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On Oct. 27, 2012, Virginia Tech hosted the men's and women's ACC Cross Country Championships at Smithfield Plantation. While the competitors warmed up, members of the Corps of Cadets' Skipper Crew positioned themselves on the field, and Jordan Disney, a senior member of the crew, took the stage to share the Skipper cannon's rich history. As is the tradition at Tech football games, the Skipper was fired on the last note of the national anthem, and the competition began as the cannon's boom echoed in the distance.

To raise funds for the Wounded Warrior Project, the Skipper Crew held a fall raffle for a single firing of the cannon during the Hokies' game against the University of Virginia on Nov. 24. The raffle united the civilian and Corps populations and collected more than \$1,500 for our wounded veterans.



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For the first-ever Caldwell March in 1999, a volunteer team of eight cadets and one civilian completed the hike in one-and-a-half days, finishing at the Drillfield. Kneeling, far left, is Ross Vierra '00.

That I May Serve

by Ross Vierra '00

Many of us miss the great college days; and from time to time, we all dream how we could go back and relive those amazing moments. While we cannot go back, we can live the lifestyle, the motto, that is Virginia Tech: *Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve).

Even as a young man, I felt the need to serve and be involved in the community, from lifeguarding and volunteering to participating in high school ROTC and serving on the Virginia Tech Rescue Squad. It was important to me to be committed to my friends, family, and community.

Growing up in a rich tradition of military service also had a profound impact on my life and deeply influenced who I am today. My grandfather was a Navy chief in World War II, and my dad started as a young enlisted sailor and worked his way up to a warrant officer in the Navy. Hearing their stories and living in a military town, I always knew military service would be a part of my life—not because I would be forced to join the service, but because it would be my choice.

I grew up in Virginia Beach, and when I was ready to head to college, it was obvious that Virginia Tech offered the best of both worlds. I could have the military lifestyle with the camaraderie and discipline the Corps provided, but also could enjoy the adventure of being a college guy.

Even though I knew I wanted the military lifestyle, cadre week was still a wakeup call! Can any alumni ever hear “Welcome to the Jungle” without thinking of those first few days of the semester? Can you remember the cadre yelling at us, motivating us, and then our wondering what we had gotten ourselves into?

Ensign Vierra (second from right) and officers from the USS Ross (DDG71) in Times Square during the first Fleet Week held in New York City after 9/11.

That first day when we checked into our assigned companies and received our first order “haircut,” those shaved heads helped drive home the idea that we were not individuals anymore and that teamwork and unity would be the name of the game. This was when I learned that the institutions of Virginia Tech and the Corps of Cadets were about service to each other and to our country. I never once doubted I was in the right place.

The first semester was tough. No matter who we were in high school, we were different. We counted on our “buds,” and in Foxtrot Company, I had the best group of fellow new cadets. We were affectionately known as the “Cell Block” due to the strict nature of our commander, Cadet Deforest '97.

Eventually we fell into a rhythm of raising the colors in the morning, class, drills, physical training, and evening retreat. We learned about the incredible history of Virginia Tech, both military and civilian. After that first term, I was fortunate enough to earn a Navy scholarship and was on my way to becoming a naval officer.

Time flew by, and before I knew it, we were seniors. With about eight others, I was able to participate in the first Caldwell March. It took us one-and-a-half days to hike the 26-mile trek that Addison Caldwell, Virginia Tech's first student, had made. And let me say that I was grateful the automobile had been developed since his walk in 1872.

One morning I woke up, it was graduation day, and I was commissioned as a naval officer—the first in my family. Having my dad commission me and receiving my first salute from my grandfather made for a memorable day. My parents and family have been so supportive, and I have been very lucky to have them.

Not long after graduation, I reported to Surface Warfare Officer School. I was



assigned to the USS Ross (DDG 71) and became a Tomahawk strike officer. On Sept. 11, 2001, I had some time off and was down at Virginia Tech visiting with old friends and the crew of the Virginia Tech Rescue Squad, where I had worked during college. After a rescue call that morning, while we were in a hospital break room, we received word of the terrorist attacks. All military leave was pulled immediately, and I was told to report back to Naval Station Norfolk, Va., because we were heading out.

I started on the four-and-a-half-hour drive right away, racing back to Norfolk, but by the time I arrived, I saw the ship leaving! I had to helicopter out to join up with everyone. The war had begun. We were being deployed. Training was over, and this was real thing.

The deployments were tough, but we knew we were doing our duty and served proudly. That didn't make the loss of

life any easier. In 2004, one loss hit me particularly hard. A friend and Foxtrot Company brother, Tim Price, had been a new cadet when I was his cadre corporal in 1997. He was an incredibly dedicated Army man who did a great Chewbacca impression that I will never forget. He would sound off in Chewy's voice, and it would crack everyone up during the high tension of training. One night while I was underway on the USS John F. Kennedy in the middle of the Persian Gulf, I saw Tim's name on the casualty list. We had lost a great warrior.

Of course we knew the heavy price of war. We had lost great men and women before Tim and too many after. But this loss really hit home for me. It had been a great honor to serve with Tim while at Virginia Tech. His sacrifice drove home our commitment, and we had to continue to live life to the fullest. It was just too precious not to. Since then, many Hokies



Foxtrot Company as "Cell Block F" for Halloween 1996.



Cadet Vierra with his grandparents, Phyllis and August Brunner, at Corps of Cadets graduation in May 2000.

and their families have given the ultimate sacrifice, and we shall never forget them.

After seven years in the Navy, I decided I wanted to continue to serve—but from the civilian world. I knew there was so much I could give back, so I moved back to the Hampton Roads area of Virginia to start a new chapter of my life in business and philanthropy.

In business, I have been fortunate to own and serve as the CEO of Axis Road Marking and Axis Global Enterprises, a service-disabled veteran-owned small business, which is certified by the U.S. Small Business Administration as an 8(a) general contracting company based in Norfolk, Va. Our company believes in taking an active part in the community where we operate. All employees are encouraged to give back and serve beyond making money, and that practice creates a well-rounded business partner.

One evening in 2007, some friends and I decided over drinks that we wanted to give back to the community that had given us so much. One of the guys had a brother with Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, a fatal disease of the nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord that control voluntary muscle movement.

We spoke to the local ALS Association chapter and were told that they needed a transport van for patients—to the tune of \$10,000. That's a lot of money for a bunch of young guys, but we

were determined to try to help. We did what we knew how to do: We threw parties. The first party brought in \$2,000. The next event, a Super Bowl party, drew 500 people and raised \$14,000! We were able to get the van and put some seed money toward our philanthropic organization I am proud to be the chairman of today: The Virginia Gentlemen Foundation.

Since then, we have just kept setting the bar higher, and the Hampton Roads community has really responded to our efforts. Just eight months after founding The Virginia Gentlemen Foundation, we held a community-wide walk for ALS research, called the JTWalk after our friend's brother. The event brought out 8,000 walkers and raised \$1.2 million. We sent more than \$1 million to the ALS Association for research and patient care services.

The following year, we raised \$2 million and built an incredible place called Grommet Island in Virginia Beach, Va. The first of its kind, this facility is a fully accessible beach park and playground for kids, adults, and disabled veterans who can't enjoy the beach like the rest of us can.

People started coming from all over the country to visit Grommet Island. We were so pleased with its success that we want to go even bigger. We want to build a camp in Virginia Beach for our wounded veterans, families of fallen heroes, and

kids with disabilities. Right now, we're in a capital campaign for the development of the camp facility, expanding on the Grommet Island experience and really making it an amazing place for people of all ages who have given so much to us.

Our new project will be an adventure camp for everybody, complete with many activities, including cable wakeboarding, archery, putt-putt, paintball, aquatic center, arts and crafts, and a 3-5-acre ropes course and gymnasium—plus a ton more. We are so honored that the City of Virginia Beach is contributing the 65 acres of land and that design planning is underway. And the landscape and architectural plans are being done by Hokies!

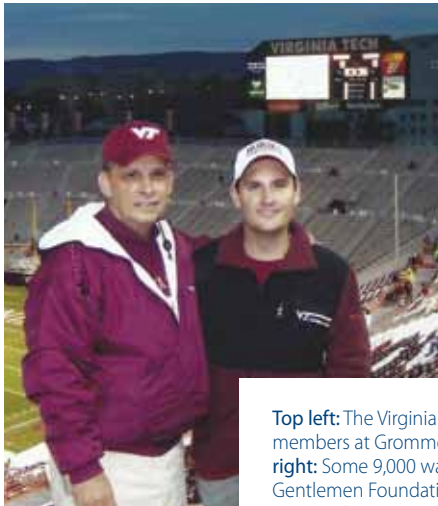
It's a big lift. We need between \$15 and \$20 million to make it happen. But we've already raised \$3.5 million, and we continue to be overwhelmed by the support of our friends, family, and the local community.

In school, in the military, and in life, the Virginia Tech motto *Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve) means so much, and I will continue to carry this important principle with me for the rest of my life. It's the only way I know how to live.

To learn more about The Virginia Gentlemen Foundation or if you're interested in supporting Camp Grommet, please visit www.vagentlemen.org.

Ut Prosim.

Go, Hokies!



Top left: The Virginia Gentlemen Foundation's board members at Grommet Island in Virginia Beach, Va. **Top right:** Some 9,000 walkers turned out for The Virginia Gentlemen Foundation's annual JT Walk and Beach Party at the Virginia Beach oceanfront. **Middle left:** Ross Vierra and his father, Ross A. Vierra, return each year to Blacksburg for a Hokies football game. **Middle right:** Susan Vierra and Chief Warrant Officer 3 Ross A. Vierra, U.S. Navy (retired), commissioning Navy Ensign Ross D. Vierra in May 2000. **Bottom:** Ross Vierra (second from left) and Foxtrot Company members preparing for their first Military Ball in spring 1997.

