



ROTC at VMI

ARMY NAVY MARINES AIR FORCE SPACEFORCE COAST GUARD

Why ROTC at VMI?

6 services + 4 years = Prepared Leaders

VMI is a top-ranked public liberal arts college that boasts one of the leading Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) programs in the United States.

The ROTC experience is an integral part of life at VMI. Cadets are required to participate in one of four ROTC leadership programs — Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Air Force/Space Force, throughout their entire cadetships.

These ROTC programs provide cadets with necessary skills for service in the armed forces or private industry.

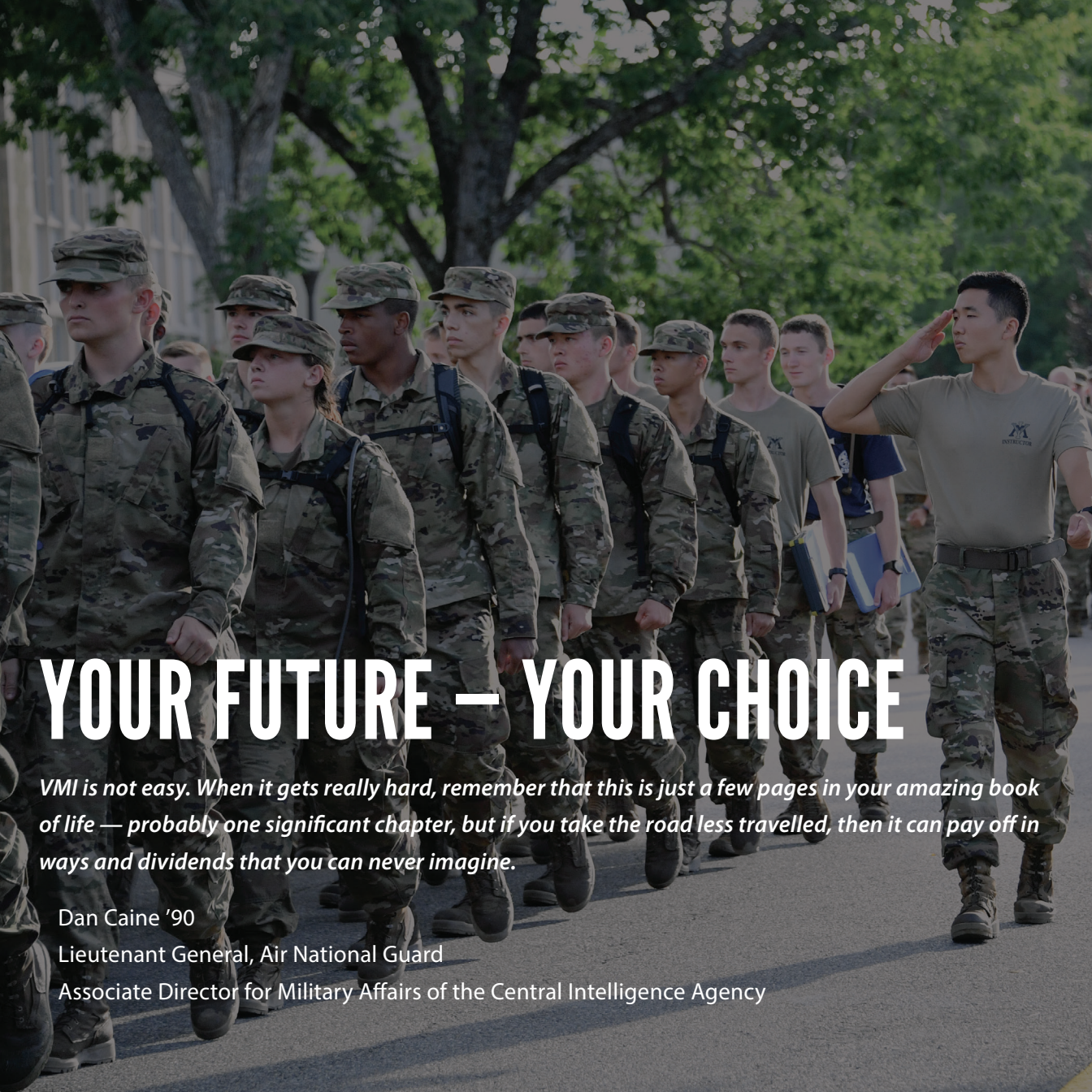
The ROTC program at VMI challenges cadets to focus on strengthening both mind and body while pursuing ideals of discipline, honor, and respect.

