

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE  
Lexington, Virginia 24450  
VMI Board of Visitors Cadet/Military Affairs Committee  
Meeting Minutes—28 April 2023  
1030 hours, Preston Library Room 701

1. The scheduled meeting of the VMI BOV Cadet/Military Affairs Committee was called to order at 1030 hours on 28 April 2023 in the Marshall Hall Board Room by Mr. Scot Marsh '81.
2. Attendees:
  - a. Mr. Scot Marsh '81, BOV Member/Chairman
  - b. Ms. Meaghan Mobbs, BOV Member
  - c. Mr. Thomas Gottwald '83, BOV Member
  - d. Mr. Earnest Edgar IV '87, BOV Member
  - e. LTG Chuck Dominy, BOV Member
  - f. MG Cedric T. Wins '85, Superintendent
  - g. COL Adrian T. Bogart III '81, Commandant of Cadets
  - h. COL Gary A. Bissell, Deputy Chief of Staff
  - i. COL Scott Brandon, PMS
  - j. COL Travis L. Homiak '94, PNS
  - k. COL Nichole K. Scott, PAS
  - l. LTC Jonathan T. Hartsock, Deputy Commandant
  - m. Mr. Thomas H. Zarges '70, Chairman VMI Alumni Association Board of Directors
  - n. COL Stephen E. Wilson '68, VMI Alumni Association
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. LTG Dominy made opening remarks complimenting the leadership from this year.
4. LTC Dennis, and Colonels Homiak and Scott briefed the committee on branch-specific information. Across all branches, discussion about parking in front of Kilbourne was raised as a potential issue for staff parking as they would be losing over 50 spots that are used by the faculty and staff. The Army and Air Force ROTC departments are part of the Tiger Team, a recruiting effort by admissions, which would help their overall enrollment. NROTC is not part of this effort and most recruitment comes from Navy high school recruiting efforts and 4 year scholarship MIDN.
  - a. AROTC is anticipating commissioning over 100 Cadets in May with 147 Second and First Classmen attending Advanced Camp over the summer. Spring FTX was held 31 MAR – 4 APR at Goshen Boy Scout Reservation. Ranger Challenge won BDE Championship and went to Sandhurst Int. Competition. 7 Cadre staff members are leaving between May and September only to be replaced by 5 Cadre. The cause for the shortages is attributed to the overall Army being at 85% strength. Currently, the Class of 2026 has 21 contracted out of 204. The low numbers are attributed to the low admission rate as well as the DODMERB process for finalizing scholarship recipients. Therefore, many will be retroactive, and the scholarships will be activated by the fall. AROTC plans to recruit more from the class of 2026 with scholarship opportunities.

- b. NROTC anticipates commissioning 40 Ensigns and 2<sup>nd</sup> LTs into the Naval Services. The program plans to send 33 Rising 1/C MIDN on their 1/C Cruise for Navy Summer Training and 16 Rising 1/C MIDN to OCS for Marine Corps Summer Training. Spring FTX was conducted 31 MAR – 4 APR and took place at Smith Mountain Lake and Naval Station Norfolk for the Navy. Spring FTX for Marine Options took place at COL Sadler's '66 Farm. 1/C Navy MIDN who have been assigned a nuclear designation will take PY453 to refresh them on nuclear topics for them to succeed at Nuclear Power School. 2 of 6 1/C MIDN receiving Nuke interviews failed and will not be attending Nuclear Power School. VMI is above the average failure rate for nuclear interviews. The feedback is that VMI MIDN have shown the problem-solving skills required to complete the first interview, however, they lack the ability to leverage theory in the following interviews.
- c. AFROTC is anticipating commissioning 21 2<sup>nd</sup> LTs, 18 into the Air Force, and 3 into the Space Force in May. Spring FTX was conducted from 31 MAR – 4 APR consisting of an overnight joint FTX with 6 other detachments spanning across 15 universities with over 300 cadets. VMI hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> AFSPECWAR FTC with 6 other detachments consisting of 37 cadets to prep for Battlefield Airman Indoc. AFROTC received 28 field training slots, which is lower than the national average. This is contributed to the low GPA of detachment 880 containing 3 other universities. Overall Detachment 880 is ranked #144/145 nationally for GPA and ranked #113/145 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Class GPAs. The Air Force has begun to give guaranteed scholarships to those individuals who complete field training without already possessing a scholarship. These funds were retrieved from presenting high school students with a 4-year scholarship. The Virtual Reality T-6 Class was approved for Academic Credit.

- 5. COL Bogart briefed the committee on Corps Discipline. Any information contained therein is FERPA sensitive and cannot be released.

Respectfully submitted,

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58<sup>TH</sup> Commandant of Cadets