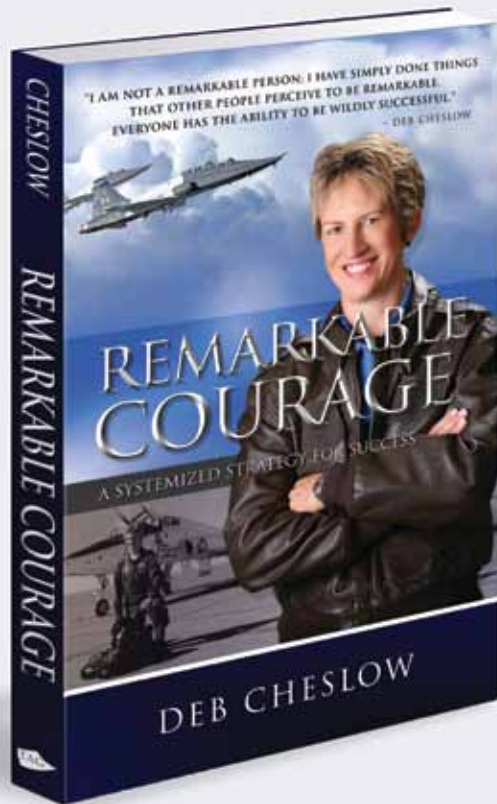




EVERYTHING Happens for a **REASON**

by Deb (Myers) Cheslow '87

I believe that there are no accidents in life. Everything happens for a reason even though you may not see it at the time. Looking back after 25 years, I believe it's obvious that there was a plan in progress as I approached college decision time during my senior year in high school.



Cheslow with her parents—her heroes—at the Corps commissioning ceremony in June 1987.

I chose Virginia Tech because the campus was gorgeous, Blacksburg was a very cool, unique town within easy driving distance of my home in Maryland, and the university had a top 10 engineering college that offered a major in aerospace (and ocean) engineering. I had aspirations of becoming a pilot, but the military was the farthest thing from my mind.

Everything changed when I came to campus for my freshman orientation and a man in a uniform gave a presentation about the Corps of Cadets at Virginia Tech. I was star-struck! It was like love at first sight. In that moment, I KNEW that the Corps of Cadets was where I wanted to spend my four years at Virginia Tech. My parents weren't too crazy about the idea, but they saw that look in my eyes, asked me if I was sure, and then—as they had done my entire life—steadfastly supported my decision. I enrolled in the Corps that day.

I had no military background, and I knew nothing about what was awaiting me during cadre week—only what the

brochures told me about honor, tradition, character, and camaraderie, plus the lure of becoming an Air Force pilot. As I naively waved goodbye to my parents after I had moved into my dorm room in Brodie, my roommate, Marcee Mills, who was a townie, proceeded to tell me what being a “rat” in the Corps meant and what awaited us. I was stunned.

Later that day, the last of the parents left, the doors closed, and all hell broke loose! Upperclassmen yelled, two inches from your face, rules, rules, and more rules. Even when you did something perfectly, someone was there yelling at you for doing it too well. There was nothing “fun” about it, and I often wondered what I had gotten myself into, but it never occurred to me to quit. A pride factor was building, day by day, week by week, and I can honestly say that very few events in my life have rivaled the sense of accomplishment I felt at the end of “turn night.”

The Corps offered me the discipline, accountability, standards, and systems I craved, and each year just got better

and better. I was tapped for the Gregory Guard—a dream come true—though once more, I had no idea what I was getting myself into. Guard initiation was like being a “rat” all over again, only worse.

My junior year was one thrill after another as first sergeant of Bravo Company, highlighted by training the new cadets. My senior year topped it all. I was 2nd Battalion executive officer in charge of freshman training on a grander scale, and my roommate, Patience Connelley (Larkin), and I had a blast hanging out on the third floor of Rasche with the gang.

On the Air Force front, I received a scholarship my freshman year, which was converted to a pilot scholarship after I received the Vice Commandant's Award at field training. I also had the privilege of attending Army Airborne School and earning my jump wings. What an experience!

I graduated as the first female Air Force pilot from Virginia Tech and headed off to pilot training in the U.S. Air Force. I was on top of the world, but



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things got even better when I graduated near the top of my class at pilot training and was given my choice of assignments.

True to my passion and my history, I chose to become an instructor pilot—to teach other airmen to fly supersonic jets. I spent my days with a parachute strapped to my back, flying fast, doing acrobatics, flying in formation, visiting other bases around the country, and all the while fulfilling my passion for teaching. Plus, every couple of weeks, money showed up in my bank account.

While stationed at Reece Air Force Base, Texas, I hung out with a group of fellow Hokies. We all became close friends, but Mark Cheslow '88 and I took things a step further, fell in love, and were married in April 1991. While pregnant with our first daughter, I was heavily recruited by the Air Force Academy as a deputy air officer commanding over one of the cadet squadrons. As a female instructor pilot and a captain, I was viewed as the perfect role model for the female cadets, so Mark and I headed off to teach at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Although it may sound like a cliché, I believe I owe the success I have experienced in my life in large part to my years in the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets. I

have always craved discipline and structure, and I seem to innately systemize everything. These characteristics were honed to a razor-sharp edge both in the Corps and in the Air Force, and I thrived in the Air Force.

As the Clinton-era defense cuts began, however, commands changed, protocols changed, and I was faced with the choice of being separated from my family for months at a time or leaving the Air Force. I chose to separate from the Air Force in 1994 and began a career in the private sector. Boy, was I in for a shock! How did the U.S. economy continue to prosper when corporate America operated so haphazardly?

Military units function efficiently and purposefully; they know what the mission is, and they get the job done quickly and effectively. Each person in the unit knows what his or her function is and

what each is expected to do to move the unit closer to the mission objective. On the other hand, the private sector tends to move slowly, with so much bureaucracy and so many layers of authority that it's a wonder anything gets done. It was incredibly frustrating to me. Eventually, I started my own company, and I founded it on the very principles I had learned in the Corps and in the Air Force: the foundational pillars of discipline, accountability, standards, and systems.

Throughout my career, it has been my privilege to get behind-the-scenes looks at numerous corporate and organizational operations, both large and small. I have concluded that one of the main reasons why 95 percent of new businesses fail within the first five years and why so many companies and organizations struggle is because they have lost sight of those four key pillars of success. That's what my company aims to help. We teach individuals, teams, organizations, and companies why these foundational pillars lead to success, and we provide the tools required to implement them. I am especially excited about my new book, "Remarkable Courage," which was just released in February.

There have been many adventures along the way. I live across the street from the ocean in Central Florida. I have three remarkable children—Erin (20),



"Turn Night," November 1983

Nicki (18), and Josh (10)—who are the inspiration for everything I do. I took up karate in my late thirties and am now a third-degree black belt instructor. I am a two-time best-selling author, an international speaker, and a corporate trainer and strategist.

But here's the thing: It's not the accomplishments that matter. Life is great because I do what I love. My satisfaction can be traced back to my leadership experiences in the Corps—first sergeant, 2nd Battalion executive officer, Gregory

Guard—it's all the same. I absolutely love teaching and training and helping individuals and teams achieve more than they ever dreamed possible.

I've taken a very different path over the past 25 years than I had originally planned, but it just goes to show that everything happens for a reason. *Ut Prosim* has become so much more than just a motto.

Go, Hokies! Go, Guard!



Senior picture, 2nd Battalion executive officer



Karate demonstration, September 2008: Cheslow breaks eight bricks for the first time.



Col. Patience (Connelley) Larkin and Cheslow reunited on the Upper Quad in January.



Roommates Deb and Patience, May 1987: best senior year ever!



Corps Alumni Add Thrills to Game Day Experience

by Maj. Carrie Cox, U.S. Air Force Reserve



During Corps Homecoming, an AC-17 flyover was conducted by three Corps alumni prior to the Hokies' football game.

Looking up when the last notes of the national anthem sounded, more than 65,000 boisterous fans cheered as a plane roared overhead.

Virginia Tech enjoys an amazing game day experience in Lane Stadium, but one special feature makes it unlike any other in the country. For more than a decade, fans have enjoyed numerous flyovers each football season because of the efforts of Corps of Cadets alumni who coordinate the aircraft and often get to fly them over the stadium.

Col. Rock Roszak '71, the Corps' former alumni director, feels that the military connection is important to the Hokie Nation. "The impact on the sporting event is significant on its own—what a way to start a game!—but to see people stand there in tears when they hear the sound of freedom and recognize all those who have sacrificed so much for their personal freedom is why this is important to do," Roszak said. "As a senior military college, we must recognize our military

ties and thus have developed a process that is now a significant part of the game day atmosphere, thanks to our alums who really make these happen."

The first flyover coordinated by the Corps of Cadets began to take shape when Jeff Menges '89 was serving with an Air Force Reserve unit at Warner Robins, Ga. Menges called Roszak to see if the Corps might be interested in a B-1 flying over before a game.

The response from the crowd was so great that Roszak began reaching out to other alumni to bring in more aircraft.

Menges' son, sophomore Cadet Connor Menges of Woodbridge, Va., is following in his father's footsteps as he pursues a career in the U.S. Air Force.

Virginia Tech is one of the few places that the Northrop Grumman B-2 Spirit Stealth Bomber has performed a flyover.

In fact, the B-2 has visited Virginia Tech three times because of the initial efforts of Lt. Col. Bruce Adams '82, who flew the B-2 over Lane Stadium first in 2002.

His son, senior Cadet Lucas Adams of Chesapeake, Va., will serve as an officer in the U.S. Air Force like his father.

Cliff Anders '00 led a flyover of two AH-64 Apache attack helicopters before the game against Western Kentucky University in 2008. Anders, who was a snapper for the Hokies and played in the 2000 national championship game against Florida State, now flies for U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

In 2010, 2011, and 2012, the Tri-State Warbird Museum in Batavia, Ohio, brought historical aircraft from World War II in a series of flyovers coordinated and financed by Stan Cohen '49.

Not only do these aerial displays further energize an already rocking Lane Stadium on game day, they dramatically highlight the connection between the Corps of Cadets and the Virginia Tech Athletic Department, a proud partnership that is cherished by the Hokie Nation.



U.S. Navy Lt. Michael Renard '04, far left, coordinated the flyover of two Boeing T-45C Goshawk aircraft for the Oct. 13, 2012, game against Duke University. Crewman with him from Naval Air Station Meridian, Miss., were, from left, U.S. Navy Ensign Cole Fahey, French Navy Ensign Remi Veron, U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Dave Parker, U.S. Navy Ensign Kyle Webber, and U.S. Marine Corps 1st Lt. Brock Money.



