

SCHEDULE OF MATRICULATION EVENTS

MATRICULATION

7:30 a.m.
Cameron Hall

Matriculation is the first step that all new cadets must complete.

7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.

New cadets whose last names begin with the letters A-L should report to Cameron Hall.

9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

New cadets whose last names begin with the letters M-Z should report to Cameron Hall.

New cadets and their parents will have an opportunity to:

- discuss studies with an academic advisor from the major curriculum the new cadet has selected;
- finalize financial accounts;
- sign the matriculation pledge and matriculation book;
- receive room assignments, academic schedules, and mailbox numbers;
- receive Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) information; and,
- be issued VMI gym uniform if the new cadet did not attend the Summer Transition Program.

MATRICULATION FAIR

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Crozet Hall

The Matriculation Fair is held in Crozet Hall. It is designed to acquaint new cadets and parents with many VMI agencies and activities. Support services in the local community such as banks, churches and restaurants will also be represented.

UNLOADING AND BARRACKS CHECK-IN

All luggage should be marked with the full name of the cadet. New cadets and parents should unload luggage in the front of Barracks at Marshall Arch after completing the Matriculation Process in Cameron Hall, where the cadet receives room and company assignments. All luggage must be taken to assigned rooms in Barracks **before** the Superintendent's Welcome Ceremony in Cameron Hall at 2:30 p.m. Cadets are reminded to keep a set of civilian clothes.

After unloading luggage, cars must immediately be moved from in front of Barracks. Cars may be parked on the Parade Ground. VMI Police will point you in the correct direction. Cars may be parked on the Parade Ground all day.

LUNCH

11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch will be provided for the new cadets in Crozet Hall. Family members will be charged for their lunches (\$6 for adults, \$4 for children 12 and under). It is important for new cadets to eat during this time and to drink plenty of fluids with the meal.

Should you desire to eat lunch off-Post in Lexington, new cadets may not wear the gym uniform off-Post.

SUPERINTENDENT'S WELCOME

2:30 p.m.
Cameron Hall

UNIFORM FOR ALL NEW CADETS – VMI ISSUED GYM UNIFORM

New cadets and their parents will be welcomed by VMI's Superintendent, General J.H. Binford Peay, III '62 and

introduced to the Dean of the Faculty, the Commandant of Cadets, the Athletic Director, the Co-Presidents of the VMI Parents Council, the Class Advisor and other key staff. The new cadets will then leave their parents to begin their nine-day cadre period. **Parents should give their cadets spending money, credit cards, checkbooks, etc. These items should be left in the Barracks room and not brought to Cameron Hall. Parents should say goodbye to their new cadet before this event.**

MARCH OFF

Approximately 3 p.m.
Cameron Hall

New cadets will be formed into companies. Family members/friends will have the opportunity to see their new cadet march off to begin the nine-day cadre period.

PARENTS INFORMATION SESSION

3:15 p.m.
Cameron Hall

Join us in Cameron Hall for presentations designed to help parents understand the Rat year. Don't miss the opportunity to learn about key cadet experiences and ask questions of the VMI staff.

WRAP UP AND DEPARTURE

4 p.m.

All parents are encouraged to depart VMI as the new cadets begin their training immediately to become VMI cadets.

Important Information

Matriculation Website

www.vmi.edu/matriculation

What to Wear

Parents: casual attire and walking shoes are proper for all Matriculation activities. New cadets should wear comfortable civilian clothes, athletic shoes and socks. **ALL NEW CADETS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR THE VMI ISSUED GYM UNIFORM TO THE SUPERINTENDENT'S WELCOME CEREMONY. The Gym Uniform will be issued during the Matriculation Process in Cameron Hall to new cadets who did not participate in the Summer Transition Program. New cadets who attended the Summer Transition Program must bring all uniform items issued to them.**

Where to Stay in Lexington

The Lexington area has a number of lodging options available. It is best to make reservations as far in advance as possible. For a list of accommodations, visit <http://www.vmi.edu/accommodations>.

New Cadet Oath Ceremony @ New Market

Parents may observe the New Cadet Oath Ceremony held at 11 a.m. on 6 September 2009 at the New Market Battlefield Park in New Market, VA. Lunch tickets for this event will be available at the Parents Council table at the Matriculation Fair in Crozet Hall. After securing weapons in Barracks, New Cadets are afforded an opportunity to dine with family and friends in Lexington. New cadets must sign back in to the VMI Barracks no later than 2030 (8:30 p.m.).

Mail, calls, etc.

Mail from home is the most important gift a cadet can receive. Be sure to get your new cadet's box number. An occasional box of favorite foods from home also does wonders for a cadet's morale. **Please do not send cash through the mail.** The quickest way to contact a cadet is to leave a message at the VMI Visitor Center (540-464-7306) or send an e-mail after classes start.



Check Cashing

The Cashier's office (located in Smith Hall) cashes checks up to \$200 and an ATM machine is located in the Daniels' Courtyard (behind Maury-Brooke Hall).

VMI Bookstore – Lejeune Hall

New cadets will make several purchases in the bookstore during Cadre Week and these purchases have to be paid for at the time of sale by cash, check, or major credit card.

Parents Council

www.vmi.edu/parentsCouncil

VMI Parents Council members are available to help you and your cadet during Matriculation Day. Members have "Council" name tags with red ribbons. These parents of current cadets have been through the Matriculation Process. Members are stationed at key locations on Post to help you. They can answer questions you might have or point you in the correct direction. Please do not hesitate to contact any Council member or the liaison to the Parents Council (Colonel Thomas Moncure) at (540) 464-7072.

Matriculation Photos

View photos of matriculation and other events online with the option of purchasing them online at the VMI Photo Store: www.vmi.edu/photostore.

Parents Weekend

Parents Weekend will be October 16-17, 2009 and is a very special time. Be sure to make your reservations as soon as possible for overnight accommodations during Parents Weekend.



VMI

MATRICULATION DAY

Class of 2013



**Saturday
August 22, 2009**

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