Post-Graduate Scholarships Available

VMI alumni, including members of the graduating class of 2013, may apply for post-graduate scholarships to support graduate and professional study. Application materials and instructions are available from MAJ Meagan Herald, Chair of the Graduate Education Subcommittee (heraldmc@vmi.edu). The deadline for receipt of all application materials at VMI is **March 15, 2013**. Applications will be reviewed and recommendations made by the Graduate Education Subcommittee. Current scholarship recipients must reapply each year.

Alfred Dickinson Barksdale '11 Law Scholarship

The application for the Alfred Dickinson '11 Law Scholarship should state that the applicant has been accepted by an accredited law school, naming the school and giving the score the applicant received on his Law School Admissions Test. The applicant should state his need, if it exists, for financial aid. Financial need is not the determining factor but in case of applicants of equal ability, the one demonstrating financial need will be given preference. The applicant also should state whether he intends to practice law upon graduating and include a discussion of personal goals that led him to pursue a legal education. The scholarship is set at approximately $1,000, or more as income promises, and will be granted to applicant to be approved by a committee that has been chosen by the donors: Judge William W. Sweeney '49B of Lynchburg, Virginia and attorney Michael W. Maupin '59 of Richmond. Upon satisfactory work at the end of each law school year, the scholarship may be renewed on application.

Judge A.D. Barksdale '11 graduated from the Institute at the age of 18, was president of his law class at the University of Virginia and became a U.S. District Court judge. He served in the U.S. Army in France during World War I and received the nation's second highest award for gallantry in action, the Distinguished Service Cross.

John E. Woodward '23 Graduate Scholarship

Any graduate of VMI, including graduating cadets, or any member of the VMI faculty may apply for the John E. Woodward '23 Graduate Scholarship in order to pursue graduate study. The letter of application should contain the name of the graduate school where the applicant has been accepted and should describe the course of study to be pursued. The goals of the applicant also should be given. Applications favorably considered will be presented to the superintendent, who will make his recommendation to the Board of Trustees of the VMI Foundation.

John E. Woodward '23, a native of Suffolk, Virginia, died on July 6, 1982. A distinguished graduate of VMI, he was a retired executive of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. His son, John E. Woodward, Jr. '57, was also a distinguished graduate and was awarded the first Jackson-Hope Medal.

James C. Wheat, Sr. Memorial Scholarship

The James C. Wheat, Sr. Memorial Scholarship is awarded in recognition of academic excellence and general merit to an alumnus or to a graduating cadet who shows a mature interest in and dedication to the American free-enterprise system. The scholarship was established by James C. Wheat, Jr. 41 in memory of his father. The award was established to provide assistance to VMI alumni for two purposes: (1) to obtain the Master of Business Administration degree, and (2) to obtain advanced degrees in appropriate fields subject to their returning to the Institute to teach. Priority will be given to those alumni attending the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia. Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the superintendent based upon the recommendation of the VMI Institute Scholarship Committee. Subject to satisfactory performance, scholarships may be renewed for a second year.

James C. Wheat, Jr. '41 carried on his father's tradition was chairman of the board of Wheat, First Securities, Inc. until his death on April 30, 1992. Nationally and internationally renowned, he received the Thomas Jefferson Citation for Public Service in 1974 from the Old Dominion Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.

William T. Wells, Sr., and William T. Wells, Jr., '73, Graduate Scholarship in Engineering

The William T. Wells, Sr., and William T. Wells, Jr., '73, Scholarship is intended to provide financial aid to an engineering graduate of VMI who is pursuing graduate study. The Scholarship is available to engineering graduates pursuing advanced degrees in any academic field, though priority will be given to those students enrolled in a graduate engineering program at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech). The scholarship is awarded at the discretion of the superintendent based upon the recommendation of the VMI Institute Scholarship Committee.

William T. Wells, Sr., who died in December 2003 and whose service to his profession and to the Commonwealth of Virginia was honored by a Virginia House of Delegates Resolution, was a loyal alumnus of Virginia Tech. Through his professional and personal relationships with many VMI alumni, he came to admire the Institute immensely; this admiration deepened during the time his son, William T. Wells, Jr., '73, was a cadet, and continued to do so after his graduation.