Lt. Col. Bruce Adams '82 in Lane Stadium with his son, Cadet Lucas Adams, a senior who is a member of the Highty-Tighties.

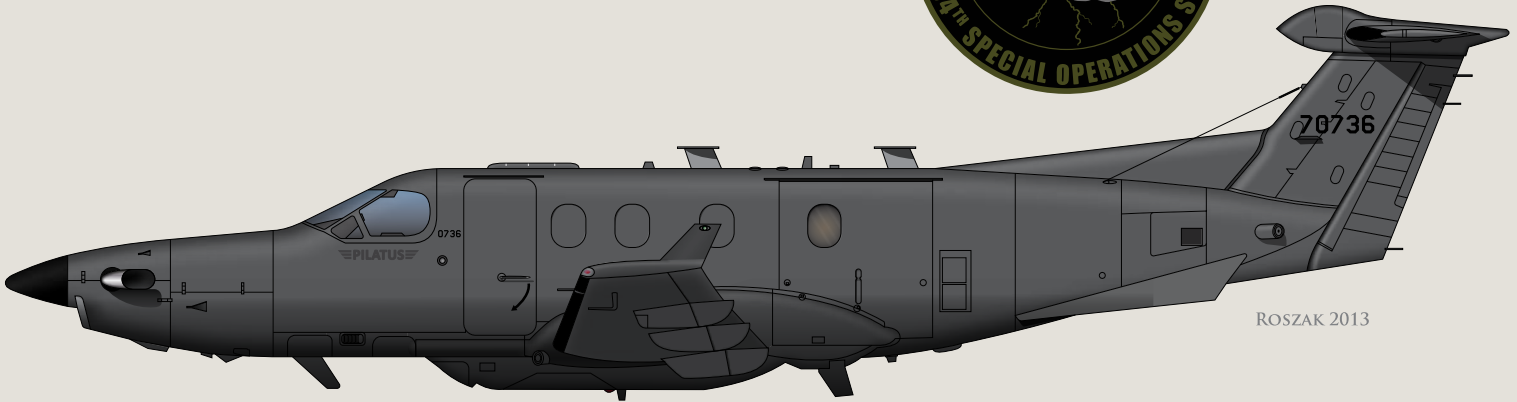
Speaking the Language

by Capt. Tyler Martin '08



Capt. Tyler Martin and the U-28A, a converted Pilatus PC-12 aircraft designed for austere landings.

I had just finished my time as Hotel Company's executive officer when I commissioned as one of three second lieutenants on a cold December morning at the close of 2008. That day was incredibly memorable as I had the honor of my father swearing me in to the Air Force to begin my new career. It was exciting knowing that I had three weeks at home to spend the holidays with family and friends before packing my belongings into my little car and heading off to the great unknown of that mystical first assignment.



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*Pilatus U-28A flown by Captain Tyler Martin, USAF
34th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FLA, 2013
Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Class of 2008*

Arriving at my first duty station in San Antonio at Randolph Air Force Base for undergraduate navigator training was an exciting and nerve-racking experience all wrapped up in one. What I didn't anticipate was how my leadership and teamwork training from the Corps of Cadets would come screaming back so quickly, nearly a month after I had graduated.

Navigator training, commonly called "nav school," is designed to be a collaborative effort whose mantra is "cooperate

and graduate." The reason for this is so that everyone can pull together as a team and help those who might be struggling with certain phases of training. This effort is similar to a crew complement on an aircraft when everyone has to work together in order to accomplish a mission. There are few aircraft on which only one person can complete an entire mission successfully. Luckily, my time in the Corps had trained me to rely on my teammates and to help those who might be struggling with the difficult tasks.



Capt. Martin (third from right) and participants in the 2011 Turkey Trot 10K held on Thanksgiving Day in Djibouti, Africa.



Capt. Martin ran the Chicago Half Marathon to commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11.



Cadet Martin with his parents and siblings after the New Cadet Week Parade (from left): Todd Martin, Tracie Martin, Wendy Martin, and Greg Martin.

After much teamwork and much success both helping my classmates and having them help me, I was able to have my new wings pinned on my chest—exactly one year to the day after I had been sworn in—as an electronic warfare officer, soon to be a fully qualified combat systems officer on the relatively new, unknown aircraft, the U-28A. I was excited about this assignment as it had been my first choice, but at the time, much of the mission set was classified by nature, so I had absolutely no idea what I was getting myself into. Once arriving at Hurlburt Field in Florida, I knew I was going to have to rely on those around me.

Since my arrival at Hurlburt and assignment to the U-28A, a large portion of the mission has been declassified and can be discussed more openly. Any portions that seem vague, however, are because of the classification and security of those who operate on this aircraft and those for whom we work.

The U-28 is a military modification of the Swiss-made Pilatus PC-12 turboprop, two-pilot aircraft. Its civilian variant is

designed as a highly efficient, medium-altitude transport aircraft for eight to 12 passengers. The variation used by the Air Force is the same airframe but designed for an entirely different purpose.

Designed to work with a crew composition of two pilots and a combat systems officer—my role on the aircraft—the U-28 can loiter for many hours, providing intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance with a two electro-optical/infrared sensor suite. Key benefits of using the PC-12 airframe include its relatively lightweight and unfinished-surface landing capabilities. With a powerful Pratt & Whitney engine and a small airframe, it can burn fuel efficiently and provide enough thrust to allow the aircraft to take off from nearly any surface. Its design is also capable of a transport option should the need arise.

The U-28 is assigned to the Air Force Special Operations Command but works for the Joint Special Operations world as a whole. We operate worldwide, 24 hours a day, and can provide a multitude of information to our “customers.”

Because of the altitude and standoff at which we operate and our available tools, primarily two optical sensors, we can provide a range of information—from a helicopter landing zone survey for a small insertion force to studying a convoy route for a ground assault force, identifying people milling about a small town, and escorting a team wherever it needs to go. This information can prove vital to those who need it for planning and execution purposes.

The unique aspect of our airplane is that it has such a small footprint and crew composition that we can take a minimal number of people and amount of equipment with us and, should the need arise, imbed with those for whom we’re working. These capabilities introduce great opportunities to build relationships across the service spectrum, a skill that my time in the Corps allowed me to develop.

Early in my cadet training, I was taught to speak the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps “language” so that great working relationships could be built. Working with elite special forces person-



Martin's father swears him in to the Air Force, December 2008.



Martin during his first Christmas deployed, 2010.

nel, I've learned that they truly live by their motto of "quiet professionals," and they don't have the time to sit around and wait for others to play catch up. The more quickly you can pick up what they're talking about and the less babysitting they feel like they're doing will result in a much better relationship and mission.

In the three years I have been assigned to the 34th Special Operations Squadron, I have had the privilege to go many places, meet many interesting people, and experience so much that it is hard to believe that I just pinned on captain's bars. If there is a downside to the work that I have done, I am still looking for it because just about every day has been fulfilling, and it has been an honor to serve the people that we do.

I am thrilled beyond belief at where my career has taken me, and I have the experience from Virginia Tech and the Corps of Cadets to thank. By learning in an environment that caters both to the joint service military and to civilians, I was prepared well for this world in which I now operate. On any given day, I can switch hats and languages to talk to a "door kicker," a "wrench turner," or a civilian contractor assigned to give us a new piece of equipment—and not even break a sweat!




Traveling the world in the cargo hold of a C-130.



Cadet Martin and his sister in Torgersen Hall during Air Force ROTC Career Day, 2008.



Lt. Stan Musser with his F-100D Super Sabre fighter-bomber while he was assigned to the 50th Tactical Fighter Wing at Ramstein Air Base, West Germany, during the early 1960s.



Maj. Gen.
Stanton R. "Stan"
MUSSER, U.S.
Air Force
1936 - 2012

by Dawn Musser

As a freshman who 57 years ago met Stan Musser, a sophomore, at Gettysburg College, I suppose you would think there would be no mystery to either of us. But Stan never ceased to amaze me with his ideas, both in thought and in words.

Stan came from very humble beginnings, raised by a good father, but under less-than-ideal circumstances. As a result of Stan's athletic and academic talents, his coaches and teachers took great interest in him. This attention developed his character and gave him the confidence to lead. It has always been my feeling that those few coaches, teachers, and senior officers in the military stoked the beginning of Stan's love for people, most especially young people. Stan always attributed his success in life to those professionals.

A fighter pilot's fighter pilot, Stan loved the flying, the camaraderie, and defending the country he loved so much. He always seemed to know what worked and usually tried it—for better or for worse. When Frank Sinatra's song "I Did It My Way" was released, I called it

"Stan's song." To my thinking, this was what made him a success. When working with cadets at the Air Force Academy as an air officer commanding and as vice commander, he sometimes made mistakes by trying out new programs or making decisions that may not have had the outcome he wanted. Even so, he was always trying to better the life of the cadets, the academy, and the military.

Leadership was an important part of Stan's life. He always used the word "we," never "I," to talk about work being done on a project. It has always been my contention that Stan's ability to lead was the main reason for his fast promotions. He rose to full colonel by the time he was 35 years of age and to general at age 44.

It is difficult to decide which of the 22 accompanied assignments were our favorites. For flying and meeting and greeting people, it would be the Thunderbirds. For flying and leading in a military role, the favorite would be wing commander of the 33rd TAC Fighter Wing flying the F-15. For overseas intrigue, Cairo and Ramstein, Germany,

were great. For Stan and me, everything in between was fabulous.

When Stan was commander of the Inspection Safety Center at Norton Air Force Base, Calif., he decided to retire. At the time, all he knew was that he enjoyed working with and mentoring leaders as he had done at the Air Force Academy. In *The Air Force Times*, he noticed an advertisement for commandant of the Corps of Cadets at Virginia Tech. Stan immediately applied. This seemed to be a position he had been working on his entire life: developing young men and women for our military and civilian life.

The call and interview came soon after his application had been submitted. We both traveled across the country from California to Virginia Tech to interview. What a terrific experience it was. Seeing the corps—though very small at 300 cadets—on the Drillfield and touring the beautiful campus, as well as meeting with the fantastic search committee, was all we needed to know that we wanted to come to Virginia Tech. Then came the wait of three long months. Our packers were

scheduled for the following week when the call came from Tom Goodale for Stan to report by August 1.

