

September 12, 2024

Dear Members of the Virginia Military Institute Board of Visitors,

In coordination with a number of our Brother Rats from the Class of 2024 I am contacting you to request an investigation of the administration's control over *The Bomb* **and that it be re-printed.**

As alumni on the Board are aware, *The Bomb* was the first college annual in the nation and so the oldest independent such publication in the country.

As they are attempting to do with *The Cadet*, the Commandant staff took over *The Bomb*. It does not have an Editor-in-Chief. Rather it has a "Cadet-in-Charge" and CSM Rubenstein exercises control over the content, monies, and operations.

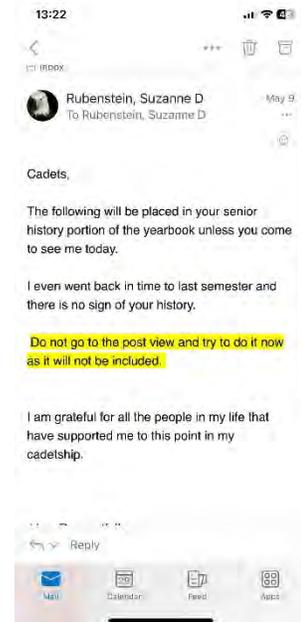
As the alumni on the Board also know, the most important section of *The Bomb* are the "First Class Bios" for each graduate. The bio is literally each cadet's legacy. It is also **the only public record of a cadet's achievements and activities during his cadetship.** Many families retain the graduate's copy of *The Bomb* for generations. To alumni, seeing a "blank" or a generic statement for a bio is the "mark" of a cadet who does not care enough about VMI to write a bio. The administration ruined that for the class of '24.

As you review the attached pages, you'll note that some 60 members of the First Class, **almost 20%**, have the same generic bio: "I am grateful for all the people in my life that have supported me to this point in my cadetship."

Cadets did not write these.

These words were put into *The Bomb* after our *Bomb* Bios were apparently lost. Many of us did not discover this until we received the *Bomb* and were not notified of any problems. A few others received this generic last-minute note at the end of the school year with a same day suspense when they had little to no time to adequately respond. There doesn't seem to be a pattern as to who was notified. Note several issues in the generic message:

1. It was addressed to "Cadets" and not individual cadets affected. Many cadets who submitted their bios (often several times) likely, and reasonably, ignored this as they followed the process and turned them in. How could they know this pertained to them?
2. The notification is dated May 9th so squarely in the middle of exams and the hectic end of year process.
 - a. When was this discovered?
 - b. Who discovered this?
 - c. What actions were taken?
 - d. Who reviewed and approved the proofs?
 - e. Why was CSM Rubenstein running this area of *The Bomb* and not Cadets? What exactly does she control?



- f. Who wrote the generic wording?
3. Cadets were told there was “no time” to make changes. Why? Cadets did not receive *The Bomb* until mid-August. There was plenty of time to fix this.
4. Equally critical for you to understand is that these bios were tasked to be submitted through “Post View”, a VMI system exclusively controlled by the VMI administration. They were tasked by SGM Rubenstein, a VMI employee controlling the yearbook to respond to her through Post View. Completely controlled by the administration. This was not the fault of cadets.

A number of cadets re-submitted their write-ups numerous times with no effect. Here are some examples of the feedback we received in response to the administration’s anticipated (and favorite) defense that “cadets don’t care”:

“I submitted one and it was on time so I don’t know why they didn’t print it...”

“...I did submit one but my history also didn’t go through... I did make an actual history and submitted it, but I guess it didn’t go through I, and that happened to quite a few people as well...”

“I did submit my FCH on time in Feb or January, hit save/submit multiple times, and even had my roommate proofread it. I got an email in late spring about it not being there, and by that point, I didn’t care anymore to retype the 250 or whatever words because I spent like 2 hours really thinking about what I wanted to say. To be honest, I’m not going to submit another one out of spite. I’m just gonna tell people it’s a typical VMI f up if anyone asks why it’s generic, cause it is.”

“I was not given a notice. I even submitted my history on the day it was due and still didn't even make it in there. Additionally, I was a December graduate, and it seems that I was the only one in our class who didn't get that mentioned in there either.”

“I resubmitted it a few times, and it apparently never went through.”

“I don't think I was specifically notified (I don't remember) but I just assumed the history I typed up had been saved (it didn't).”

“Hey, yeah I had a similar issue as you. I submitted mine on time and Rubenstein emailed us about it a few times. I decided to leave it because I felt like it was more of a hassle to fix than leave it.”

When the administration pushes back and on this complaint saying this is an isolated issue, please consider that of the approximately 60 people we estimate suffered from this, we were able to reach 15 and 11 responded to validate these issues and concerns. That is a 95% confidence level and only a 15% margin of error. It is more likely than not that the remaining 45 had similar experiences. You can also see from the sample responses above that this disrespect is alienating many in the Class of '24.

This lack of attention to detail is not an isolated incident, it is “business as usual” for the administration. Regulations and policies are years out of date and a “work in progress”. Barracks is crumbling without

even reliable internet and such simple traditional honors as the Jackson-Hope medal are ignored. As the image included with this letter shows, the names of Jackson-Hope medal are missing from the monument since 2019 – When Maj. Gen. Wins and his “transformation of VMI” arrived.

Also note that the “default” with the bios is the mandated use of a cadet’s Rat photo and not the traditional informal photo. That decision was made for them with little emphasis put on making this special. The VMI *Bomb* is now just another college yearbook because that is how the VMI administrators controlling it want it to be.

Will the BOV allow this level of administrative control and incompetence to go unchecked?

The Institute is spending its way further and further into debt for programs that benefit only a small population of Cadets. It can easily afford to correct the omissions in *The Bomb*. If they resulted from problems with the publishing company, they should pay. If they resulted from incompetence and over-control by the staff, VMI should pay and discipline that administrator.

What the BOV should NOT do is ignore this.

We, therefore, ask the Board to ORDER:

1. The administration contact each impacted new alumnus and re-print *The Bomb*.
2. The BOV designate a committee to investigate this and report with actionable recommendations. As we saw with the administration’s manipulation of the Inspector General “investigation” into the actions taken against *The Cadet*, neither that office, nor the administration, can be trusted to conduct a fair and objective inquiry.

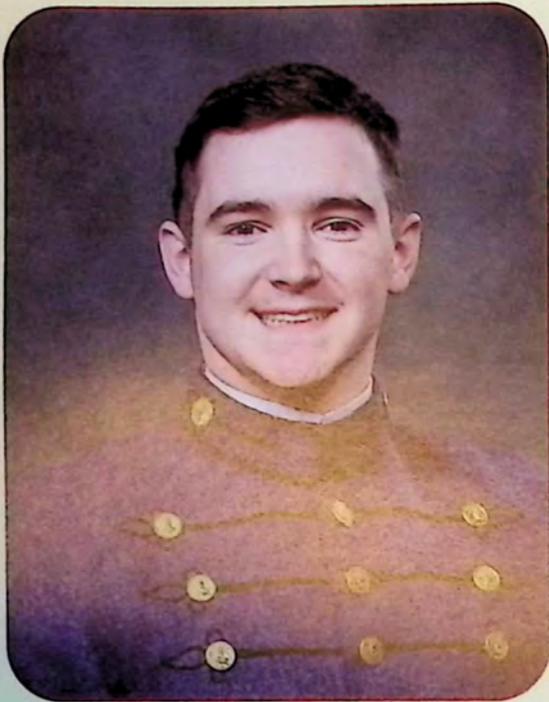
I thank you for your time in considering this request and I hope the BOV will support us as it is obvious the current administration does not.

Contact information for this issue is provided confidentially to BOV members we trust due to fear of retaliation from the administration.

Very respectfully,

A member of the Class of ‘24





Zachary Biller

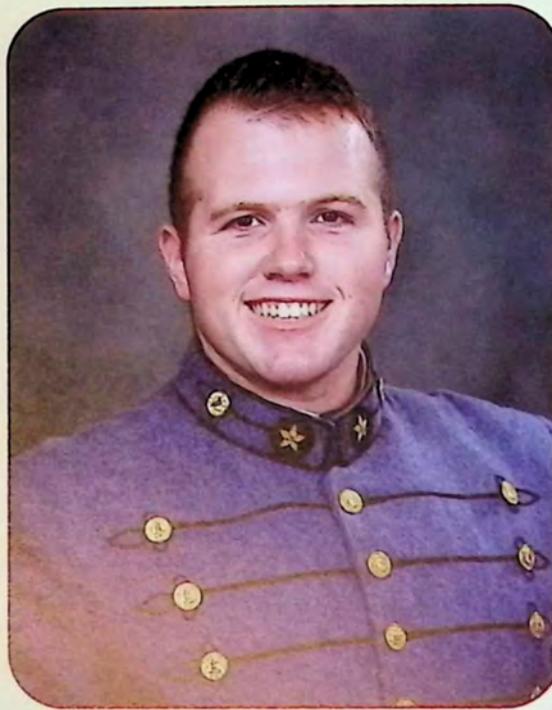
Midlothian, VA

*Major: Economics and Business
Dyke: Milstead, James Daniel Jr.
Rat: Atkins, Brennan Thomas
PVT F Company Private*

*Activities: Private: 3, 2, 1 Cadet Battery: 3, 2, 1
Rat Challenge: 3, 2 Cadet Investment Group: 3
ECBU Book Club: 2 Golf Club: 1*

History

I am unsure how to start this, but VMI, thank you! Thank you for the stress, memories, and cherished friendships that I've made. Despite the challenges, VMI was undeniably memorable! Thanks to my roommates, from the rat room of 3-415 to the room of 188. Despite our fair share of heated arguments, I couldn't imagine spending time in a tiny room that could be sold for six figures in NYC with anyone else. To my Father, Brady, Natalie, and my Dykes, You are the reason my four-year journey is coming to an end. I couldn't do it without you. Brennan, carry my legacy and our Dykeline. Stay focused and motivated, and don't quit on yourself. Time at VMI will fly by in the blink of an eye. Always remember that I am a call away.



Dakota Birdsong

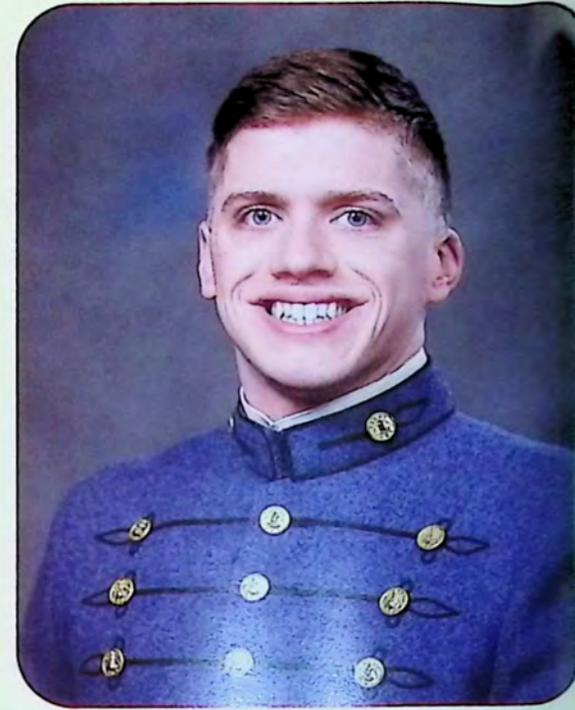
Tipp City, OH

*Major: Modern Languages & Cultures
Dyke: Hulsebosch, Daniel Kentaro
Rats: Stephani, Benjamin W.,
Ngwachunghe, Brandon Fetto
PVT Band Company Private*

*Activities: VMI Pipes and Drums, Phi Sigma Iota
CIC, Military Skills Club, Sad Cowboy Club
Founder and CIC, Glee Club*

History

"Pull yourself up by your bootstraps, you're not done yet"



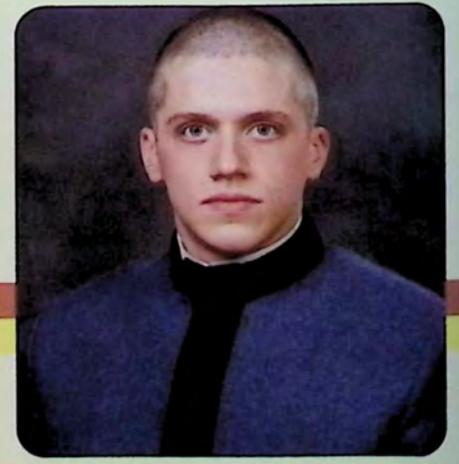
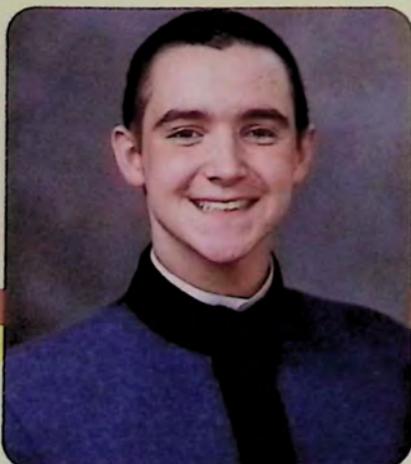
Tyler Blackwell

Fort Mill, SC

*Major: Psychology
Dyke: Wagner, Austin J
Rat: Truong, Nam D.
PVT I Company Private*

History

I am grateful for all the people in my life that have supported me to this point in my cadetship.





Gage Blaud

Dumfries, NC

Major: History

Dyke: Swanson, Dary, Edward

Rat: Wood, Aidan Cole

PVT H Company Private

Activities: US Army VMI Mens Rugby

History

Of the many trials and tribulations of VMI, I can say without a doubt that I am proud to be a VMI cadet.

Working through the many ups and downs of the institute and life during my cadetship, I have to thank my family and friends for their never ending support through this very long but very fulfilling 4 years.

Thank you all, I never could have done it without you.

"Hic Sunt Leones" - Pierce Brown



Francis Boehling

Richmond, VA

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Dyke: Migliarese, Anthony Michael

Rat: Berling, Henry Hawks Jr.

PVT I Company Private

*Activities: Coker Hall Basketball Association,
DMC*

History

Been waiting a long time for this, and as much as I've been looking forward to it, it'll still be bittersweet. Much more sweet than bitter but I'll miss the people and the good times with them all. Thank you to my parents for helping and being supportive of me the whole ride, and thanks to all my buddies; roommates, rats, dykes, and all the other fellas for making it all not so bad. Grateful for all the good and bad times.



John Boles

Henrico, VA

Major: Civil Engineering

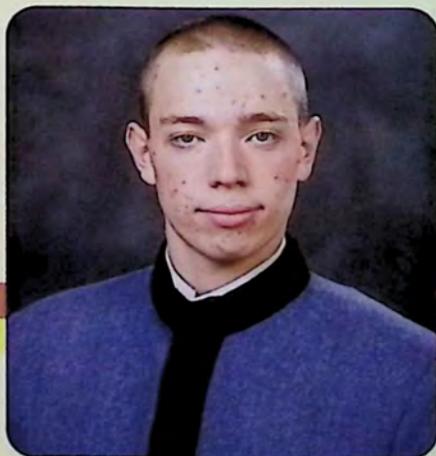
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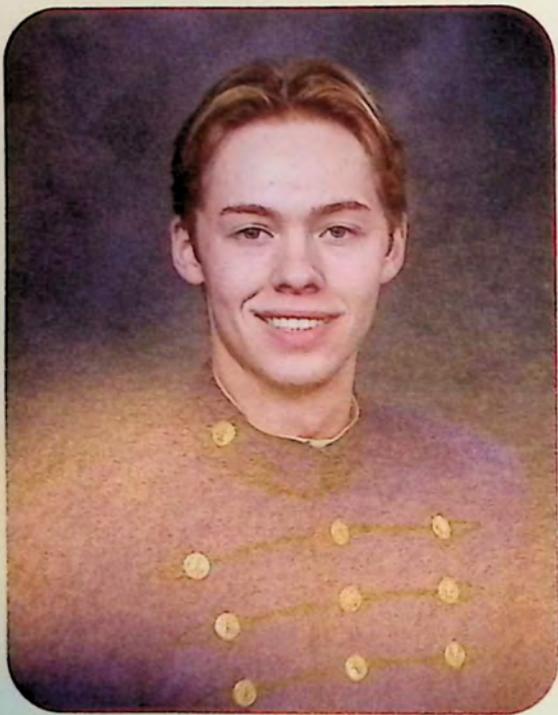
Rat: Abarca, Anson J.

PVT B Company Private

History

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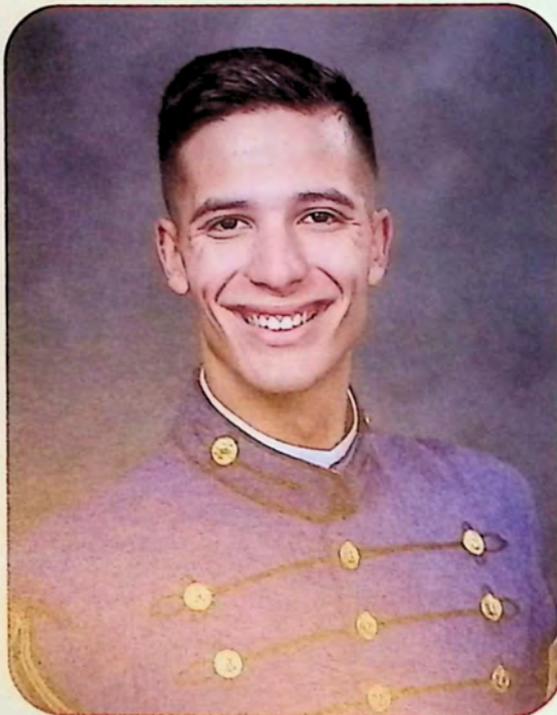




Maximillian Bradley

*Latrobe, PA
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Dyke: Lutes, David Lawrence
Rat: Carman, Aidan
PVT F Company Private
Activities: Rock climbing club Navy*

*History
Big thanks to my BRs*



Tristen Bray

*Raeford, NC
Major: International Studies
Dyke: Jackson, William Palmer
Rats: Summerville, Jayvien C,
Headley, Owen Connor
CPT 2nd Battalion Executive Officer*

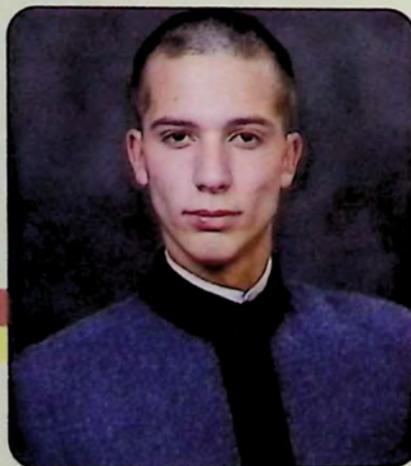
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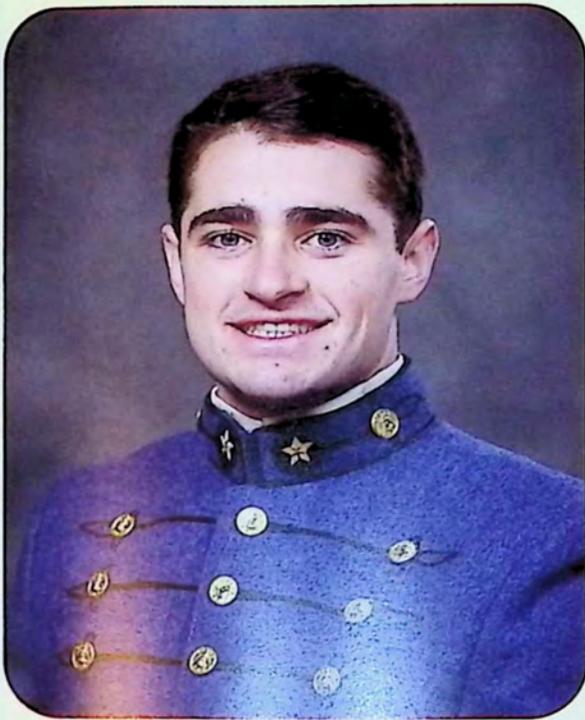


Parker Brown

*Alexandria, VA
Major: Civil Engineering
Dyke: Griffith, Harrison L.
Rat: Falcone, Jake M.
PVT B Company Private*

*History
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supported me to this point in my cadetship.*





Travis Buchanan

Alpharetta, GA

Major: Psychology

Dyke: Owens, Christopher, Devonne

Rats: Shrewsbury, Ben Joseph,

Estes, Daveon Christian

PVT D Company Private

Activities: Crozet, Sports, Conversing with BRs,

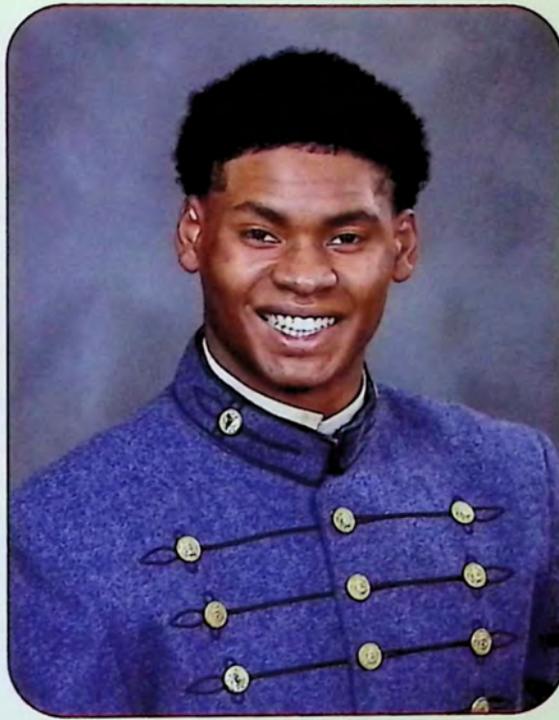
Dancing, Preston Library

History

Thankful for everyone I have met at school, could not have done it without them. My friends make this place better and I am truly going to miss them.

BROTHER RAIS HIS MY LINE

ANYTIME!!!! Cannot forget mom and dad too for always being on my side.



Jaydon Burgos

Chester, VA

Major: Psychology

Dyke: Weaver, Isaiah C.

Rat: Aquinaldo, Aden C.

PVT A Company Private

History

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Ruaidhri Burke

Baltimore, MD

Major: International Studies

Dyke: Miller IV, William E.

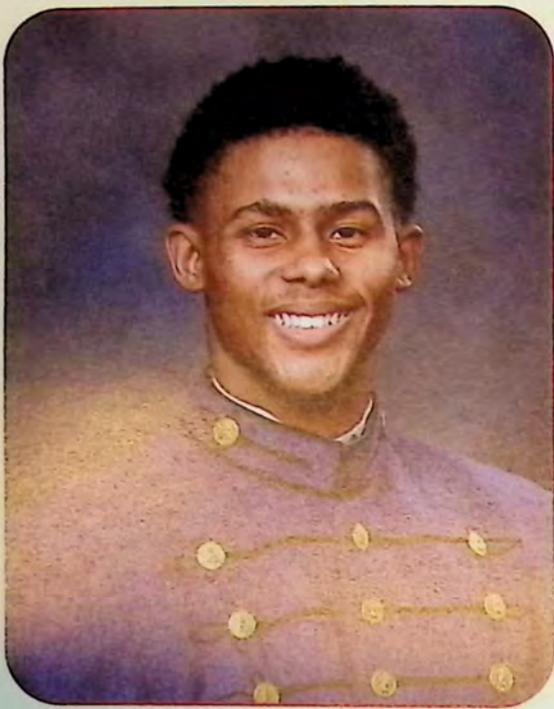
Rat: Blake, Donovan G.

PVT F Company Private

History

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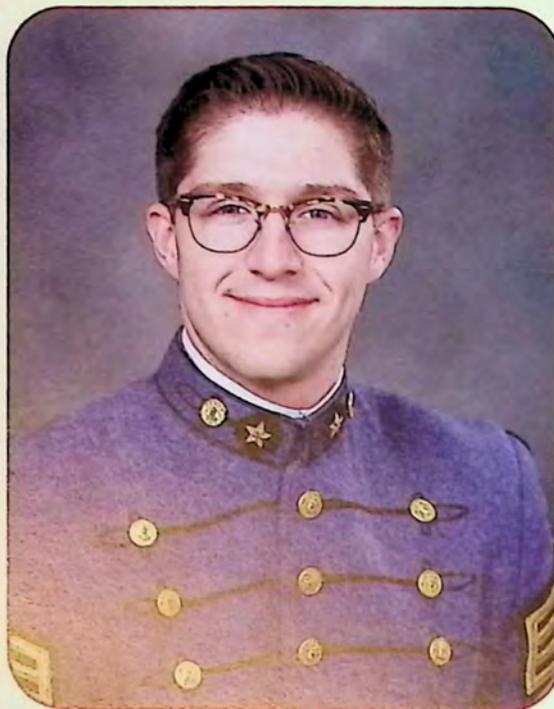


Devin Butler

*Guyton, GA
Major: English
Dyke: Parham, Gregory Alden II
Rats: Clark, Anthony Jordan,
Chesley, Corey Tyree
PVT G Company Private*

History

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Noah Campbell

*Lexington, VA
Major: Biology
Rats:
Dyke: Swoope, Sidney Rene
Rats: Patrick, Katelin Marie, Redlinger,
Katelyn Elizabeth
CPT 2nd Battalion Commander*

Activities: (S5 Cpl, Sgt, Cpt), (Run Club 2,1), (TriBeta Biological Honors Society 1), (Omicron Delta Kappa 2,1), (PreHealth Professions 2,1)

History

No other college could have pushed me academically, physically, and mentally as I have been over the past four years, while making some of greatest friends I'll ever have. To my parents, thank you for the unconditional love and support that remains undiminished. To Zach, Ethan, and Christian, thank you for sticking by my side for the last 3 years and supporting me through every endeavor. To Crews and Kush, thank you for the countless Council Meetings over the last three years, may it live on forever. For the Rats of 130, stick together, take care of one another, and soon enough you'll be reflecting on your time just as this. Though I may not miss the place, I will always miss the quality of character found in the friends I made at VMI.

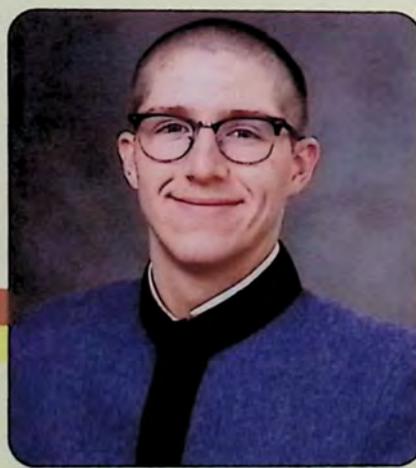
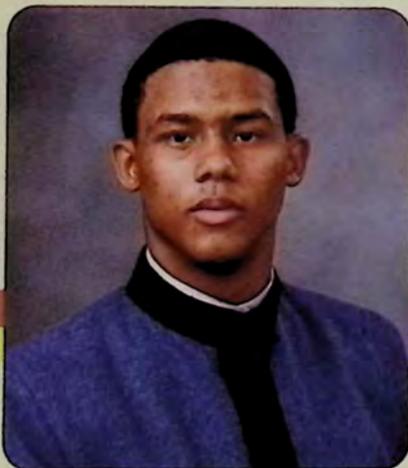


Madison Cappellano

*Charmoon, PA
Major: International Studies
Dyke: Swoope, Sidney Rene
Rats: Patrick, Katelin Marie, Redlinger,
Katelyn Elizabeth
CPT 2nd Battalion Commander*

History

As I prepare for the next chapter in my life, I am filled with gratitude for the unwavering support and love my friends and family have given me throughout my Cadetship. I would like to thank my Dyke, Sidney Swoope, for helping me navigate VMI and it's hardships. Graduating would not have been possible without your encouragement, understanding, and countless sacrifices. You all have helped me withstand the persistent challenges and celebrate the unforgettable milestones throughout my experience here. As I step into this next phase, I carry with me the countless lessons learned and the unbreakable bonds forged at VMI, forever grateful for the love and support that surrounded me.





Connor Carroll

Chesapeake, VA

Major: History

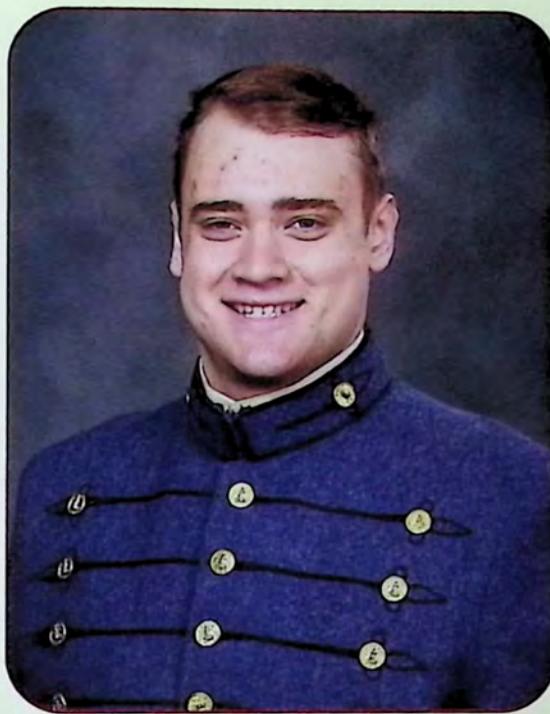
Dyke: Cornett, Noah Thomas

Rat: : Tankard, Anton A Jr.

