

# Army ROTC at Virginia Military Institute

## Blue Ridge Battalion

“Competition Breeds Excellence”



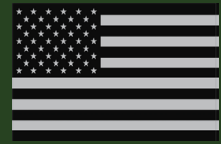
# A FOUR-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



Freshman



Second Lieutenant



## Cadet Training Overview

Individual (Army Intro, Rank Structure, Mvmt Formations)	Team (FOOM, Battle Drills, TL Actions, Intro to TLPs)	Squad (TLPs, Recon, Ambush, Battle Drills)	Platoon (MTC, Attack, Raid, Ambush, Patrol Base, Defense)
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**MS I: Individual/Team Actions (SOLDIER)**

- Army Overview
- Map Reading / Land Navigation
- Weapons Familiarization: M4, M249, M240
- Radios
- Special Skills: Sector Sketches, Range Cards
- Field Craft
- Intro to Patrolling \*Squad Member
- Battle Drills \*Squad Member

**3 yr O/C Scholarship Board**

- Cumulative and ROTC GPA
- ACFT Score
- SAT/ACT Score (High School)
- Information Sheet

**MS II: Team/Squad Ops (TEAM LEADER)**

- Special Skills: Sector Sketches, Range Cards
- Field Craft
- Intro to Patrolling \*Team Leader
- Battle Drills \*Team Leader
- Troop Leading Procedures
- Squad Combat Patrols
- Battle Drills \*Squad Leader
- Patrolling \*Squad Leader
- OPORD Writing

**2 yr O/C Scholarship Board**

**MS III: Squad/Platoon Ops (SL/PSG/PL)**

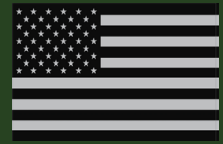
- Squad Patrolling
- Troop Leading Procedures
- OPORD Development
- Platoon Battle Drills
- PLT Combat Patrols
- Machine Gun Emplacement
- Patrol Base Operations
- Troop Leading Procedures to OPORD

**CST, CTLT**

**Managing the Program: Leadership, Staff, OC/Ts**

- Accessions and Branching
- Troop Leading Procedures
  - WARNO, OPORD Development
- Army Training Methodology
  - 8-step training model
- Control Time Planning
- Fall FTX Design, Planning, OPORD, Execution
- Ranger Challenge
- Officer & NCO Relationships
- Begin Planning Spring Semester Events
- MDMP
- Officer & NCO Relationships
- Control Time Planning
- Event Planning
- Spring Commissioning Ceremony Planning
- Develop Initial Plan for Next Fall's FTX
- Build Continuity Files for Next Cohort
- Deliberate MSIV to MSIII Handover

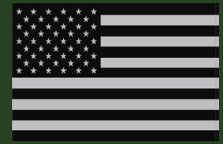




# MSI-MSII YEAR (BASIC COURSE)

- 1 Credit class (2 hrs), No Lab; Basic Soldier Tasks → Squad Operations
- PT 2x week
- Control Time once a month
- Field Training once a semester

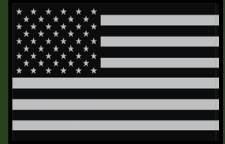




# MSIII-MSIV YEAR (ADVANCED COURSE)

- 2 Credit class (3 hrs) w/ Lab; Squad Operations → Platoon Operations
- PT 2x week
- Control Time once a month
- Advanced Camp
- Field Training once a semester





# VMI Army ROTC Summer Training Events

## • Cadet Summer Training

- Summer before MSIV year
- 5 weeks
- Ft. Knox, KY

## • Army Schools

- Airborne, Air Assault, Combat Diver, Jungle
- MSII and MSIII summer

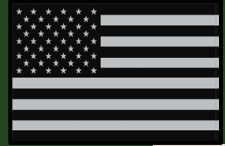
## • Cadet Troop Leader Training

- Platoon Leader “Internship”

## • Internships – (30 plus available)

- Army Medical Department (AMEDD)
- Army Cyber Institute (ACI)
- Defense Forensic Science Center (DFSC)