The next 10 years as commandant were magical for Stan and me. He always felt he was only as good as the people he had working with him. At that time, Stan was fortunate to have Harry Temple '34, Henry Dekker '44, Harold Hoback '53, and Charles Cornelison '67 as alumni who wanted to work an association of alumni that could increase the Corps' numbers. Stan and the ROTCs hired the best of the best: Jeff Brown, Wes Fox, George McNeil, Rock Roszak '71, Ed Schwabe, Doug Smart, and Gene Wilson to build the Corps.

A goal of 1,000 cadets was set immediately. A change of philosophy was needed to instill a positive mindset in place of the harsh training system. Stan and his deputies set out to build a Corps of men and women who had respect for one another. They fully integrated females into the residence halls, increased the scholarships available, established a leadership minor, and successfully persuaded the Virginia General Assembly to provide money to the Corps for military activities.

The success of these few major programs immediately started to build the Corps' numbers. As enrollment grew, the men and women took on more and more responsibility for projects on campus. Among other initiatives, they helped the athletic department clean the stadium and participated in fraternity

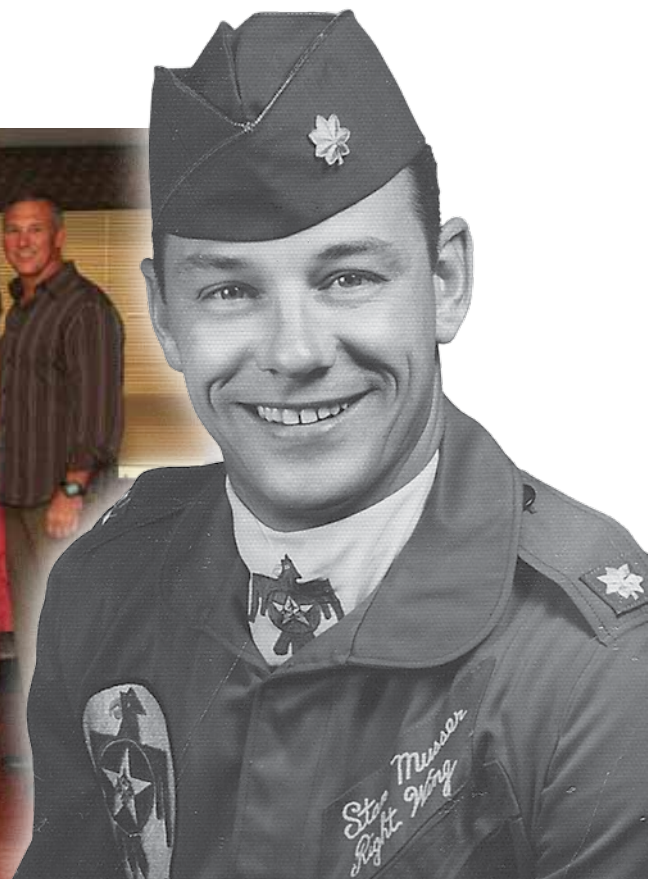
and sorority philanthropies. A cadet was named the university's "Man of the Year."

As the wife of a 31-year active duty officer who spent an additional 10 years in uniform as commandant of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets, I feel I, too, wore that uniform. Stan's love of people, flying, and his country started in humble beginnings, but it ended in the leadership role he had honed his entire life.

Every day a military man or woman risks his or her life for us. Every day my children, grandchildren, and I feel safe. Many thanks are extended to Virginia Tech for the opportunity afforded Stan to impact these many cadets' lives during his ten years on the Blacksburg campus. It is my prayer that each life touched by Stan will continue his legacy—to inspire and develop our young leaders of tomorrow.

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Read a 1999 feature story about Gen. Musser from the pages of Virginia Tech Magazine: www.vtmagazine.vt.edu/sum99/feature4.html.



Stan and Dawn Musser and their family at their youngest daughter's wedding in 2011.

Maj. Stan Musser, U.S. Air Force Thunderbird pilot

Testimonials

After three months of an extensive search, we had only one candidate who met our goal of someone who wasn't just a recent service retiree but could rebuild a program of substance that would appeal to future applicants. That person was Stan Musser.

Without warning, Stan arrived at the Roanoke airport to begin his new duties, and a local CBS news crew was waiting to interview him about a recent hazing incident that had tarnished the Corps' reputation, as well as Virginia Tech's.

He very forcefully stated that such conduct would not be permitted while he was commandant and that the days of "break them down and build them up" would no longer be tolerated. Such behavior had contributed to falling enrollment. He was there to increase the size of a declining Corps by making the Corps something that young people coming to Virginia Tech would aspire to.

Charles Cornelison '67

Chairman Emeritus, Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Alumni Inc.
President Emeritus vice Pmeritus, Highy-Tighty Alumni Inc.

Gen. Musser's leadership contributions are most noteworthy. With the help of notable supporters like Henry Dekker '44 and an expanded staff, the Corps grew from less than 400 cadets to almost 700 during his tenure as commandant. Musser and his wife, Dawn, became good friends with my wife, Frances, and me, and I shall always treasure the time I had with him, both militarily and socially. He was clearly one of the most outstanding officers I ever met.

Col. T. O. Williams '57

Chairman Emeritus, Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Alumni Inc.

Gen. Musser, along with Henry Dekker '44, quickly recognized the value of being able to offer financial assistance to ROTC scholarship winners to help underwrite the cost of room and board. Both men became powerful advocates for the creation of the Emerging Leader Scholarship (1995), the Corps Distinguished Lecture Series (1995), and the Corps Center for Leader Development (1996). The Emerging Leader Scholarship was an incentive that enabled Virginia Tech to attract, for the first time, out-of-state ROTC scholarship winners, and later, in-state ROTC scholarship winners, to the Corps of Cadets. In the eyes of the larger university, the success of this program transformed the Corps into an organization capable of drawing high-quality students to the Virginia Tech campus—not just from Virginia, but from around the country.

As he oversaw the transformation of the Corps' Leader Development Program, Gen. Musser witnessed his vision

transformed into reality. He contributed mightily to setting the Corps on a path toward the goal of 1,000 cadets and the establishment of Virginia Tech within the front rank of leader development programs nationwide, including the service academies.

Col. Ed Schwabe

Professor of Military Science, 1992-1996
Deputy Commandant of Cadets, 1996-2002

I was privileged to serve with Gen. Musser for my final four years as deputy commandant; we had the finest professional and personal relationships.

Thanks to Gen. Musser, distinguished alumnus Henry J. Dekker '44, and other alumni, the Corps was again becoming a first-class part of the university.

Gen. Musser and wife, Dawn, became ambassadors of good will throughout the university and the community, where they were active leaders in university affairs and events, civic groups, and their local church.

Past and present cadets, the university, the community, and friends are all better people because Gen. Stan and Dawn Musser passed our way.

Col. Gene Wilson, U.S. Army (retired)

Deputy Commandant of Cadets, 1983-1993

Col. Gene Wilson and I were the deputy commandants at that time, and since our arrival in 1983-84, we had striven mightily to bring the Corps into the last quarter of the 20th century as far as cadet training was concerned. With a staff of only two deputy commandants, it was impossible to provide the constant close supervision that was needed. Trying to eliminate old "corporate memory" is a very difficult task—ask any military or business leader. Stan Musser immediately took on the task of reform, and with the full backing of the university administration, started the implementation of aggressive programs to reform the Corps. This included increasing Corps staff, hiring ROTC staff to help monitor Corps training, night supervision in the barracks, and putting cadets in leadership positions who would support the new training program.

I believe that goal has been reached. With the addition of the minor in leadership program, which Gen Musser initiated with the strong and necessary support of the university administration, the Corps is now an outstanding example of what a uniformed military unit can provide to a university and our country.

Col. Ellis C. "Dutch" Vander Pyl Jr., U.S. Air Force (retired)

Deputy Commandant of Cadets, 1984-1996

To read the testimonials in their entirety, go to www.vtcca.vt.edu.

Air Force ROTC News

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Air Force ROTC cadets on the Drillfield during leadership lab.

AIR FORCE ROTC DETACHMENT 875

Always very busy because of the football schedule and Corps' demands, fall semester was a whirlwind of activity for Air Force ROTC Detachment 875 at Virginia Tech. Under the exemplary leadership of the cadre and an energetic, proactive cadet wing, cadets were provided a variety of new experiences, not all of which are summarized here.

As usual, the detachment held fall Warrior Day, which included water survival training. A visit to Langley Air Force Base, Va., introduced cadets to the world they will soon be entering. Cadets enthusiastically participated in a game ball run at Clemson University to build camaraderie and to memorialize Clemson alumnus Maj. Rudolf Anderson. Topping off the semester was the best dining-out the detachment has had in years!

During the spring semester, Cadet Murray, the new wing commander, wants to take the detachment to even greater heights. To that end, the wing's leadership is planning another base visit, an overnight Warrior Weekend to teach Air Expeditionary Force skills, a dining-out, and a C-130 flight, in addition to a comprehensive field training prep program to prepare sophomores for field training this summer. It will no doubt be a busy semester, but the detachment hopes to continue its upward trend and make the spring its best yet.



Col. Montgomery with Air Force ROTC cadets at Langley Air Force Base.

Base visit

On Oct. 21, 2012, 34 cadets piled into vans headed towards Langley Air Force Base. For some, the trip was their first visit to an Air Force base, which made for an especially motivating and enlightening experience.

On their first night there, Air Combat Command's Vice Commander Lt. Gen. Rew, who opened his home and served dinner to the cadets, answered questions and discussed how each cadet could strive to achieve success. In addition, the cadets learned about the base's operations, the facilities available, and the interactions between enlisted staff and officers. The cadets were also briefed on the functions and goals of the base.

Because Langley is the home of the F-22, the cadets learned about the plane and were privileged to get an up-close view of one on the runway where multiple Raptors were taking off and landing. Four cadets were given the unique opportunity to fly in a T-38.

One of the most beneficial aspects of the trip was dining at the officers' club. Cadets were able to talk with company grade officers about opportunities, job options, and life within the Air Force.

Warrior Day

Detachment 875 conducted its annual fall Warrior Day in and around War Memorial Hall. Throughout the day, the wing rotated by squadron through three large stations.

