**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Matriculation Website  
www.vmi.edu/matriculation

**WHAT TO WEAR**

Parents: casual attire and walking shoes are recommended 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 AT 2 P.M.**

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

New cadets who did not attend the Summer Transition Program (STP) are encouraged to pick up their initial athletic uniform on Friday, 16 August from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in Cameron Hall. Any cadets who are unable to report on Friday may pick-up your athletic uniform on Saturday, 17 August during the Matriculation process.

**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.

**NEW CADET OATH CEREMONY AT NEW MARKET**

Parents may observe the New Cadet Oath Ceremony held at 11 a.m. on September 1, 2019 at the New Market Battlefield State Historical Park in New Market, Va. 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 10 p.m. New cadet will be allowed to utilize the “Visit/Dine by Invitation Permit” from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 31 prior to the New Cadet Oath.

**MATRICULATION PHOTOS**

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

**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) on post: one is located in the Lejeune Hall Food Court and the other is located in the Daniels Courtyard (behind Shell Hall). VMI accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express credit cards and debit cards.

**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. 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, or major credit card. The website for the VMI Bookstore is http://www.shopvmi.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 the Parents Council via email at parentscouncil@vmi.edu or the liaison to the Parents Council, Colonel Jeffrey Boobar at (540) 464-7072.

**PARENTS WEEKEND**

Parents Weekend will be October 11-13, 2019 and is a very special time. Be sure to make your reservations as soon as possible for overnight accommodations during Parents Weekend. You can purchase your football tickets at the Ticket office in Cameron Hall the morning of Matriculation. The ticket office phone number is (540) 464-7266.

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7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.
New cadets whose last names begin with the letters A-L should report to Cameron Hall.
(Once completed with Cameron Hall proceed to Matriculation Fair in Cocke Hall)

9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
New cadets whose last names begin with the letters M-Z should report to Cameron Hall.
(May attend activities for the Matriculation Fair in Cocke Hall between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.
prior to reporting to Cameron Hall.)

Barracks Check-In/Unloading
(After attending Matriculation in Cameron Hall and Matriculation Fair in Cocke Hall)

MATRICULATION IN CAMERON HALL

New cadets and their parents will have an opportunity to:
- discuss studies with an academic adviser 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.

BARRACKS CHECK-IN / UNLOADING

Following Matriculation and the Matriculation Fair, new cadets will proceed to barracks for check-in. After unloading luggage, cars must immediately be moved from in front of barracks to designated 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.

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 the designated arch. All luggage must be taken to assigned rooms in barracks before 1:30 p.m. Cadet escorts will be provided to answer questions and guide families to the designated room but will not assist in carrying incoming cadets luggage.

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.

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.

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.

LUNCH

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

It is important that new cadets eat during this time and drink plenty of fluids with the meal. Lunch will be provided for new cadets from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Crozet Hall. New cadets can eat at Crozet Hall at no charge; the cost for family members is $10 for adults and children; children 5 and under eat free. You will pay at the door of Crozet Hall. The PX in Lejeune Hall is an alternative location where family members can pay to eat; proudly serving Starbucks and Freshens Food Studio. 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.

MATRICULATION FAIR

8 a.m. - 12:30 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.

CHAPLAIN’S PRAYER

1 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. – Jackson Memorial Hall

VMI’s Chaplain will hold a non-denominational prayer session for new cadets and parents in JM Hall. This is optional for all families.

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

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.