



**INSTITUTE AWARDS**

2025

# P R O G R A M

May 16, 2025      Memorial Hall

## PRESIDING

Maj. Gen. Cedric T. Wins '85  
*Superintendent*

## MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Brig. Gen. Robert W. Moreschi  
*Deputy Superintendent for Academics and Dean of the Faculty*

Musical Selections..... The Institute Brass

### Processional\*

National Anthem\* ..... The Institute Brass

Opening Remarks..... Maj. Gen. Wins

Remarks..... Mr. David Prasnicki  
*Chief Executive Officer*  
*VMI Alumni Agencies*

Recitation of Awards .....Brig. Gen. Moreschi

Presentation of Awards..... Maj. Gen. Wins

*\*Please stand*

# CADET AWARDS

## INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS AWARDS

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Presented for all-around excellence in intercollegiate athletics.

## INSTITUTE WRITING PROGRAM THESIS AWARDS

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Selected by the Institute Honors Committee and presented on behalf of the Institute Writing Program to the 1st Class cadets who present the most outstanding theses in satisfaction of the requirements for Institute Honors.

## LIEUTENANT GENERAL EDWARD MALLORY ALMOND 1915 AWARD

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Presented to a 1st Class cadet for academic, athletic, and military excellence.

*Presented by Col. Thomas G. Ferguson*

## GENERAL WITHERS A. BURRESS MARKSMANSHIP AWARDS

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Presented for skill in rifle marksmanship.

## 100TH INFANTRY DIVISION LIEUTENANT GENERAL WITHERS A. BURRESS SCHOLARSHIP FUND AWARDS

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Presented on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and military proficiency in honor of the soldiers of the 100th Infantry Division and their commander, Lieutenant General Withers A. Burress, VMI Class of 1914.

*Presented by Col. Jody D. Hansen*

## MAJOR GENERAL STEPHEN SEWELL JR. 1960 AWARD

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Awarded to a three- or four-year ROTC Scholarship recipient, in high standing with both VMI and the Army ROTC department.

*Presented by Col. Jody D. Hansen*

## COLONEL THOMAS ST. JOHN ARNOLD AWARD

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Presented to an outstanding 1st Class private accepting an active duty commission in the U.S. Army.

*Presented by Col. Jody D. Hansen*

## THE LIEUTENANT JOHN H. LATTIN 1966 AWARD

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Presented to the most militarily distinguished 1st Class cadet who is a commissioning infantry officer in the U.S. Army.

*Presented by Col. Paul A. Robblee, U.S. Army (Retired), and Mr. Albert V. Carr Jr.*

## INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AWARD

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Presented to a 1st Class cadet in the International Studies major who best exemplifies integrity, scholarship, and an abiding curiosity of international affairs.

### **LIEUTENANT MARK R. WILSON SR. MIDSHIPMAN AWARD**

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Presented to the top Navy 1st Class cadet, demonstrating excellence in leadership and academics.

*Presented by Col. Ryan M. Finn*

### **THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS DISTINGUISHED MIDSHIPMAN GRADUATE AWARD**

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Presented to a cadet commissioning with the Navy who has demonstrated the highest academic excellence.

*Presented by Col. Ryan M. Finn*

### **GENERAL LEMUEL C. SHEPHERD JR. SIXTH MARINE DIVISION AWARDS**

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Presented to the top two Marine 1st Class cadets in the Naval ROTC program at VMI.

*Presented by Col. Ryan M. Finn*

### **CHESTY PULLER AWARD, FIRST MARINE DIVISION**

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Presented to the commissioning 1st Class Marine option cadet who exhibits the highest qualities of leadership which exemplify the VMI spirit and those espoused by Lieutenant General Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, VMI Class of 1921.

*Presented by Col. Ryan M. Finn*

### **CHESTY PULLER SCHOLARSHIP, FIRST MARINE DIVISION**

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Presented to the commissioning 2nd and 3rd Class Marine option cadets who exhibit the highest qualities of leadership which exemplify the VMI spirit and those espoused by Lieutenant General Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, VMI Class of 1921.

*Presented by Col. Ryan M. Finn*

### **NAVAL SUBMARINE LEAGUE: ADMIRAL FREDERICK B. WARDER AWARD**

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Presented to recognize superior professional and academic performance by an outstanding Naval ROTC graduate selected for submarine service.

*Presented by Mr. Ed Johnson '79*

### **SUPERINTENDENT WILLIAM H. MILTON JR. CLASS OF 1920 AWARD**

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Presented to the top-standing 1st Class cadet in Mechanical Engineering.

### **BRIGADIER GENERAL ALONZO J. WALTER 1949B AWARD**

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Presented to the most outstanding Air Force ROTC 1st Class cadet.

*Presented by Colonel Nichole K. Scott*

## **GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR CADET AWARD**

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Presented to a 1st Class cadet who emulates and practices the qualities exemplified by Douglas MacArthur and has demonstrated the most soldierly performance by a senior class cadet considering academics, athletics, and leadership.