At one station, headed by Maj. Monday, cadets practiced proper communication, vehicle searches, and entry control point procedures. They also learned proper verbiage and protocol for duties of security forces and were faced with a variety of situations.



Using the 10-meter platform, Cadet Smetek learns how to enter the water properly.

At another station, older cadets presented field information, including field hygiene and a special tactics brief.

At the third station, cadets worked in flights at the pool, which included such tasks as entering the water properly from the high dive, using battle dress uniform pants as flotation devices, escaping a parachute in the water, and using teamwork to maneuver a victim on a backboard from one side of the pool to the other during simulated rough sea conditions.

The various exercises allowed cadets to undertake activities that they possibly had never experienced before, but will potentially confront in the Air Force.

During the spring semester, the detachment

will hold its annual Survival Weekend at Radford Army Ammunition Plant to continue to expose cadets to new skills and experiences.

Dining-out

Detachment 875's fall dining-out used "Breaking Barriers" as its theme, and Col. Montgomery, Air Force ROTC commander, stated that "it certainly did just that."

The event kicked off with a reception during which guests enjoyed refreshments and a social. Then, the chimes were rung, and the traditions began.

To begin the ceremony, the official party, including Col. Montgomery and Vice Commander of the 1st Air Force Brig. Gen. Beletic, the evening's guest of honor, entered under the sabre arch. Other traditions followed, including toasts, house



Brig. Gen. Beletic and Cadet Franklin at the dining-out.

rules, and the preparing of a table for prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Before dinner was served, Gen. Beletic gave a thought-provoking speech, urging us to look beyond luck and to prepare today for the unknown.

After the meal, the juniors then presented the graduating class as a senior "roast," joking about each cadet's quirks. Lastly, the flags were retired, Col. Montgomery closed the mess, and the night concluded with great music, dancing, and amazing company.

Air Force Flyers

Air Force Flyers (AFF), an organization for cadets who want to earn a pilot slot, brings together those sharing an interest in flying and instills knowledge that will help foster a future aviator's mentality. The organization's goal is to better prepare its members for categorization by excelling in each category of the order of merit.

During the fall semester, AFF welcomed eight new members who completed an orientation process that included early-morning physical training sessions, academic testing, and a field event during which the members used their newly acquired skills.

AFF members participated in a number of events, including soar-glider flights; a survival, evasion, resistance, and escape training weekend that taught outdoor survival skills; an incentive flight with a local base, which offered up-close and personal looks at different aircraft; and a crud match, a fast-paced billiards game, against the other Air Force organizations, which strengthened unity and morale.

Field training

Due to the hard work of the sophomore cadets and the cadre, Detachment 875 achieved one of the highest selection rates for field training in recent years. Field training, the month-long AFROTC training program required for commissioning, takes place at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., and Camp Shelby, Miss., during the summer between cadets' sophomore and junior years. Cadets compete nationwide for the limited number of slots and must demonstrate outstanding grades, leadership potential, and physical fitness standards.

The 47 cadets from Detachment 875 who were selected for field training in 2012 represented Virginia Tech well, with 11 cadets earning top awards as distinguished graduate, superior performer, or top gun. The following cadets completed field training:

<i>Adams, Lucas</i>	Adler, Max
Agud, Justin +	Alston, Andrew^
Bennett, Kevin	Callen, Joseph
<i>Chauhan, Jai</i>	Credicott, R.J. ~
Davey, Tristan *	Degracia, Chris
Diamond, Elizabeth	<i>Dominicis, Vincent</i>
Franklin, Vaughn *^~	French, Alex
Gentile, Kyle	Gentine, Elizabeth
Gragasin, Brandon +	Harrison, Alex
Knickerbocker, Bailey	Linville, Dax
Loftis, Derek	Marti, Javier
McFadden, Joe	McGeady, Leon
<i>Merkel, Ryan</i>	Mobley, Chris
Moore, David	Nelson, Erik +-
Norman, Phillip+	Puckett, Evan
Rew, Kat *	Ribler, Grant
Rinaldi, Anthony	Rohn, Jeremy
Schnaitman, Joshua	Scott, Chris
Smith, Matt	Smith, Tanner
Tanap, Nikko ~	Thompson, Chris
Tibbetts, Nick	Tillotson, Ian *
Toth, Eموke	Tupta, Stephen~
Turbyfill, John *	White, Josh~
Woodrum, Sally	

Distinguished Graduate *

Superior Performer +

Expert Marksmanship ~

Warrior Spirit ^

Honor Flight

Warrior Flight



Cadet Norman honors Brig. Gen. William Lemmond '54 with a plaque at the Aviation Wall of Fame.

Aviation Wall of Fame

On Sept. 18, 2012, Brig. Gen. William Park Lemmond '54 was the 15th inductee into the Virginia Tech Aviation Wall of Fame, which is dedicated to Corps of Cadets alumni who have contributed knowledge and efforts to the aviation or aerospace fields.

As an Air Force pilot, Gen. Lemmond had an illustrious career spanning more than 53 years on active duty and in the Reserves and the Air National Guard. In total, Lemmond piloted 13 different types of aircraft for more than 4,000 flight hours.

It was an honor to recognize this distinguished officer for his courage and service to our nation.

Arnold Air Society

Arnold Air Society (AAS) is a professional honorary organization with the goal of developing future leaders for service in the Air Force. Membership in AAS creates more opportunities for cadets to build their leadership, organization, and professional skills.

Very busy during the fall semester, the Robert E. Femoyer Squadron at Virginia Tech participated in a wide variety of projects to improve the community.

Over a five-day period, AAS volunteers helped the local YMCA with its annual crafts fair. On Veterans Day, AAS had the honor of guarding the Corps' World War I memorial, also known as "The Rock," for 24 hours. AAS cadets also had the privilege of working inside the alumni box at football games to talk with veterans and tell them about current AAS activities.

Armed Forces Special Operations Team

"Mentally, Morally, Physically" is the motto of Detachment 875's Armed Forces Special Operations Team (AFSOT), an organization composed of cadets from multiple ROTC units who desire to improve themselves in all ways. The purpose of

AFSOT, as stated on its website at <https://sites.google.com/site/afsotvt/>, is “to provide an organization that has a higher standard of physical training and excels in the skills necessary for survival in combat situations.”

This semester, AFSOT members volunteered in the community, helped out at physical training sessions and at Warrior Day, and participated in the ball run at Clemson University.

At the conclusion of the fall orientation process, AFSOT welcomed three new members: Austin Dickey, Will Farrar, and Greg Sherwood. Though the process was challenging, the three cadets pulled through to become the next AFSOT, which now allows all ROTC commissioning-track cadets to apply. Detachment 875 expects new and exciting things from AFSOT in the spring semester.



Cadet Schleicher listens intently to a participant at the Adult Day Services center on campus.

Community service

Detachment 875 organized a community service day that was held Oct. 9, 2012, with all squadrons participating in separate projects throughout the Blacksburg community during the weekly leadership laboratory. The detachment’s collective goal was to represent and impart to cadets one of the Air Force’s three core values: “Service before Self.”

Squadron 1 took part in Operation Hero Outreach, a program that supports American troops serving overseas, by writing letters to express unwavering gratitude for their service and sacrifice and to let them know they continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

Squadron 2 helped clean up the police shooting range in support of the local police force, while Squadron 3 helped out at Blacksburg Rescue, the local rescue squad, washing and detailing emergency vehicles.

Squadrons 4 and 5 volunteered at the on-campus Adult Day Services and Child Day Care centers, respectively. Both were great opportunities to brighten the days of local residents by interacting and spending time with them. Lastly, Squadron 6

helped out at the Blacksburg Municipal Golf Course, landscaping and assisting with its recent renovations.

These important projects allowed the detachment to give back, through selfless service, to a community that continues to support the entire Corps of Cadets.

Clemson ball run

October 2012 could be considered one big road trip for the detachment—and what a road trip it was! In addition to excursions to Roanoke, Virginia Military Institute, and Langley Air Force Base, Capt. Brandon Herndon led 10 cadets—seven Air Force, three Army—to South Carolina, where the Hokie football team was taking on Clemson University.

Cadet Carlo Vician organized the trip after Clemson’s Air Force ROTC had reached out with a desire to set up a game ball run in memory of Maj. Rudolph Anderson, a Clemson alumnus who, 50 years earlier, had become the only casualty of the Cold War when his U-2 was shot down over Cuba.

Cadets making the trip were Will Cross, Ian Cunningham, Joe Dolan, Andy George, Jordan Gill, Henry Murray, Tice Myers, Nikko Tanap, Stephen Tupta, and Carlo Vician.

Cadets from both schools ran side by side in relay fashion for 32 miles from Maj. Anderson’s memorial to the Clemson campus. The Thursday night run was followed by Saturday’s football game in Death Valley, where the Clemson crowd of more than 80,000 was almost as loud as Lane Stadium during “Enter Sandman.” The Clemson detachment was kind enough to include the Tech contingent in the Military Appreciation Day ceremonies during the game.

The value of meeting peers from another university and the ensuing exchange of ideas were incredible, and the trip produced great memories, great friendships, and a relationship between the two detachments that is sure to continue.

Awards

Every month, the cadet wing names a Cadet of the Month from each class year. The entire detachment gathers for the presentation of certificates signed by Col. Montgomery.

During the fall semester, cadets were acknowledged for various reasons, including going above and beyond in their respective jobs. Senior Cadet Josh Dallas, for instance, was selected as Cadet of the Month for counting and organizing every piece of equipment owned by the detachment. Cadet of the Month Walter Gonsiewski organized extracurricular swim sessions for his squadron, Cadet Tyler Wallis oversaw planning for the dining-out ceremony, and Cadet Yelena Nazaroff was recognized for her editing skills and her positive attitude.

Because only four cadets from each year group are selected each semester, the awards are given serious consideration. The detachment congratulates each Cadet of the Month and his or her hard work this past semester!

September

AS100: Michael Crain
AS200: Keegan Newton
AS300: Tanner Smith
AS400: Josh Dallas

October

AS100: Patrick Bowers
AS200: Erica Koenig
AS300: Tristan Davey
AS400: Yelena Nazaroff

November

AS100: Walter Gonsiewski
AS200: Tim Sobieski
AS300: Alex Harrison
AS400: Tyler Wallis

Cadet of Fall 2012 Semester

AS100: Teshawn Deberry
AS200: Keegan Newton
AS300: John Turbyfill
AS400: Joshua Dallas

Flight drill evaluation



India Flight marching during the drill competition.

