

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE
Lexington, Virginia 24450
VMI Board of Visitors Cadet/Military Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes—27 January 2023
1015 hours, Marshall Hall Board Room

1. The scheduled meeting of the VMI BOV Cadet/Military Affairs Committee was called to order at 1015 hours on 27 January 2023 in the Marshall Hall Board Room by Mr. Scot Marsh '81.
2. Attendees:
 - a. Mr. Scot Marsh '81, BOV Member/Chairman
 - b. MG Timothy P. Williams, BOV Member
 - c. Ms. Meaghan Mobbs, BOV Member
 - d. Mr. Thomas Gottwald '83, BOV Member
 - e. Mr. Earnest Edgar IV '87, BOV Member
 - f. Mr. Chuck Dominy, BOV Member
 - g. COL Adrian T. Bogart III '81, Commandant of Cadets
 - h. COL Scott Brandon, PMS
 - i. COL Travis L. Homiak '94, PNS
 - j. COL Nichole K. Scott, PAS
3. Mr. Marsh provided introductory remarks and welcomed all in attendance. Introductions were made around the room. The minutes for the 20 September 2022 Cadet/Military Affairs Committee meeting were approved.
4. COL Bogart provided general remarks about commissioning for Fiscal Year 22 and Fiscal Year 23. FY22 commissioned 236 Officers in the Armed Forces and FY23 is projected at commissioning 208 Officers.
5. LTC Dennis, and Colonels Homiak and Scott briefed the committee on branch specific information. Across all branches, discussion about competition with other Senior Military Colleges, specifically the Citadel and Texas A&M, was conducted. The cost of the branches stated losing Cadets to the Citadel due to Room and Board being covered by the Institution for attending. Credit hours were discussed and all ROTCs stated that other programs are at least 3 credits and occasionally 4 in the case of Virginia Tech's MS III-IV classes. All branches noted losing 3 and 4 year scholarship applicants and recipients to other SMCs, specifically the Citadel and Texas A&M again due to Room and Board costs.
 - a. AROTC commissioned 6 2nd LTs in DEC 22 / JAN 23 and currently has 1,027 Cadets enrolled with 32% contracted. Spring FTX will be conducted 31 MAR – 4 APR at Goshen Boy Scout Cam. AROTC noted VMI commissions approximately 25% of Officers through the AROTC program.
 - b. NROTC commissioned 2 Ensigns as Student Naval Aviators in DEC 22 with 273 currently enrolled in the program. Spring FTX will be conducted 31 MAR – 4 APR at Norfolk and Rockbridge County for Navy and Marines, respectively. NROTC is estimating commissioning 21 Ensigns and 15 2nd Lt's in MAY 23. COL Homiak noted that the program is down 20% of available audience for scholarships, specifically sideload scholarships. Further, it was noted that NSTC rates NS classes as 3 credits however VMI

- rates them as 1 or 2. The result as stated by COL Homiak is that cadets treat the classes with a lesser priority.
- c. AFROTC currently has 200 Cadets enrolled in the program and estimates commissioning 18 2nd Lt's in the USAF and 3 in the USSF. DODMERB inoperable sites continue to impact Field Training Attendance. AFROTC is currently down 23% from high school students applying for scholarships.
 - d. COL Bogart spoke on the Coast Guard Auxiliary University Program providing Cadets the opportunity to commission into the United States Coast Guard upon graduation.
6. CSM Rubenstein briefed on the APFT, Club Sports, and plans for integrating with Washington & Lee (W&L). W&L has other clubs not offered at VMI in which Cadets would like to participate. The APFT failure rate is high, currently at 82% fail for rats. Old corps and cadre are less but still more than expected at 14% and 18.5%, respectively.
7. COL Bogart briefed the committee on the following key points:
- a. The Cadet Activities Center is completed ready for business on Sunday, February 12th by cadets. The Cadet Activities Center is a place for or entertainment and recreation on post for Cadets to bond in a relaxed environment.
 - b. The Aquatic Center is being completed and will be ready for events in the Spring Semester and has already hosted a local High School Swim and Dive Meet.

Respectfully submitted,

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