## **EARL L. VALENTINE JR. AWARD**

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Presented to a 1st Class cadet who has excelled in leadership in the Corps of Cadets.

## **ALAN D'ANDELOT BELIN MEMORIAL PRIZE**

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Presented to a 4th Class cadet who has earned the respect of his or her brother rats and the Corps of Cadets by performance within the rat system.

## **JOHN RYD BUSH AWARD**

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Presented to a 4th Class cadet deemed most worthy for valiant character and military proficiency.

## **COMMANDER HARRY MILLARD MASON MILITARY PROFICIENCY AWARD**

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Presented to a 1st Class cadet selected as the most military proficient.

## **CHARLES H. DAYHUFF JR. 1931 FIRST CAPTAIN AWARD**

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Presented to the rising First Captain in the Corps of Cadets.

## **CLASS OF 1964 NEW MARKET LEGACY AWARD**

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Presented to a 1st Class cadet whose cadetship in the opinion of his or her brother rats is most reflective of the character, honor, and spirit of the 1864 New Market Corps of Cadets.

## **MARSHALL CITIZEN-SOLDIER AWARD**

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Presented to the cadet whose career as a cadet has most closely paralleled that of General George C. Marshall, VMI Class of 1901.

*Presented by Dr. Paul Levensgood*

## **FACULTY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MERIT**

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Established in 1982, the Faculty Scholarships for Merit are funded from contributions made exclusively by active and retired members of the VMI faculty, and administered by the VMI Foundation, Inc. The awards recognize superior academic performance by rising 1st Class and 2nd Class cadets.

## **FRANCIS H. SMITH AWARD**

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Presented to a rising 1st Class cadet who has exhibited outstanding academic achievement, extracurricular participation, leadership ability, and demonstrated potential for a professional career.

### **THE NEW MARKET SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE AWARD**

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Presented for the best research topic proposal working with interpretive staff at the New Market Battlefield State Historical Park.

### **THE COLONEL DANIEL T. INGRAM 1921 – CASTLE HEIGHTS MILITARY ACADEMY AWARD**

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Presented to a graduating 1st Class cadet who is planning a career as a teacher.

### **AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PHYSICS**

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Presented to the top 1st Class cadet in the Physics curriculum.

### **COMMODORE MATTHEW FONTAINE MAURY AWARD**

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Presented to the top 1st Class cadet in the Applied Mathematics curriculum.

### **ALFRED H. KNOWLES AWARD**

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Presented to a 1st Class cadet for significant accomplishments in Biology studies.

### **THE FLOYD D. GOTTWALD JR. 1943 AWARD IN CHEMISTRY**

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Presented to the top-standing 1st Class cadet in the Chemistry major.

### **CIVIL ENGINEERING AWARD**

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Presented to the 1st Class cadet who is declared to be first in Civil Engineering for all four years.

### **BRIGADIER GENERAL JEFFREY G. SMITH JR. 1979 CYBER MEDAL**

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Presented to a cadet for excellence in cyberspace and national security studies.

### **STEWART W. ANDERSON 1908 MEMORIAL AWARD**

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Presented to the top 1st Class cadet for superior academic performance in the Electrical and Computer Engineering curriculum.

### **THE JOHN W. AND JANE M. ROBERTS AWARD**

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Established in honor of John W. and Jane M. Roberts to recognize their lifelong interest in the American free enterprise system and their support for the Department of Economics and Business, this medal recognizes outstanding performance by a 1st Class cadet in the Economics and Business major.

### **LIEUTENANT RANDOLPH T. TOWNSEND AWARD**

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Presented to the top-standing 1st Class cadet in the History curriculum.

### **THOMAS S. BAUR 1975 AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EXERCISE SCIENCE**

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Presented to a deserving cadet pursuing the Exercise Science minor, evidenced by academic excellence, research, and physical fitness.

### **BRUCE C. GOTTWALD JR. 1981 AWARD**

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Presented to a 1st Class cadet Psychology major who has demonstrated the highest achievement in scholarship, service, and scientific inquiry.

### **ADOLFO PONZANELLI AWARD**

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Presented to a 1st Class cadet for excellence in the study of Modern Languages and Cultures.

### **CHARLES R. MARTIN 1955 AWARD**

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Presented to a 1st Class cadet accepting a regular commission who has demonstrated excellence in military studies and outstanding leadership in the Corps of Cadets.

### **THE WILBUR S. HINMAN JR. 1926 RESEARCH AWARDS**

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Named for the first president of the VMI Research Laboratories, the Hinman Award was created by the directors of the VMIRL to recognize superior achievement by cadets in the performance of research and to recognize faculty sponsors' efforts to encourage cadet participation in such research.

### **SIR MOSES EZEKIEL AWARD**

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Presented to a cadet who has contributed to the cultural life of the Institute.

### **COLONEL HERBERT NASH DILLARD 1934 AWARD**

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Presented to a 1st Class cadet best emulating Colonel Dillard's scholarship and dedication to a broad liberal arts education.