On Oct. 23, 2012, the detachment gathered on the Drillfield to conduct the first-ever Flight Drill Evaluation Competition. Intended to simultaneously train cadets in Air Force-style drill and ceremonies while promoting esprit de corps, the competition represents one of the many sweeping changes made by Detachment 875 to improve the way future leaders are trained.

Tristan Davey, a third-year cadet, was in charge of setting the precedent for this highly anticipated event. As the wing drill and ceremonies officer, he worked closely with the inspector general, Cadet Allen Ernst, to plan the competition, also serving as an evaluator during the event. “The cadets really took this seriously, and I’m proud of their progress,” said Davey. “I could tell they really prepared for this.”

The grading criteria focused on the performance of the flight commander, but a significant portion of the score depended on the flight as a whole. Composure, control of the formation, command voice, and flight performance comprised broad

categories of specific violations that were subtracted from 100 to obtain a flight’s final score. Echo Flight, commanded by Vincent Dominicus, blew the competition out of the water, with only five and a half points subtracted.

Davey and other cadets hope that the evaluation competition will become a tradition in the wing in future years.

Morale booster

On Oct. 16, 2012, to celebrate work done well, Detachment 875 took part in a morale booster that featured a range of activities at the Breakzone and War Memorial Pool and outdoors.

The cadets competed for points to determine the best warrior flight in the detachment—a great honor to acknowledge the most active, physically fit, and motivated group in the wing.

Every cadet and wingman encouraged each other and strove for victories in their respective categories, creating an intense yet entertaining environment for all involved. From the infamous crud game, competitive bowling, and ping-pong in the Breakzone to volleyball, running, swimming, and electronic shooting, the detachment’s presence was evident around campus.

The event not only boosted morale after midterms as the hardest parts of the semester were put to rest, but also provided an incentive for cadets to challenge themselves and each other.

Physical training

Change seemed to be the norm around Detachment 875 during the fall semester, and physical training (PT) kept pace.

Erik Nelson and Andrew Alston, two cadets with very different athletic backgrounds, led the way, complementing one another nicely. One of the biggest changes of the semester was the selection of Capt. Gef Moy as the new physical fitness advisor. An avid runner and biker, he was more than qualified to fill the position.

Two main phases of PT were held over the course of the semester. The focus leading up to the physical fitness assessment (PFA) was to maximize those scores. Workouts were written around exercises to improve the PFA’s three components: the push-up, sit-up, and 1.5 mile run.

After the PFA was conducted in late September, the focus switched to lifetime fitness. Cadets were introduced to a variety of workouts, from P90X and Crossfit-style workouts to Pilates, to encourage them to discover workouts they enjoyed so that they were more likely to work out on their own.

The detachment’s physical fitness sessions culminated with a grueling battle of dodgeball against the Navy ROTC cadets. The Air Force cadets used the “five D’s” of dodgeball (dodge, dip, duck, dive, and dodge) to propel their way to victory!

Senior Cadet Commanders, Spring 2013



Regimental Commander
Cole Freeman

Cadet Col. Cole Freeman, of Fresno, Calif., is pursuing a degree in political science. Seeking a commission in the U.S. Marine Corps, he decided

to join the Corps for the regimented lifestyle and leadership experiences. Cadet Freeman served as both cadre and first sergeant of India Company during his junior year and as 3rd Battalion commander during the 2012 fall semester. Having completed Marine Corps Officer Candidates School during the summer, he will be commissioned in May and will attend The Basic School at Quantico, Va., where he hopes to be designated as an armor officer.



First Battalion Commander
Travis Worrell

Cadet Lt. Col. Travis Worrell, of Gloucester, Va., is pursuing a degree in natural resources conservation. He joined the Corps in order to hone his leadership

skills and to be better prepared for a military career. Cadet Worrell served as Charlie Company commander during the 2012 fall semester and was part of cadre and color guard during his junior year. Upon graduation this May, he will commission as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. Cadet Worrell is a recipient of the Emerging Leader Scholarship.



Second Battalion Commander
Gregory Dreher

Cadet Lt. Col. Gregory Dreher, of Colmar, Pa., is pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering. Despite being far from his hometown, he chose

to join the Corps to learn the military lifestyle and to be better prepared to become a military officer. He served as Golf Company commander for the 2012 fall semester, and he hopes to commission in May 2014 as a surface warfare officer in the U.S. Navy. Cadet Dreher is a recipient of the Emerging Leader Scholarship.



Third Battalion Commander
Dan Marotto

Cadet Lt. Col. Dan Marotto, of Fairfax, Va., is pursuing a degree in political science. He joined the Corps for the structured lifestyle, the leader-

ship experience, and the opportunity to attend a prestigious senior military college. Cadet Marotto served as cadre and first sergeant of Kilo Battery during his junior year and as commander of Lima Company during the fall 2012 semester. Having completed the Leadership Development and Assessment Course over the summer, he will commission in May as an armor officer in the U.S. Army. Cadet Marotto is a recipient of the Emerging Leader Scholarship.

Command Staff, Spring 2013



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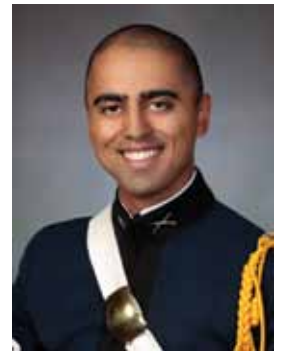
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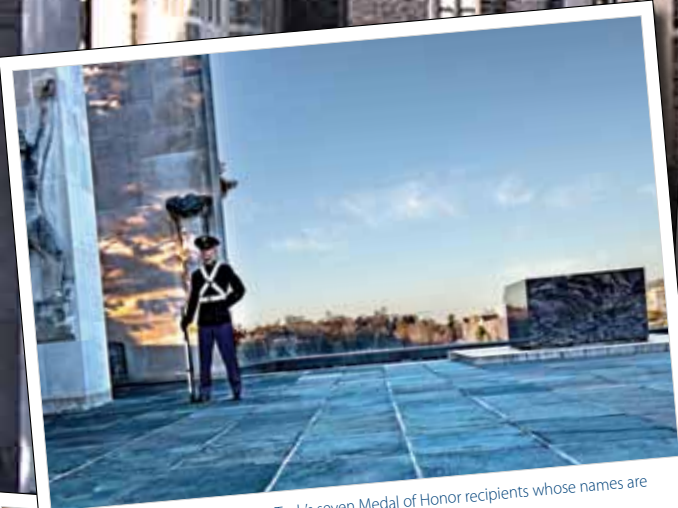


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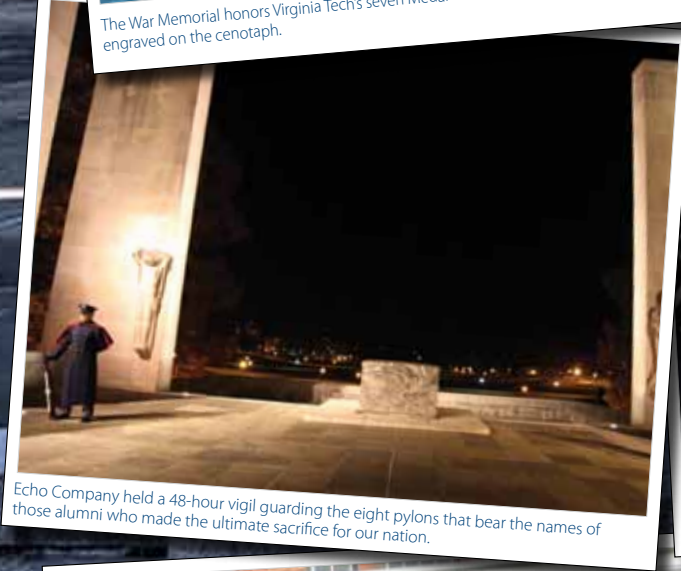
Each year on Veterans Day, Virginia Tech conducts a series of events led by the Corps of Cadets. From holding vigils at the War Memorial and The Rock to participating in a local Veterans Day parade and a remembrance ceremony open to the campus community, the next generation of leaders honoring past generations is vivid evidence of a university uniquely aware of its military heritage.



The War Memorial honors Virginia Tech's seven Medal of Honor recipients whose names are engraved on the cenotaph.



On the Upper Quadrangle, the Arnold Air Society held a 24-hour vigil at The Rock, the memorial to our World War I alumni who died in Europe. Members of the Air Force ROTC and the commandant's staff also participated.



Echo Company held a 48-hour vigil guarding the eight pylons that bear the names of those alumni who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.



At the Veterans Day Parade in Roanoke, Va., VPI Company cadets accompanied disabled veterans from the Salem Veterans Affairs Medical Center.



VPI Company cadets interacted with local disabled veterans at the Veterans Day Parade in Roanoke, Va.



VPI Company marched in the Veterans Day Parade in Roanoke, Va.



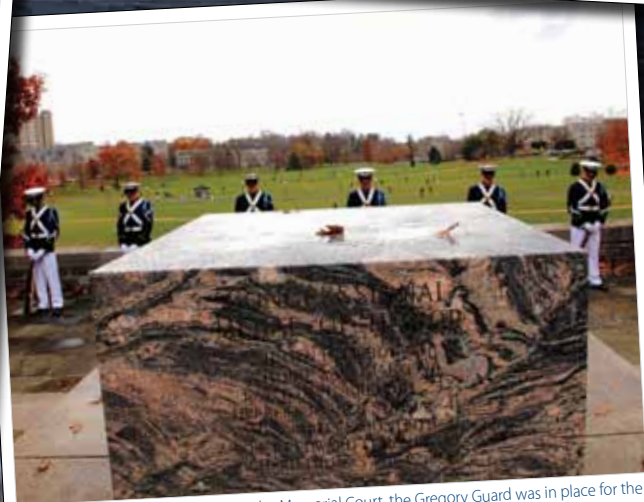
The Gregory Guard marched in the Veterans Day Parade in Roanoke, Va.