CPS 1st Battalion Executive Office

History

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Stephen Castle

Mechanicsville, VA

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Dyke: Tomaso, Michael Joseph II

Rats: Rose, Jacob Hughes,

Hite, Ah'daryall Zai'kyle

PVT H Company Private

Activities NCAA Football VMI Baja

History

"We live on this speck called Earth - think about what you might do, today or tomorrow - and make the most of it." -Neil deGrasse Tyson "The gift of mental power comes from God, Divine Being, and if we concentrate our minds on that truth, we become in tune with this great power. My Mother had taught me to seek all truth in the Bible." -Nikola Tesla Firstly, I would like to thank my parents and my mentors for getting me this far. I couldn't have done it without them. VMI is like riding a bike. You fall down again and again until you figure it out. Then pretty soon you are helping those around you to ride a bike. This is synonymous of the challenges we have faced here. Those challenges have prepared us to face the real-world head on. We can persevere through all we may face and lead others through those challenges with us.



John Cathcart

Lexington, VA

Major: Economics and Business

Dyke: Blake, William Smith

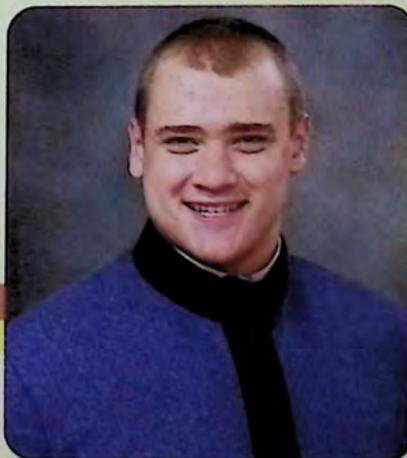
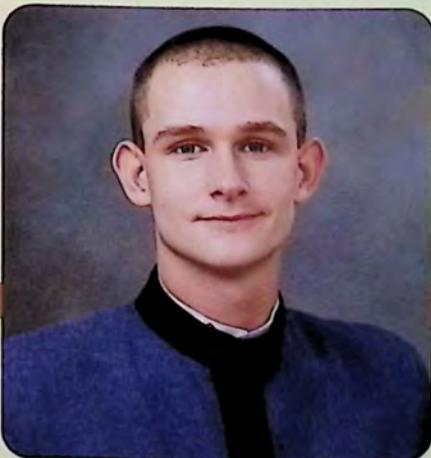
Rat: Schindler, Joshua Ellis

PVT F Company Private

Activities: Club Golf Front Porch Club General Committee

History

It's time to leave this brokedown palace. Mom and Dad thank you for everything you've done for me. Mom, you keep our family together. I love you. Trey, my brother and best friend, you keep me going and smiling. You are now officially the smartest Cathcart boy to have graduated from the "Tute". Smith and dykes of 124, thanks for showing me how to live right. Crank up some Waylon! Ian, Noland, Willie, (Roommates) thanks for always being there for me, and making bad days good ones. You are bound for greatness. To the boys of 101 & 157, see you later for a drink or two. Joshua and rats, I'm proud of you. Keep the faith, and hang in there.





Patrick Cavanaugh

Sparkill, NY

Major: History

Dyke: Davis, Conor Mathen

Rat: Shin, Honest D

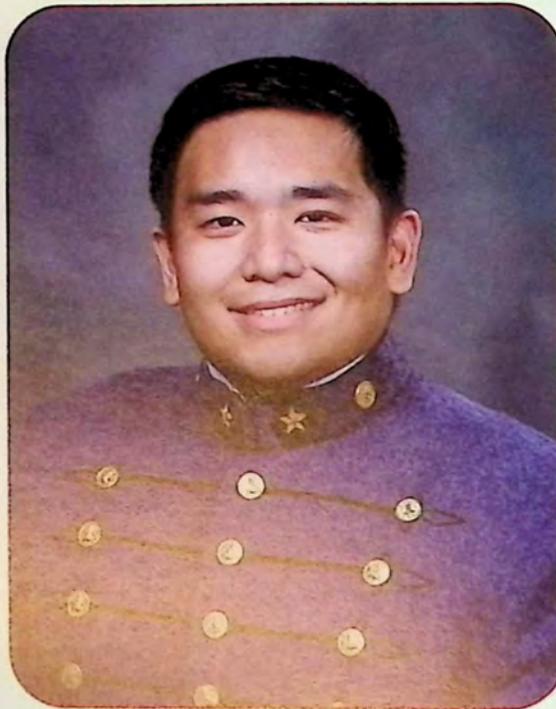
PVT F Company Private

Activities: Ice Hockey 4,3,2,1 Asst. Captain 2

Captain 1 S1 3,2 PVT 4,1 Army 4,3,2,1

History

What can I say after the past 4 years here at VMI? It is hard to sum it up in only 750 characters, but it has been the experience of a lifetime. One full of countless weekends, spring breaks, and lifelong memories. To my parents, thank you for forcing me to go to the open house that made me choose VMI, and thank you for always supporting me. To the boys, especially of room 3-132, from Pensacola, to Aston Mt, to right here in Lexington, I will never forget the memories. To my rat, continue to succeed in everything you do and remember to always stay true to yourself. And remember, you may not miss the circus when you are gone, but you will always miss the clowns.



Ethan Chanco

Orange Park, FL

Major: Computer Science-Cybersecurity

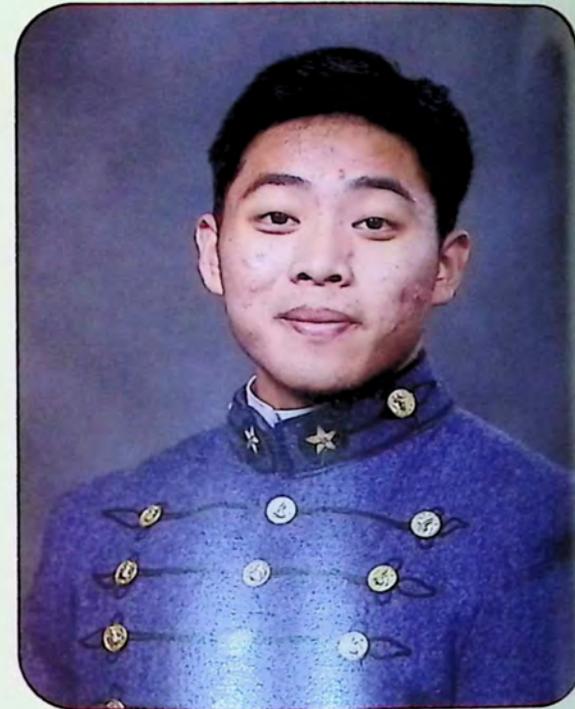
Dyke: Dua, Raymond Belano Jr.

Rat: Guidry, Henry Paul

PVT C Company Private

History

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Joshua Cheung

Brookfield, CT

Major: Biology, English

Dyke: Bouregy, Zane Federick

Rat: Yang, Kejian

PVT F Company Private

Activities: Rat Challenge Media CIC

History

I want to thank my parents for having me.



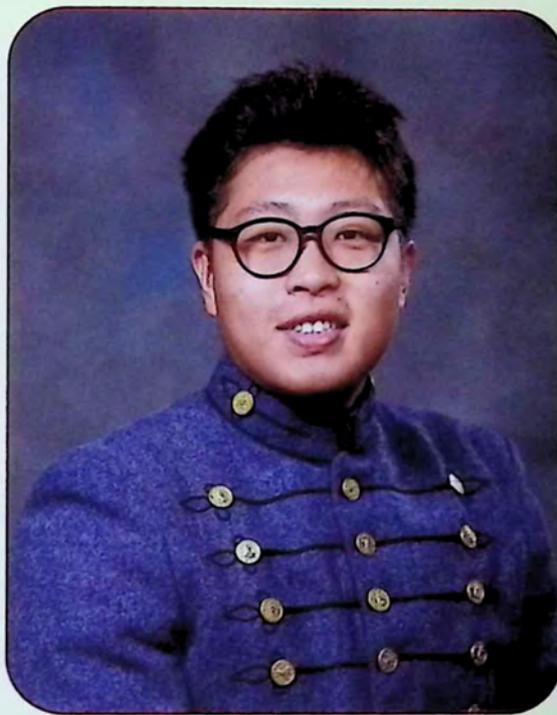


Justin Chow

*Arcadia, CA
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Dyke: Russell, Jordan R
Rat: Pfeiffer, Andrew Klein
PVT C Company Private*

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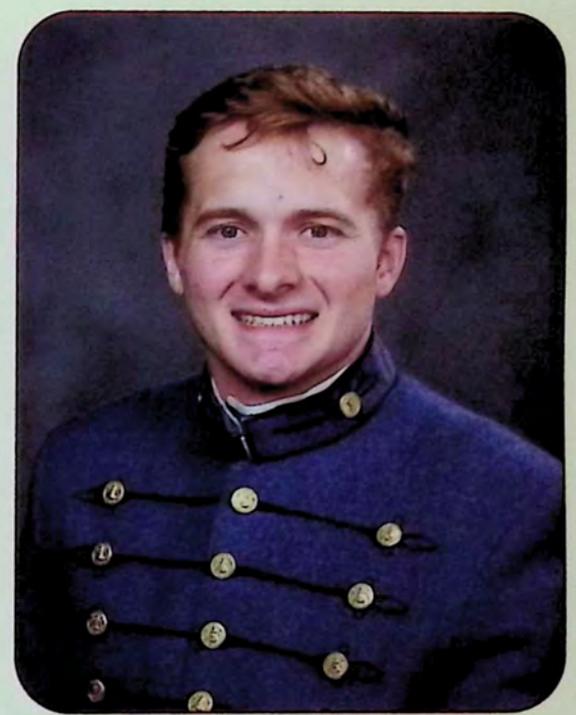


Julius Chung

*Irvine, CA
Major: Physics
Dyke: Kennedy, Levi Coty
Rat: Frank, John Tavik
PVT E Company Private
Activities: VMI Rugby, Society of Physics Students*

History

A huge thank you to my parents for their continuous support throughout my journey as a VMI Cadet. Thank you to all my brother rats who helped me through the process as well. To my rat, Frankie, I leave you here as my legacy to this school knowing that you will do great things in the future. Rah '24.

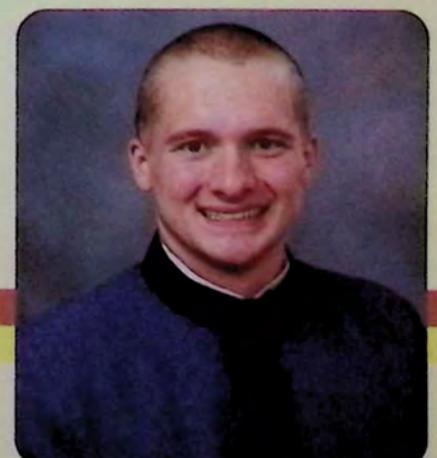


Nicholas Clark

*Radford, VA
Major: Civil Engineering
Dyke: Levine, Gage Isaac
Rat: Stroud, Jackson C
PVT C Company Private
Activities: Football Fall 2020 - Spring 2021.*

History

Ecclesiastes 7:18





Kurt Comber

Cherry Hill, NJ

Major: Chemistry

Dyke: Fetter, Richard D

Rat: Tucker, Layne McKinley

2LT H Company 4th Platoon Lt

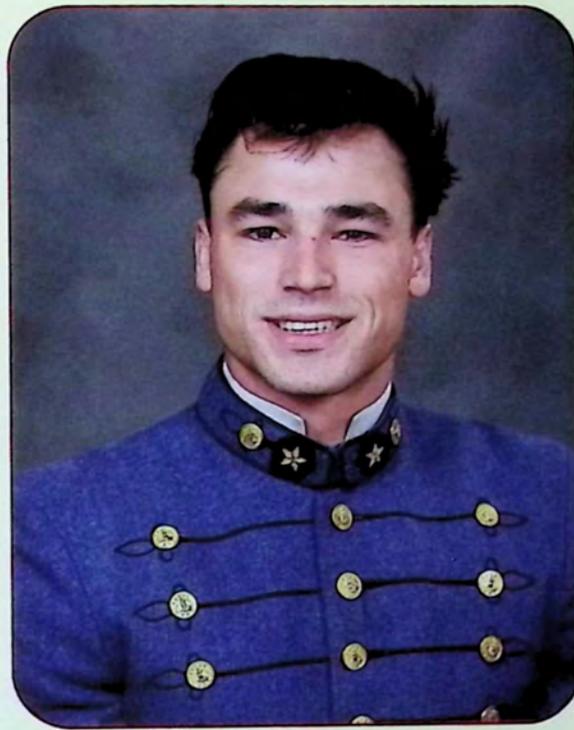
Activities: Swimming 4,3,2,1; The Bomb 3,2;

Cadre 2

History

If you are distressed by anything external, the pain is not due to the thing itself, but to your estimate of it; and this you have the power to revoke at any moment-

Marcus Aurelius



Brett Cook

Richmond, VA

Major: Psychology

Rat: Buchanan, Seth A

PVT E Company Private

Activities: Base Co

History

"The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance." - Alan Watts



Kenneth Cooper

Ft Lauderdale, FL

Major: International Studies

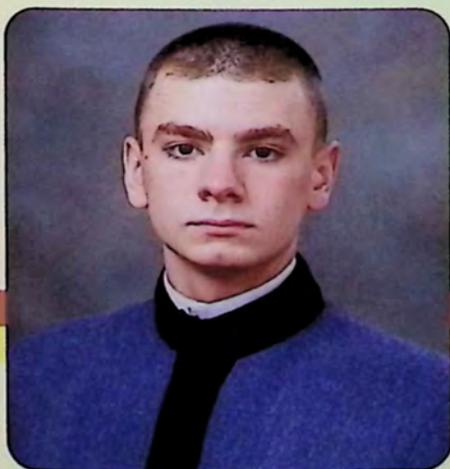
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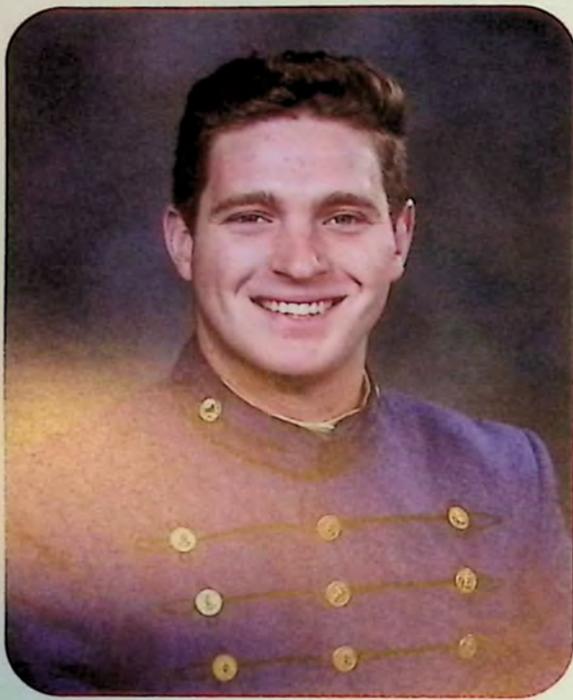
Rat: Dengub, Alexzender Sergey

PVT I Company Private

History

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Jacob Culbreath

Charlottesville, VA
Major: History
Dyke: Clemens, Grant Russell
Rat: Father, Scott Bustin
PVT H Company Private

History

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Sean Daffron

Chesterfield, VA
Major: History
Dyke: Terrell, Cameron H.
Rat: Mouriello, Zachary I.
PVT Band Company Private
Activities: Manager, VMI Ice Hockey,
VMI Rugby, Cadet EMJ,
3rd MCDS Soldier of the Year

History

My cadetship at VMI was frustrating, challenging, mentally and emotionally taxing. If it weren't for my companions whose relationships, I've found invaluable, I do not know if I could have endured. Josh, Ethan, Juju, Justin, Thomas, Pat, Steve, Joe, and so many others, I thank you for the motivation, the laughs, the late night talks, and most of all the support you provided me during one of the hardest periods of my life so far. Peter, your friendship, loyalty, and comradery have been irreplaceable and a critical part of my success. Momma, you have given me the drive to accomplish what's needed to be done, and been my parachute. Zach, you are my legacy, I am proud of you, and am excited to see what all you will become and do. Veni Vidi Vici.



Michael Dale

Daleton, GA
Major: History
Dyke: Cecconi, Angelo Joseph
Rat: Benning-Kruse, Owen R
PVT B Company Private
Activities: 1st Class Private Ball Bustin' Bravo
Rat Challenge

History

There were many times over the past four years when I considered regretting my choice to attend this hell hole of a school, but I can never truly regret my experience here. I could not have made it without my Brother Rats. Larry, Nate and Josh, thank you for putting up with me. Y'all probably have heard so much country music that you never wished to hear. Will, Gerik and Brayden, I hope we can have many more nights up at the Eagle's Nest. Struzzi, I hope you forgive me for the constant harassment (it will never stop). Unfortunately, there are many more BRs that I will have to leave out, but I could write entire novels about our adventures. Owen, thank you for giving it your all and for being such a good rat.





Ethan Danielson

Montpelier, VA

Major; Civil Engineering

Dyke: Apancio, Sergio L

Rats: Wang, Andy, Royal, Tyle Jamal

PVT Band Company Private

Activities: "PVT, 4-3-2-1, Pipe Band, 4-3-2-1,

Marathon Club, 4-3-2-1, Absurdist, 4-3-2-1,

Rat Challenge, 3-2,"

History

"Clean-Cut American Kid

I don't smoke and I don't drink

Use deodorant so I won't stink

Wear a white t-shirt under my clothes

Never fart or pick my nose

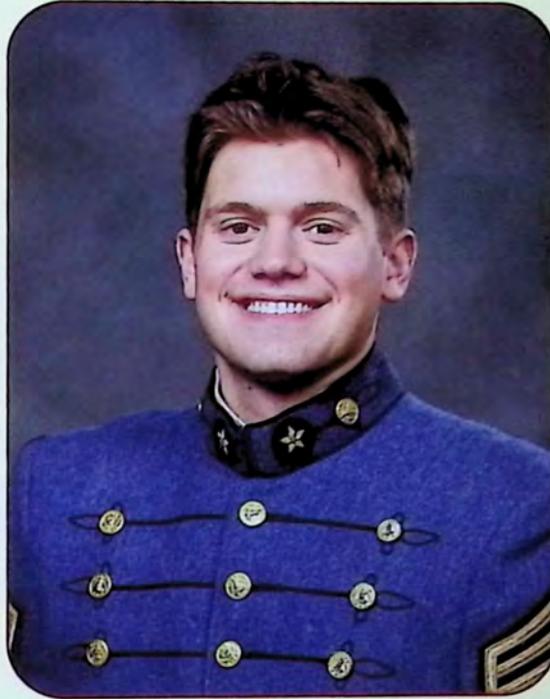
I'm a nice guy, I'm so polite

I turn the other cheek, I never fight

Take a bath everyday

And you can hear all the people say

What a clean-cut American kid -Ill Repute"



Kyle Dargis

Warrenton, VA

Major; English

Dyke: White, Kurtis Stewart

Rat: O'Neil, Brendan David

2LT G Company 1st Platoon Lt

History

I am grateful for all the people in my life that have supported me to this point in my cadetship.



William Davidson

Milford, MI

Major; International Studies

Dyke: Cox, Shaun Patrick

Rat: Gillespie, Jordan Gabriel

PVT H Company Private

Activities; CIC of the American Campaigns and Warfare Society Hotel Company CEA Rep Pistol Club Army Commissioning Armor

History

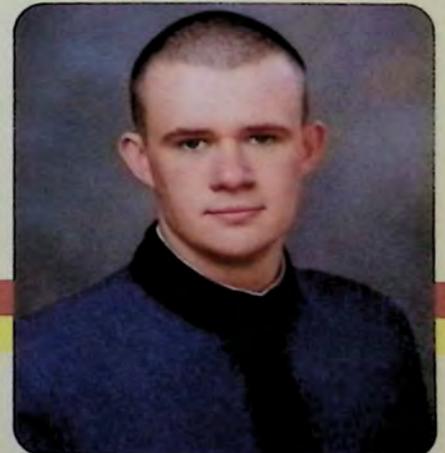
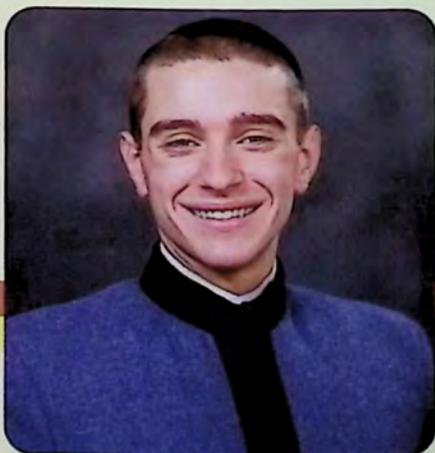
Four year private. Proud member of the Hotel Brotel.

I am not a canuk just sound like one, I promise.

Witness/instigator of the great Hotel-Golf War of 2020 Rat Olympics. Mobile DJ for downtown Annapolis. Exiled to New Barracks bathroom.

Organizer of staff rides and war games. Victim of living on Semper Fi Highway. Thankful for great my great dykes, Shaun Cox, Hunter Barnes, Darren Pitts, and Parker Martinez. Proud dyke of Jordan Gillespie, Batu Cevher, and Liam Cook. Glad to have roomed with Parker "the Cobbler" Hall and Dalen "MC" Armeni and to have hosted Huburt for our last semester.

A final thank you for Noah McHugh for being a good BR and friend for all 4 years and also reminding me that was due just a few hours before it was written.





Alexander Ezzelle

Richmond, VA

Major: History

Dyke: Chernault, Jesse Dylan

Rat: Miller, Jack Watkins

PVT H Company Private

Activities: S3 Corporal, Hotel Company Corporal, S3 Sergeant, Member of ODK, Member of Pi Delta Phi, Cadet Lifeguard.

History

Firstly, a nod to my late mother, Anne Carroll Mustian Ezzelle, a mother, sister, and daughter to cadets. It is to her I owe my resilience. To my father, Brian, I owe the distinction between thinking and doing. To my sisters, Elizabeth and Meredith, for having (and shoving) my back unconditionally. To Wilson, for the lengthy words of encouragement and counsel during my cadetship. To Miggie and Ruthie, for bearing my words of humor. My roommates, Austin, Jeb, and Melsy for allowing me to carry y'all. To Lindsey, for the adventurous spirit. Lastly, Sugar, for indescribable motivation. Rats of 3-124, If I did it so can you. "I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it."



Henry Faircloth

Sterling, VA

Major: History

Dyke: Drake, Joshua Michael

Rats: Chatlos, Brooks Judge, Canley, Aidan Michael

2LT A Company 3rd Platoon Lt

History

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Jacob Farrar

Crewe, VA

Major: Economics and Business

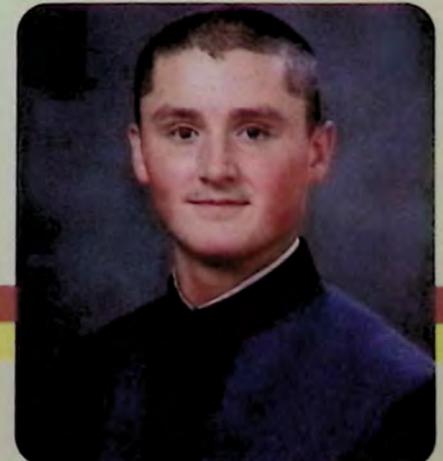
Dyke: Knight, William Clifford II

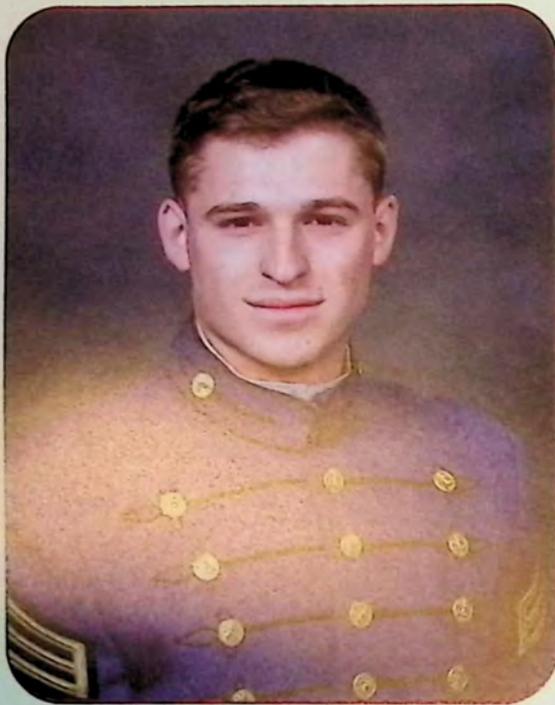
PVT B Company Private

Activities: Baseco Fellowship of Christian Athletes Ducks Unlimited

History

First, I just want to thank most importantly God for getting me through my time at VMI. I also want to thank my family for being my biggest support system that I could ever have and I am so grateful for it. I also would like to thank six men at VMI that helped me bring my life closer to Christ and helped me become the man I am today. Thank you Carter, Cole, Reeves, Jake, and Al Soltis. Finally, I want to thank Richard a man that works in Scott Shipp Hall. He said something that changed my life forever which was, "Be careful entertaining a stranger it may just be an angel" - Richard God Bless VMI





Justin Faught

Manassas, VA

Major: History

Dyke: Reimann, Matthew Thomas

Rat: Kelly, Ryder James

2LT F Company 1st Platoon Lt

Activities: F-Troop Cadre Corporal (2021-2022),

F-Troop 1st Platoon Sergeant (2022-2023),

F-Troop 1st Platoon Lieutenant (2023-2024),

Marine NROTC 4/C Advisor/ Bulldog Advisor.

History

"Thank you to my family for being a constant source of unwavering support. I would not be where I am today without the direction you have provided in my life. To my roommates, Thomas, Pat, Nico, Peter, and Sean: I cherish the time we have spent together as brother rats and as friends. To my rats, Ryder, Jordan, and Honest:

Always remember that this institution is built on adversity, it will always call you to overcome the challenges of daily life. This is a trend that will continue to persist well past your time here and into the real world. It is up to you to never lose sight of your goals and push past whatever may block your path."



Luke Fegley

Middletown, PA

Major: Economics and Business

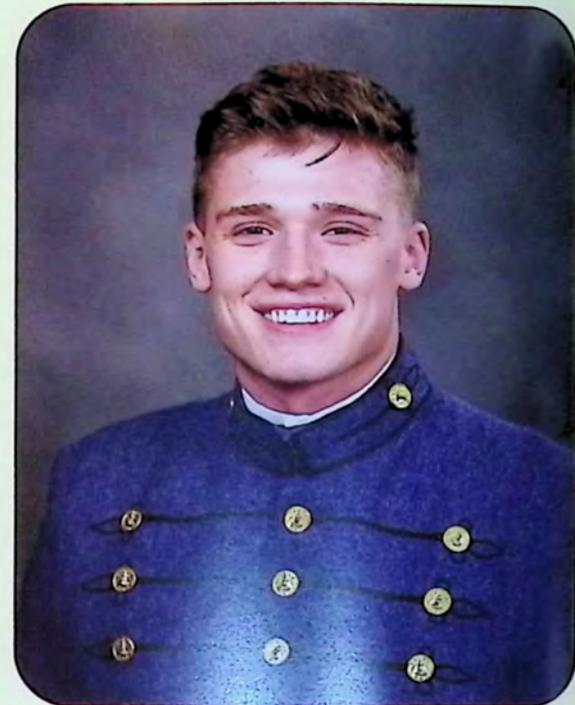
Dyke: Barnhart, Cody Edward

Rat: Jones, Gavin J

EVT E Company Private

History

A sincere thank you to my parents and everyone who supported me throughout my time at VMI. Time has flown by, and as I reflect on these years, I am immensely grateful for the incredible memories and experiences. The challenges were met with resilience, and the camaraderie formed has been a source of strength. The moments of joy and personal growth have made this journey not just academically rewarding but also immensely fun. To my parents and everyone who supported me, your encouragement has been instrumental, and I am truly thankful for the support that has shaped me into the man I am today. The memories created will forever hold a special place in my heart.



Conner Felts

Roanokeville, VA

Major: English

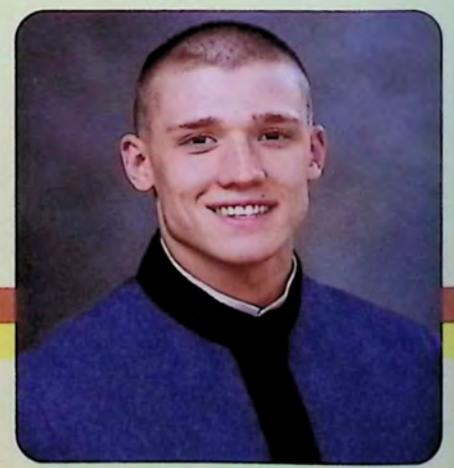
Dyke: Stevens, Grady Adair

Rat: Ungard, Adam Joseph

PVT H Company Private

History

I am grateful for all the people in my life that have supported me to this point in my cadetship.