# VMI Army ROTC – Financial Benefits

## Scholarships

- National 4 & 3 year scholarships:  
<https://www.goarmy.com/rotc/scholarships>
- Campus Based Scholarships:  
3 & 2 year scholarships are available

## Benefits

- Scholarships pay 100% tuition plus fees
- \$1200 annually for books
- \$911 annual uniform allowance
- ROTC stipend: \$420.00 per school month

## Obligation –

**Scholarship:** 4yr AD/ 4yr ARNG, USAR, IRR  
**Non-Scholarship:** 3yr AD/ 5yr ARNG, USAR, IRR  
**ARNG or USAR:** 6yr/ 2yr IRR



### School Year 2024-2025

Application Period opens **12 June 2024**  
 And Close on **4 March 2025**

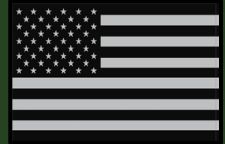
1<sup>st</sup> Board: **18 October 2024**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Board: **24 January 2025**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Board: **21 March 2025**

#### Average Winner Statistics:

4 Year: **3.86 GPA; 1387 SAT; 30 ACT**  
 3 Year: **3.69 GPA; 1234 SAT; 26 ACT**

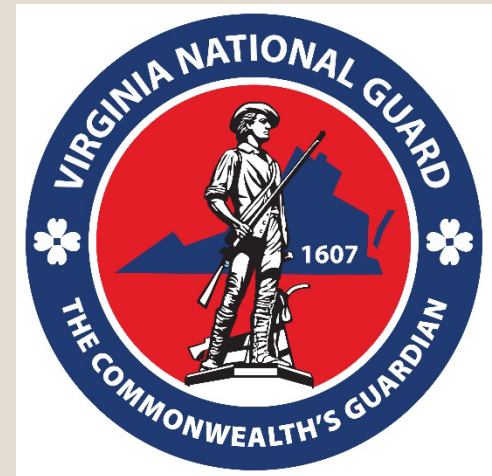
Extracurricular Activities, Leadership Potential, Fitness Test, Interview



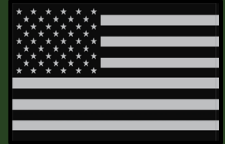


# Virginia Army National Guard Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP)

- Can commission as an officer in the Active Duty Army, Army Reserves or Army National Guard through VMI ROTC. **NOT DEDICATED** to VANG unless on NG Scholarship
- Monthly SMP drill with VA National Guard in Lexington (VMI/ROTC schedule dependent)
- Benefits
  - Federal Tuition Assistance: \$4,000 per year (After completion of AIT)
  - VA State Tuition Assistance: \$20,000 per year (After completion of BCT)
  - Drill check: Approximately \$350 per month
  - SMP Kicker: Approximately \$350 per month (Contracted Cadets)
  - ROTC Stipend: Approximately \$420 per month (Contracted Cadets)
  - Access to Tricare Reserve Select
  - Time in service begins at enlistment (additional \$900 monthly as 2LT)



**ROTC Stipend (\$420)**  
**+ GI Bill (\$439)**  
**+ ROTC Kicker (\$350)**  
**+ Drill Pay (\$321)**  
**= \$1,488 per month!**  
**~ Up to 24k**  
**Annually after**  
**completion of AIT**



# Army Basic Branches / Career Fields



**Adjutant General Corps**



**Engineer**



**Military Police**



**Air Defense Artillery**



**Field Artillery**



**Ordnance Corps**



**Armor**



**Finance**



**Quartermaster Corps**



**Aviation**



**Infantry**



**Signal Corps**



**Chemical Corps**



**Medical Services Corps**



**Cyber**



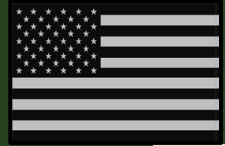
**Military Intelligence**



**Transportation Corps**

- 17 basic branches open to all
- Multiple career paths with a broad spectrum of opportunities
- 76.6% of 2022 Cadets received First Choice. Nationally: 66.9%
- 92.6% of 2022 Cadets received one of Top-3. Nationally 90.1%





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