matriculation is the first step that all new cadets must complete.

7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.

New cadets whose last names begin with the letters A-L should report to Cameron Hall.

9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

New cadets whose last names begin with the letters M-Z should report to Cameron Hall.

New cadets and their parents will have an opportunity to:

- discuss studies with an academic advisor from the major curriculum the new cadet has selected;
- finalize financial accounts;
- sign the matriculation pledge and matriculation book;
- receive company and room assignments, academic schedules, and mailbox numbers;
- receive Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) information; and,
- be issued VMI athletic uniform, if the new cadet did not attend the Summer Transition Program.

MATRICULATION FAIR

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Cocke Hall

The Matriculation Fair will be held in Cocke Hall. It is designed to acquaint new cadets and parents with many VMI agencies and activities, as well as banks, and local community churches.

UNLOADING AND BARRACKS CHECK-IN

Following Matriculation and the Matriculation Fair new cadets will proceed to Barracks for check-in. All luggage should be marked with the full name of the new cadet. New cadets and parents should unload luggage in the front of Barracks at designated arches. All luggage must be taken to assigned rooms in Barracks before 1:30 p.m. Cadets are reminded to keep one set of civilian clothes in their luggage to be stored at VMI. It is recommended that these clothes be suitable for milder weather and for wear off post, as cadets may not need them until later in the semester.

During the nine days of Matriculation week, new cadets are not authorized to have food in barracks. Nonperishable items will be placed in the trunk room until after the nine day Matriculation week.

After unloading luggage, cars must immediately be moved from in front of Barracks to designated all day parking on the Parade Ground (weather dependent), prior to checking into barracks. There will be individuals to point you in the correct direction. Parents and family members entering barracks must stay with their new cadet.

Parents should give their cadets spending money, credit cards, checkbooks, etc. prior to departing to Cameron Hall for the Superintendent's Welcome. These items should be left in the Barracks room and not brought to Cameron Hall, as the new cadets cannot carry items when they depart Cameron Hall.

LUNCH

11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch will be provided for new cadets from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in Crozet Hall. New cadets can eat at Crozet Hall at no charge; the cost for family members is \$9.00 for adults and children; children 5 and under eat free. You can pay at the door; however to reduce the wait, you can purchase tickets at the Parents Council tent in front of barracks. The PX in Lejeune Hall is an alternative location where family members can pay to eat. It is important that new cadets eat during this time and drink plenty of fluids with the meal. Should you desire to eat lunch off-Post in Lexington there are numerous restaurants available as well. New cadets may not wear the athletic uniform off-Post.

SUPERINTENDENT'S WELCOME

2 p.m.
Cameron Hall

UNIFORM FOR ALL NEW CADETS – VMI ISSUED ATHLETIC UNIFORM

This is the final step in the matriculation process. New cadets and their parents will be welcomed by VMI's Superintendent, General J.H. Binford Peay, III '62 and introduced to key personnel. The new cadets will then leave their parents to begin their nine-day cadre period. **Parents should say goodbye to their new cadet before this event.**

MARCH OFF

Approximately 2:30 p.m.
Cameron Hall

Family members and friends will have the opportunity to see their new cadet march off to begin the nine-day cadre training period. New cadets are called down to the floor by their company commander. The entire "Rat Mass" is then marched out of Cameron Hall to begin their training.

WRAP UP AND DEPARTURE

3 p.m.

Parents are encouraged to depart VMI immediately following the March Off. New cadets will already be in the initial stages of their cadre week training.