Daniel Galvez

Culpeper, VA

Major: Psychology

Dyke: von Rinteln, Lance Guillermo

Rat: Feliciano, Julien Fernando

2LT D Company 4th Platoon Lt

Activities: VMI Boxing, The Wyatt Society human resources officer, Virginia Cyber Range

History

To my roommates and friends, the memories made together will always be held close to my heart. To my family, without your constant love and support, I alone could not have kept coming back year after year. To my rat, Julien, I have already had the privilege of seeing you grow and am excited to hear about what life continues to have in store for you. To Feliciano, Shah, Marangoni, and Moon, thank you for taking me and your dykes as mentors for the brief moment we had to share. To my dyke, Lance, your mentorship meant more to me than I have ever been able to express. To those who have helped me in even the most minor of ways, I will always be indebted to you for even the smallest of acts of kindness you showed me. To VMI, Goodbye.



William Garbett

Richmond, VA

Major: English

Dyke: Barrette, Max Andrew

Rats: Moore, Jacob Carlos,

Howerton, Nathaniel Cahoon

PVT G Company Private

History

I am grateful for all the people in my life that have supported me to this point in my cadetship.



Cole Garrett

Prince George, VA

Major: Psychology

Dyke: Knight, William Clifford II

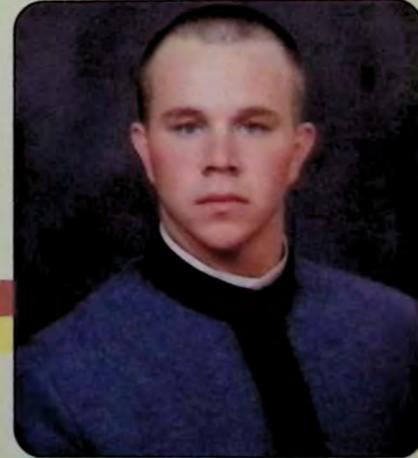
Rat: Spiegel, Justin Herbert

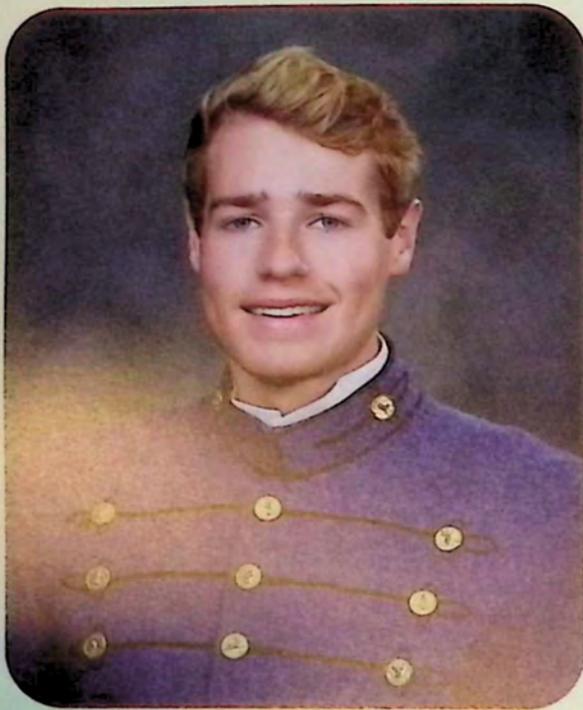
PVT I Company Private

Activities: Baseball Team FCA Huddle Leader

History

If I did not have God in my life, I would not have gotten through this place. Yes your friends and family help you get through this place. God places those people in your life for a reason. He allows you to build certain relationships, but what that said, no human can replicate the presence of God. Thank you God for the blessings. John 8:36 "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed"



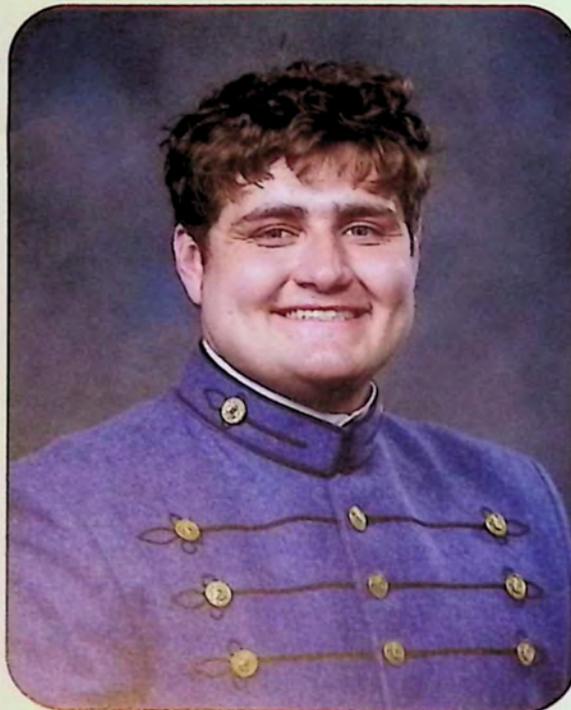


Mark Gaughan

*Clarksburg, WV
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Dyke: Miller, Andrew August
Rat: Hines, David
EWC
Activities: ROTC, Sigma Phi Epsilon*

History

The last four years have been full of memories I will never forget. I would like to thank my parents and friends for helping me throughout the process.

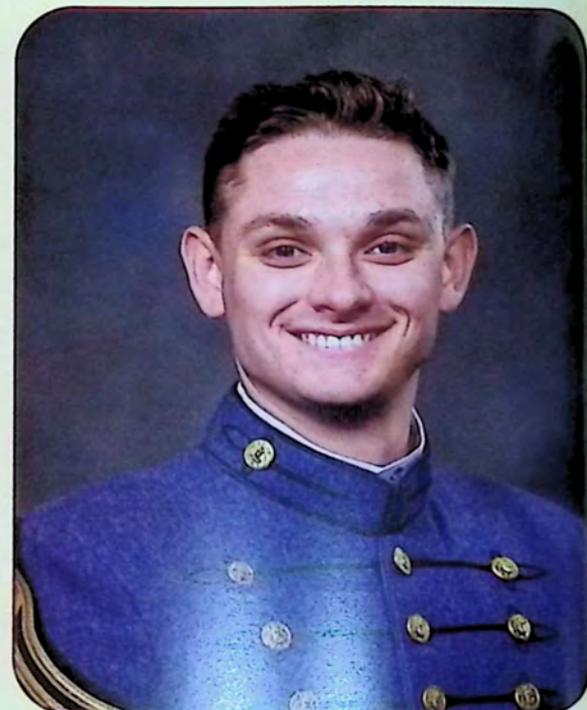


Benjamin George

*Clarksburg, WV
Major: Biology
Dyke: Halkidis, Isiah Haralampos
Rat: Zorriello, Joshua A
EWC A Company Private*

History

I am grateful for all the people in my life that have supported me to this point in my cadetship.



Sam Child

*Clarksburg, WV
Major: Applied Mathematics
Dyke: Hamrick, Andrew August
Rats: Chandury, Abdouh Shahnawaz,
Mitchell, Justin Gregory
1LT Band Company Executive Officer
Activities: "Band Clerk AY21-22, Band 1st SGT
AY22-23, Band XO AY23-24,
Marathon Club, NCMJ Instructor"*

History

My 4 years at the institute have been formative in many ways, teaching me self-reliance, discipline, and honor. I will never forget my time at the institute and my time with my brother rats. I could not have made it without the unwavering support of my parents.





Evan Glasscock

Chagrin Falls, OH

Major: History

Dyke: McCarty, Cole Michael

Rats: Domalik, Jace Douglas,

Mroschak, Chase Alexander

PVT A Company Private

Activities: Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (3,2,1) Powerlifting

(4,3) RDC First Class Representative (1)

A co. private (4,3,2,1)

History

I want to thank my family as well as my roommates and friends for the amazing memories and friendship.

Shoutout to Luke, Ben, Crews, Chris, Nick, Brian,

Matthew, and Jack. All I can say is that this school is

what you make of it. You can choose to go through the

emotions and pretend like you've accomplished something,

or you can lock in and callous your mind and body.

Make the conscious choice to do things that challenge

you every day, and the VMI system WILL reward

you. To my son, Chase, you've done right by me and I

am so proud of you. Remember, we are what we

repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a

habit. Stay Hard. With Violence, Mr. Glasscock



Garrett Gradine

Chesapeake, VA

Major: Economics and Business

Dyke: Grimmett, Hayden Barry

Rat: Larrance, Jude Porter

2LT H Company 1st Platoon Lt

Activities: Hotel Company 1st PL, Golf Club,

Front Porch Club 1, Covid Survivor, Golf Champion

Class of 2024, Hotel Private 3,2

The Community 1, Ducks Unlimited

History

They say don't do ordinary and my time at VMI was far from it. This has been one of the best decisions I have ever made. I would like to thank my parents for helping find VMI and their support throughout my cadetship. To my girlfriend Ainsley, I would like to thank you for being my support system and dealing with the lack of weekends. I would like to thank my roommates, Bryson Minear, Reese Devries, Lucas Wood, and somehow James Selton. You guys are my family, and I would not have been able to stay here without you guys. All the laughs and memories are something that I will miss every day. To my rat Jude, you are the best rat I could have asked for and I can't wait to see where your cadetship takes you playa.



Andrew Granger

Marietta, GA

Major: English

Dyke: Usher, Daniel Patrick

Rat: Clendenin, Rafe Michael

PVT G Company Private

History

I am grateful for all the people in my life that have supported me to this point in my cadetship.





Matthew Hattner

Suffolk, VA

Major: Psychology

Dyke: Smith, Isaac Fleming

Rat: Putman, Myles Cranston

PVT A Company Private

Activities: Alpha Company Private of the Years' 4, 3, 2, 1

History

With society and cultural norms in America rapidly changing VMI is the backbone that we should be able to lean on to help shape and mold our sons and daughters.

If VMI keeps changing we are losing our backbone. Please do not let this school become ordinary, keep it extraordinary. Shout out to 142 (Glasscock, Greer, BG, Crews Missile, and Kusch) and a special shout out to the only original room still standing in the class of '24, 146 (Jackson, Janson, Nick). 146 out.



Brianna Havron

Smithfield, VA

Major: English

Dyke: Duklis, Alexandra Nicole

Rat: Palacio, Jamie Cassandra

PVT C Company Private

History

I am grateful for all the people in my life that have supported me to this point in my cadetship.



James Hebert

Virginia Beach, VA

Major: Physics

Dyke: Cadle, Todd Christopher

Rats: Thomas, Cameron Alexander,

Goff, Travis David Jr.

CPT E Company Commander

Activities: Echo Company Clerk AY 21-22 Echo

1PGSG AY 22-23 Echo Commanding Officer

AY 23-24 SPS Secretary AY 21-22 SPS

Treasurer AY 22-23 SPS President AY

23-24 Ducks Unlimited AY 22-24 Trap and

Skeet AY 23-24

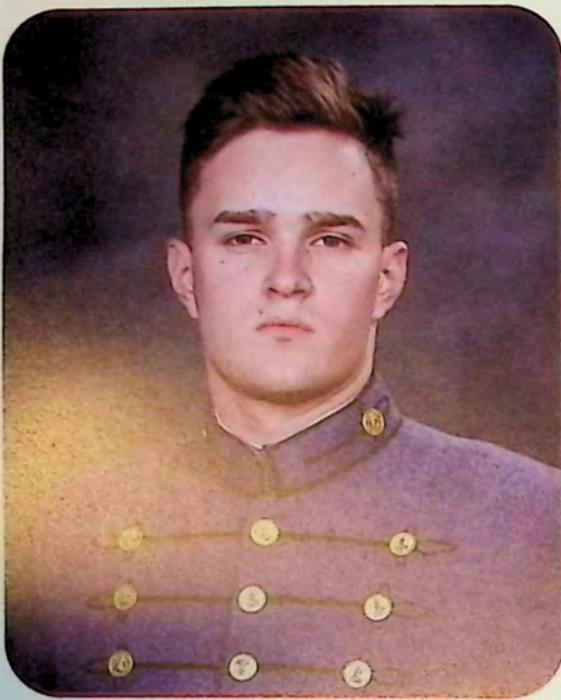
History

I would first like to thank my parents and the rest of my family for all of the support that they have given me throughout these rough few years. I would also like to thank my Dyke and Rats for teaching me how to be a mentor from both sides of the experience. Thank you to my Roommates for putting up with all of my shenanigans and rants that I had due to cadre. I would

also like to thank all of the past Echo COs for teaching me to become a leader in the company that is willing to fight and look out for everyone in the company. Lastly, I would like to thank the Physics department for all of the time and effort they have put into me. "You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life."

-Winston Churchill.





Jonathan Hedger

*Company: 1st
Major: [unclear]
Dyke: [unclear]
Rat: [unclear]
PVT 1 Company [unclear]*

History

I am grateful for all the people in my life that have supported me to this point in my cadetship.



Joseph Heffron

*Darnestown, MD
Major: Civil Engineering
Dyke: Cox, Shaun Patrick
Rat: Horan, Christopher David
PVT Band Company Private
Activities: ASCE Cadre Veteran (cpl) Club
Wrestling BJJ Club VMI Museum Tour Guide
NEB 600 floor Resident COVID-19 Survivor
(former Motel 6 Resident Feb 08-Feb 22 2021)*

History

*"I don't make the rules, hell I don't even follow them."
Thank you God, mom, dad, brother, and friends for getting me out of here. Rah '21, Rah '24, Rah '27
HR: Zach Sturm, Grace Wagner, Nic Clark*



Anna Heideriem

*Stonassac, VA
Major: Economics and Business
Dyke: [unclear], Emily S
Rats: [unclear], Hayden Ann,
Knuedler, Alejandra Isabella
2LT A Company 1st Platoon Lt
Activities: Alpha Company 1st PL*

History

Over the course of my time here at VMI, I have transformed from a rat to a cadet and from a young girl to a woman. VMI has truly made me who I am today, and it has challenged me more than I could have ever imagined. I am very appreciative of the support of my family. Thank you to my mom, dad, and brothers for always pushing me to succeed. My mom is my best friend and has pushed me to keep going in the hardest of times here. I could not be more thankful. I am grateful for Virginia Military Institute and all that it has given me. Rah '21 and Rah '24





Jarrett Herndon

Durham, NC

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Dyke: Cook, Sydney W.

Rat: Brown, Coley D.

PVT B Company Private

History

I am grateful for all the people in my life that have supported me to this point in my cadetship.



David Hess

Mechanicsville, VA

Major: Psychology

Dyke: Chaulklin, Jordan Robert

Rat: Gray, William

PVT G Company Private

Major: Equestrian club, Ducks Unlimited

History

My time here at VMI has been a mix of both expected and unexpected experiences. Collectively these have impacted who I am today having provided valuable lessons, lasting connections, and a lifetime of memories. I am thankful for this cadetship and for my parents, my family, and brother rats who have shown support in all the many ways. "I gotta be straight with you Mav, right now I just hope we graduate." - Goose



Christopher Hicks

Culpeper, VA

Major: Civil Engineering

Dyke: Griffith, Harrison Lewis

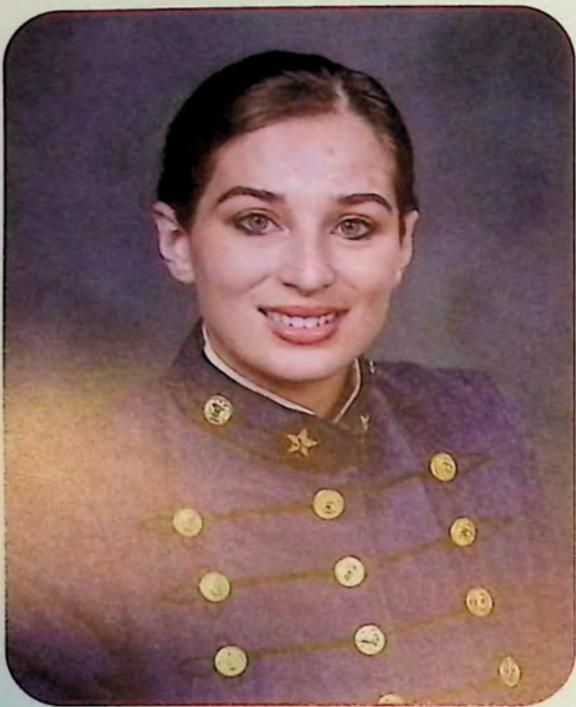
Rat: Gwin, Isaac James

PVT I Company Private

History

I am grateful for all the people in my life that have supported me to this point in my cadetship.





Alexandria Holt

Highland Lakes, NJ

Major: Modern Languages - Spanish

Dyke: McCarly, Cole M.

Rats: Abraham, Elizabeth, James

Negron, Giovanni, Leah

PVT - B Company Private

*Activities: OGA Investigator, Boxing, Pistol Team
ACIC, Bed Bath and Beyond member*

History

First, I would like to thank all my roommates for supporting me through my cadetship. I love you all and my experience at VMI would not have been the same without you. I would also like to thank my closest friends who supported me through tough times. Good luck to my rats, Aurora and J'Leigh. I am so proud of you both and I know you will go on to do great things. 1

Corinthians 9:26



Joseph Holtz

Henrico, VA

Major: Economics and Business

Dyke: McCarly, Cole M.

Rats: Bass, Elijah L., Burnett, Bryce D.

PVT - G Company Private

History

I am grateful for all the people in my life that have supported me to this point in my cadetship.



Madison Tornig

Blue Bell, PA

Major: International Studies

Dyke: Carpenter, Natalie E

Rats: Webster, Brooklynn Louise,

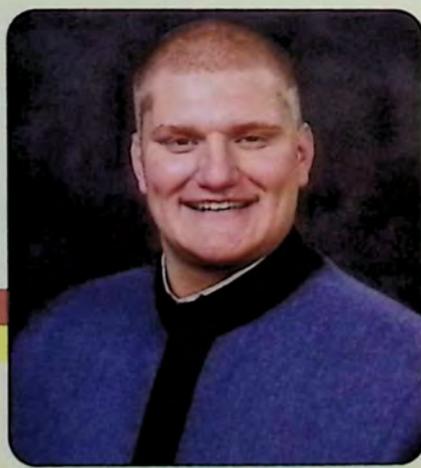
Hedges, Gabrielle Reagan

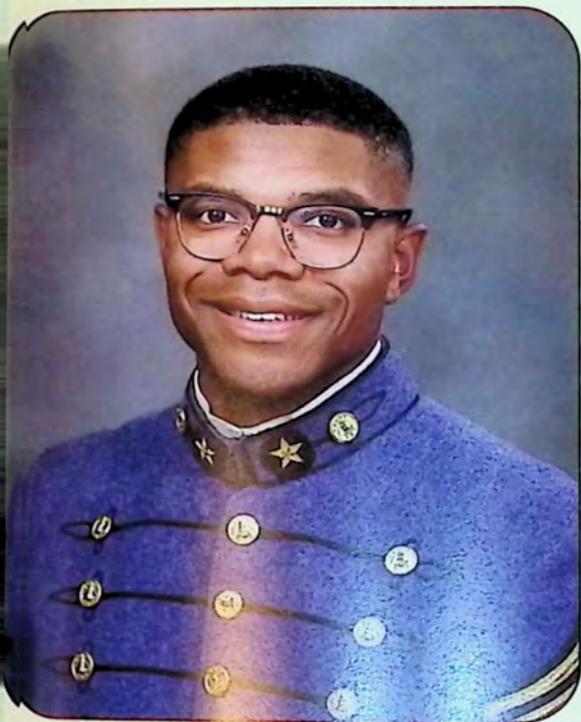
PVT - D Company Private

*Activities: International Studies Coast Guard 4,3,2,1
Women's Soccer 1 RDC 2,1 Coast Guard
Leadership, 2,1; EMT*

History

I came to VMI as an athlete with the intent of commissioning in the Coast Guard, but I am leaving with much more. I have become a more confident leader. I have achieved a degree in International Studies, and most importantly, I have made lifelong memories. Without the support of many, this would not have been possible. To my parents: thank you for giving me the opportunity to forge my own path. To my roommates: your kindness and support has been instrumental. To my rats: thank you for challenging me and allowing me to be your mentor. Lastly, to Sebastian: thank you for being my best friend, for encouraging me, and for being my greatest advocate. I will forever be proud to call myself a member of the VMI Class of 2024.





Miles Johnson

Richmond, VA

Major: History

Dykes: Jones, Jack P

Rats: Sims, George Anthony III,

Woods, Jeremiah Robert

CPT 3rd Battalion Commander

Activities: Promaji Club President, Powerlifting, Bulldog Advisor 1; AI Club ACiC 2,1, ODK 2,1; RSM 2-Ring Figure; F-Troop Cadre CPL 3; Promaji Councilperson 3,2; Bible Study 4,3,2,1

History

I am blessed to have graduated from VMI! God's grace and mercy guided through me the wonders of VMI. I would like to thank the relationships I have cultivated during my time here. I would like to thank Promaji for giving me a second home on Post. I also want to thank the NROTC department for grooming me to helping me learn how to become a successful Marine Corps officer. I want to thank my BRs, the Chaplain's office, and other cadets for making my time here worthwhile. Good luck to my Rat J Woods. God will guide you through VMI. 1 Peter 5:10 "Yes, you will suffer for a short time. But after that, God will make everything right. He will make you strong. He will support you and keep you from falling. He is the God who gives all grace...



Parker Johnson

Henrico, VA

Major: History

Dykes: Hutson, Jonathan Allen,

Rsts: Morales-Acededo, Angel Gabriel

Bracey, Timayahs Lazriel

PVT F Company Private

Activities: Company Corporal, Third Platoon Sergeant, Phi Alpha Theta, Golf Club

History

I cannot say that VMI has changed me in a dramatic way. Looking back, my personality and identity is similar to how it was back in 2020. But VMI has changed me for the better. Because of VMI, I was forced to come face to face with my own personal shortcomings. For the past four years I've been working on overcoming my own weaknesses and so I can say that because of VMI, while I am still the same person, I am a better version of him.



Timothy Johnson

Manakin Sabot, VA

Major: International Studies

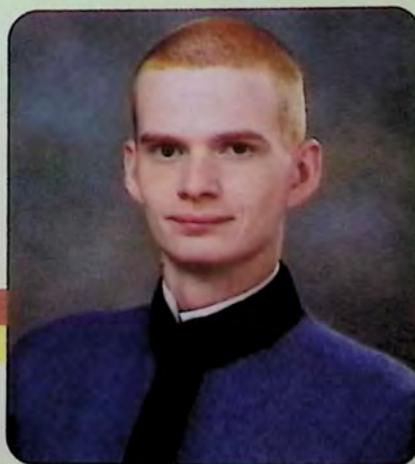
Dyke: Camacho, Jesus Miquel II

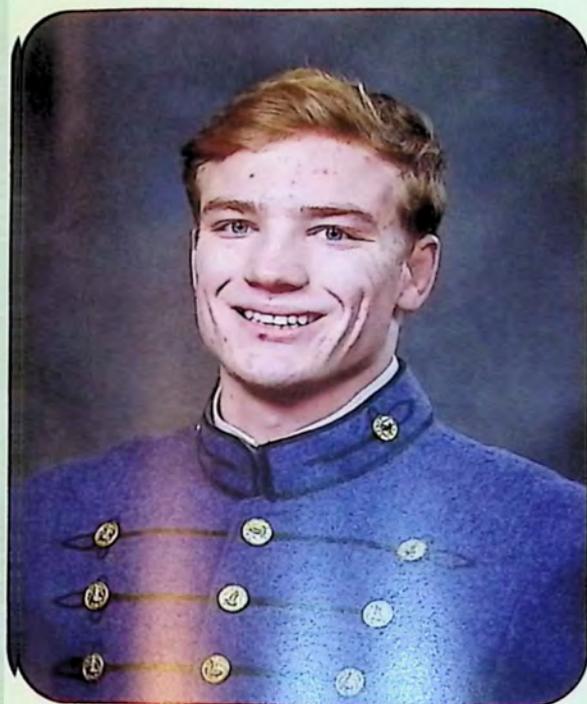
Rat: Schutter, Tristan Steele

PVT I Company Private

History

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Frederick Junger

Wexford, PA

Major: Civil Engineering

Dyke: Conway, Clifton David III

Rat: Flener, Jayson Robert

PVT I Company Private

Activities: NCAA wrestling

History

The past four years have been nothing short of a wild journey. Through all of the early mornings, long days, and restless night I can finally say that the VMI has prepared for the real world and I will be able to complete any task at hand. I am extremely grateful for all of the people that I have met during my time at VMI and all of the experiences and hardships that I went through over that past four years that have had an influence on who I am today.



Jackson Kamb

Lexington, VA

Major: Psychology

Dyke: Clements, Thomas Sean

Rat: Edwards, Lucas Creed

PVT G Company Private

Activities: VMI EMS, Regulators Boxing, Coast Guard AUP, LFD Fire Department EMS

History

My cadetship was defined with the bonds I made along the way. When times were tough I learned to rely on my brothers to give me reason to keep pushing. These people made me love my time at VMI and made me realize I would not be anywhere else. To my rat, rely on our bonds when it gets hard and be someone to lean on for them as well. These friends will last a lifetime and is the most important aspect of VMI. Always serve others and keep being that great guy I know you are. I am proud of your hard work, be better than me.



Kaylyn Kates

Hampton, VA

Major: Biology

Dyke: Powell, Taylor Alyce

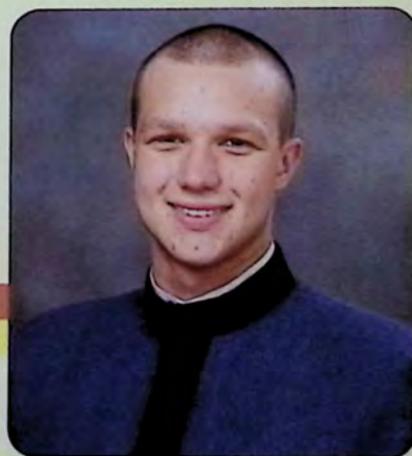
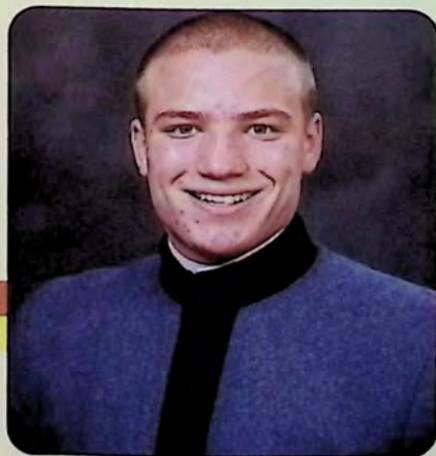
Rat: Casillas, Ysabel Corinne

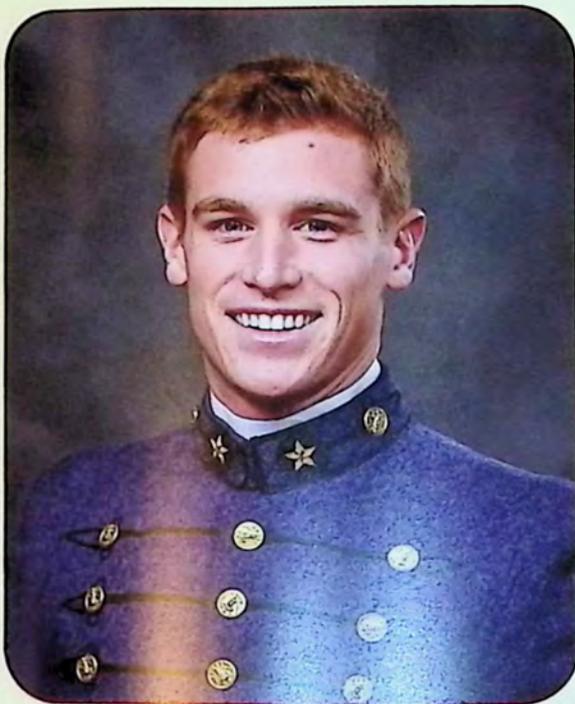
2LT 1st Battalion S-4lt- Emt

Activities: BJJ club EMS supply LT

History

*This is for you dad I love and miss you every day. Keep pushing Ysabel you got this! 10/30/2018
2/6/2024*





Jacob Kleinschuster

Richmond, VA

Major: Economics and Business

Dyke: Branch, Thomas Road

Rat: Maxwell, Thomas James

PVT B Company Private

*Activities: GC Historian, Ranger Challenge,
Superintendents Advisory Board, Duck Unlimited,
ODK, BGS honor society*

History

While each year offered its own lesson, the entire process ingrained the importance of having strong friends who will support you through the thick and thin. I could not imagine going through these four years without the help of my family and friends. To the boys in room 101, yall kept a smile on my face each and every day. My ranger challenge guys pushed me each day exceed my limit. To my bother, Carter Hugate and Jake Farrar, I couldn't have prayed for a more loyal group of guys. I cant wait to look back on these days and laugh about all the dumb stuff the four of us got into. To mom and dad, I am so beyond thankful for your continued support and love. I am thankful for these years and and even more thankful to be done.



Joshua Knapp

Abingdon, MD

Major: Psychology

Dyke: Marchant, Casey Lewis

Rats: Land, Nicholas Clarke, Holmes, Malik Allen

PVT H Company Private

Activities: Football

History

Thank you to my family, friends, and scholarship donor for supporting me throughout the last four years!



