

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

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TO: VMI Board of Visitors

THROUGH: External Relations Committee

SUBJECT: Jonathan Daniels Award Committee

The VMI Board of Visitors approved the creation of a committee to consider nominations for the Jonathan Myrick Daniels '61 Humanitarian Award. The award emphasizes the virtue of humanitarian public service and recognizes individuals who have made significant personal sacrifices to protect or improve the lives of others. The award affords VMI cadets a continuing reminder that it is possible to embody and display heroic qualities of honor, loyalty, and devotion at any age and in any circumstance.

Based on the established policy award guidelines, the following committee membership is recommended:

- Nancy Phillips, chair, External Relations Committee (Award Committee Chair)
- Lt. Col. Sherry Wallace, VMI Director of Communications & Marketing
- Col. Bill Wyatt, VMI Board of Visitors Secretary
- Matthew Hemenez '90, VMI Alumni Association President
- Cadet Aleece Mickens '26, Promaji Club President
- Col. Keith Gibson '77, at-large VMI faculty or staff
- Wyatt Durette '61, at-large alumnus
- Teresa Thompson, VMI Protocol Officer (non-voting)

The External Relations Committee recommends approval of the committee members.

