

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE
Lexington, Virginia

26 August 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR FACULTY, STAFF, AND CADETS

SUBJECT: Opening Academic Convocation, 8 September 2014

1. This year's Opening Academic Convocation will be held during the Dean's Hour, 1105 – 1215 hours, Monday, 8 September, in Cameron Hall.
2. This year's convocation speaker will be Lieutenant Governor Ralph Northam, '81.
3. The stage party will comprise LT Governor Northam, GEN Peay, BG Smith, BG Green, and all members of the Academic Board. Attire will be academic regalia (preferred), Class A uniform or business attire as appropriate. Stage party members and their guests should gather in the Green Room area of Cameron Hall no later than 1055 hours. Guests will be escorted to their VIP seats in the front section, center red seats on the Main Street side at 1110 hours. The stage party will be marshaled by Mrs. Thompson and at 1115 hours will process double file, following the cadet and faculty procession.
4. ***All Faculty members will process, to include part-time faculty.*** Uniform will be academic regalia (preferred) or Class A uniform. Non-uniformed faculty without regalia will wear business attire. COL Mullen will marshal the faculty procession. Faculty should be robed and present in "Coaches Hall" on the Diamond Street side of Cameron Hall by 1100 hours. **Any faculty member who finds it impossible to attend should inform his or her Department Head as soon as possible,** so an accurate seat count can be maintained.
5. ***Cadets eligible to wear Academic Stars will process and be seated on the floor.*** These cadets should assemble on the football field side of Cameron Hall to line up and process into Cameron Hall. SGM Neel will marshal the cadet procession.
6. The remainder of the Corps of Cadets should be seated by 1105 hours, on the Main Street side of Cameron Hall. The uniform will be white blouse for **all** cadets.
7. The Superintendent's principal staff (stage party members excepted) will not process. This group will be seated in the VIP section in the first row of the center section red seats, along with stage party spouses and guests. Attire for principal staff is duty uniform. Principal staff members and their guests should proceed directly to their seats upon entering Cameron Hall.
8. All other staff members are strongly encouraged to attend, and will be seated in the center section of red seats of the Main Street side. Attire is duty uniform.
9. Please direct questions to COL McDonald in the Dean's Office (x7212).

FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT:

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Colonel, US Army (Ret.)
Chief of Staff

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