William Knox

Charleston, WV

MAJOR: Economics and Business

Dyke: Udinski, Reece Bates

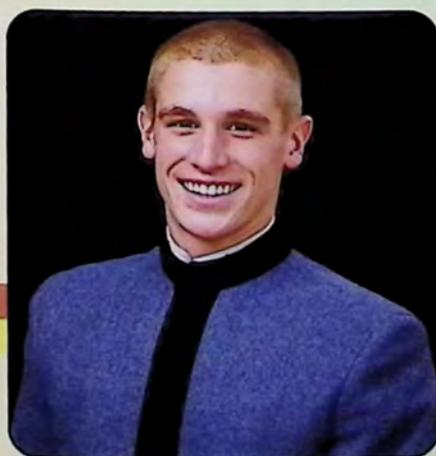
Rat: Moore, Destin Cannon

PVT F Company Private

Activities: Football

History

I would like to personally thank my friends on the football team for getting me through the 4 years of VMI, my parents for always supporting me, my dyke for pushing me to be the best and God for blessing me with the opportunity to be given a scholarship and get a degree.





Jarrod DuRoi

*Saint Simon Island, SC
Major: International Studies
Dyke: Rae, Kevin Michael
Rat: Thorpe, Jacob Brian
PVT H Company Private*

History

I am grateful for all the people in my life that have supported me to this point in my cadetship.



Alexander Larou

*Moseley, VA
Major: Economics and Business
Dyke: Ewald, Samuel Karl
Rat: Branzelle, Preston Dean
PVT I Company Private
Activities: BaseCo, Cadet Investment Group*

History

Permit for life



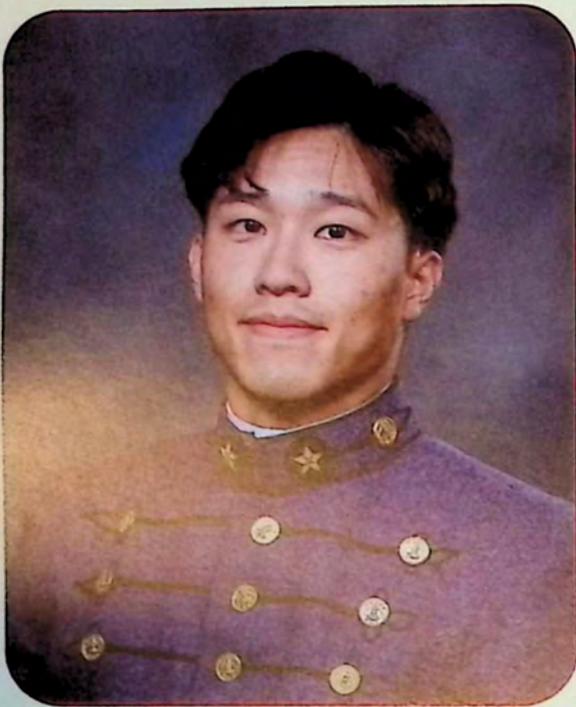
Alexander Lee

*Catlettsburg, KY
Major: History
Dyke: Housand, Nicholas James
Rat: Dworakowski, Luca Patrick
PVT I Company Private
Activities: Ranger Challenge, Phi Alpha Theta*

History

To my roommates thank you for being with me during my cadetship. A thank you to my family for pushing me and giving me support during my cadetship. To my rat thank you for giving me a first class year worth remembering.





Daniel Lee

*Centerville, VA
Major: Civil Engineering
Dyke: Bedford, Timothy Christopher
Rat: Puck, Andrew
PVT E Company Private
Activities: E PVT E Company Private, JBP*

*History
Oh yes*



Thomas Lees

*Ashburn, VA
Major: Civil Engineering
Dyke: Palmieri, Nicholas David
Rat: Reeder, Austin Michael
PVT A Company Private
Activities: NCAA Men's Swimming*

*History
Thank you to my family, friends, professors,
teammates, and mentors for making the last four years
an incredible experience. Through all the highs and
lows endured, the memories will live on. "Never Falter,
Never Quit".*

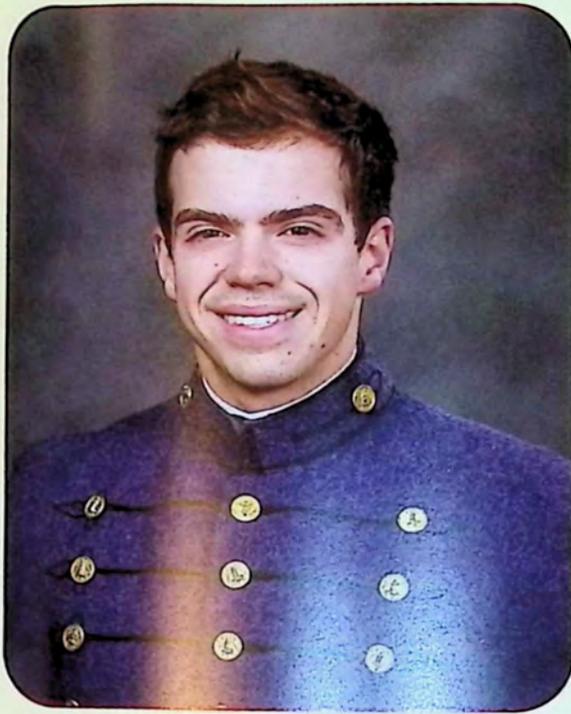


Antonio Lemus

*Lawrenceville, KS
Major: Modern Languages & Cultures
Dyke: Prammo, Jordan Donald
Rat: Zavella, Lucas Francis
PVT C Company Private*

*History
I am grateful for all the people in my life that have
supported me to this point in my cadetship.*





Jacob Leonard

Chesapeake, VA

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Dyke: Lutes, David Lawrence

Rat: DuBose, Mitchell Blaine

PVT C Company Private

Activities: Powerlifting Club, Officers' Christian Fellowship, American Society of Mechanical Engineers

History

No one fights alone.



Charles Lewis

King William, VA

Major: Economics and Business

Dyke: Alexander, Adam Joseph Jr.

Rat: DiLoreto, Thomas LaPrade Jr.

PVT C Company Private

Activities: Private 3, 2, 1 Cadet Battery 2, 1 Golf Club 1 Scuba Club 2 Rat Challenge 2 ECBU Book Club 2

History

To my VMI family: thank you. I have much gratitude toward my parents, my friends, and my Rat. Zach, Luke, and John thanks for being the best friends a guy could ask for, even though Col. Smith calls our group trouble.

To my rat, TJ use your head a little more, but you're a great kid and I know you're going to do great things. All of the continuous support and comradery has led to this point in life. VMI taught many lessons, paramount of them were integrity, honor, and perseverance. As I graduate, I carry these lessons forward with gratitude.

Class of '24, here is to the memories made, obstacles overcome, and bright futures ahead of us. I cherish the moments we've had and look forward to seeing the success we achieve in our futures.



Chi-Hsien Li

Taiwan 913 ROC

Major: Computer Science

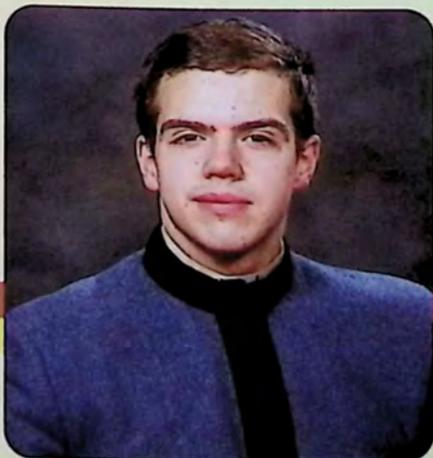
Dyke: Lai, Li-Hsing

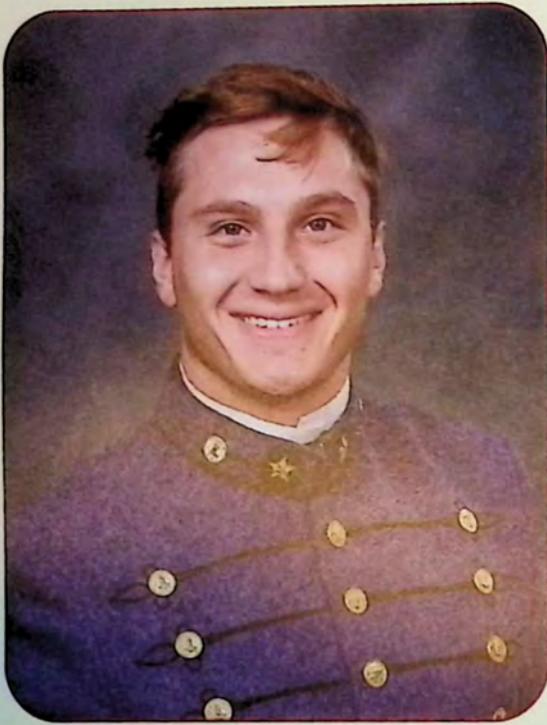
Rat: Zhuo, Fang-yu, Wang, Zih-yi

PVT C Company Private

History

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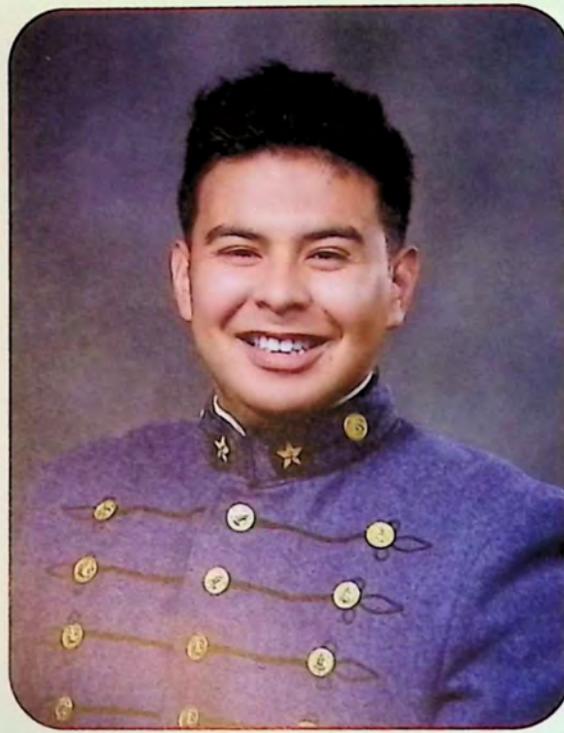


Michael Liberatore

*Richmond, VA
Major: Civil Engineering
Dyke: Clemons, Grant Russell
Rat: Liberatore, Lucas Vincent
PVT D Company Private*

History

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Joshua Licona

*Stafford, VA
Major: Computer Science
Dyke: Padilla, Wesley Ricardo Jr.
Rats: Reynolds, Joseph Timothy,
Mejia Corcos, Martin Saul
PVT A Company Private
Activities: Men's Soccer Manager 4/C-1/C, BJJ
Club 3/C, Programming Club CIC, 1/C, VMI
Golf Club 1/C*

History

Just want to first say thank you to my family for pushing me through all four years here at VMI. I want to next say thank you to my fiancé who took the time to help me run the block every day from rat to 3/c year. Thank you to my professors who pushed me through classes, and specifically to Dr. Azab who challenged my every decision academically. I don't think I have clashed heads with a professor more than him, but he always did it for my success. Lastly, thank you to my roommates, BRs, and everyone on the soccer team who made me laugh non-stop for four years straight. Without the humor, this place would be unbearable. I originally applied to this school as a joke. Guess the jokes on me now.

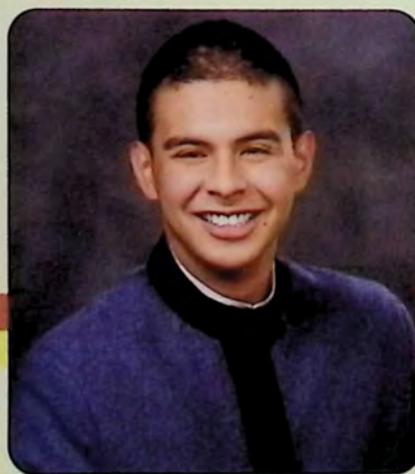


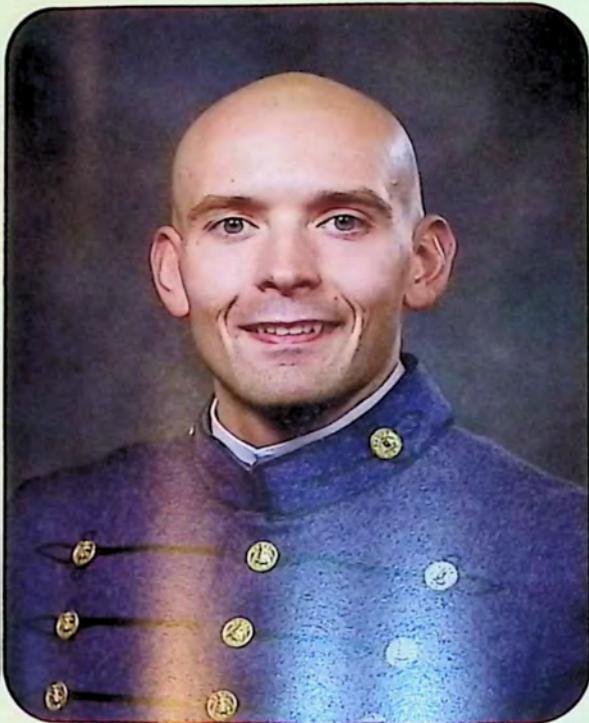
Sarah Liebenow

*Columbia, SC
Major: Applied Mathematics
Dyke: Henderson, Ciera Jordyn
Rats: Lakshwaran, Smita Raju,
Lister, Mildred Jane
PVT B Company Private
Activities: NCAA Swim and Dive (Women's Team
Captain) Bravo Company CEA Representative
Library Cadet Assistant*

History

I want to thank my parents and the friends I have made for their full support these past 4 years. I love them with all my heart and would not have been able to have done any of this without them.





John Lightfoot

Chesapeake, VA

Major: Elect/Computer Engineering

Dyke: Matteo, John Michael

Rats: Fentress, Brentton N,

Hagan, Tyler Daniel

1LT C Company Executive Officer

Activities: Vice President Class of 2024; General

Committee 3, 2, 1; CPL 3; ISG 2; Company

XO 1; Cadre 3, 2, 1; Ranger Challenge 4, 3, 2, 1;

Triathlon Club 3; IEEE 2, 1

History

I'm not sure anyone in the 184-year history of VMI has been able to fully articulate their experience at VMI, and I doubt that I will be the first. VMI is a place that must be experienced to be understood. No matter how many alumni you talk to, no matter how many videos you watch, or whatever you experience beforehand, it is impossible to understand what living within those Barracks walls is like. This experience has been like no other, and I thank God for it all, both the good and bad. I only hope that I have been able to give as much to the people I've been around as they have given to me. To my rats: Never cut corners, never quit; be the example. VMI is tough, but so is life—I know you'll do fine.



Jr-Wei Liou

Taiwan 807 ROC

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Dyke: Lee, Wei-Ju

Rat: Liu, Jun Xin

PVT D Company Private

Activities: Scuba Club BJJ Club

History

Without shared suffering, there's no brotherhood.



John Liselli

Morrison, CO

Major: Elect/Computer Engineering

Dyke: Reynolds, Ripken Joseph

Rats: Connerty, Zachary Matthew,

Finta, Thomas Gyula

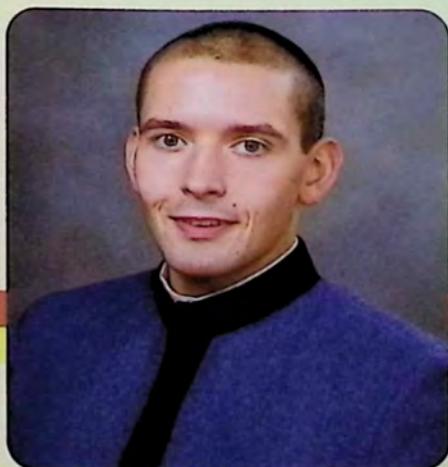
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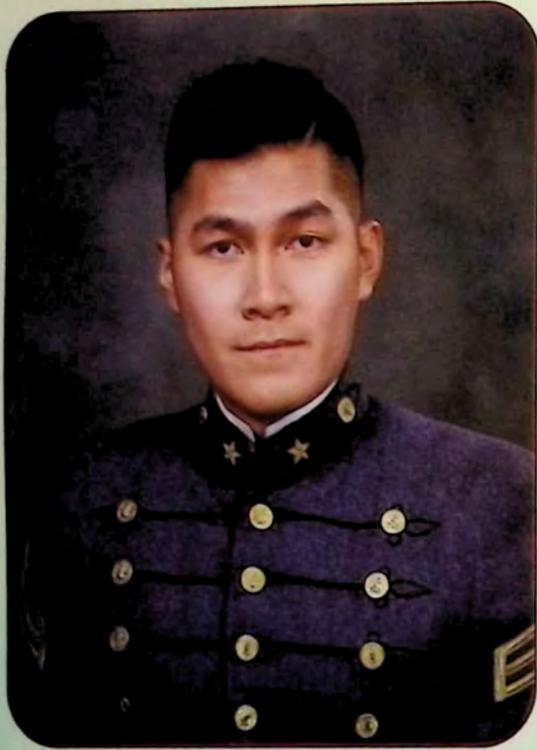
Activities: NCAA division 1 Lacrosse Electrical and

Computer Engineering

History

Socon All Tournament Team Socon Player of the Week ECE Honor Roll/ Deans list



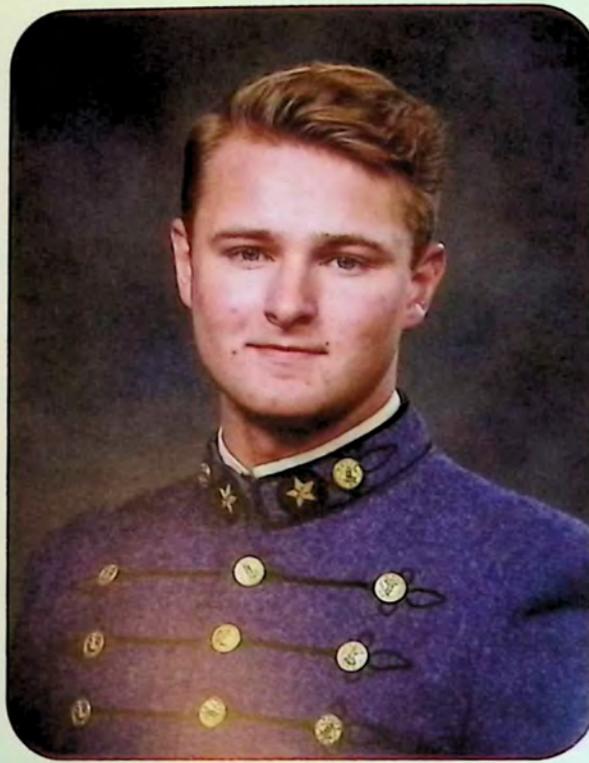


Han-Chun Liu

*Taiwan ROC
Major: Applied Mathematics
Dyke: Su, Po-Yin
Rats: Wang, Yi, Kaltner, Craig Walter
2LT H Company 2nd Platoon Lt
Activities: AY21-22 Hotel Company Corporal,
AY22-23 Hotel Company 3rd Platoon Sergeant,
Hotel Rat Challenge Cadre, STP Counselor,
AY23-24 Hotel Company 2nd Platoon
Lieutenant, PX Cadet worker, QMD Cadet worker*

History

Never did I anticipate that this journey would come to an end so swiftly. To those who hold a special place in my heart and those whom I cherish deeply, I am grateful to have crossed paths with you. The joyful and sad moments we shared have rendered this chapter of my life both unique and irreplaceable. To my cadres, thanks for guiding me through the ratline and nurturing me into a commendable cadet. To my beloved friends, your presence has enriched each day, transforming them into moments of wonder and delight. To my dyke and uncle dykes, your care and support have been helping me conquer every challenge that came my way. In reflection, this journey was composed of love, camaraderie, and mentorship, for which I am eternally thankful.

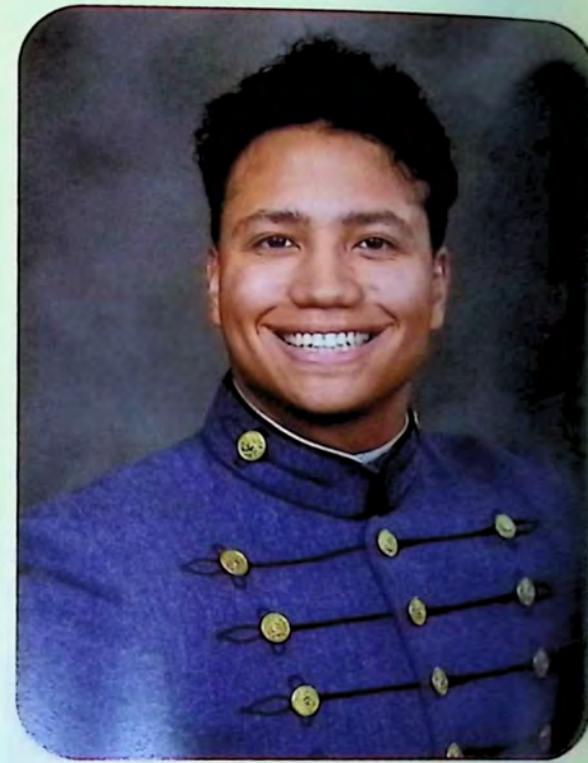
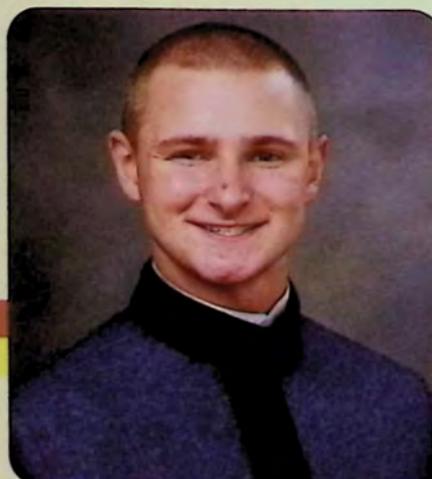


William Longacher

*Virginia Beach, VA
Major: English
Dyke: Krogman, Joshua J
Rat: Sullivan, George Quinn
PVT B Company Private
Activities: Underwater Torpedo League*

History

Four years at the Institute has proved to be a tedious, but worthwhile endeavor. I can say with absolute certainty that I would not rather spend my collegiate experience alongside anybody other than the good folks of barracks. To my family: Thank you for always supporting me throughout my cadetship. To the esteemed gentlemen of 112 OB: Thank you for the studious and the not-so-studious exploits alike (perhaps more emphasis on the latter). To George: continue to do great things. I look forward to seeing all that you accomplish in the years ahead. Finally, to all my Brother Rats in the Class of 2024: Thank you for the fondest of memories and may God be with you always.



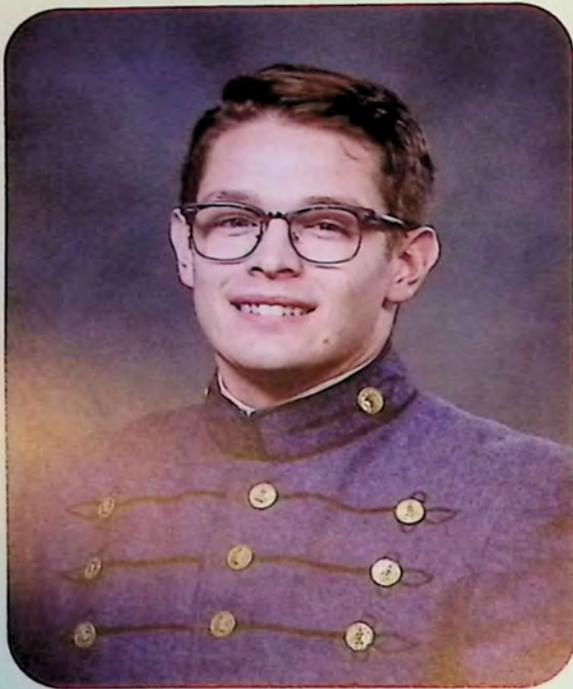
Christopher Lopez Castro

*Bronx, NY
Major: Physics
Dyke: Webster, Sullivan A
Rat: Salomon, Hunter John
PVT Band Company Private*

History

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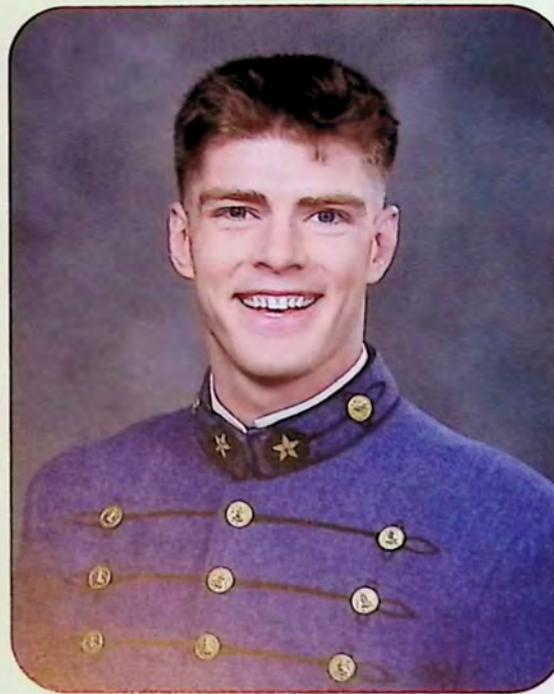


Collin Marks

*Mechanicsville, VA
Major: International Studies
Dyke: Mann, Andrew Clement C
Rat: Robertson, Pedro Lazaro
PVT E Company Private*

History

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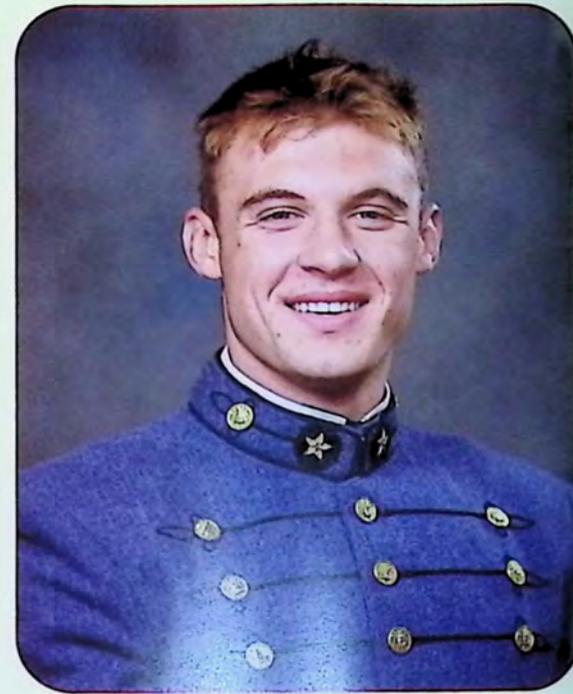


Benjamin May

*Monument, CO
Major: International Studies,
Modern Languages & Cultures
Dyke: Webb, Aidan Robert
Rat: Troutman, Kyle David
PVT H Company Private
Activities: Rock Climbing Club, CPJF Cadre,
Triathlon Club, OGA Company Rep &
Investigator, Project Go 2021 & 2022, SMC
Ethics Bowl 2023*

History

The Lord, Jesus Christ, has blessed me with many friends and family members that have walked with me through the last four years. The four that I would like to give special acknowledgment to are my older brother, my father, Mr. Stoneburner, and those of whom I've leaned upon here at VMI. Baylor, you've been my inspiration and example in my love for our Lord. Pops, you've set me on a foundation in Christ and for that I'm eternally thankful. Mr. Stoneburner, your wisdom and faithfulness has led me through confusion and doubt. Finally, to the guys I've shared my life with here at the I, there are friends who stick closer than a brother (Prov 18:24). I thank God constantly for each one of you for God has used you instrumentally in my life.

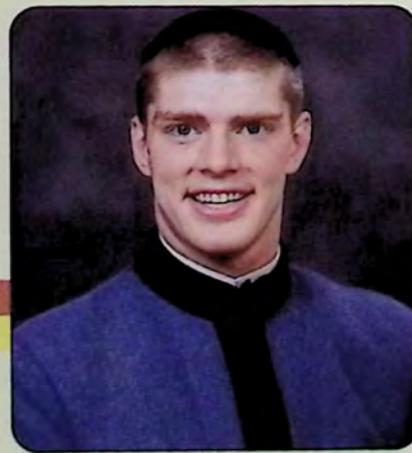
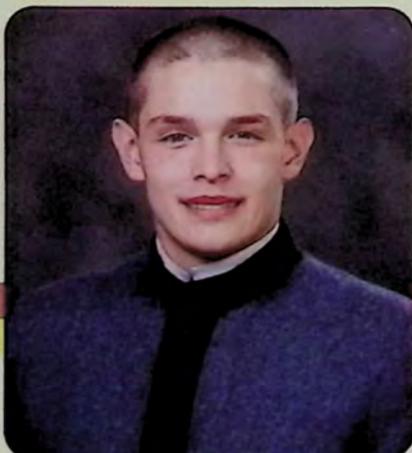


Nathaniel Mayfield

*Four Oaks, NC
Major: International Studies
Dyke: Moore, Emerson Todd
Rat: Ranaiz, Augustine Scolari
PVT E Company Private
Activities: Rugby, Army ROTC,
Navigators Bible Study.*

History

Just wanted to say a big thank you first and foremost to God for giving me the help that I needed to make it thru my four years here. It has been anything but easy and I'm very grateful for his grace and mercy throughout my life and my time here. Additionally, I want to thank my parents for their enduring support throughout these past several years and for the unconditional love they have shown me. And lastly, a huge shoutout to my Brother Rats, for being the best friends a guy could ask for.





