

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE
Lexington, Virginia 24450
VMI Board of Visitors Corps & Military Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes—17 September 2024
1500 hours, Preston Library: 701

1. The scheduled meeting of the VMI BOV Cadet/Military Affairs Committee was called to order at 1505 on 17 September 2024 in 701 Preston Library by Mr. Edgar '87
2. Attendees:
 - a. Mr. Edgar '87, BOV Member/ Committee Chair
 - b. MG Cedric Wins '85, Superintendent
 - c. Mr. John Adams '96, BOV President
 - d. Rear Adm. (Ret.) Terence E. McKnight '78, BOV Member
 - e. Lt Col (Ret.) James G. Joustra '76, BOV Member
 - f. Ms. Meaghan C. Mobbs, BOV Member
 - g. Ms. Nancy W. Phillips, BOV Member
 - h. Mr. Bill Janis '84, BOV Member
 - i. Mr. Stephen E. Wilson '68, Alumni Association
 - j. Mr. Pat O'Leary '90, VMI Legal Counsel
 - k. COL (Chaplain) John P. Casper '04, Institute Chaplain
 - l. Col Lawrence B. Havird '90, Commandant
 - m. Maj Hudson, AROTC
 - n. Col Ryan M. Finn NROTC
 - o. Col Nichole K. Scott AFROTC
 - p. 1LT Jackson E. Lloyd '23, Commandant's Staff / Committee Recorder
 - q. Cadet Noah Chapman '25, First Class President
 - r. Cadet Brian Pritchard '25, RCO
 - s. Cadet Captain Laini Morgan '25, S-3 CPT
 - t. Cadet Joseph Flynn '25, OGA President
 - u. Cadet Henry Sheets '25, RDC President
 - v. Cadet Wyatt Brown '25, S-9 CPT
 - w. Cadet Alexis Gonzalez '25, CEA President/EMS Ops
3. Mr. Edgar provided introductory remarks and welcomed all in attendance. Introductions were made around the room. The minutes for the 5 May 2024 Cadet/Military Affairs Committee meeting were approved.
4. COL Hansen, Col Finn, and Col Scott briefed the committee on branch-specific information:
 - a. AROTC: MAJ Hudson; 110 VMI cadets commissioning in 2025. 120 class of 2026 will go to advance camp. Army requests 110. Cambrian patrol in Wales for Ranger Challenge. Multiple class sections at the same time, but classes are over

booked. Filling state instructor positions, being managed through the state and through the army. 82nd Airborne Division CO will speak at winter commissioning.

- b. NROTC: 307 total. 44 graduating. 40 on contracts. The 4 non-contracted will attend OCS over the summer. 4 MIDN did a Surface warfare cruise. 7 MIDN to aviation cruise. Possible fly overs for different events such as football games. One BUDS "SOAS" screener. 21 to CORTRAMID. 21 marine OCS grads. Anticipation of Route 11 shut down. Lots of staff turnover. Funding request for 20 USN options to take a fall battlefield staff ride. Exceeded Nuke quota last year and project to exceed it this year
 - c. AFROTC: Just shy of 200 cadets in AFROTC. 19 Commissioned graduates in 2024. The detachment expects 22 to be commissioned in May of 2025. USAF changed field training last summer. Unsure of how good it was. AFSCs announced 2 weeks ago. 5 cadets at AFA conference. Lack of funding for scholarships, potentially 0 in-college, 3-year scholarship funding. Late results for flight physicals. What can we implement in the rat line to help with cadets at field training.
5. Cadet government briefs on OGA and CEA organizations. New Cadet Retention Center and Out-processing was discussed. EMT's: three rotating per company, field hospital for care (257 seen by EMT's themselves). S-3: each company had their own minute-by-minute schedule (ROC: Regimental Operations Center). S-9: relation with NCAA rat, managing movements to and from practices as well as working to improve NCAA rat understanding of what they are missing and that they need to be close with their BR's. RCO: went over the phases of the rat line and how the training plan evolves through the week (Break in, transition, adaptation, forming/breakout, mentorship). RDC: goal of the transition phase is to really meet their roommates, adaptation is to form a company, forming is to form their battalions, mentoring is forming their class.
6. Col Havird briefed the Committee on initial status assessment of Corps programs and where the Commandant's Staff will focus its resources and attention for AY 2024-2025. Major focus will be physical fitness and assessment program to improve coordination among stakeholders, provide standardized assessment philosophy for once semester testing, build single IT system repository for any fitness assessment administered to track cadet fitness from entry to graduation, provide more rigor to remedial fitness program, and to provide better cadet incentives for high level of fitness.
7. Closing remarks and coming agenda: focus on what the rest of the reg staff does, an update on the GC/EC Class System, and an update on intramural and club sports. Mr. Edgar '87 adjourned the meeting at 1630.