The Corps of Cadets held a Veterans Day remembrance ceremony in the War Memorial Chapel.



Veterans from the wider community attended the solemn service.



As the ceremony moved topside to the Memorial Court, the Gregory Guard was in place for the 21-gun salute.



Commandant of Cadets Maj. Gen. Fullhart and Senior Vice President and Provost Mark McNamée placed the wreath at the cenotaph at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.



While "Taps" was played, honors were rendered.

Corps Alumni Board's Newest Members

Lt. Cmdr. Jacob Braun '00, who



received a B.S. from the College of Natural Resources, was a member of Golf and Foxtrot companies, as well as several campus organizations.

Commissioned in the U.S. Navy, he spent his first years on the West Coast, serving aboard the former USS David R. Ray (DD 971) and the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). He had the wonderful opportunity to return to Virginia Tech and teach Naval ROTC as a member of the NROTC program for two years. Upon his return to the fleet, Braun served as operations officer aboard the USS Bainbridge (DDG 96) and USS Anzio (CG 68). He is currently stationed in Norfolk, Va., at Strike Force Training Atlantic, certifying deploying carrier strike groups and amphibious ready groups. He is married to the former Cary Durfey Chenoweth of Weyers Cave, Va. Braun will serve on the Recruiting Task Force.

Jess Fowler '64, a member of M Company who served on the Cadet Honor Court and Student Senate, earned a B.S. in general science and completed



30 years of service in the Army and Army Reserve, including service in Vietnam. He earned an M.S. in management and a doctorate

in business analytics and is a certified circuit court mediator. The founder of Precision Strategies Inc., Fowler brings to the board more than 35 years of experience in executive management, marketing, and analytics skills. With support from M Company and the Class of 1964, he founded the Hokie Gold Legacy program in 2010 as a gift to future generations of Hokies. A member of his church vestry and the American Legion, a volunteer at McGuire VA Medical Center and in the Healing Waters Program, and a Master Mason, he and his wife, Donna, reside in Chester, Va. Fowler will serve on the Marketing/PR Task Force.

Cmdr. Valerie Overstreet '91, a



member of D Company, served as Navy Battalion S-4 and earned a B.S. in mathematics. After graduation, she attended flight school and was

designated a naval aviator in June 1994, selecting the E-2C Hawkeye as her primary aircraft. She served on both coasts, deploying five times in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom and has more than 4,200 flight hours and 425 arrested landings on seven different aircraft carriers. From February 2009 to May 2010, Overstreet was the first woman to command an E-2C squadron, VAW-117 World Famous Wallbangers. She earned a masters in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College and is currently serving as the 4th Battalion Officer at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis,

Md. She is married to Lt. Cmdr. Travis Overstreet, and they have their hands full with two future Hokies, 2-year-old Ryleigh and 4-month-old Lucus. Overstreet will serve on the Recruiting Task Force.

William H. "Bill" Sterling III '80



entered Virginia Tech as a civilian student. After spending his sophomore and junior years living in the civilian wing of Brodie Hall, he decided to

join the Corps of Cadets and began his senior year as a "rat" in D Company. As a fifth year ("super") senior, he served as an associate justice on the Honor Court and received his degree in marketing management from the Pamplin College of Business. Upon graduation, Sterling joined the Prince William County Police Department and in 1985 entered into federal service as a special agent/criminal investigator, first with the U.S. Department of State and then with the Department of Defense. He also spent a two-year detail at the Department of Justice and finished his career as an assistant special agent in charge with the Department of the Treasury. In 1994, he received an M.A. in law enforcement administration. For the past three years, he has been an investigator with the Commonwealth of Virginia for the Virginia State Bar. Very active in Corps' recruiting efforts in the Northern Virginia area for the past four years, Sterling will serve on the Recruiting Task Force.

No Slack in Citizen-Leader Track

by Deputy Commandant of Cadets Lt. Col. Don Russell, VPI Company, 540-231-0490, druss135@vt.edu



Deputy Commandant Lt. Col. Russell, U.S. Air Force (retired), presides over the VPI Company Change of Command ceremony. Above, fall Commander Cadet Kelsey Ginn relinquishes command to the spring Commander Cadet Phil Coralde.

slack (slak) *adj.* 1. Loose, limp, relaxed, weak, not taut. 2. Lack of energy. 3. Wanting in activity. [Antonym: VPI Company]

In a year of firsts, there's been no slack in the Citizen-Leader Track, also known as VPI Company: first year with more than 200 assigned cadets; first year with accredited A-F curriculum for freshmen through senior labs; first year participating in a parade as a representative organization; first year with the oversight of a deputy commandant.

And in the spring semester, there's another first: the debut of a unique uniform, a business casual, maroon button-down known as the "VPI Bag," which features the new VPI Company logo.

These and many other noteworthy accomplishments reflect a Citizen-Leader Track program increasing its standards and on the rise.

In fall 2012, VPI cadets performed hundreds of hours of community service—from organizing blood drives to taking on sideline duties during Hokie sporting events; from working with disadvantaged youth to participating in environmental cleanups; from organizing charity fundraisers to bonding with hospitalized veterans. As always, cadets organize and oversee these events, which reflect their deepening commitment to Virginia Tech's principle of service.

In that spirit of service and in what we hope will become an annual tradition, VPI Company teamed with the Color Guard and the Gregory Guard and marched in the Veterans Day Parade in downtown Roanoke, Va. Junior Cadet Thomas Hosford superbly led the overall operation.

Capping off the experience was the mutually rewarding opportunity for some 35 cadets to meet one-on-one with

disabled veterans and learn more about their military experiences. It was hugely successful and only possible because of the generosity of Leon Harris '64, who sponsored the bus transportation to and from Roanoke. We are pleased that parade organizers look forward to a growing relationship with the Corps.

The Citizen-Leader Track program continues to pay dividends. Confidence derived from practical leadership experience and physical fitness, classes on résumé and interview preparation, and laboratories on communication and etiquette techniques have given upperclassmen cadets the competitive edge at networking events and job fairs and have launched individual internship and job offers from major corporations, government agencies, and non-profits. In similar fashion, the Class of 2016 is a spirited group of cadets who are eager to assume greater roles and explore their own strengths and opportunities.

Looking forward, VPI Company is assessing its organizational structure and processes to increase its relevance and to accommodate growth. With more than 200 cadets, the group is beyond company size and presents span of control challenges. At the same time, the commandant's staff is developing initiatives aimed at expanding external relationships and widening internship and employment pipelines for aspiring cadets.

This small sample of Citizen-Leader Track activity should give you optimism for the future of this vital Corps institution. We are deeply humbled by the efforts of the Corps of Cadets Alumni Board to grow the program, and we thank those alumni who continue to reach out. As always, I welcome your thoughts, comments, and suggestions.

Ut Prosim!



After speaking to the regiment in December 2012, Christopher Howard, president of Hampden-Sydney College, met with cadets.

Leaders-in-Action Speaker Series

by Col. Dave Miller, Ph.D., director, Maj. Gen. W. Thomas Rice Center for Leader Development

The leader development program of our Corps of Cadets rests on three legs. The first of these is the academic component, which is comprised of eight, soon to be 16, accredited courses. The second is the experiential component, in which cadets hold semester-long leadership positions within the regiment, from fire team leaders to the regimental commander. The third is the physical fitness component run by Lt. Col. Don Russell and Maj. Carrie Cox for the Citizen-Leader Track and the respective ROTC detachments for our military-track cadets.

One of the important elements of the academic component is our Leaders-

in-Action series of guest speakers. Each semester, we invite successful leaders, many of whom are Corps alumni, to address the assembled regiment on topics of leadership and ethics. These speakers bring to the Corps a wealth of knowledge and experience from various walks of life, both civilian and military. Our alumni bring to the Corps a unique perspective by relating how their cadet experiences shaped their lives and careers.

During 2012, we were fortunate to hear from a very distinguished group of speakers. The fall semester brought back to campus the National Commodore of the Coast Guard James Vass '64. The

commodore gave a great presentation on leadership and how the Corps provided him with the foundation to pursue success in both military and civilian careers.

In November, two alumni returned to campus to share with the regiment what happened in the Corps when they were cadets. Congressman Rob Wittman '81 and Virginia State Delegate Rich Anderson '78 gave the cadets some very good advice about using their time in the Corps to prepare for their future. In December, we heard Christopher Howard's take on the five B's of leadership. Howard is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and the president of Hampden-Sydney College.

Just prior to Howard's remarks, we held a graduation ceremony for seven cadets who had completed their requirements for a degree at Virginia Tech. The majority of these cadets graduated with a minor in leadership studies administered by the Maj. Gen. W. Thomas Rice Center for Leader Development.

During the spring semester, we heard from Simon Sinek, noted speaker and author of the book, "Start with Why." Sinek presented the cadets with a different perspective on organizational leadership, challenging them to think about why organizations exist and how leaders can generate loyalty to the organization by changing how they think about what their organization does.

Also in February, we were fortunate to bring back Brig. Gen. Tom Verbeck '73, U.S. Air Force (retired), who spoke on his time in the Corps and how it prepared him for both a successful career

in the military and his current position as president of Cybersalus and Granite Gate.

For each of these events, a reception and dinner is held in honor of the guest speaker. Selected cadets are invited to attend in order to learn more from the speaker in a small group setting, as well as to practice proper conduct in a social setting.

In addition, each year in March, we invite to campus a nationally recognized speaker to talk about topics pertaining to leadership and ethics. Known as the Cutchins Lecture and funded by an endowment from an anonymous donor, the presentation serves as the keynote speech for our annual Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Leadership Conference.

During conference week, we invite cadets and midshipmen from the service academies, the senior and junior military colleges, and other selected institutions

of higher education to participate in our leader development program. Preceded by a formal reception and dinner, cadets and guests have an opportunity to take a photo with the keynote speaker and discuss leadership with other successful leaders. The guest speaker for the 2013 Cutchins Lecture was former New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman. Now president of the Whitman Strategy Group, Gov. Whitman spoke on the topic of "Women, Leadership, Power, and Politics: Overcoming Obstacles."

The Leaders-in-Action speaker series plays a significant role in the academic component of our leader development program. We are very grateful to those who participated in the past and are always looking for new speakers who can bring a message of principled leadership to the cadets. Recommendations are welcome and may be sent to dmiller3@vt.edu.