Joshua Mays

San Jose, NC

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Dyke: Weaver, Noah Mitchell

Rats: Cranton, Crescens C, Allen, Jacob Wyatt

PVT H Company Private

Activities: Rock Climbing, Color Staff, Powerlifting, BAJA, ASME, 1st Class Private, Jiu Jitsu, Rat Challenge, Army ROIC PSG.

History

I came to VMI because I knew a current cadet at the institute from my former high school, Atkins, in Winston-Salem. Little did I know he would be the first class president(Dylan Stoltzfus) while I was just a rat. He inspired me to go to the hardest school in the country and helped me find a good dyke(Noah Weaver). I have spent 4 long and grueling years preparing myself for the US Army as well as earning my Mechanical Engineering degree. It has been hard but luckily I have had my brother rats by my side the entire time. I am from Hotel Company and I have lived with two India Brother Rats and an F-Troop Brother Rat for 2 years. This school is hard, but anyone can get through it; striving in this environment is the hard part.



Jeffrey McBeth

Norfolk, VA

Major: Psychology

Dyke: Wyche, Alan Lee Jr.

Rat: Bae, Roy

1LT 2nd Battalion S-4 Lieutenant

Activities: S4 Club Soccer Promaji Club

History

VMI has been an experience that I wouldn't trade for the world. Years from now, I will always cherish the relationships and memories that I have created during my time at the institute. I am eternally grateful for the special moments I've been able to share with the members of my class, and all of the friendships that I've made along the way. Following graduation, I wish the best of luck to all my brother rats with their future plans and endeavors. Above all, I want to thank God and my family for making VMI possible. I am blessed and extremely fortunate to have experienced these past four years, but I certainly could not have done it alone.



Liam McBride

Arlington, VA

Major: Economics and Business

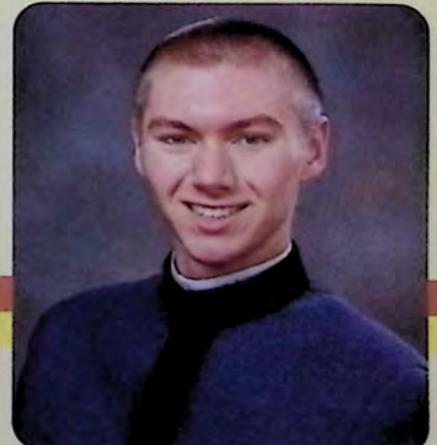
Dyke: Fetter, Richard J

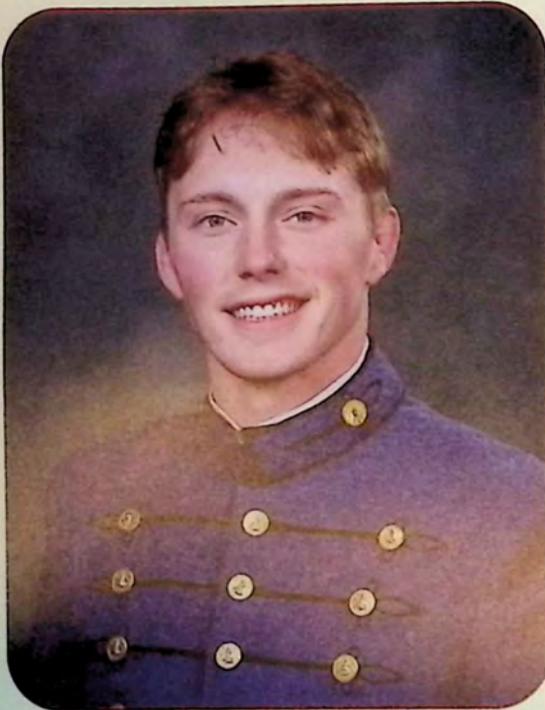
Rat: Garnett, Jacob C

PVT H Company Private

History

I am grateful for all the people in my life that have supported me to this point in my cadetship.





Ethan Barrett

Richmond, VA

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Dyke: Camacho, Jesus Miguel II

Rats: Zanganeh Niazabadi, Mohammad Mahdi,

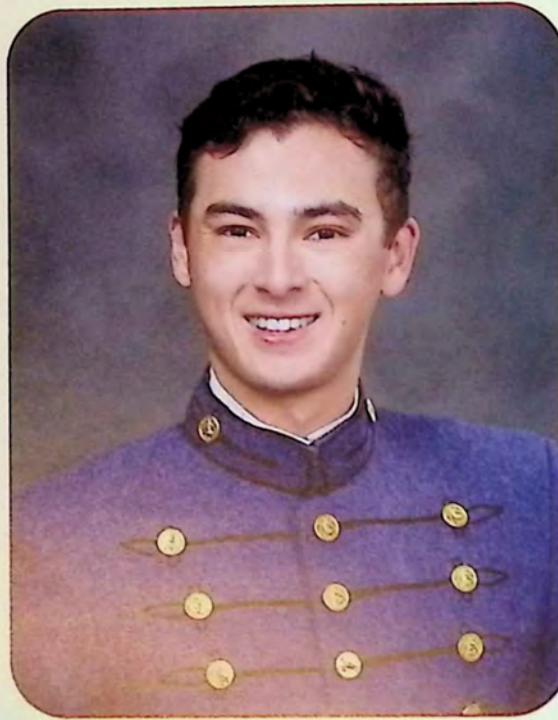
Schoffstall, Joby

PVT Band Company Private

Activities: 1st class private; VMI Wrestling; Golf club team member; Front porch club

History

It has been a very interesting 4 years here and I can safely say I made the best decision of my life coming here. I have had the highest of highs to the lowest of lows here and it is very heartwarming to have made it this far. To my family, thank you for all the years of support and encouragement. To my Dyke Mikey Camacho, you were the best mentor I could have asked for and you continued to give me support even after you graduated. To Joby and Mo, I hope you guys had a very transformative first year and continue to develop through the coming years and eventually teach your rats what we have taught you guys. To all the lifelong friends I have made here, I love you all and can't wait to see what we can do after graduation!



Jed Barrett

Manassas, VA

Major: Economics and Business

Dyke: Everett, Phillip Gabriel

Rat: Williamson, Nelson Thomas Stone

PVT G Company Private

Activities: Base Co Crew; Football Club

History

I appreciate all the people that helped me get through my 4 years at VMI!



John Barrett

Charleston, WV

Major: Biology

Dyke: Jones, Walter Christopher

Rat: Kelly, Tanner Nicholas

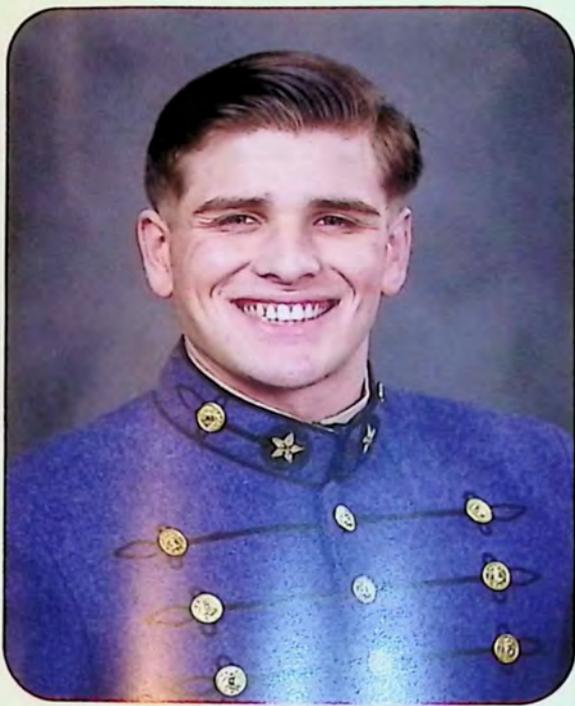
PVT A Company Private

Activities: Rugby Biology

History

Thank you to everyone who supported me through. To my friends, I won't miss being here, but I will miss living in barracks a couple minutes away from y'all.





Luke McDonald

Apex, NC

Major: International Studies

Dykes: Reynolds, Ripken, Joseph

Rat: Roche, Connor J

PVT D Company Private

Activities: NCAA Division I Lacrosse

History

VMI has not been an easy experience. However, it has taught me many things about myself and has made me a better person. VMI has helped me to learn to embrace the tough times and cherish the good times.



Noah McHugh

Forest, VA

Major: International Studies

Dykes: Pitts, Darren Ronald, Barnes, Hunter Hass

Rats: DuPlessis, Gabriel Matthew,

Barry, Patrick H

PVT F Company Private

Activities: First Class Private; OGA VPE/D 1;

A1 Club CiC 2,1; CBC 1; Front Porch Club 2,1;

Commandants Office Frequent Flyer Member

4,3,2,1; Confined; 4,2; GCM Fan Club 4,3,2,1;

SgtMaj Sowers Fan Club 4,3,2,1+

History

I want to thank my parents for all their love and support in getting me through this place. I want to thank my dykes for getting me through the ratline and your continued mentorship after. To my rats, I am proud of what you have and will accomplish. Next, I want to thank Justin Wood '00, Brad Wineman '99, Charlie Crowder '62, Chap Casper '04, Col James, Col Bardorf, and SgtMaj Sowers for their continued mentorship throughout my cadetship and preparing me for a future career, your mentorship is invaluable to me. I want to thank all the guys and gals on the OGA for making this year great and bringing the OGA back to its glory. Lastly, I want to thank my roommates(126) and my BRs in 128/130 for making 1/C year great. Rah Va Mil, Rah 24.



Dylan McNally

Marlton, NJ

Major: Biology

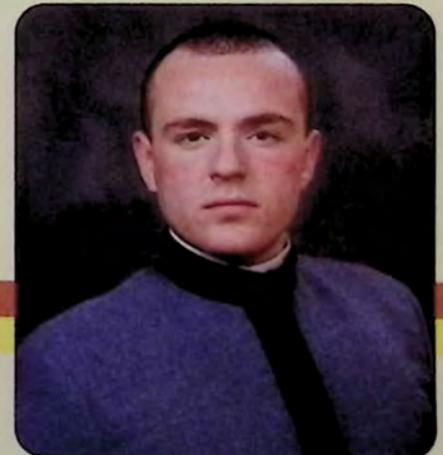
Dyke: Moran, Anthony F.

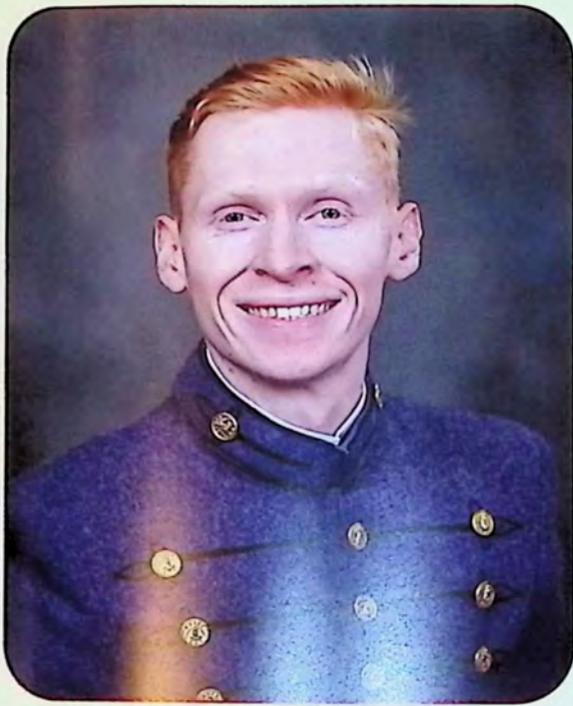
Rats: Morris Jr., James W., Wyrick Jr, Rex A

PVT G Company Private

History

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Caleb Mendon

Broadlands, VA

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Dyke: Keane, Matthew J

Rat: McCarthy, Ryan Whittaker,

Hamilton, Ethan Michael

PVT A Company Private

Activities: BaseCO 4, CHBA 4 3 2 1,

PGC 21, DOUG 4 3 2 1

History

First and foremost, I want to thank God for allowing me to attend and prosper here at the institute. To my family, thank you for always being so supportive. To my roommates, thank you so much for continuously pushing me to be better everyday. To my dyke, thank you for being such a good mentor during the most transformational year of my life. To my rats, continue the legacy. I am proud of y'all! Again, Thank you for the best four years of my life.



Michael Menton

Mineral, VA

Major: International Studies

Dyke: Scanlan, Nikola

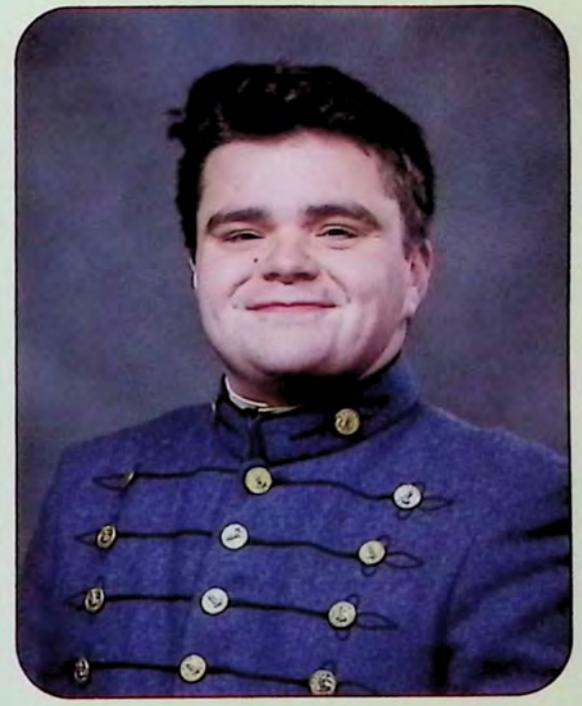
Rat: Potochar, Jackson Stanley

1LT 1st Battalion S-9

Activities: Commanding Officer of the VMI Coast Guard Auxiliary University Program. First Battalion S-9 LTJ. Cadet Equity Association.

History

VMI has taught me a variety of things. The most important of them all is to accept every opportunity to challenge myself physically and mentally. Pressure makes diamonds; while I am no diamond, VMI has instilled the hunger for such a title in me. I want to thank the men and women who have challenged me over the last four years. Without you, my time here would not have been so fruitful. My attitude towards graduating and entering the world as a VMI Alumni can be summed up in two great quotes. "Today's the Day!" spoken by Mel Fisher, a Treasure Hunter who said those words every day until discovering one of the largest shipwrecks of our time. And "Be a Badass Every Day," spoken by my late uncle Matthew James Menton.



Mitchell Meyer

Chester, VA

Major: Physics, Applied Mathematics

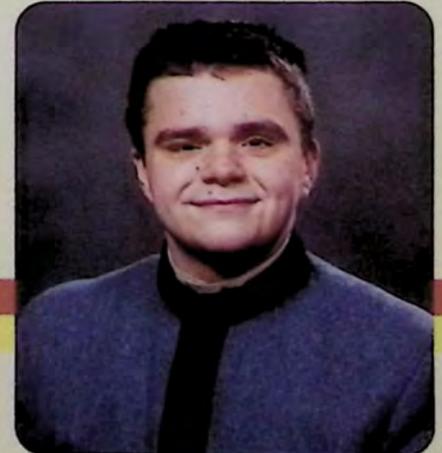
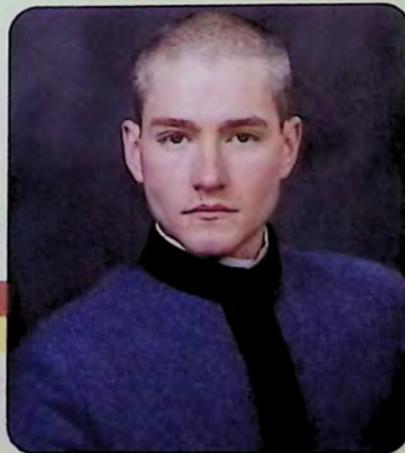
Dyke: Latzka, Beau John

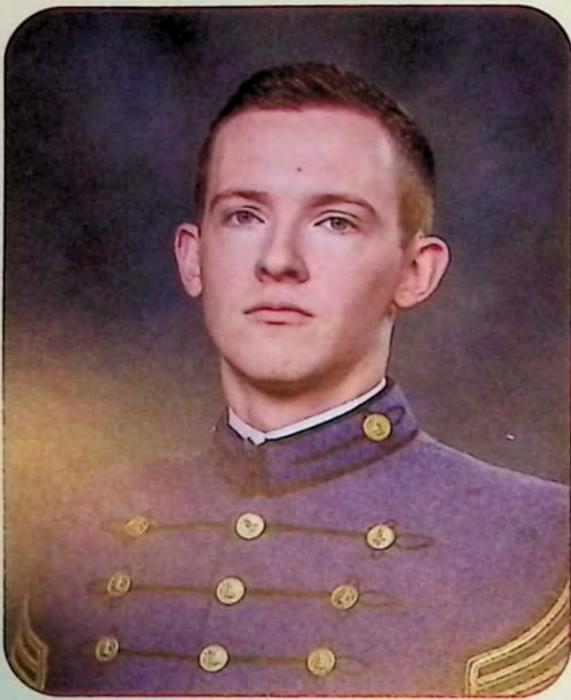
Rat: Sok, Solan R

PVT D Company Private

History

I am grateful for all the people in my life that have supported me to this point in my cadetship.





Rommel Meza

North Prince George, VA

Major: International Studies

Dyke: Orinomi, Jon Dylan

Rat: Thompson, Emma, Correll III

2LT B Company 1st Platoon Lt

Activities: Bravo Company Cadre, Glee Club, Scuba

Club, Recon Company, 5th Stoop Dive Team,

CPJF/NP Cadre, Little John II Cannon Crew

History

My time at VMI has been humbling and is an experience I will remember for eternity. To Marshal, Ryan, Aiden, Kenny, J.K., and Cache, thanks for always being there.

For my rat, remember that quitting is never an option; get back up and keep fighting.

Thank you to my professors, brother rats, and friends who have had unwavering support for me.

To my father, I hope I have made you proud, as you were the reason I came here. May you rest in peace.

Mother, I have enjoyed your embrace every time I see you and I love you dearly.

My little bro, thanks for cheering me up when things got tough.

Brother rats may your successes never cease, and your wills never fault. Mizpah.



Jakub Mihulka

Westminster, MD

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Dyke: Duggan, William Peter Jr.

Rat: Lee, Jesse Chinu

PVT I Company Private

History

I am grateful for all the people in my life that have supported me to this point in my cadetship.



Jan Mienksi

Frederick, VA

Major: International Studies

Dyke: Ring, Davis Kirk

Rat: Alyea, Phoenix Lee

PVT G Company Private

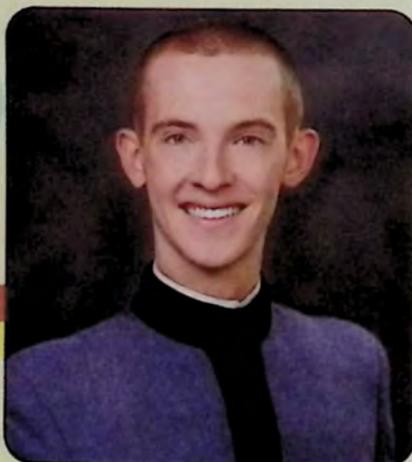
Activities: Club Lacrosse Captain, Sigma Omega Order President, Omicron Delta Kappa President,

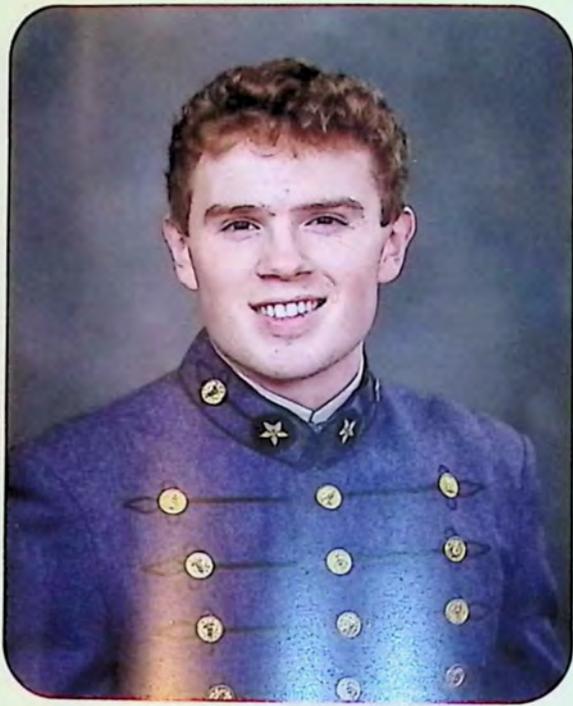
Phi Alpha Theta, Army A. Co 5th PSG,

Military Exchange with British Army, Army War College Intern and Army SMP.

History

It has taken almost my entire cadetship to realize and appreciate the role in which VMI serves our country and her allies. We are a brotherhood as unique as they come, forged in a common fire that builds deeper bonds across multiple organizations. It is my hope that one day VMI will become a federalized joint-service academy so that cadets that desire to serve no longer have to go into debt or jump through multiple administrative hoops to do so. Lastly, I would like to thank my friends and family for all the support they have given me, I never could have gotten through this place without you!





Jackson Miller

Rockville, MD

Major: English

Dyke: Facques, Will Nease

Rats: Warner, Ryland James

PVT C Company Private

Activities: VMI Boxing

History

I'd like to thank God, as well as all my friends and family for supporting me on this journey. "What is to give light must endure burning." - Viktor Frankl



Bryson Minear

Magnolia, DE

Major: International Studies

Dyke: Roberto, Adam Gerard

Rats: McMahon, James Charles,

FernandezGuzman, Vincent Maxamillion

CPT Regimental S-3

History

All VMI has left me with is two words. Thank you. Thank you to Mom, Dad and Bailey for your endless love and support. Thank you to all the professors who truly cared about my academic progress. Adam, Thank you for all you gave me while you were here. I would not be half the man I am today without your mentorship. James, this place gets easier, keep your head up, stay positive and keep making 235 proud. I am so grateful for the Class of 2024, without my Brother Rats, I would not be here today. I will be forever blessed for the opportunity to attend the Virginia Military Institute. God Bless. RAH'24. A wise man named James Selton once said, "it does not got to make sense, it just gotta be"



Alexander Mon

Fredericksburg, VA

Major: Chemistry

Dyke: Lanclos, David Andrew

Rat: Castellon, Lucian Paolo

CPT Regimental S-7

Activities: Golf Cadre CPL, Golf MSG, 3rd BN S7 LT + RS7 CPT, Institute Honors Program, Army ROTC BN S3

History

With profound gratitude, I stand at the pinnacle of my academic journey at VMI, and it is with a heart brimming with appreciation that I extend my deepest thanks. To my cherished family, your unwavering support has been the catalyst for my success. To my friends, you've been there for every challenge, and our collective growth is a testament to our brotherhood. I will always remember hooping with the boys and the many late nights studying in the chemistry library. I am so grateful for the community that surrounds me. Your encouragement has fueled my pursuit of knowledge. This journey has been quite the collective endeavor. To Lucian, you will always be my rat. I am so proud of you and what you will accomplish. -HR Chat GPT





David Norton

Midlothian, VA

Major: International Studies

Dyke: Solis, Benjamin Martin

Rat: Steele, Joseph Henry IV

PVT D Company Private

Activities: 1st Class Year: RDC Delta Company

EMJ Team Lead 2nd Class Year: Echo Company

EMJ Team Lead 3rd Class Year: Echo Company

EMJ Delta Company CPL

History

While VMI is not the college experience desired or enjoyed by many, I truly believe it was the one I needed. I, just as almost any other cadet, love to complain about the endless mandatory events or seemingly useless regulations and formations, but there is no denying that, deep down, these events, and the discipline and reverence for tradition they instilled, have directly led to the man I am today. Without the support of my parents, grandparents, and aunts and uncles I doubt I would have been able to achieve what I have thus far. To my rat Joeseph, never give up on your goals, you have both the intelligence and potential to achieve anything you desire here, all that you need do is apply yourself.



Tyler Mousaw

Watertown, NY

Major: Economics and Business

Dyke: Smith, Troy Devyn

Rat: Muth, Landon Truett

PVT C Company Private

Activities: NCAA Wrestling RDC

History

I'd like to thank my family, friends, and coaches for helping me with my VMI journey.



Suttipat Muangna

Lexington, VA

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Dyke: Yaemploy, Kittituch

Rat: Weerapong, Nattanan

PVT C Company Private

Activities: Building Bridges Club M

History

I am an international student from Thailand. After graduation, I have to serve as a Royal Thai naval officer for 10 year. I am pretty terrible at English when I matriculated as a part of Rat Mass. However, all Brother Rat Class of 2024 push me into this goal. I am proud of every day and everyone here. Rah 24!





James Murphy

Golden Valley, IN

Major: International Studies

Dyke: Murray, Joseph Fitzgerald

Rats: Wilson, Chandler Reed, Scott, Lucas Chance

PVT Band Company Private

Activities: Football

History

"Handle business like I'm 'posed to, Everything I say I stood on it." - Justin Jefferson



Liam Murphy

Indianapolis, IN

Major: Biology

Dyke: Rash, Brandon Scott

Rats: Webb, Jack Dawson, Stith, William Meade V

1LT 2nd Battalion S-9 Lieutenant

Activities: S9 Staff 3,2,1 Cadet Assistant

History

I first heard about VMI when a flyer came in the mail saying, "Don't Do Ordinary." Now that I am finished, I realize the truth to that statement. It is not true in the sense that I would be in cramped living spaces, enter the rat line, face inedible food, or endure academic hardships but true in the sense of relationships and lessons. VMI gave me the greatest group of friends one could ask for and taught invaluable lessons that will hold true for my entire life. I am proud to have come here and the person that it has helped me become. To my family: thank you for supporting me at every step and the continual shock of my stories. To my rats: keep on the path and achieve the greatness I know you are capable of. I am thankful for my time at VMI.



Paul Murray

Falls Church, VA

Major: International Studies

Dyke: Winston, James Mitchell

Rat: Tortorelli, Colin James

CPT Regimental Executive Officer

Activities: E. Cadre CPL 3; E. 1SGT 2;

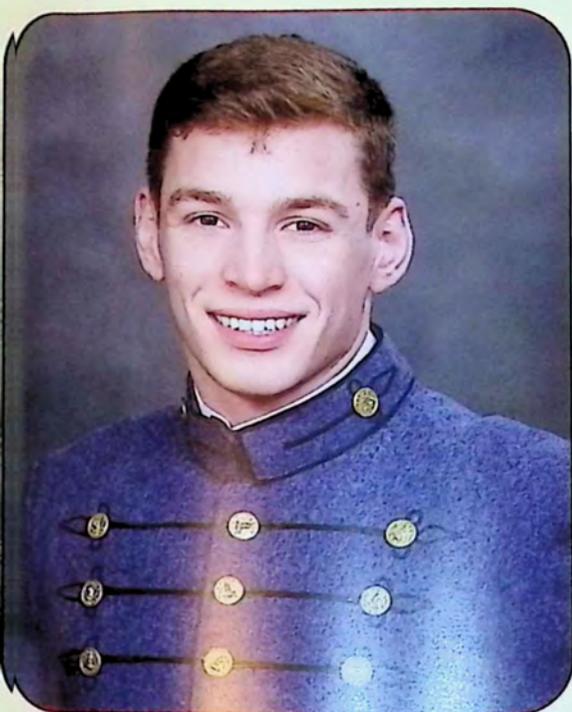
R XO 1; Ranger Challenge 4, 3;

Newman Society 2, 1; Front Porch Club 2, 1;

History

I would like to thank my Mom, my Dad, my Brother Joseph, my Uncle Matt, my entire family, and my roommates for having provided me with the insight and aid to overcome the challenge of VMI. This Institute allowed me to make great bounds spiritually, intellectually, and physically, I was able to develop a complex understanding of myself and my relationship with God. I would like to thank those Brother Rats who aided in the Ratline, those that acted on the slant they saw between our years at VMI and the years past. I'm not sure how much longer God intends for this Institute to serve its country the way it has been known to, but we certainly did our part. "Acta est fabula, plaudite!" John 14:6 Thank you Mr. Winston. Tortorelli, strain.





Aidan Noonan

*Great Falls, VA
Major: Computer Science
Dyke: Morello, Ryan P.
Rat: Dunning, Daniel J.
PVT E Company Private*

December Graduate



Travis Northam

*Onancock, VA
Major: International Studies
Dyke: Godwin, Logan Connor
Rat: Lindsay, Micah A
PVT Band Company Private
Activities: 1st Class Private*

History

It's been a ride. Thank you to my family and the lifelong friendships made along the way; I am forever grateful.



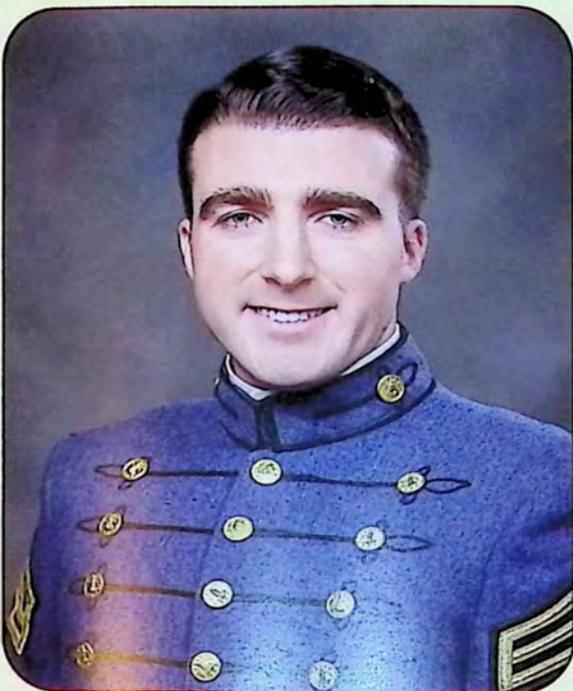
David Nussbaum

*Spring, TX
Major: Civil Engineering
Dyke: Fahl, Tragen Alexander
Rat: Olowoniyi, Stephen
1LT 3rd Battalion S-9 Lieutenant
Activities: S6 Corporal S6 sergeant 3rd BN S9
LT NCAA Men's Basketball*

History

Thank you to everyone that has supported me through these 4 years here going through the ups and downs of the daily life of being a VMI Cadet as well as being an athlete.



