

**From:** [Patrick Flynn](#)  
**To:** [Tyree, Matthew R. "Matt"](#)  
**Subject:** Major General Wins  
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Dear Mr. Tyree, Please send this email to each of the members of the Board of Visitors.

Dear Members of the Virginia Military Institute Board of Visitors,

I grew-up in Virginia and graduated from the Virginia Military Institute. I served over 30 years on Active Duty, with numerous assignments at the highest levels of our Military. I have two Master's Degrees, including a Master's of Science in National Security Strategy from our National Defense University. I feel that I have a fair appreciation for what it takes to be a good leader.

The purpose of this email is to provide you with a statement of my unqualified support for Major General Wins, Superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, and to ask that you give him your support as well.

I know Major General Wins well. We served together in the Pentagon, we have had a number of meetings since he became Superintendent, and we have corresponded on numerous occasions concerning the future of VMI. If you do not know Major General Wins well, I recommend that you call on him the next time you are visiting VMI. Both of you will benefit greatly from getting to know one another better.

Major General Wins is exactly the right man to be leading VMI at this time. He is an outstanding officer and a superb example of what a VMI graduate should be, demonstrating courage, candor, competence, and commitment in all he does. Major General Wins was selected to be Superintendent of VMI during a difficult period and he has done an absolutely superb job providing the leadership needed and doing so in an open, honest, and even-handed manner. He has earned the respect of the Cadets, Parents, and Alumni.

I believe that VMI is a special place and a National treasure. I strongly recommend that you support Major Wins so that we can all continue to benefit from the outstanding leadership he provides to Virginia and VMI during this period.

Thank you so much for your time and attention. Should you have any questions concerning this correspondence, please contact me at:

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