

## **Statement of the Rights, Privileges and Disciplinary Policies and Loss of Privileges of the Members of the VMI Alumni Association (the “Association”)**

The Association’s Articles of Incorporation are clear that all aspects of a Member’s rights are delegated to the Bylaws. Section 3.10 of the Bylaws provides that a “Member’s privileges” shall be in accordance with the established rules as set forth by the Board of Directors. This written policy and rules set forth Members’ privileges in the Association.

### **I. Rights and Privileges of a VMI Alumni Association Member in Good Standing**

#### **Preamble**

In addition to the rights of the Members to elect the Board of Directors as specified in its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, Members of the Association in good standing have numerous other “privileges” related to the wellbeing of Virginia Military Institute (the “Institute”), the Association, and the “Brother Rat” spirit.

#### **Privileges**

In accordance with Section 3.10 of the Association’s Bylaws, the following sets forth the Association’s current enumeration of these privileges and their associated activities in addition to the right to attend and participate in the Meetings of the Members to elect or remove directors:

1. The use of any facility on Post at the Institute that is controlled by the Association, including Moody Hall, any future alumni hall, or other future alumni dedicated facility. Such use shall be in accordance with its “House Rules” for the facility as amended by the Association or the Institute from time to time.

2. The right to participate in VMI Ranks and other Alumni Agencies' information technology systems (mobile app or other future systems) in accordance with their published rules, regulations, and terms of service.
3. The right to receive the Alumni Review, Chapter Notices and other communications from the Institute, the Association, the VMI Foundation and the VMI Keydet Club through the Alumni Agencies' communication systems.
4. The right to participate in class functions to include reunions and other activities, whether on- or off-post, which are coordinated by the Association or through its support of the class agent system.
5. The right to participate in Association sponsored or supported events to include Chapter activities.

## **II. Discipline and Loss of Member Privileges**

In the event a Member has been expelled or suspended in accordance with Section 3.11 of the Bylaws, the following sanctions are placed in effect, subject to a Member's right to appeal, as described below:

1. A Member's suspension or expulsion shall become effective immediately upon the Board's decision.
2. When the expulsion or suspension becomes effective, then the following shall occur:
  - a. The Member's class agent shall be so notified, and the Member shall be removed from the class's list of active Members in good standing.
  - b. The Member shall not be permitted to participate in any Association, VMI Foundation, or VMI Keydet Club ( collectively the "Alumni Agencies" )

sponsored or on-post, including Association sponsored class functions.

- c. The Member shall be removed from the rolls of the Association in good standing and shall not be permitted to attend any meetings of the Members to vote for the election or removal of directors.
  - d. Except as provided above, the Member shall be denied access to Moody Hall (including balconies and porch areas), any other facility on Post at the Institute controlled by the Association, and any Association, VMI Foundation or VMI Keydet Club sponsored events on or off post, as well as all class functions on-post.
  - e. The Member shall be denied access to VMI Ranks and other Alumni Agencies' information technology systems (mobile app or other future systems).
  - f. The Member shall no longer receive the Alumni Review and communications from the Association, the VMI Foundation, the VMI Keydet Club or the Institute through the Alumni Agencies' communication systems.
  - g. The Member shall be denied communication through the Association of any class communication by the class agent.
  - h. The Member shall be denied any other privilege afforded to Members at the time of such discipline and any additional privileges provided to Members in the future.
3. Upon the completion of the period of suspension or by action of the Board of Directors, the Member's privileges shall be fully restored, and the class agent so notified.

4. Even though the Association will not post or publish on its website an announcement of such disciplinary action, Members have no right to, or expectation of, privacy or confidentiality related to their suspension or expulsion from the Association, the Board's procedure or reason for taking such action, or the circumstances giving rise to such disciplinary action by the Board.

### **III. Posting**

A copy of this statement shall be posted on the Association's website.

### **IV. Amendments**

These Privileges, Rules and Regulations are subject to change by the Board of Directors at any time and were adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Association and the Presidents of the VMI Foundation and the VMI Keydet Club to be effective on January 1, 2024.