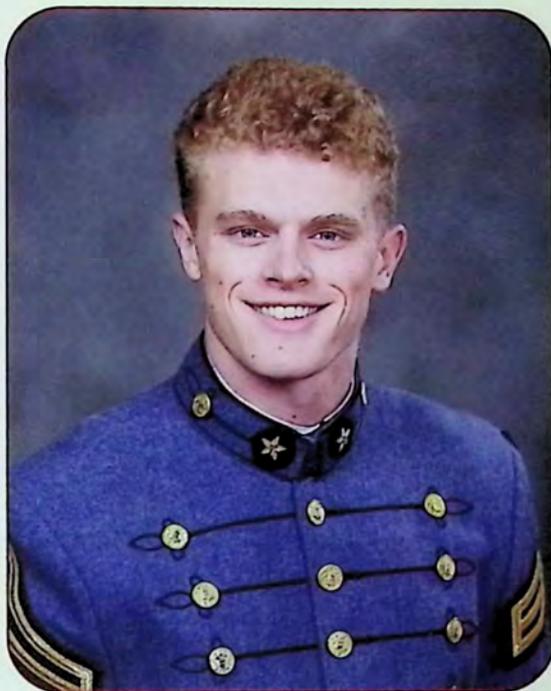


Jacob Patterson

*Rockville, MD
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Dyke: Soward, James E.
Rat: Fraser, Joshua P.
2LT Band Company Private*

History

I am grateful for all the people in my life that have supported me to this point in my cadetship.



Samuel Patterson

*Mechanicsville, VA
Major: Civil Engineering
Dyke: Chandler, Dane K
Rat: Buna, Eufenuel-John Isidro
2LT E Company 2nd Platoon Lt
Activities: Navy Leader in NSW Preparatory Program RDC*

History

These last four years have, no doubt, molded me into who I am today. I have made life-long friendships, had the opportunity to try avenues that I never thought I would get to explore, and I have experienced both the highs and lows of my life thus far. I know that without my experiences at VMI, I would not be on the path that I am on today. For this reason, I want to thank my Mom and Dad for being there for me every step of the way for encouragement and support. I would also like to thank all my friends here at VMI for pushing and challenging me to continually improve into a better version of myself. I leave VMI with no regrets, only cherished memories.

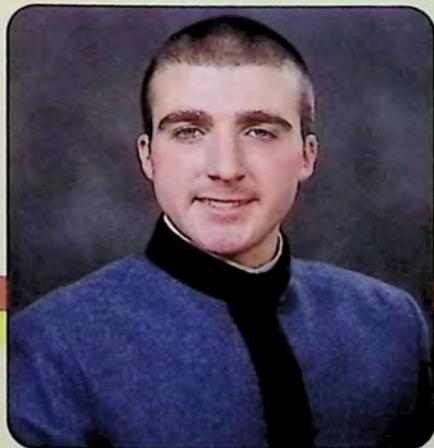


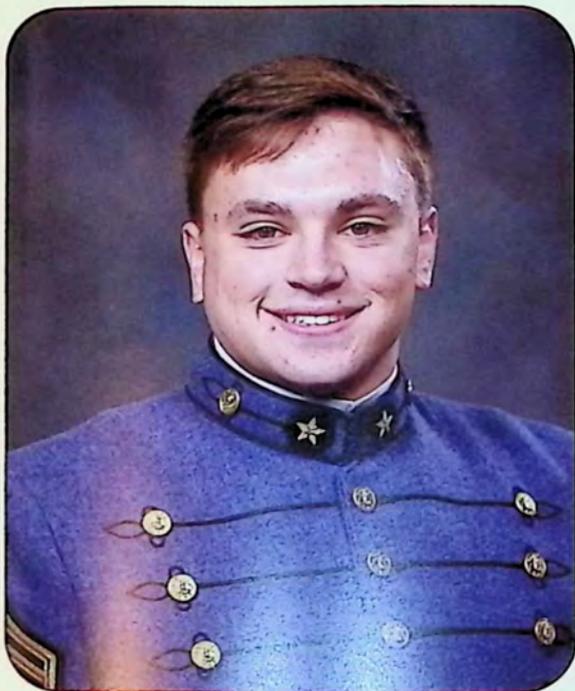
Jack Pendleton

*Rockville, VA
Major: International Studies
Dyke: Cook, Sydney J.
Rats: Alvarez, Brian, Lewis, Lane S.
PVT I Company Private
Activities: Cadet Chaplain, Gentleman's Club, Rat Challenge*

History

There are not enough words to express my gratitude toward all of you. You all have shaped me into person that I am today. For that I am truly grateful. The past four years have been some of the best and worst times that I have experienced. Looking back, it's hard not to get emotional of how God has brought me through this place. All of the trials and tribulation have molded me into the man that God has set forth for me in this chapter. God has taught me to love, have humility, and above all else, be kind to every one. Mom, Dad, and Nick, I could not have done this without you. All of you have been constant within my struggles and successes. I love you all.





Kalel Priddy

Waynesville, NC

Major: Psychology

Dyke: Booth, James Edward

Rats: Riley, Owen Robinson,

Fowlkes, Stephan Antonio

1LT 1st Battalion S-6

Activities: 1BN 1LT 1st Battalion S6 (1), 2nd PLT

PSG Charlie Company (2), 1/2nd PLT CPL

Charlie Company. VMI football team (2020-2023).

Omicron Delta Kappa. Psychology Research Assistant (2022-2024).

History

VMI is far from the place you want to spend the prime of your life, but I am grateful for the experiences throughout my 4 years. Balancing athletics with academics and military has made me a better person and put me at an advantage for the road ahead. I came to VMI with the goal of Commissioning into the U.S. Army, a goal I have had for over a decade. While I accomplished my goal of commissioning, I accomplished much more throughout my four years at VMI. I am grateful for all the people who I have met and who have become apart of my life. Shout out to my family as well. For those who are completing their careers at VMI, currently enduring, or starting in the future, Good Luck! - KP out



William Prince

Norfolk, VA

Major: Economics and Business

Dyke: Murray, William J.

Rat: Knott, Austin W.

PVT B Company Private

History

I am grateful for all the people in my life that have supported me to this point in my cadetship.



Elijah Quamiley

Virginia Beach, VA

Major: Biology

Dyke: Winslow, Bronson Luke

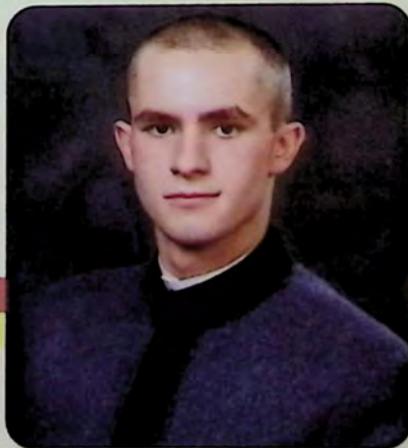
Rat: Pirtle, Zachary Andrew

PVT C Company Private

Activities: VMI Football

History

Take time to enjoy the little things.





Sebastian Ramirez

*Ashburn, VA
Major: Applied Mathematics
Dyke: Moryl, Stephen, Milan Jr.
Rat: Izzo, John Rocco
CPT D Company Commander*

History

I am grateful for all the people in my life that have supported me to this point in my cadetship.



Rashad Raymond

*Cinnaminson, NJ
Major: Civil Engineering
Dyke: Kpaduwa, Chima C.
Rats: Nelson, Egypt, Cook, Tyran R.
PVT E Company Private*

History

I am grateful for all the people in my life that have supported me to this point in my cadetship.



Khunsig Redmon

*Springfield, VA
Major: Biology
Dyke: Nicholson, William Paul
Rats: Warner, Kahlil James Jr., Osei, Michael
PVT C Company Private
Activities: Rat Challenge Cadre, Rat Challenge Station Cadre, Cadet Battery*

History

Mom, Dad, Uncle Chris, Aunt Rena, thank you for the support you have given me. Special thanks to you Uncle Chris and Aunt Rena for bringing me here on matriculation day. Thank you, Mom and Dad, for always being there for me when I needed it and hosting my buddies all throughout these years. To Gen. Apirat, thank you for the support throughout my cadetship, your mentorship aided me in my success as a cadet and your advice will serve well into my career into the Army, thank you for being a friend to my father being a father figure to myself. Note: Hometown is wrong I was born in Seattle, but I've lived in Thailand the most while growing up, so I consider Bangkok my hometown.





Sebastian Ramirez

Ashburn, VA

Major: Applied Mathematics

Dyke: Moryl, Stephen Allan Jr.

Rat: Izzo, John Rocco

CPS D Company Commander

History

I am grateful for all the people in my life that have supported me to this point in my cadetship.



Rashad Raymond

Cinnaminson, NJ

Major: Civil Engineering

Dyke: Kpaduwa, Chima C.

Rats: Nelson, Egypt, Cook, Tyran R.

PVT E Company Private

History

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Khunsig Redmon

Springfield, VA

Major: Biology

Dyke: Nicholson, William Paul

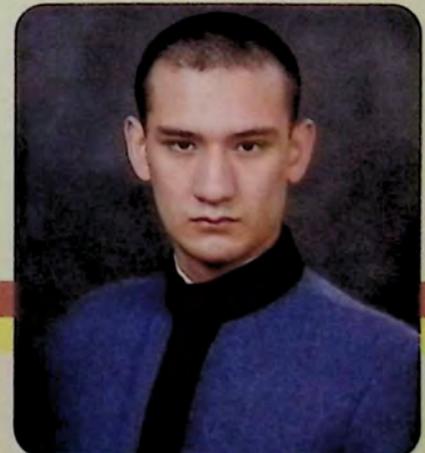
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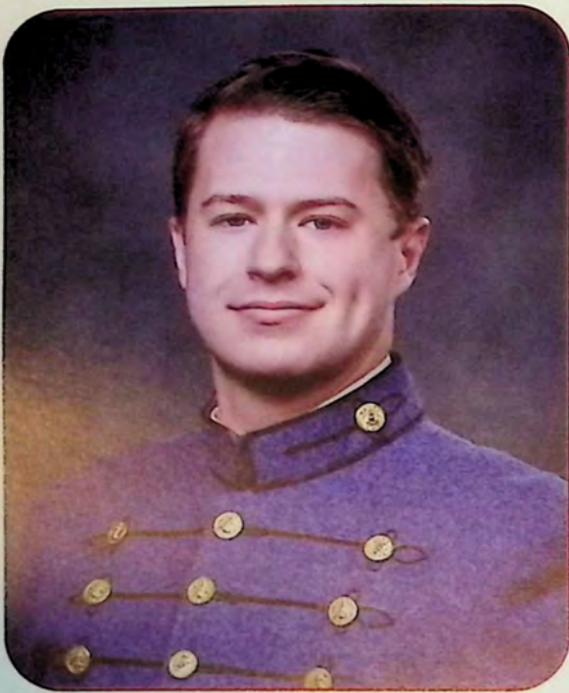
PVT C Company Private

Activities: Rat Challenge Cadre, Rat Challenge Station Cadre, Cadet Battery

History

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Maxwell Redmond

*Warrenton, VA
Major: Economics and Business
Dyke: Bass, Joshua Kaleb
Rat: Riley, Alexander Joseph
PVT A Company Private
Activities: NCAA Men's Lacrosse
Student Athletic Advisory Committee*

History

I would not be here today if it weren't for my parents who continue to push me and support me. I owe it all to them.

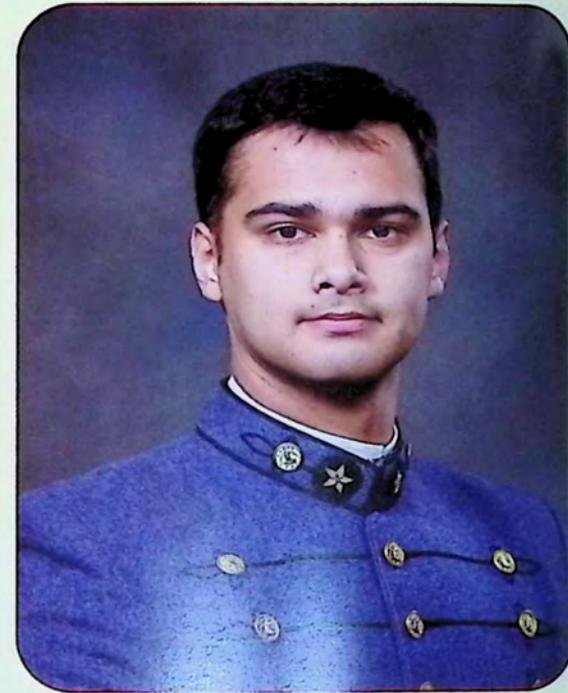


Hunter Reed

*Ashburn, VA
Major: History
Dyke: Titus, Joshua Steward
Rat: Patrick, Tyler Wyatt
PVT C Company Private*

History

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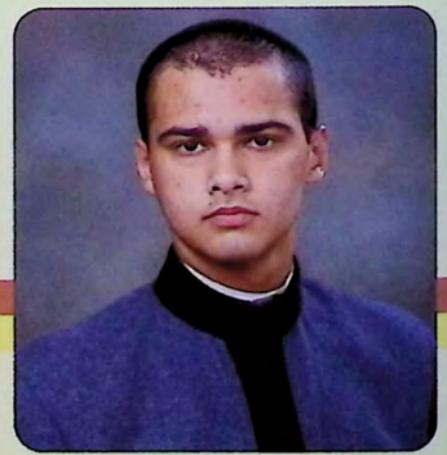
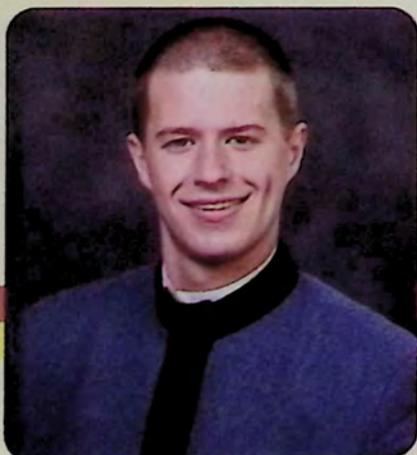


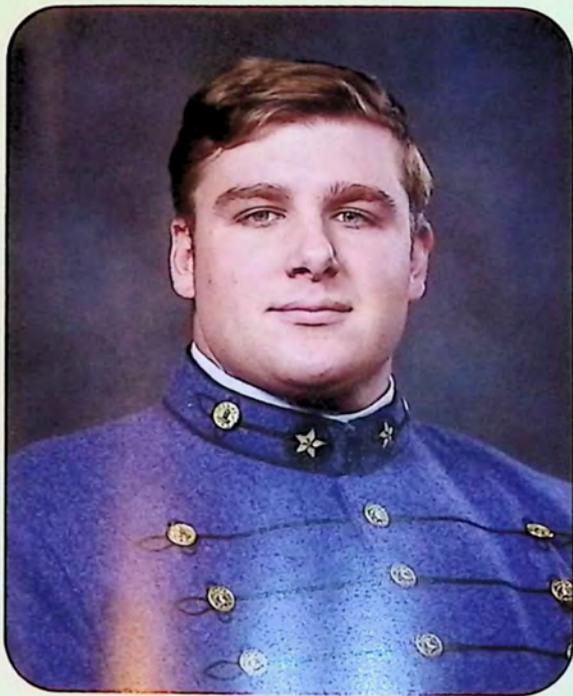
Brijesh Regeti

*Warrenton, VA
Major: Biology
Dyke: Orquiza, Ellis Dion
Rat: Brown, Collin James
PVT A Company Private
Activities: Building Bridges Club and
EMJ Agency*

History

Four years ago, I couldn't have foreseen the profound impact the Institute would have on my life. Developing lifelong connections with BRs and overcoming seemingly impossible academic challenges defined these past years. As my time at the Institute concludes, I won't miss the routine of marching Penalty Tours and Parades, but the cherished memories and the absence of dear friends will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression.





James Reese

Richmond, VA

Major: History

Dyke: Davis, Brad-Edwin Rawlings

*Rats: Jenkins, James Longstreet,
Burnett, Logan Steven*

PVT I Company Private

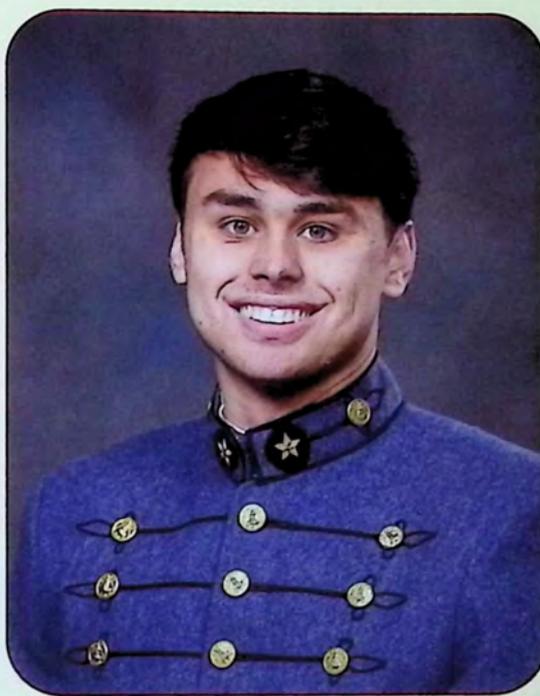
Activities: NCAA Football Team Captain (2023)

Institute Honors Program Member

History

I can still remember the day I realized I wanted to go here back in high school, and I still think I might have been crazy for making that decision. In the end, it worked out for me. I want to thank my teammates, roommates, friends, and my mother for sticking with me even when times were bad (which they mostly were).

The good part is that it's only up from here!



Jack Rice

Mechanicsville, VA

Major: Economics and Business

Dyke: Sicari, Anthony Attilio

Rat: Lyman, Joshua Phelps

PVT D Company Private

Activities: Track and Field - Hurdler

History

A heartfelt expression of gratitude to my parents, without whom I wouldn't have reached this point in my journey. Your sacrifices have paved the way for my success, and for that, I am grateful. To my beloved grandparents, your unwavering example of excellence fills me with admiration daily. Thank you for being great role models and I hope I can be just like you one day.



Parker Rice

Camp Hill, PA

Major: Computer Science

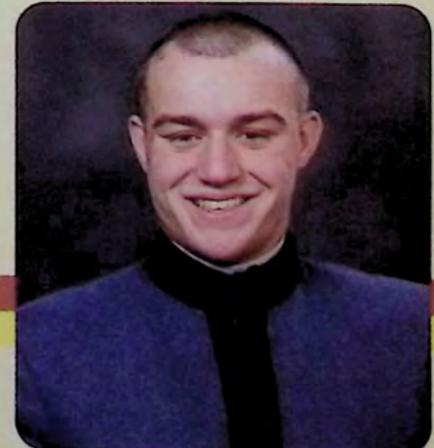
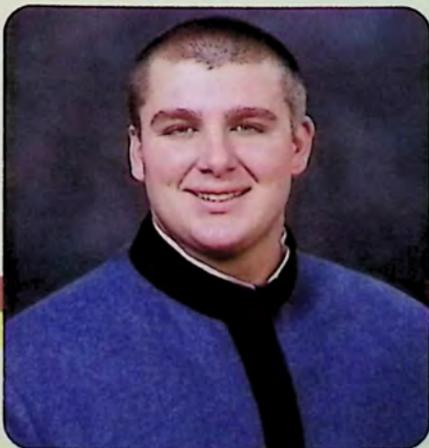
Dyke: Krug, Nathan P.

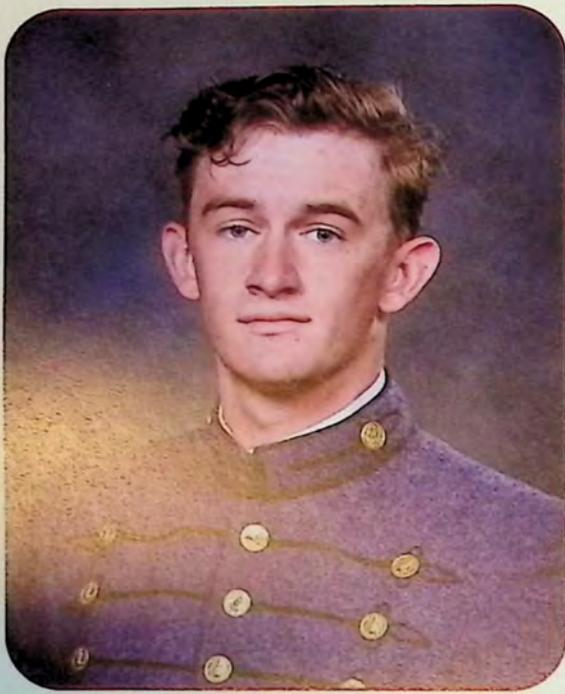
Rat: O'Brien, Dylan J.

PVT E Company Private

History

I am grateful for all the people in my life that have supported me to this point in my cadetship.





William Riley

*Midleton, VA
Major: Computer Science
Dyke: Loy, Nathan Thomas
Rat: Dunn, Robert Garrett III
PVT - C Company Private
Activities: Bassco (2020-2024)*



Alexis Rocker

*Wayne, NJ
Major: History
Dyke: Endicott, Ariel Eugenia Lynn
Rats: Albert-Day, Madeline Paige,
Easley, Alissa Jonatzin
2LT F Company 4th Platoon Lt
Activities: 3 Year Track and Field AROJCA
Co. 1SG*



Seth Rosario

*Havelock, NC
Major: Biology
Dyke: Nicholson, William Paul
Rat: Johnson-Koroma, Josephus James
PVT Band Company Private
Activities: - Cadet EMT - Regimental Band - 1
BN S5 CPL - Cadet Facilitator - CLE -
EMT Club - Equestrian Club - Newman Club -
Certified Surgical Technologist (Army Reservist) -
Blue Ridge Battalion MEDO*

History

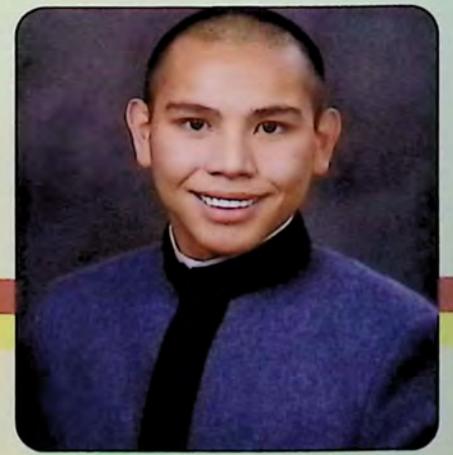
Not always the best place to be at, but met some of the best friends I'll ever have here, so that is pretty cool.

History

The last four years have shown me the rigors and difficulties that life has to offer. I genuinely could not have made it without so many of my friends, my roommates and my parents. To my rats: thank you for sticking with it through the ratline and allowing me to be a dyke to two kind-hearted and smart individuals who I know will go far in whatever they wish to pursue. You both are the best rats anyone could ask for and I genuinely hope that my mentorship surpassed whatever you thought it was supposed to be. I thought about attending VMI as a joke and now that I am here (graduation) I could not be more thankful that I chose to go to an not so ordinary school. It has taught me to pursue dreams and goals that, eventually, could become reality.

History

To those who have helped me reach this point: Mr. Will Nicholson, your continued support throughout my Cadetship means the most. I would also like to thank my family and BRs. Auntie Donna, your compassion, love, and kindness has always been prominent from the day you took me in as your own. I owe you more than you know and I hope one day I can reciprocate what you and Uncle Steve have given me. Uncle Steve, I know Melanie was a lot, so thank you for taking one for the team to have another child to care for and support. Melanie, thank you for loving me as your brother. Jeselyn, thank you for always listening to the dumb things I have to say haha. To Jefferson Miles, I love you and momma!! Jojo, drive on son and don't give up. Biba Guahan!!!!





Braedyn Rose

Midlothian, VA

Major: Computer Science

Dyke: Combs, Brad O'Neal

Rat: Nicholson, Ralph Kashawn

PVT A Company Private

Activities: VMI Boxing Cyber Captains

Jiu Jitsu Club

History

I am profoundly grateful to my parents for their unwavering support and encouragement, which have been instrumental in shaping me into the adult I am today. Growing up as a legacy child, I often doubted my ability to meet the rigorous demands of being a VMI cadet—whether in academics, physical fitness, or discipline. Yet, my experience at VMI has taught me that with the right determination and mindset, anyone is capable of succeeding here. I am immensely proud of the personal growth I have achieved during my time at the Institute, and I will forever cherish the friendships I have formed. These relationships and experiences have enriched my life in innumerable ways.



Luke Rose

Virginia Beach, VA

Major: International Studies

Dyke: Cox, Thomas Junius

Rat: Lamm, Nicko Narin

PVT D Company Private

History

Thank you Mom, Dad, Ethan and Grant, I am forever grateful for the love and support. I also want to thank my two roommates, Jake and Will, for the unforgettable memories.



Owen Rosen

Carmel, IN

Major: Computer Science - Info Tech

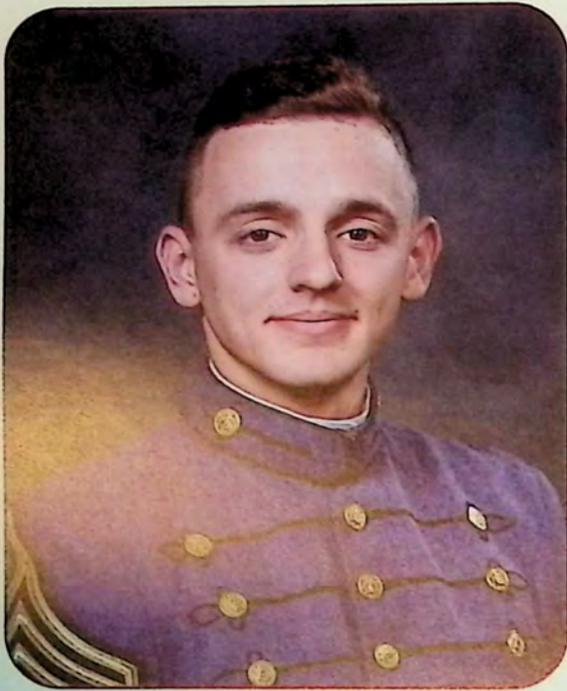
Dyke: Hart, Samuel Cory

PVT I Company Private

History

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Nicholas Rozsa

Greer, SC

Major: Physics

Dyke: Eimmannan, Parker Joseph

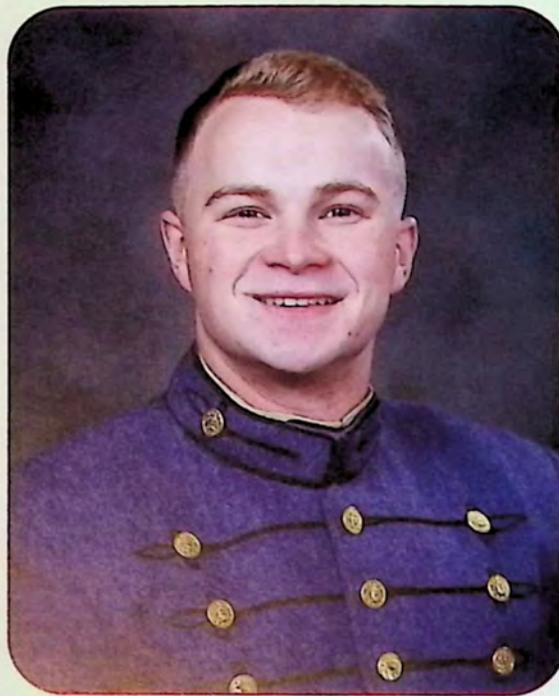
Rat: Koki, Ethan M

1LT 2nd Battalion S-4 Emt

Activities: Physics and Math, Navy, Weightlifting

History

I'd like to thank my dyke, roommates, rat and family for helping me through my time at VMI. VMI has shaped me into the person that I could never be on my own and would take this path again every time.



Sebastian Ruble

Roanoke, VA

Major: Biology

Dyke: Cahill, Ryan Joseph

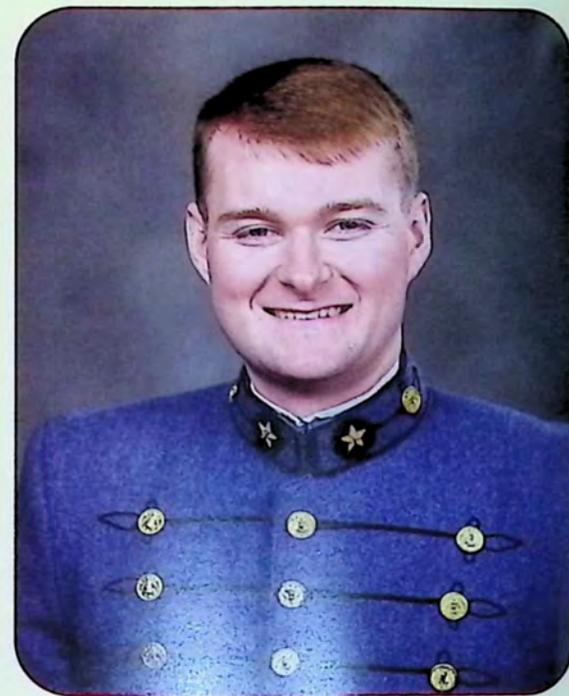
Rats: Fong, Benjamin An Cheng,

Eastwood, Garrett Inman

PVT 1 Company Private

History

I am grateful for all the people in my life that have supported me to this point in my cadetship.