Successful completion of the ROTC program may lead to a commission

as a second lieutenant in the Army, Marine Corps, Air Force or Space Force, or as an ensign in the Navy. Cadets can also participate in the Coast Guard Auxiliary University Program which can result in a commission as an ensign in the Coast Guard.

The VMI experience is a proven formula promoting early success for VMI graduates in whatever career they choose.





YOUR FUTURE — YOUR CHOICE

VMI is not easy. When it gets really hard, remember that this is just a few pages in your amazing book of life — probably one significant chapter, but if you take the road less travelled, then it can pay off in ways and dividends that you can never imagine.

Dan Caine '90

Lieutenant General, Air National Guard

Associate Director for Military Affairs of the Central Intelligence Agency

6 Services – Side By Side

VMI is among the very few colleges that offer ROTC options in five of the United States military services - Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Space Force. Coast Guard is also an option through the University Auxiliary Program.

As officers in the military, graduates find themselves at an advantage because they have trained alongside other branches of the armed forces and have a deeper knowledge and affinity for working together.

24/7 Military

Military life is a full-time experience at VMI. All cadets operate under the same master schedule. They all live together on post in barracks and govern themselves within the cadet regimental system.

In addition, because VMI is a senior military college, VMI's ROTC program can provide military training at a higher level than programs at civilian colleges and universities. Cadets have access to active duty bases, field training exercises, and high-ranking military officials on post, a rich and valuable training ground for tomorrow's officers.

Military or Civilian Careers

VMI cadets are free to choose military or civilian career paths. The combination of academic and practical course work enables students to sharpen both mind and body while pursuing such timeless ideals as discipline, honor, and respect.

Alumni Network

VMI graduates benefit from the support of a legendary network of alumni who recognize and appreciate the value of a degree from Virginia Military Institute.

Scholarship Support

Significant financial support is available through VMI's ROTC program. Incoming scholarship cadets who maintain satisfactory academic and disciplinary standing may receive an annual stipend. Only those cadets who accept ROTC scholarships or contract as non-scholarship cadets are required to enter military service.

Two or three years of ROTC scholarship assistance may be available after the first or second year of enrollment at VMI. A two-year program is also available to students who transfer to VMI after their sophomore year.



ARMY

The Blue Ridge Battalion

VMI's Army ROTC commissions more officers than any ROTC program in the nation.



Commissioning Rank

Second Lieutenant

Obligation

Scholarship cadets:

Four years Active Duty and four years ARNG, USAR, IRR or eight years ARNG, USAR

Nonscholarship cadets:

Three years Active Duty and five years ARNG, USAR or eight years ARNG, USAR

Careers

Seventeen specialties and varied careers paths: Adjutant General's Corps, Air Defense, Armor, Aviation, Chemical, Cyber Corps, Engineer, Field Artillery, Finance, Infantry, Medical Services, Military Intelligence, Military Police, Ordnance, Quartermaster, Signal, Transportation. Additional opportunities are available for educational delay to Judge Advocate, Medical Programs, and Chaplaincy.

Summer Training

Required Training: Advanced Camp occurs between junior and senior years, all contracted cadets will attend.

Army Schools: Airborne, Air Assault, Combat Diver, Mountain Warfare, Northern Warfare.

Broadening Opportunities: Cadet Troop Leadership Training, and Internships.

