



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Matriculation Website

www.vmi.edu/matriculation

WHAT TO WEAR

Parents: casual attire, walking shoes and facial coverings are recommended for all matriculation activities. New cadets should wear comfortable civilian clothes, athletic shoes, socks and facial covering. **ALL NEW CADETS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR THE VMI ISSUED ATHLETIC UNIFORM TO THE SUPERINTENDENT'S WELCOME CEREMONY AT 3 P.M.**

If you are in Lexington on Friday, 14 August we would like to encourage incoming cadets to pick up their initial athletic uniform from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Wrist bands will be required, proceed to the screening tent before entering Cameron Hall. Any cadets who are unable to report on Friday may pick-up your athletic uniform on Saturday, 15 August and Sunday, 16 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 CPTF. 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.

MATRICULATION PHOTOS

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

CADET ACCOUNTING

Cadet Accounting (located on the 3rd floor of Smith Hall) cashes checks up to \$200 (discouraged due to COVID-19), 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. 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.

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MATRICULATION

Class of 2024



Saturday-Sunday August 15-16, 2020

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VMI Plans to welcome all new incoming cadets 15-16 August 2020. Matriculation will be a two day process and new incoming cadets will be notified via their VMI account as to their report day and time.

We are only allowing two family members to participate in the matriculation process, we also require all individuals to have facial covering at all times, please do not bring additional family as they will not be permitted into Cameron Hall or CPTF.

Upon entering VMI Post, you will be directed to park your vehicle on the parade ground by our VMI staff. Leave your luggage within the vehicle for now.

Before proceeding to any buildings, you will report to the Health Screening Tent where you'll receive clearance and a wrist band. Please put the wrist band on and then proceed down to Cameron Hall.

In Cameron Hall, you'll be provided a packet that will need to be completed. There also will be an opportunity while you are waiting to be fitted for the new uniform and to receive the athletic uniform (gym dyke).

Cameron Hall will be the holding area until you are called to Corps Physical Training Facility (CPTF) to walk through the matriculation process and to sign the matriculation book.

MATRICULATION CORPS PHYSICAL TRAINING FACILITY

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.

MATRICULATION FAIR

8 a.m. - 2:30 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.

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. Only one parents or family members will be permitted into barracks. We will have cadets on hand to assist with the luggage.

All luggage should be marked with the full name of the new cadet. New cadets should unload luggage in the front of barracks at the designated arch. All luggage must be taken to assigned rooms in barracks before 2:30 p.m. Cadet escorts will be provided to answer questions and guide new cadets to the designated room.

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 15 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 15 day Matriculation week.

LUNCH

11 a.m. - 2:30 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. - 2:30 p.m. Grab and go lunch option will be available at designated areas. New cadets can eat at no charge; the cost for family members is \$10 for adults. The PX in Lejeune Hall is an alternative location where family members and new

cadets can pay to eat. 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.

CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

(OPTIONAL)

1045 a.m. - 1100 a.m. – Jackson Memorial Hall
1230 p.m. - 1245 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 & CADET OATH

3 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 fifteen day cadre period. Parents should say goodbye to their new cadet before this event.

MARCH UP

3:30 p.m. – Cameron Hall

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

New cadets will not meet their cadre until later in their training period.

WRAP UP AND DEPARTURE

4 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 training.