Mason Rudolfs

Centerville, MD

Major: Psychology

Dyke: McKee, Brendan Daniel

Rat: Merk, Daniel Joseph

PVT G Company Private

Activities: Golf Company PVT, Triathlon Club

History

I want to thank my family and friends for having supported me through these last four years. I want to especially thank my dyke for having taught me how to survive at VMI. To my rat, I wish the best for him as he starts his journey after the ratline of actually being a cadet at VMI. As I look back over my time at VMI, it is hard to believe that it has been four years and that we have finally reached our class year of 2024. These four years have been anything but easy, filled with good moments and especially bad ones (thinking about the ratline). I want to give a special thank you to my brother rats, I honestly believe I would not be where I am today without them. I wish them all the best and hope our paths cross again. Rah '24!





Alexander Salisbury

Yorktown, VA

*Major: Mechanical Engineering
Dyke: Martinez, Parker William
Rat: Adams, John Paul S
PVT D Company Private*

*Activities: Glee Club (4,3,2,1), VMI Commanders,
Jazz Band (3,2,1), Rat Challenge (3,1),
Library Cadet Assistant (3,2,1),
Ballroom Dance (3,2,1)*

History

"Couldn't have done it without my roommates Joey Heffron, Sudarshana ""Raj"" Rajagopal, and Parker Rice (shoutout to our roommate (retired) Wesley Cline). JP, Chris, Conner, and D-Money, we love you. If VMI weren't so hard it wouldn't have been as funny so I wouldn't have it any other way. A huge thanks to my mom and dad as well, and an apology to my sister Marissa Salisbury (Class of 2027) for failing to convince her not to come (if you're reading this Marissa I'm really proud of you).

Here are quotes to trigger my VMI PTSD as an alum:

""Such was life for Uncle Claudius.""

""Skill Issue""

""There are free cookies in the guard room""

""Look at your notes""

""Uh... yes Alex""

""That's a cheap half point hit""

""So today we're gurna...""



Komsun Samngamkeao

Lexington, VA

*Major: Applied Mathematics
Dyke: Lukanuski, Samuel Edward J
Rat: Mettasat, Kanokpon
PVT C Company Private*

History

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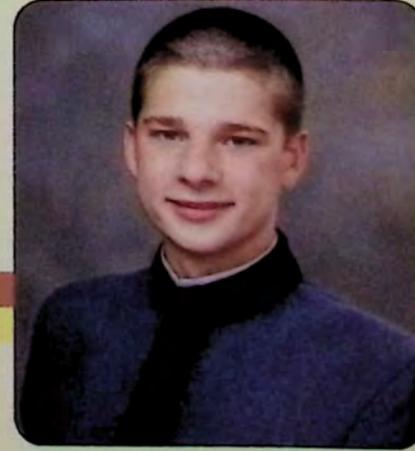
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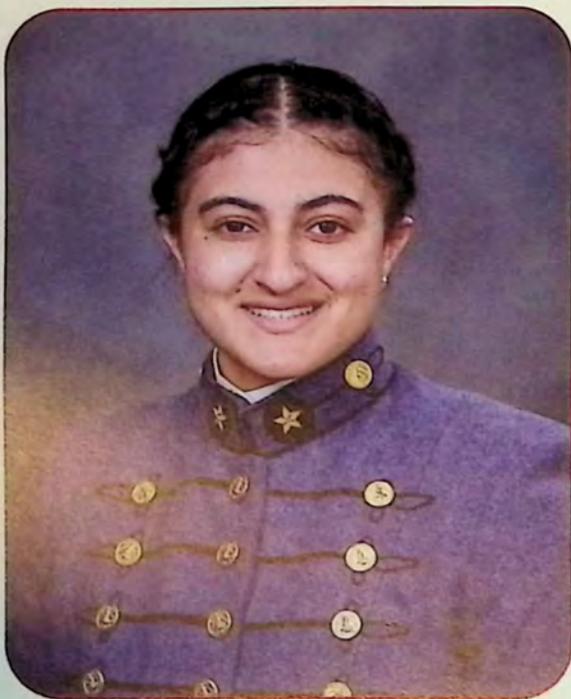
Cincinnati, OH

*Major: Economics and Business
Dyke: Wyatt, William John III
Rat: Bird, Stephen Caleb
PVT I Company Private*

History

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Rukshana Sarkari

*Sugar Land, TX
Major: Applied Mathematics
Dyke: Kasper, Nina Nicole
2LT E Company 2nd Platoon Lt
Activities: Mountain Trip*

History

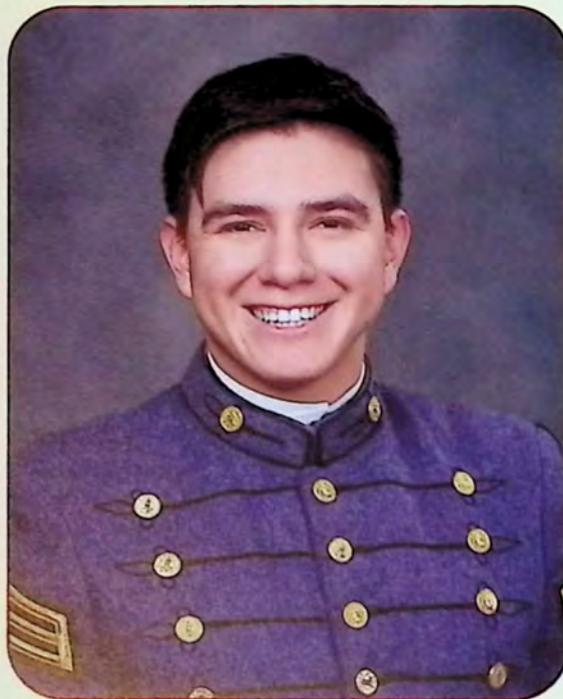
"To my family, I love you. Nothing I say or do will every repay you for the love and support you have given me along my journey in life.

Faith, Madison, Maxine, Morgan, Naomi and Talli, thank you. My whole cadetship is filled with our memories. All the laughter and love you all have brought me. You aren't just my roommates or friends, you are sisters I was blessed to have chosen through the chaos of VMI. Through every moment you all grounded me and helped me to find myself. You showed me how to love those around me fiercely.

Nina, being your rat was my greatest joy of VMI. Every time I stumbled, you were always helped me find my feet again.

May we live today, for only God knows our plans for tomorrow. Thank you VMI.

Ecclesiastes 11:5-6"

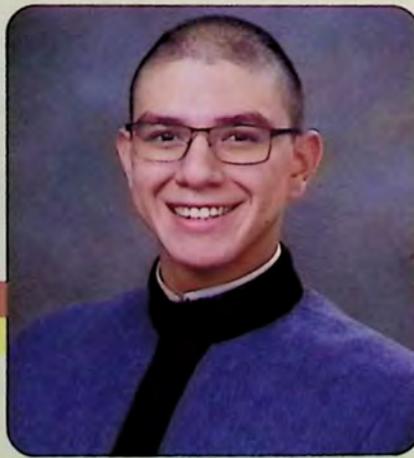


Tyler Schwartz

*Williamsburg, VA
Major: History
Dyke: Burkett, Alan Patrick
Rat: Espinoza-Morales, William Manuel
2LT F Company 2nd Platoon Lt
Activities: F-Troop CPL, F-Troop 2nd Platoon
SGT, F-Troop 2nd PL, American Campaign and
Warfare Club, Army ROTC Bravo Co. 3rd
Platoon IO*

History

"To my parents, thank you for your unwavering support. To my Dyke, Alan, thank you for showing me the rules (and teaching me how to bend them from time to time). To my Rat, William, I am proud of you and know you will be just fine so long as you keep up the hard work. To the class of 24' thank you for the good memories. Finally, to my roommate Rudy, I can't believe they let you in the Marine Corps- I'll miss you buddy. People always say that they can't believe how fast the last four years went by. Not me, I felt every minute of it but, looking back, I wouldn't trade the PT's, the late-night study sessions, the fire drills, or the sunny-tasting water for the world. The memories I made here will last a lifetime. Rah 24' "



Zedary P. Schwegel

*Carrollton, VA
Major: Civil Engineering
Dyke: Brown, Jack J
Rat: Vaught, Peyton Levi
2LT E Company 1st Platoon Lt*

History

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James Selton

Great Falls, VA

Major: Psychology

Dyke: Strobel, Austin Daniel

Rat: Denton, Zachary Ainsley

PVT H Company Private

History

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Patrick Sexton

Highland Village, TX

Major: History

Dyke: Day, Mason Riley

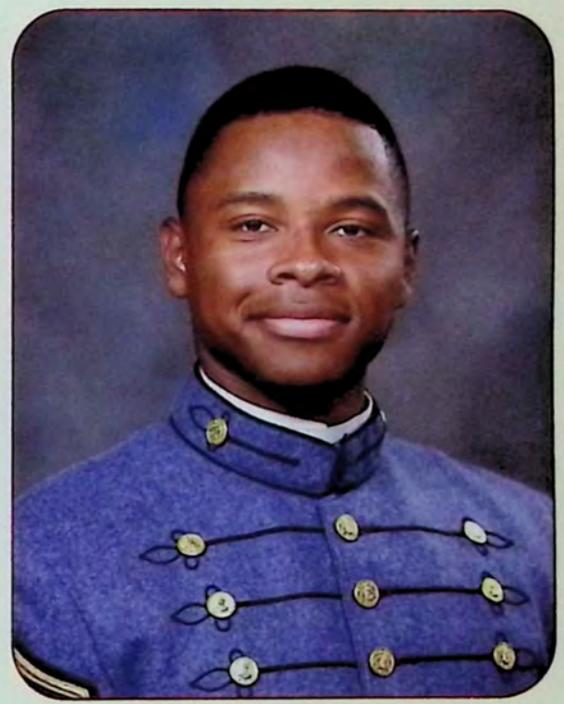
Rats: Sasso, Thomas Anthony Jr.,

Ellis, Tanner Dean

PVT I Company Private

History

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Mark Shelton

Stafford, VA

Major: Computer Science

Dyke: Fant, Jonathon Alandre

Rats: Kpaka, Akim Jayah, Assouad, Matthew David

1CPT Regimental Commander

Activities: First Captain; 3BN SGM; F-Troop

7th SQD CPL; Football 1,2,3,4; Promaji Club

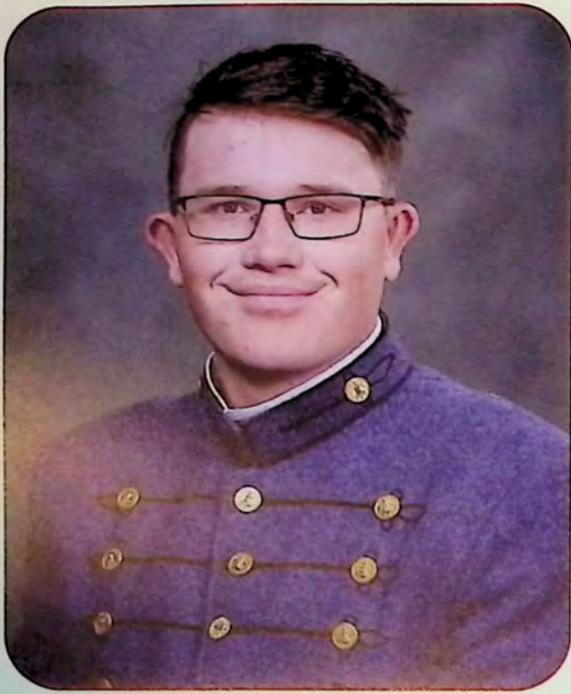
1 VP, 2,3,4; CSAB 1,2; Cyber Club 1,2; ODK

1,2; Dean's List 1,2,3;

History

Time sure is a wonder. Once a far-distant dream is now our fast-approaching reality. These past four years have been the highlight of my life...thus far. I have met my lifelong best friends and brothers, Caleb, Connor, Liam, and the Class of 2024. I've taken advantage of the Institute's many opportunities and experiences to better myself and those around me - for we are tomorrow's leaders. This was only possible with the love and support of my Dykes, Mentors, Brother Rats, and my beloved Parents. Truly, thank you for everything! Rats go on in life, pursuing the extraordinary and achieving the impossible. You are our legacy!



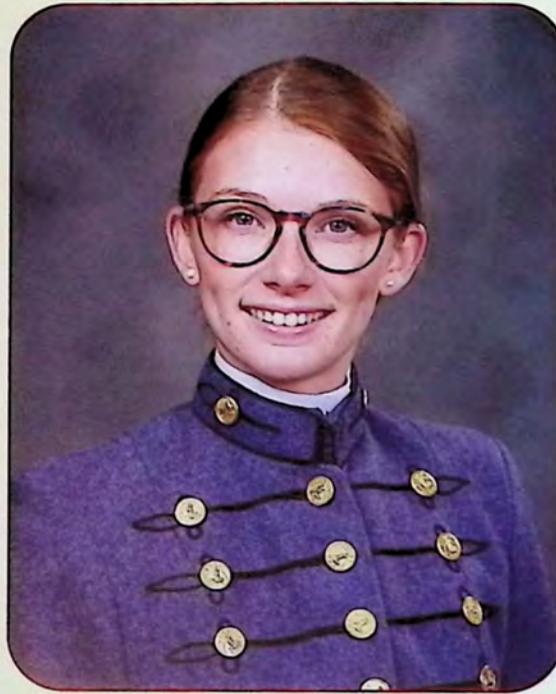


Roger Somers

West Jefferson, NC
Major: Civil Engineering
Dyke: Zimmerman, Parker Joseph
Rat: Todd, Mike, Jeremiah
PVT B Company Private
Activities: Golf, Soccer, Rat Challenge,
Company Sergeant, American Society of Civil
Engineers

History

I have learned so much here at VMI. For this, I thank my mother April for helping me out and being my biggest supporter since day one. My grandparents Roger and Delores have watched me grow into a man that they dreamed I would be. My aunt Stacy and uncle Will have been there for me since coming to VMI with helping me with school payments and helping find the right career path. My dad Michael, those 3-4 calls everyday to give me the update on the home life. My brother Hyden, who looks up to me everyday and wants to be like his big brother. My girlfriend Jasmine, who has seen me upset over school and laugh over jokes in the room and is always here when she can see me. I thank my Dyke Parker Zimmerman for always being there for me.

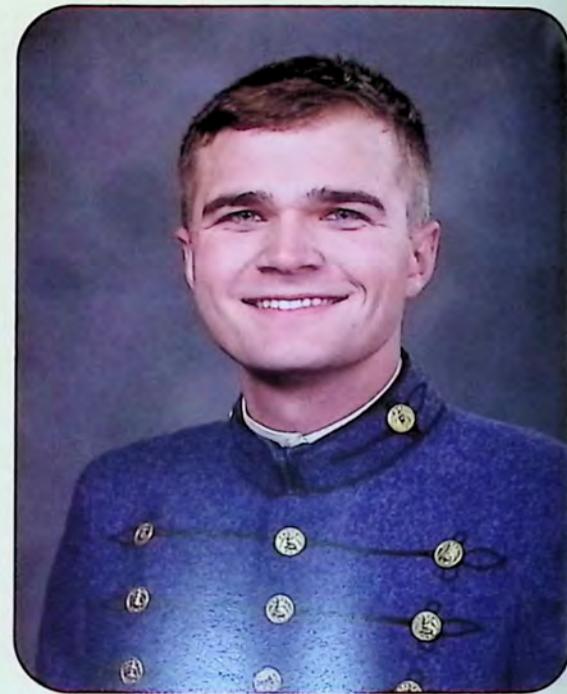


Abigail Soyars

Waynesboro, VA
Major: Modern Languages & Cultures
Dyke: Lindsey, Megan Alexandra
Rat: Mammoth, Kasenna Dior
PVT C Company Private
Activities: AFROTC Cadet Wing Commander,
Cadet Chaplain, Rat Challenge Cadre, Equestrian
Club, Intersarsity leader, Cadet Library Assistant,
Building Bridges Club

History

I would first and foremost like to thank the people who made all of this possible. My family helped me to remain steadfast during challenges and were my biggest supporters through good times and bad. There was never a time where I was ever truly alone or without help. Whether that was last minute supply runs or just taking a couple hours to come down and see me. Those moments meant the world and I will cherish them always. I would like to thank all my friends here who have helped me to make countless memories that I will never forget. Finally, I would also like to thank our rats of room 122. You gave us little bits of joy amidst the hard times, and we are so grateful for you. "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

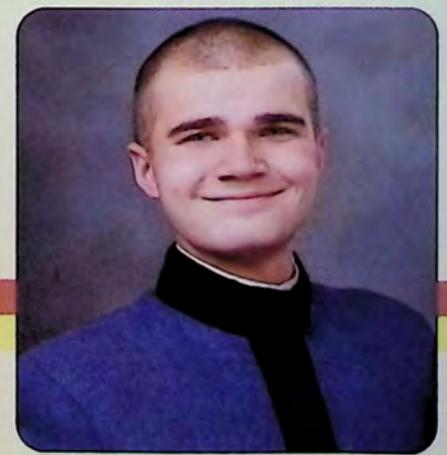


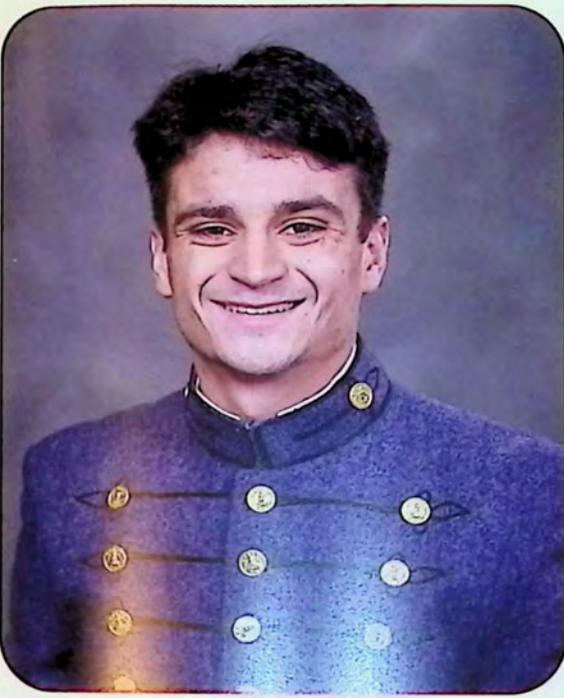
Zakary Staley

Winchester, MD
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Dyke: Matthews, Liam Whitford
Rat: Young, William Andrew
PVT B Company Private

History

Thank you to my family and friends for helping me get through my cadetship and always supporting me.





Aristotle Stamos

Alexandria, VA

Major: Economics and Business

Dyke: Lane, Eric Christopher

Rats: Duncan-Bloom, John David,

Yonas, Ty Matthew

PVT E Company Private

*Activities: VMI Men's Lacrosse, Navy ROTC,
Omicron Delta Epsilon Economic Honor Society*

History

I would like to thank my friends and family for supporting me through these last four years. The many lessons I learned will be cherished for a lifetime.



Luke Stann

Reston, VA

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Dyke: Ferrari, Vincenzo J

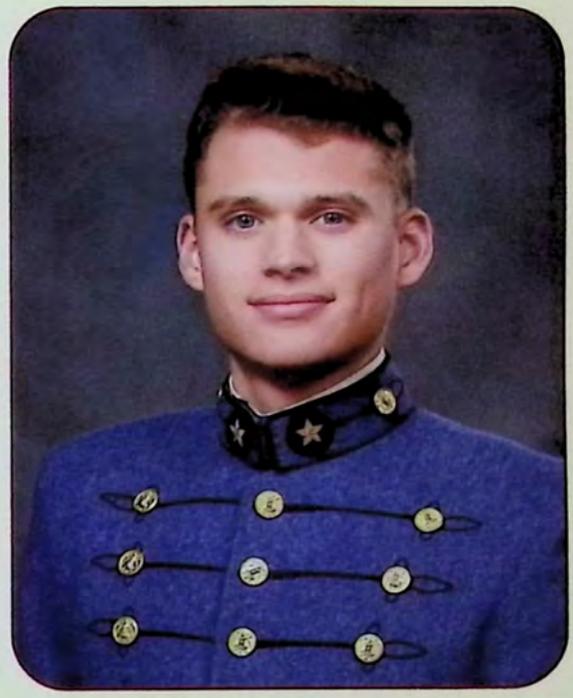
Rat: Boucher, Chase Joshua

2LT C Company 2nd Platoon Lt

*Activities: Club Soccer CIC VMI Boxing
Regulator*

History

To all my friends, family, and my dyke, who have made these 4 years possible, thank you. "There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure" -Colin Powell



Allen Stewart

Glen Allen, VA

Major: Civil Engineering

Dyke: Winter, Benjamin Frederick

Rat: Pruett, Tristan Paul

PVT F Company Private

Activities: Fourth Class: Private Company "F".

Third Class: Private Company "F". Second Class:

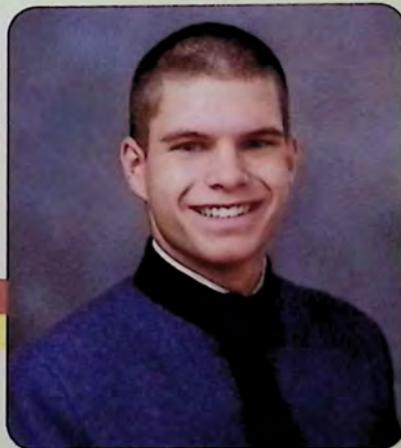
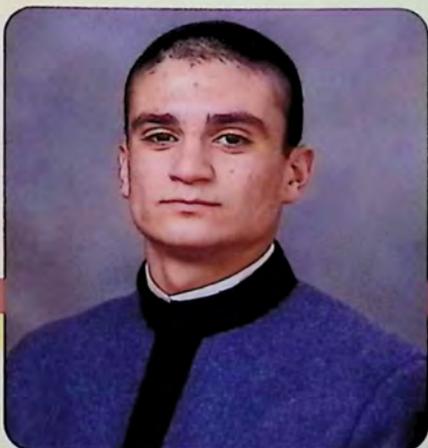
Private Company "F". First Class: Private

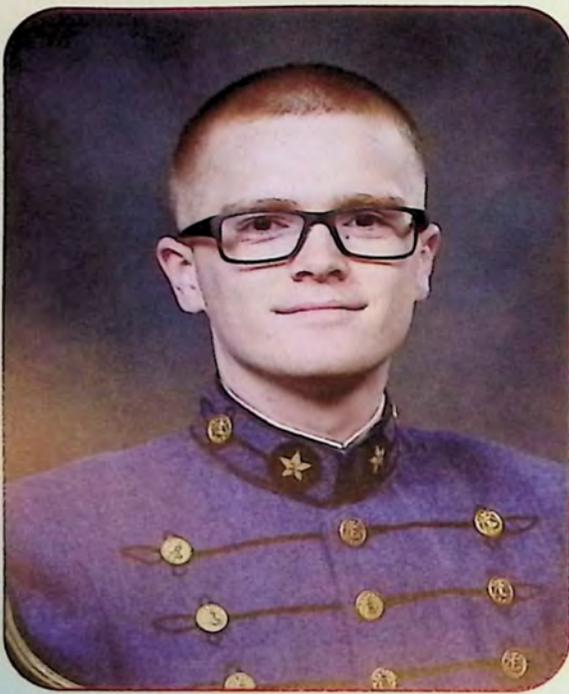
Company "F", Cadet Chaplain, OGA

History

It is unbelievable to see how God works overtime. Four years ago, I came to VMI with ambitions to grow as a person academically, physically, and my overall character. The Lord had one more thing in mind when sending me here, He wanted me to grow spiritually. He has blessed me with some of the best friends and experiences I could have ever asked for in my life. To my rat, keep your head down and push through it, you have such a great cadetship ahead of you. Thank you to my family for always being with me through the tough times, especially my future wife, I love you all. I will always cherish my time at VMI and I can't thank The Lord enough for giving me this opportunity. - Stew.

Matthew 6:34.





Hagen Stewart

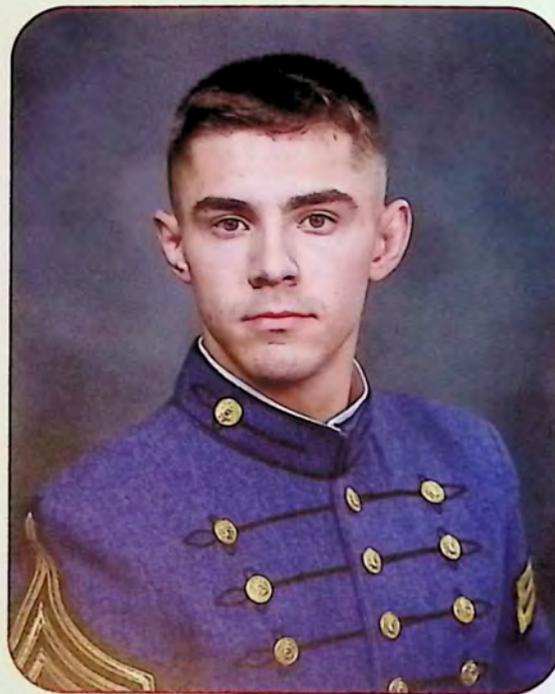
*Davenport, FL
Major: Applied Mathematics
Dyke: Severns, Ethan E*

*Rat: Bloom, Trygve Samuel
2LT E Company 4th Platoon Lt*

*Activities: Cadet Investment Group Ring Figure
Committee - Ring Designer and Ring Painter Old
Corps Ranker*

History

It felt like it was just yesterday I left Mahomet, Illinois to come to VMI. The time here has gone quick and I have made many relationships and achievements to be proud of. VMI has made me into a stronger leader and has given me the skills to become successful. Rat Bloom, you are the best rat I could ever ask for. This place will be hard and challenging but I hope I was able to help give you the skills needed to become successful and surpass me. If there is something you want to do here, do it. Don't give up, and remember all the experiences you had to face as a rat. Good luck, I'm proud to see what you become.



Jeffrey Stober

Lynchburg, VA

Major: Chemistry

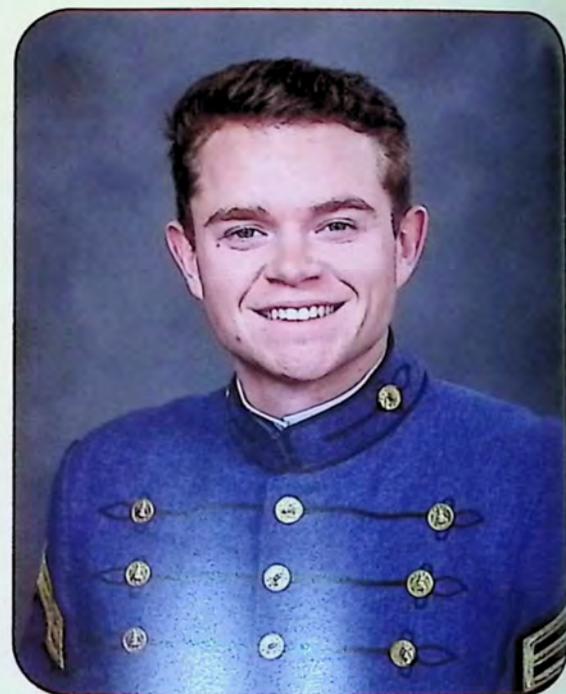
Dyke: Pierce, William J

Rat: Creach, Jayedon David

2LT Band Company 1st Platoon Lt

History

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Ian Storzieri

Virginia Beach, VA

Major: History

Dyke: Roberts, Elaine Thomas

Rats: Cotton, Koree Jayden,

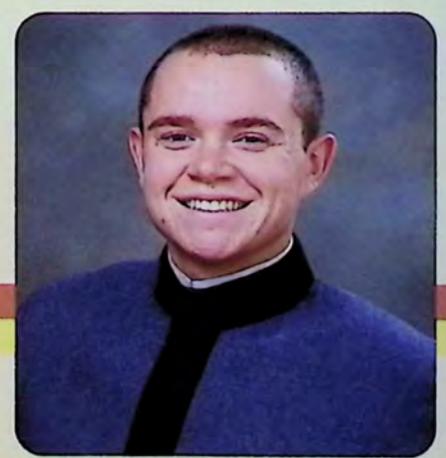
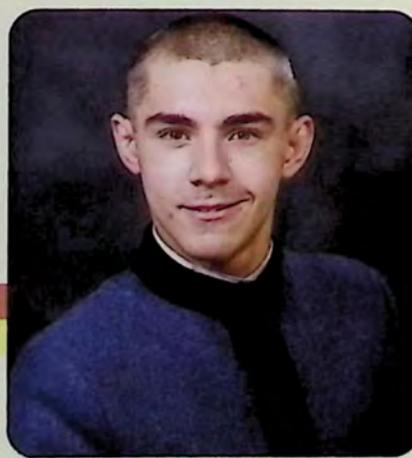
Murray, Vance James Kennon

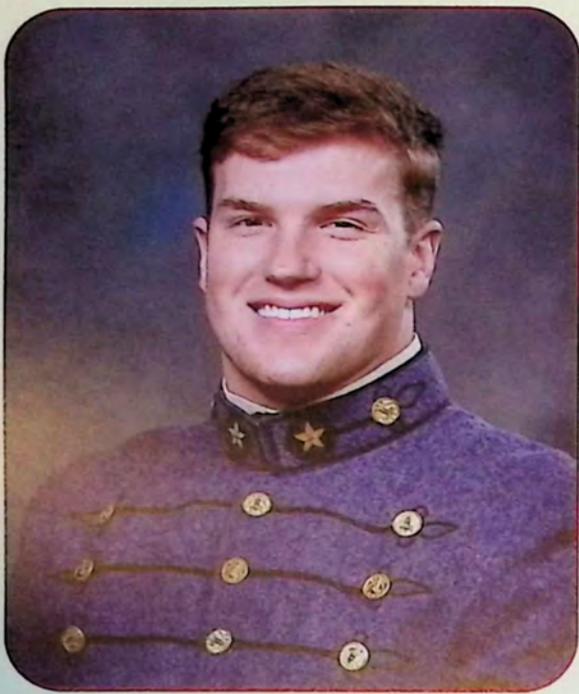
2LT B Company 2nd Platoon Lt

*Activities: CIC of Underwater Torpedo League
ACIC of Club Golf CIC of Grizzly Wintergreen
Bravo Company Master Sgt AY 22-23 Rat
Disciplinary Committee Representative AY 23-24*

History

VMI I hated you while i was here, but I will cherish the brotherhood and leadership you brought me. For that, thank you. To my roommates you are not friends you are my brothers and i will cherish our friendship for life. To my BRs, thank you for the time we shared in these historical walls of barracks. To the RDC, I trust the organization will live longer than the institute and I am glad to have served on such an esteemed committee. Mom and Dad, you all are my rocks and I will never thank you enough for helping me these last 22 years and beyond. Nanny guess what, I made it! I graduated with the Coatee you always wanted, I love you angel.