Scholarship Options

Four and three-year scholarships are available through the Army. Minuteman Scholarships are also available through the Army Reserve.

Campus based scholarships available (three-year, two and 1/2 year, and two-year).

100% of tuition and fees (in and out of state) or room and board + \$1200 annual book allowance + \$910 annual uniform allowance + \$420 monthly stipend.

The U.S. Army, a key component of the U.S. armed forces, is made up of the best trained, most dedicated, most respected soldiers in the world — protecting America's freedoms at home and abroad, securing our homeland, and defending democracy worldwide.

Cadets have the opportunity to attend training programs including **Cadet Troop Leadership Training**, where they serve in lieutenant-level positions with an active duty unit; the **Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency** program, which provides cadets with the language and cultural skills to perform in global operations; and others, such as **Airborne, Air Assault, Combat Diver, Mountain Warfare, or Northern Warfare.**

Training opportunities occur during the summer months between academic years. Additionally, most cadets will attend Basic Camp between their sophomore and junior years at Fort Knox, Ky. All cadets will attend the Advanced Camp between their junior and senior years at Fort Knox.

"There is no greater call in life than to serve and give back to our country. I believe you get more of an opportunity to make a difference as an Army officer than in any other service."

Col. Robert Lackey '97

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MARINES

VMI Marine-option midshipmen consistently receive high honors at Officer Candidate School and go on to serve in all elements of the Marine Air Ground Task Force.



Commissioning Rank

Second Lieutenant

Obligation

Four to ten years of commissioned service, depending on occupation

Careers

Options include more than 20 military occupational specialties that make up the four elements of the Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF):

- Command Element (CE)
Intelligence/Communications/Manpower Management/Cyberspace/Communication Strategy and Operations
- Ground Combat Element (GCE)
Infantry/Field Artillery/Combat Engineer/Assault Amphibian
- Air Combat Element (ACE)
Naval Aviator/Air Traffic Controller/Air Defense/Unmanned Aircraft System/Electronic Warfare
- Combat Service Support Element (CSS)
Logistics/Military Police/Law

Summer Training Requirements

Naval Service Indoctrination (NSI)
Career Orientation Training for Midshipmen (CORTRAMID)
Fleet Marine Force Month
Officer Candidates School

Academic Core

Introduction to Naval Science
Seapower and Maritime Affairs
Leadership and Management
Amphibious Warfare
Evolution of Warfare
Leadership and Ethics

Scholarship Options

National four- and three-year scholarships available out of high school (for rising seniors). Three- and two-year USMC Sideload Scholarships also available. (Must apply within the NROTC.) Scholarships also include an allowance for books, uniforms, and a monthly living stipend.

Since 1775 the U.S. Marine Corps has been doing two things – making Marines and winning battles.

The Marine Corps is known worldwide as the toughest fighting force. The Naval ROTC prepares Marine option midshipmen for Officer Candidates School and for future service as Marine Officers.

The NROTC program's broad curriculum ranges from history and traditions of the Marine Corps to leadership and ethical training.

"VMI showed me the importance of daily leadership by example, and I've been able to directly transfer those lessons into action as a Marine officer."

*Lt. Col. George Hasseltine '97
USMC, Retired*

NAVY

Naval ROTC provides the path to the unrestricted line warfare communities of Surface Warfare, Submarines, and Aviation; a select few may compete for Special Warfare (SEAL) or Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD).



Commissioning Rank

Ensign

Obligation

Five to ten years of commissioned service, depending on warfare community

Careers

Surface Warfare

Aviation

Submarines

Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD)

Special Warfare (SEALs)

Summer Training Requirements

Naval Service Indoctrination (NSI)

Career Orientation Training for Midshipmen (CORTRAMID)

Second Class Cruise options include service on Navy surface ships or submarines.

