Founded in 1839, Virginia Military Institute is the nation’s first state-supported military college.

U.S. News & World Report has ranked VMI among the nation’s top undergraduate public liberal arts colleges since 2001.

For 2018, Money magazine ranked VMI 14th among the top 50 small colleges in the country.

VMI is part of the state-supported system of higher education in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The governor appoints the Board of Visitors, the Institute’s governing body. The superintendent is the chief executive officer.

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

VMI REGIMENTAL BAND

The mission of the Regimental Band Company at Virginia Military Institute is to provide the highest quality musical support for the VMI Corps of Cadets, faculty, and staff for parades and other functions. Band Company and its ensembles are a highly visible unit for the Institute and its mission.

The VMI Regimental Band was formed in 1947 and consists of 154 cadets from every class and major within the Corps of Cadets. The band travels in excess of 10,000 miles and performs in excess of 100 times each year as the musical ambassadors of the Corps of Cadets.

Band Company is one of nine companies which make up the Corps of Cadets. Rank structure, academic major, class structure, and athletic structure is identical to the rest of the Corps at large and any cadet is welcome to participate in the Band. Band Company cadets participate in NCAA sports, intramurals, and Rat Training, as well as guard and company functions.

Members of the Company pride themselves as Cadets who provide a critical need for the Corps in the performance of music for parades, ceremonies and sporting events at the Institute. All trips outside VMI are funded by the Institute and instruments are provided to the cadets by the school. Selection for participation is through interview and audition. Band Company is open to all cadets interested in music performance at any level, regardless of talent and experience.

The Regimental Band supports the Corps of Cadets during drill and ceremonies. Elements of Band Company include the VMI Pipe Band, the Commanders Jazz Band, the Institute Brass Ensemble, Drummers and Herald Trumpets, Cadet Buglers, and the Concert Band.

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The Regimental Band and these elements perform in more than 150 commitments annually, including weekly parades on the VMI post and at parades and sporting events across the country.

HONORS INCLUDE:


Ten times the “Queens Band” the featured post for the Bands appearing at the Endymion Parade; the largest Parade at the New Orleans Mardi Gras (1990-2004, 2013)


Participated in every Virginia gubernatorial parade since 1951.

Participation in five presidential inaugurations

Participation in the 2008, and 2016 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California

Participation in the New York Macy’s Day Parade

Served as lead unit in the New York’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade

Eight performances at Disney World in Florida and California