Grant Swinehart

*Bridgewater, VA
Major: Psychology
Dyke: Kpaduwa, Chima Chinedu
Rat: Brooks, Elijah Samuel
PVT G Company Private
Activities: Football*

History

I would like to thank my family and friends for their endless support and sacrifice



Matthew Sylvia

*Richmond, VA
Major: Economics and Business
Dyke: Woolwine, Alexander James
Rat: Rattief, Jagen Wesley
PVT F Company Private
Activities: Coker Hall Basketball Association*

History

I would like to thank my parents, Stacey and Matt Sylvia, for providing me with the incredible opportunity to attend the Virginia Military Institute. This has been a remarkable journey that I will cherish for the rest of my life. The support of my family has been my anchor, guiding me through the challenges and triumphs that came with VMI. I would also like to thank all of the great friends that I met over my 4 years, as we shared many great memories and countless laughs. I am forever grateful for this experience and will never forget the invaluable lessons learned throughout my time at the Institute.

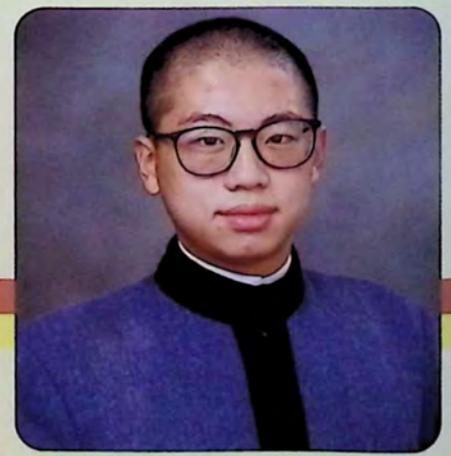
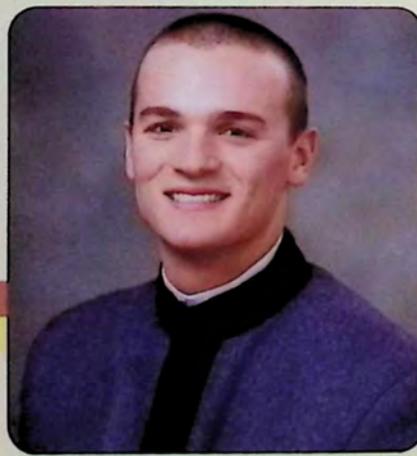
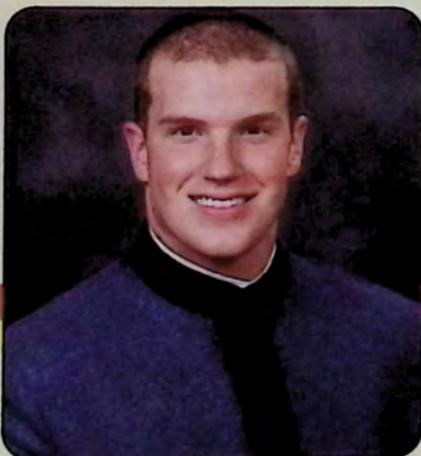


Zheng Yang Tang

*Bronx, NY
Major: Civil Engineering
Dyke: Yang, Kevin
Rat: Robinson, James Hunter
PVT I Company Private*

History

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Luke Jarboe

Montevideo, CA

Major: History

Dyke: Donnelly, Kyle Stanton

Rat: Liebowitz, Grant

PVT G Company Private

History

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Talli Jarring

Warrenton, VA

Major: Physics

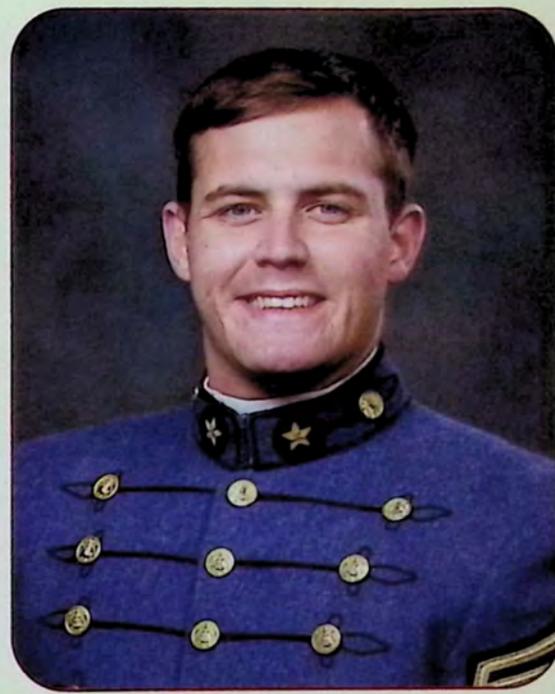
Dyke: Giron-Molina, Leslie Gabriela

Rat: Moreno, Sophia Elissa

PVT D Company Private

History

Thank you to all my family and friends who have supported me through VMI. I could not have done it without you. I was given the opportunity to meet so many amazing people and have so many great experiences. To my class: It was hard to get through at points but we all made it! Let's do great things!



William Tarter

Jazewell, VA

Major: Biology

Dyke: Putman, Caleb Daniel

Rat: McBride, Victor Angel Austin

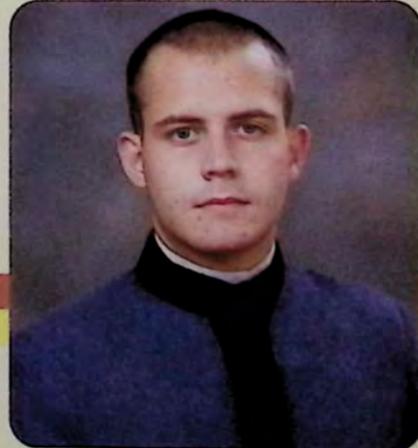
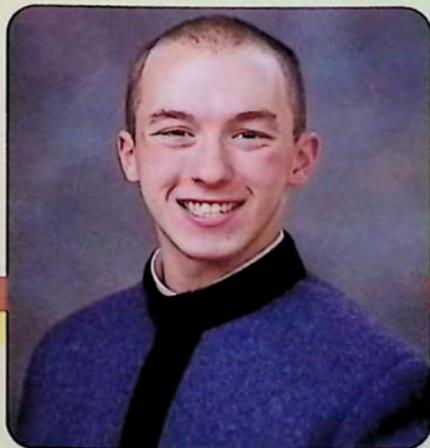
2LT D Company 3rd Platoon Lt

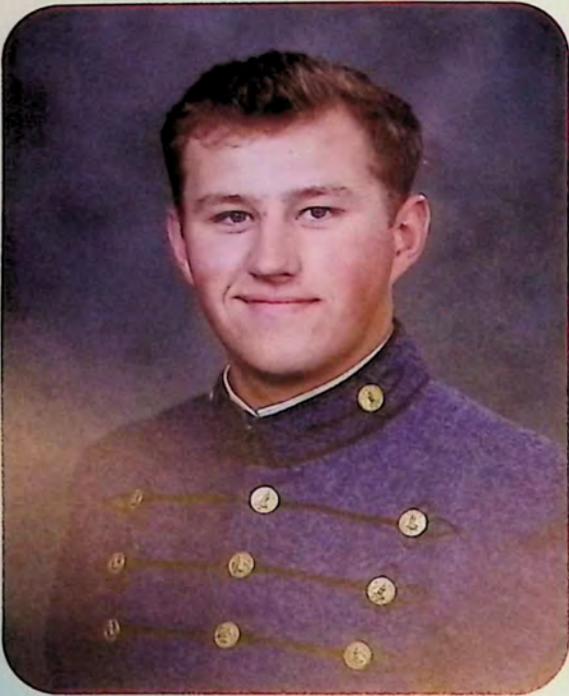
Activities: Delta Company Ranker 3,2,1; Sportswriter for The Cadet 2,1; Virginia Historical Society 2,1; Tri-Beta Biological Society 1; Lunch Coordinators 2,1; Pre-Health Club 3,2,1; Rat

Challenge 3,2,1

History

VMI was less than desirable to spend nine months of the year, but the experiences and comradery she provided cannot be found at any other college. Along with gaining the ability to be an effective and capable leader in a world that has fallen into disarray. The Institute has gifted me friendships that I will forever be grateful for. Caleb, thank you for your guidance and patience in teaching me the ways of VMI. The "Lunch Coordinators," I am grateful for our unbreakable friendships and the times that we have shared through our trials and tribulations that we have gone through. Finally, Victor, keep pushing through the adversity that VMI inevitably will drag you through.





John Thompson

Reston, VA

Major: Economics and Business

Dyke: Cook, Noah James

Rat: Philips, Peter Andrew

PVT G Company Private

Activities: Baseball Ducks Unlimited

History

I have learned a lot at my time at VMI but one thing I will always remember is that "you win some, you lose some, and you gotta take your wins and cut your losses". Thanks to the BaseCo family for getting me through my time here. Good luck to my teammates in the future. Without the support of family and friends VMI would be a whole lot harder. Thanks to my roommates for always keeping our room a fun place to be even if we argued from time to time. To all the people I have met or interacted with while being here, thanks for giving me the full VMI experience.



Dillon Tidwell

Spring Hill, TN

Major: Mechanical Engineering

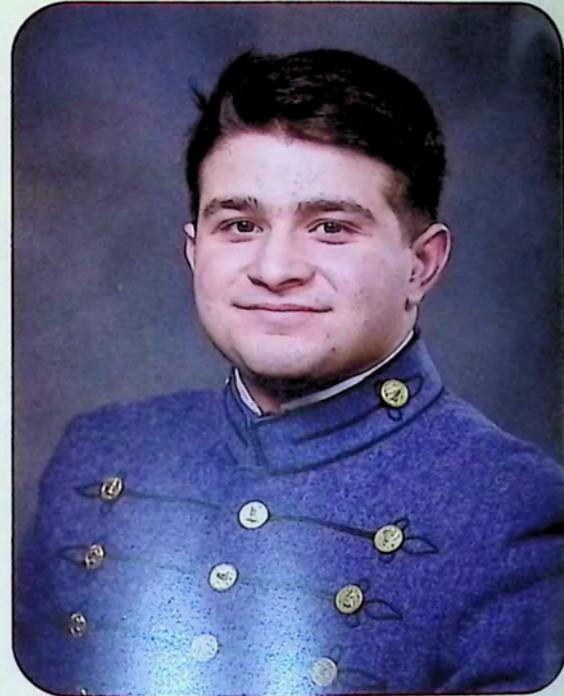
Dyke: Kennedy, Jay Earl

Rat: Cockrill, William Franklin Jr.

1LT 1st Battalion S-4

History

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Jake Tominaro

Virginia Beach, VA

Major: English

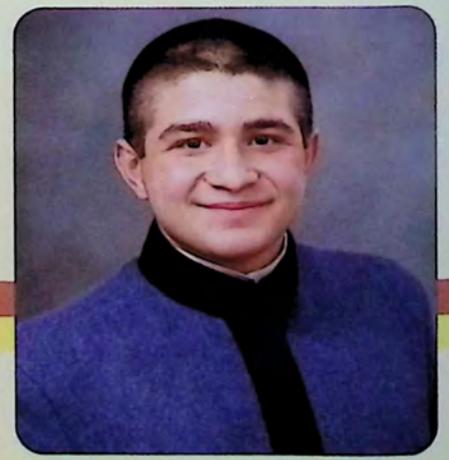
Dyke: Galin, Alexander Jeffrey

Rat: Workman, Curran M

PVT D Company Private

History

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Gerik Trevisan

*Falls Church, VA
Major: Modern Languages and Cultures
Dyke: Baines, Jackson C.
Rat: Barrett, Hayden A.
PVT B Company Private*

History

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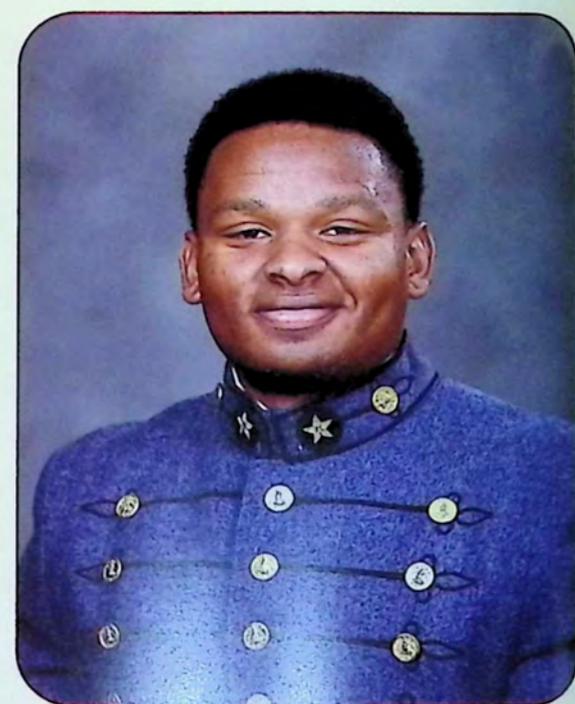


Gabriel Tufaro

*Henrico, VA
Major: Economics and Business
Dyke: Cranford, Daniel Howard II
Rat: Moore, Alexander
PVT B Company Private*

History

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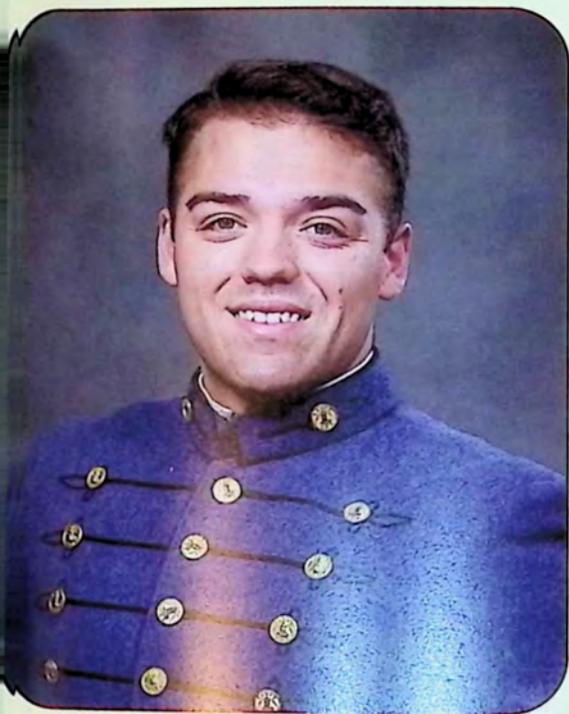
Jonathan Tumwikirize

*Broadlands, VA
Major: Elect/Computer Engineering
Dyke: Slotten, Jonathan Daniel
Rat: Ahebrese, Ebenezer Owusu Jr.
PVT Band Company Private*

History

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Alexander Warr

Memphis, TN

Major: International Studies

Dyke: Morton, Taylor Reye

Rat: McDowell, Aidan Seth

PVT H Company Private

Activities: 4 Year Private Hotel Rat Challenge

Sigma Omega Order Lithuanian Military Exchange

Commissioning Army Infantry

History

I thank my friends and family for supporting me throughout my Cadetship. I thank my dyke Taylor Morton and my uncle dykes Cody Chapple, Eric Hart, and Collin Perry for being sources for inspiration. I thank my brother rats for always having my back. It's been a long 4 years, glad to get out of here.



Shane Washko

Purcellville, VA

Major: Economics and Business

Dyke: Owens, Christopher Devonne

Rat: Poley, Dylan Patrick

PVT A Company Private

Activities: VMI Football

History

I want to thank God, my friends, and my family for helping me through this journey the past 4 years.



Devin Watkins

Kensington, NH

Major: Psychology

Dyke: Bartolucci, Jeffrey Shane

Rats: Hoskins, Harrison Michael,

Ferguson, Fredrick Martin

PVT C Company Private

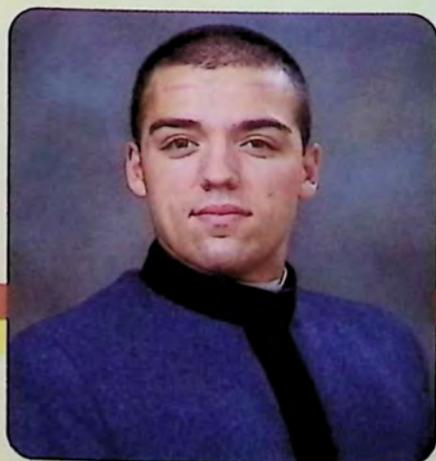
Activities: 2 Years od Color Staff Scuba Diving

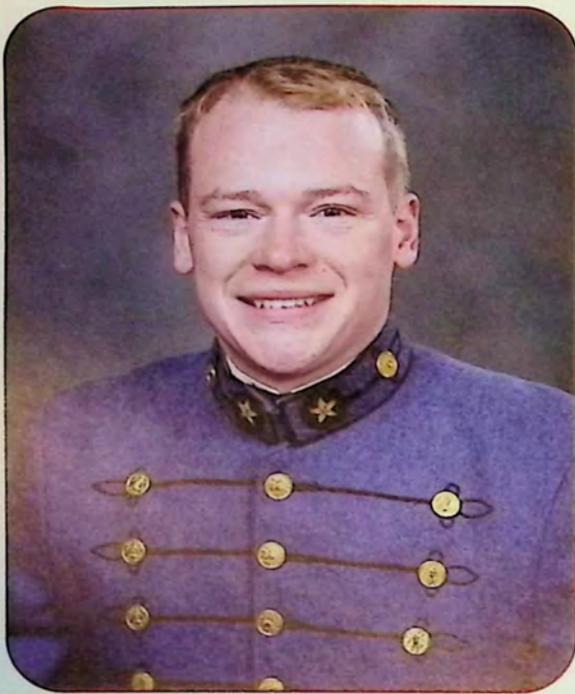
Club Military Skills Club Charlie NonCOMM

PJT CIC

History

I came to VMI, unfit, anxious, shy, and weak, I did not belong here. I was reminded everyday of this because of the ratline but I never stopped, I found my limits and did what I could to push past them. Four Years later and I'm not the same person I was when I first walked through the arch, I've learned from my mistakes and I'm ready to make new ones. To my friends, thank you for being there and pushing me through and to my Family thank you for the support.

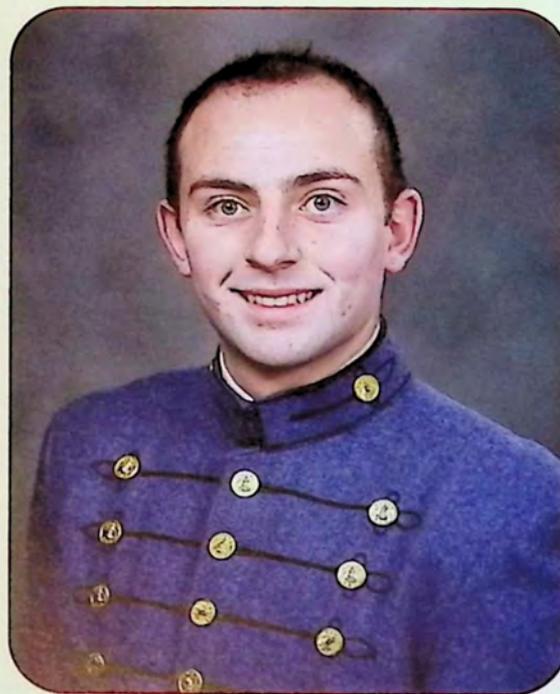




Tyler Watson

*Lusby, MD
Major: Psychology
Dyke: Riley, Ryan Wilson
Rat: McChree, Jacob Reed
PVT G Company Private
Activities: NSW-P*

*History
Rah.*



Kyle Webster

*Alexandria, VA
Major: Economics and Business
Dyke: Perouty, Ryan Hunter
Rats: Schulhofer, Franklin Thomas,
Krsul, Garrett Michael
PVT C Company Private
Activities: NCAA Lacrosse*

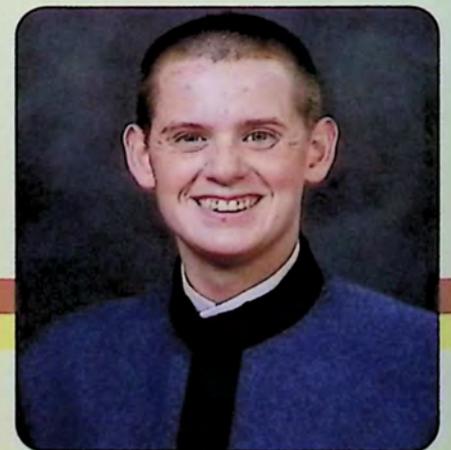
*History
Thank you to all of my family and friends throughout
my 4 years at VMI!*



William Weigeshoff

*Fredericksburg, VA
Major: Elect/Computer Engineering
Dyke: Allen, Casey Ian
Rat: Ireland, Cole Daniel
PVT H Company Private
Activities: Cadet Battery PL '24 Rat Challenge
22, 24*

*History
First, want to thank my parents for supporting me
throughout my cadetship, I want to thank the friends I
made along the way that made these four years bearable,
and I want to thank my professors for giving me a
top-tier education in electrical and computer
engineering. To my Dyke: Thank you for all of your
mentorship. To my rat: Be a better dyke to your rat
than I was to you. (I know that might be hard) To the
institute: I am a better man because of the hell you put
me through. Rah '21 Rah '24 Rah '27*





Benjamin W. Hart

Cedar Bluff, VA

*Major: International Studies
Dyke: Grammo, Jordan Donald
Rat: Serfass, Adam Patrick
PVT A Company Private*

History

I am grateful for all the people in my life that have supported me to this point in my cadetship.



Keanu Williams

Mooresville, NC

*Major: Mechanical Engineering
Dyke: McGraw, Sean Patrick
Rats: Marble, Dominique Octavius,
Hemming, Alexander Bretland
2LT I Company 3rd Platoon Lt
Activities: BAJA Team Captain, India Co. 2nd Lt,
Guide Sgt. Cpl. Rat Challenge*

History

There has been nothing easy or quick about my four years at VMI. Although it has been one difficult road it has taught me many things. I have learned that 9 times out of 10 life sucks and you just have to get over it. I have learned how to accept my failures and learn from them. I have learned how to relax in even the worst situations, and I have learned that the only limits that ever exist are the ones you set for yourselves. I will leave you with two quotes that have greatly influenced me through my time at VMI. "How you do anything is how you do everything" "It ain't about how hard hit, It's about how you can get hit and keep moving forward." - Rocky Balbo



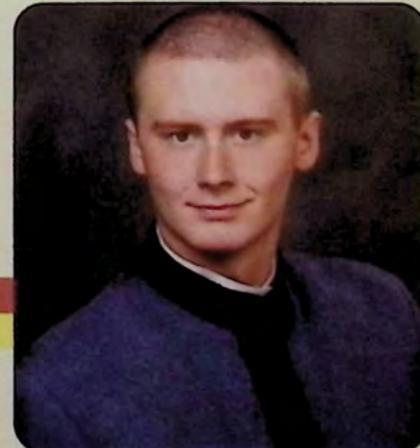
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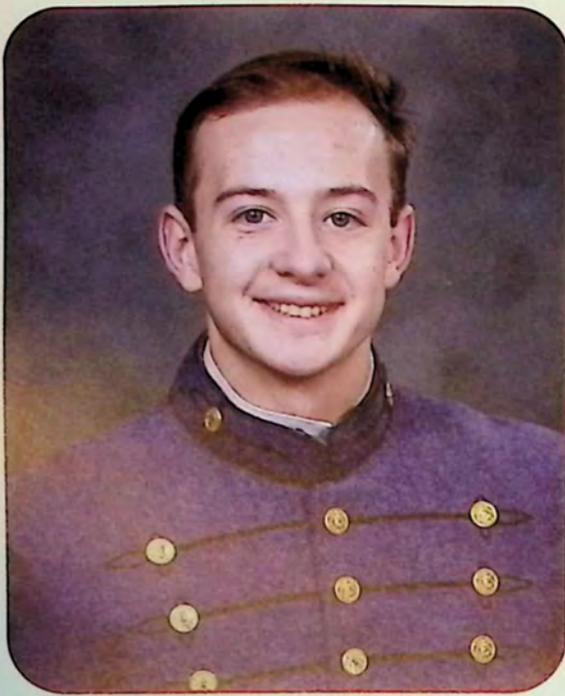
Fredericksburg, VA

*Major: Civil Engineering
Dyke: Soward, James Eblin
Rat: Lengel, Tristan Andre
PVT B Company Private
Activities: Lifelong First Class Private. Part of the
ASCE Steel Bridge Team*

History

I thank my parents for helping me come to VMI and helping me these past four years. I also thank my friends for helping me the past four years.





Ethan Wise

Watertown, NY

Major: History

Dyke: Brown, Jared Thomas

Rat: Jordan, David Goffin

PVT 3 Company Private

Activities: History Major, Cooke Hall Basketball Association, DMC

History

I am proud to follow in my grandfather's footsteps, Anderson Wise, '60, and the Wise family legacy at VMI. I want to thank my parents, friends, and mentors for making my time at VMI a transformational experience. I look forward to taking what I learned at VMI with me into the future along with the lifelong friendships that I made here. Persevere.



Shane Wise

Hollywood, MD

Major: Physics

Dyke: Thompson, Theodore Russell

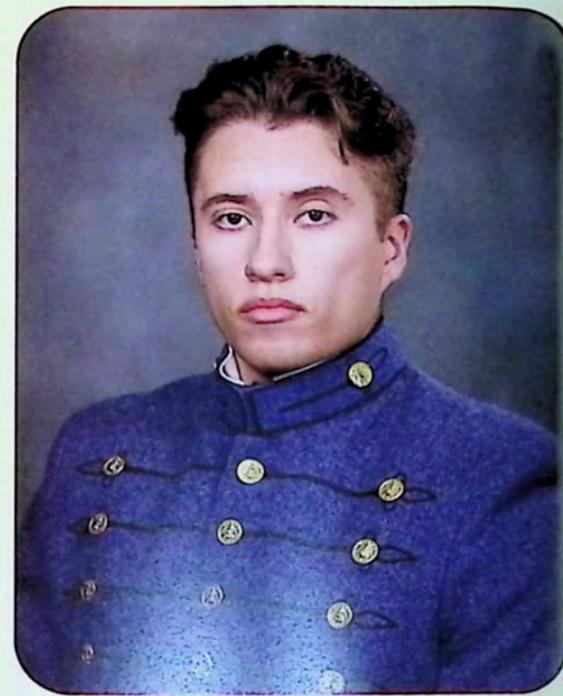
Rat: Neuhart, John Michael Patrick III

PVT 1 Company Private

Activities: Rat Challenge Cadre 3C-1C, CCPL 3C, CSGT 2C

History

To Mom and Dad, no matter how much I struggled you always encouraged me to be better, and whether you believe it or not I have always appreciated the advice you have given me. I love you both dearly, and I only hope I can continue to make you proud with the tools that this Institute has given me to succeed. To everyone that helped me get through these long four years here at VMI, I can never truly thank you enough. To my rat, Jack, strive to better every day and embrace everything this school can offer you. To my roommates, and all of my BRs, it has been an honor like no other to stand beside you and call myself your Brother Rat. Rah 24, and Rah Va Mill.



William Wister

Frisco, TX

Major: Economics and Business

Dyke: Kruszenick, John Goff

Rat: Blocker, Jacob Daniel

PVT H Company Private

Activities: S3 Corporal, Guide Sergeant, Private

History

I am grateful for all the people in my life that have supported me to this point in my cadetship.