First Class Cruise options include service on/ with Navy surface ships, submarines, or aviation squadrons; those competing for special warfare communities will attend SEAL or EOD assessment.

Academic Core

Introduction to Naval Science

Seapower

Leadership and Management

Navigation

Naval Engineering

Naval Weapons Systems

Naval Operations and Seamanship

Leadership and Ethics

Scholarship Options

National four- and three-year scholarships available out of high school (for rising seniors).

Three- and two-year Navy Sideload Scholarships also available. (Must apply within the NROTC.)

Scholarships also include an allowance for books, uniforms, and a monthly living stipend.



The mission of the Navy ROTC program is to develop midshipmen mentally, morally, and physically and imbue them with the highest ideals of duty, loyalty, and the core values of honor, courage, and commitment. Navy ROTC thus commissions as naval officers college graduates who possess a basic professional background, are motivated toward careers in the naval service, and have a potential for future development in mind and character so as to assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship, and government.

Midshipmen interested in the Surface Warfare Community have the opportunity to request to specialize in Intelligence, Engineering, Oceanography, Nuclear Propulsion, or Information Warfare.

Regardless of specialty, cadets commissioned as officers help lead the most highly trained, best outfitted, and most powerful navy on earth.

"Four years at VMI prepared me for the military through strong academics, camaraderie, and a vision of what I wanted to become as a leader and an officer in the U.S. Navy."

*Lt. Ryan Beatley '04
U.S. Navy*

*Head of the Naval Undersea Warfare
Center Division at Newport's Waterfront
Operations Branch in the Ranges,
Engineering and Analysis Department.*

AIR FORCE AND SPACE FORCE

Air Force ROTC is the commissioning branch for both Air Force and Space Force as both branches are part of the Department of the Air Force.



Commissioning Rank

Second Lieutenant

Obligation

Four years Active Duty Service for all career fields, unless otherwise listed*

Six years for Air Battle Manager, Combat Systems Officer, Remotely Piloted Aircraft Pilot, and Special Warfare*

Ten years for Pilot (after the conclusion of pilot training)

Following the initial obligation, service in the Individual Ready Reserve is required until the member has at least eight years of combined total service

Careers

Pilot, Combat Systems Officer, Civil Engineering, Developmental Engineering*, Air Battle Manager, Remotely Piloted Aircraft Pilot, Special Warfare, Intelligence*, Cyberspace Operations*, Space Operations**, Special Investigations, Aircraft Maintenance, Financial Management, Logistics Readiness, Weather, Public Affairs, Munitions & Missile Maintenance, Nuclear and Missile Operations, Security Forces, Judge Advocate General, and various medical career specialties.

*Either USAF or USSF **Only for US Space Force

Special Programs & Benefits

Professional Development Training

Visits to Active Duty Bases

Flight Scholarships Study Abroad Programs

Academic Core

Air Force Heritage and Values

Team and Leadership Fundamentals

Leading People and Effective Communication

National Security, Leadership Responsibilities and

Commissioning Preparation

Scholarship Options

In-College Scholarships include:

Type 1: All tuition and auxiliary fees*

Type 2: \$18,000/yr towards tuition and auxiliary fees*

High School Scholarships include Type 1 & 2, in addition to:

Type 7: All tuition and auxiliary fees at the in-state tuition rate*

*Monthly allowance and annual book stipend are included. Room and board is not included.

The U.S. Air Force is renowned for its precision-targeting air power. That strength is based on technical training, pursuit of higher education, and professional military education.

The U.S. Space Force (USSF) is a military service that organizes, trains, and equips space forces in order to protect U.S. and allied interests in space and to provide space capabilities to the joint force. USSF responsibilities include developing military space professionals, acquiring military space systems, maturing the military doctrine for space power, and organizing space forces to present to our Combatant Commands.

Air Force ROTC cadets have the opportunity to engage in a wide variety of activities designed to enhance leadership skills.