### **THE ASA S. DEARING AWARD**

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Awarded to a 1st Class English major who has demonstrated the highest proficiency in the study of English and English Literature.

## **FACULTY AND STAFF AWARDS**

### **THE NATHANIEL W. PENDLETON 1922 DISTINGUISHED COACHING AWARD**

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Established by Mr. Nathaniel W. Pendleton Jr. '57 in memory of his father, Nathaniel Willis Pendleton, VMI Class of 1922, this award recognizes and encourages excellence in athletic coaching at VMI.

## **THE VMI DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS**

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The VMI Distinguished Service Awards recognize and encourage excellence and dedication in service to the Virginia Military Institute. The program was endowed in the VMI Foundation, Inc. in 1980 through the VMI Campaign, with an inaugural matching gift from Robert G. Cabell III and the Maude Morgan Cabell Foundation.

## **THE DR. D. RAE CARPENTER AWARD**

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Established to honor Dr. D. Rae Carpenter's service to the VMI Research Laboratories, this award is given to the best research proposal that is submitted to the VMI Research Committee.

## **THE THOMAS JEFFERSON TEACHING AWARD**

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Initiated by the Robert Earl McConnell Foundation in 1984, the Thomas Jefferson Teaching Award is intended as a tribute to teachers who profoundly influenced and encouraged Jefferson during his own college years. The award is presented annually to a member of the VMI faculty who is beginning a career in academics and who is deemed especially talented at inspiring students in the development of their intellect and character.

## **THE VMI DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD**

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The VMI Distinguished Teaching Award recognizes outstanding teaching and academic mentorship by a member of the VMI faculty. The program was endowed in the VMI Foundation Inc. in 1980 through the VMI Campaign, with an inaugural matching gift from Robert G. Cabell III and the Maude Morgan Cabell Foundation.

## **THE JACKSON-HOPE VMIRL MATTHEW FONTAINE MAURY PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH**

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Presented to a member of the faculty who has demonstrated a consistent commitment to scholarly work over time. This prize recognizes excellence in stimulating, furthering, or performing research.

## **THE JACKSON-HOPE PRIZES FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLISHED SCHOLARLY WORK**

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These awards were established to recognize members of the faculty each year for outstanding publications. These prizes recognize publications in any media and may include books, novels, articles, stories, papers, and reports, as well as artistic presentations.

## **THE JACKSON-HOPE PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT**

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Presented to a member of the faculty or academic program staff whose efforts bring renown to the Institute and its programs.



## **INSTITUTE PROFESSORSHIPS AND CHAIRS**

Under the auspices of the General J.H. Binford Peay III 1962 Endowment for Academic Excellence, the Institute Professorships and Chairs Program recognizes outstanding accomplishments by those members of the VMI faculty whose achievements in the classroom, in curriculum and course development, in published scholarly research, and in service to the college and the community set them apart from their colleagues.

### **THE BENJAMIN H. POWELL JR. 1936 INSTITUTE PROFESSORSHIP IN ENGINEERING**

Established by Mr. Powell and the Brown Foundation of Houston, Texas, The Benjamin H. Powell Jr., 1936 Professorship in Engineering recognizes an exemplary member of the engineering faculty.

### **GENERAL EDWIN COX 1920 INSTITUTE PROFESSORSHIP IN HISTORY AND ECONOMICS**

An interdisciplinary chair, the General Edwin Cox 1920 Institute Professorship in History and Economics was established in 1981 to promote the study, research, and teaching of economic systems, with emphasis on the American free enterprise system.

### **CHARLES S. LUCK JR., 1920 INSTITUTE PROFESSORSHIP IN ENGINEERING**

Established by Mrs. Charles S. Luck Jr. in 1983, the Charles S. Luck Jr., 1920 Professorship in Engineering recognizes an exemplary member of the engineering faculty.

### **JOHN C. ALLEN 1962 DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP IN CHEMISTRY**

The John C. Allen 1962 Distinguished Professorship in Chemistry was established by Mr. Allen in 1998 to honor long-time professors who have dedicated their professional careers to the education of VMI cadets.

### **HENRY KING BURGWYN JR., BOY COLONEL OF THE CONFEDERACY, CHAIR OF MILITARY HISTORY**

The Henry King Burgwyn Jr., Boy Colonel of the Confederacy, Chair in Military History was established in 1996 by the bequest of Dr. Collinson Pierrepont Edwards Burgwyn Sr., of Newport News, Virginia.

### **COLONEL BEVERLY M. READ 1941 INSTITUTE PROFESSORSHIP IN ARTS AND SCIENCES**

An anonymous donor established the Colonel Beverly M. Read 1941 Professorship in Arts and Sciences in 2002 to recognize an exemplary member of the faculty in any department of the liberal arts and sciences at VMI.

### **JACKSON-HOPE DISTINGUISHED CHAIR IN NATURAL SCIENCES**

The Jackson-Hope Distinguished Chairs were established in recognition of the interests of the Jackson-Hope Fund in promoting academic excellence and the needs of VMI in recruiting, developing, and retaining exceptional faculty.