Programs include flight orientation with the Virginia Civil Air Patrol, base visits, physical training time, and a robust guest speaker program.

“VMI’s Air Force ROTC program is challenging and rewarding. It provided me with a great foundation to begin my Air Force career.”

*Gen. John Jumper ‘66, USAF (Ret.)
Former Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force*

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NEW! COAST GUARD AUP

The Coast Guard Auxiliary University Program is designed to provide a continuous resource of well-trained officer candidates who will excel in the United States Coast Guard or a similar service agency. This program and the VMI lifestyle creates a challenging and rewarding experience not found anywhere else.



Fact

Established in 2022, the Coast Guard AUP at VMI is the largest AUP in the country; beating all other Senior Military Colleges and Maritime Schools in size, training, and leadership opportunities.

Obligation

There is no service obligation unless selected for a commission. The AUP will afford you training and talking points that will prepare you for your applications submitted in your senior year at VMI. Then, the program you're selected for determines your service obligation after graduation.

Careers

A billet in the USCG could be in any of 30 specialties, spread across various career fields that translate directly into the private sector: Global Operations Afloat, Shore Response, Shore Prevention, Living Marine Resources Enforcement, Aviation, Cyber, Intelligence, Information Technology Management, Operations Research and Data Analytics, Naval Engineering, Civil Engineering, Aeronautical Engineering, Financial Management, Defense Operations, International Operations

Special Programs and Benefits

- Increased likelihood of being selected for a commission in the U.S. Coast Guard upon graduation.
- Train with and shadow Active-Duty Coast Guardsmen during multiday training operations held several times a year.
- Opportunities to train with Coast Guard Auxiliary staff and Active-Duty Personnel while on Furlough. (Have sent cadets to a cutter, small boat stations, and an air station already!)
- Real-world certifications through local Auxiliary units.

ROTC Requirements & Academics

Cadets who participate in the Coast Guard AUP are still required to participate in one of VMI's ROTC programs. Most Coast Guard AUP cadets participate in Naval ROTC. Cadets must maintain a 2.5 or greater GPA, be in good conduct standing, and uphold physical fitness standards to continue participation in the Coast Guard AUP.

The program is fully cadet-led and focuses on preparing cadets to be strong officer candidates for the Coast Guard.

*Ensign Sarah Robertson '23
VMI's first AUP unit commander*

For the first time in history, Virginia Military Institute cadets received active-duty direct commissions to the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) by way of the Auxiliary University Programs (AUP). These cadets took their oath of office and received their first salute at VMI's Joint Commissioning Ceremony on May 15, 2023.

OTHER WAYS TO SERVE

These agencies actively recruit at VMI because of the caliber of individuals who complete a VMI cadetship.



United States Intelligence Community:

- United States Army Intelligence
- United States Marine Corps Intelligence
- United States Navy Intelligence
- United States Air Force Intelligence
- United States Space Force Intelligence
- United States Coast Guard Intelligence
- United States Department of State
- United States Intelligence Services
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Local Community:

- State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies
- Fire Departments
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

“Attention future leaders, this is Virginia Military Institute! When you graduate from VMI, you can go anywhere you want to go. When you come to VMI, the advantage over all other military colleges is our record of service to the Nation. VMI will help you attain your leadership goals. Whether you commission in the United States armed forces, the intelligence services, foreign service, or enter the business world, it is known that ‘Leaders of Character’ come from VMI. These organizations look for the values which VMI cadets have – self-discipline, selfless service, leadership, integrity, determination, and honor. These invaluable qualities are ingrained here at VMI, and make our graduates highly sought after. When you join us, you join the best!”

*Col. Adrian T. Bogart III '81, USA (Ret.)
VMI Commandant*

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Naval ROTC

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“There are few events in life that prepare you as well as the VMI experience for the uncertainty and adversity that lie ahead. The lessons learned serve you well in any profession.”

Col. Paul Dunahoe '83
U.S. Marine Corps



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