Corps alumni U.S. Rep. Rob Wittman '81 (right) and Virginia Delegate Rich Anderson '78 (left) with cadets in Burruss Hall.



Enriching our Corps

by Commandant of Cadets Maj. Gen. Randal D. Fullhart, USAF

Much excitement always surrounds the Corps—but there is even more to be excited about now! As our alumni and friends know, long a part of a vision for the Corps has been to have buildings and facilities that match the quality of the young men and women and the program our staff prepares for them. That is now coming to pass. The university process is underway, and proposals are being reviewed to replace the existing Brodie and Rasche halls with state-of-the-art residential halls that capture the history and heritage of the Upper Quad. We will be working with designers to ensure that the new buildings will support Corps operations and lifestyles, while also adding to our ability to create cohesive and functioning units.

Based on the latest timelines, the Corps will vacate Rasche Hall this summer, and a two-year replacement process will begin. When we occupy the new building, a similar two-year process will begin for Brodie. The goal is two new buildings with 1,000-plus bed spaces between the two of them, a number which acknowledges the larger Corps we have today and will have into the future. In the interim, we'll be occupying Main Eggleston Hall and most of West Eggleston, just across the street on the Lower Quad.

We anticipate also starting on the design of a new Corps Leadership & Military Science building, most likely to be positioned behind Lane Hall on Shank's Plain. This facility will be the new home for the Rice Center for

Leader Development, the commandant and ROTC staffs, classrooms, and the Corps museum. Lane Hall will remain as the classic building it is, and we hope to be able to reclaim parts of it for our use for the first time in more than three decades. The new Corps building will benefit from the generosity of alumni, so we hope that all of you will stay tuned and be ready to support this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to honor the Corps for the next 140 years!

While we're in transition, University Libraries has generously provided us space in Newman Library, its main building, to relocate much of our current Corps museum. This temporary space ensures that our alumni, friends, and

cadets will continue to have access to and the opportunity to learn about the history of the Corps. The space has the added benefit of being more accessible to the university's general population, so more can learn about this important and vital institution.

Meanwhile, with the support of the Corps' alumni board and other key leaders, we are working hard to meet the needs of today's much larger Corps. With broad-based support, I'm pleased to note that this year's governor's budget, supported by the legislature, contained an increase in "unique military activities" (UMA) funding, which will provide us a solid foundation to support the growth in the Corps. This much-needed funding



Maj. Gen. Fullhart and cadet leaders visited Richmond in January to garner support for the Corps.

will allow us to staff up to necessary levels, help cover uniform costs, and expand other programs. We'll also be working to expand and upgrade the obstacle course since it plays such an integral role in our physical-training programs. This news, however, means that we, all of us, must now focus our attention on the legislature as it takes up the budget and formulates the final appropriations bill.

The Corps was again recognized by the Olmsted Foundation for the great work of Deputy Commandant of Cadets Capt. James Snyder, U.S. Navy (retired), as the leader of that initiative. This summer, he and some of our cadets will be returning to Panama for a very enriching program sponsored by the Olmstead Foundation.

We enjoyed a wonderful turnout in Orlando, Fla., for the recent Corps breakfast on bowl game day, which included an overtime victory for the Hokies! President Charles W. Steger, along with other senior university officials, was on hand, a presence indicative of the strong support that the Corps enjoys across the entire campus.

We are also working on some exciting new initiatives for our Citizen-Leader Track program. Last year, we received a generous planning grant from the Boeing Company for the Rice Center to develop a new program designed to achieve partnerships with a wide range of companies and organizations. The details are still being worked out, but we are pursuing strategic partnerships with companies,

organizations, and the Rice Center for Leader Development. These partnerships will help shape our curriculum, open the doors for internships, and promote programs specifically designed to support our growing Citizen-Leader Track cadets.

As you can tell, this is a very exciting and important time for your Corps. Alumni support in the legislature, the state house, and here on campus is as important as ever. Financially, we'll continue to rely on generous alumni support for our scholarship and commandant's discretionary funds through the Annual Fund—even as we also embark on fundraising for the New Corps Building. I look forward to sharing more information on this and other initiatives in the months ahead.



On Dec. 21, 2012, in the War Memorial Chapel, a commissioning ceremony was held for those ensigns and second lieutenants graduating at the end of fall semester and entering their respective service.



The Class Champion Program

by Gary Lerch '72, chairman

In previous articles, we have discussed the successes that the Corps has recently achieved, especially attaining the goal of 1,000 cadets. The value of the Corps is apparent to the Hokie community, and we are respected and appreciated.

Now we are moving into the phase of improving the facilities and funding to sustain a Corps of this size and to continue the growth. Elsewhere in this issue, Gen. Fullhart shares the exciting news about the four-year program to replace Rasche and Brodie halls with new buildings that will support the unique requirements of the Corps lifestyle. We are also reaching the milestone of planning in earnest for a new Corps building. These achievements are both incredible and exciting.

As always, the support and enthusiasm of Corps alumni are vital and critical. To focus our efforts, the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Alumni Inc. is organized into task forces. We have a Recruiting Task Force that works closely with Maj. Mariger to bring cadets into the Corps. We have a Development Task Force that supports Dave Spracher and Sarah Woods in their efforts. The Government Affairs and University Affairs task forces ensure that officials of the commonwealth and the university are aware of our history, value, and needs. These groups work hard to influence the budget cycle. Recently, Outside Organizations and Career Development task forces have been added to inform industry of the value of Corps graduates and to assist in securing career opportunities for our cadets.

Our newest task force is the Class Champion program, which was es-

tablished to address the absence of an effective database of Corps alumni. For privacy reasons, our access to the university database is restricted. To inform our alumni and to garner needed support, we need effective communications.

Although the Corps Review has become a highly regarded publication and does a wonderful job, it comes out only three times a year and has a long lead time. Gen. Fullhart uses Facebook, and the Corps has a website, but we lack the ability to reach out to our alumni quickly and efficiently. The Class Champion program will use the inherent Corps strength of the bond that we share with our classmates.

Since this topic was discussed in the last issue of the Corps Review, Rock Roszak '71 has volunteered to head this task force. For this concept to work, however, we need your support. We need volunteers to be a champion for each class year. These champions need to be available

and willing to contact their buds. Most importantly, when contacted by these champions, our alumni need to respond, agree to be contacted, and keep their contact information current. We also need to reach those alumni on whom we do not have current data.

Much has been done to ensure the continued success of the Corps, much work remains, and strong efforts will always be necessary. The key component of this success is our alumni. We need your continued help and support. If you have questions or are willing to assist, contact Rock at rock.roszak@mac.com, or contact me at GDLerch@verizon.net.

Once the program has started, if you are contacted by your class champion, please respond and participate in keeping our Corps strong!

In the spirit of *Ut Prosim*,
Until next time,
Gary



Corps alumnus David Horne '75 and the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Color Guard at the Winter Park Parade in Orlando, Fla., prior to the Russell Athletic Bowl.



In October 2012, Corps alumnus Simon Emanuel '90 represented Virginia Tech and the Corps of Cadets at the Kaiserslautern Military Community College Fair in Germany.

Help Grow Our Corps

by Bill Swan '66, Recruiting Task Force leader

By the time you read this, the Recruiting Task Force and Corps alumni volunteers will have already started the winter and spring college fair seasons.

Having identified key locations in North Carolina, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, and Maryland—areas that historically have been a good source of top-quality university and Corps candidates—the university requested our assistance at nearly two dozen fairs held between February and May.

We sent specific requests for assistance to alumni in early January. If you live in one of these areas and wish to help, but were not contacted, please call me at 912-265-7530 or email me at twoswans911@comcast.net.

Virginia Tech Alumni Association (VTAA) chapters in other areas will also participate in fairs. If you know of a college fair in any other area and want to help, please contact your local VTAA chapter president.

The fall 2012 college fair season was one of our most successful with more than 30 helpers in 22 locations meeting

more than 4,000 potential new cadets. Events at American schools in Germany and Italy were especially robust with more than 2,000 attendees. A special “thank you” is extended to all alumni volunteers who supported these events.

In December, we consolidated the lists of attendees at 2010–2012 Corps homecomings and reunions and sent those lists to alumni to provide missing contact information. If you already replied, thank you. If you receive an email asking for an update, please respond by the end of March. These contact lists will be provided to Area Team Leaders to aid in the identification of helpers for future Emerging Leaders Scholarship (ELS) presentations and college fair events.

We also realigned the Northeast and Central regions by moving Pennsylvania into the Central Region. That change should help focus our attention and provide more resources in this increasingly productive recruiting area.

It's hard to believe that the Class of 2016 has completed more than half of its training requirements and that ELS

presentations to prospective Class of 2017 cadets are just around the corner. The “almost final” list of approximately 200 ELS awardees will be released in early April, and coordination with volunteers and school officials for face-to-face presentations will begin thereafter.

The ELS is one of the Corps' best recruiting incentives, and personal presentations further enhance their value to the recipients' families, friends, and classmates. We presented more than 92 percent of last year's scholarships in face-to-face ceremonies; our goal this year is to present 100 percent.

As a final note, the Corps, along with the VTAA, is hosting the first-ever Corps of Cadets Alumni Weekend, as part of the Drillfield Series, on June 21-23. Please see Col. Larkin's column on page 38 for details. This will be an enjoyable weekend that will include many fun activities, as well as updates on Corps accomplishments, facility renovations, financial support, and recruiting. Please join us!



Coming Back to Blacksburg ... It's Not Just for Fall Anymore!

by Col. Patience Larkin '87, 540-231-9369, patience@vt.edu

As I mentioned in my first column for the Corps Review, serving as the alumni director for the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets (VTCC) is my dream job, and so far it has not disappointed—mostly because of our incredible Corps alumni who contributed to our tremendously successful events during the fall semester.

As part of our Corps Homecoming in September 2012, we orchestrated a 200-strong alumni regiment march-on in Lane Stadium. During the football game and the two dinners held over the weekend, old friends and families were able to reconnect and share a story or two back in Blacksburg. Later, in October 2012, the highlight of the Highty Tighty reunion was the 100-strong alumni band marching down Main Street during Virginia Tech's Homecoming Parade.

For those alumni who were unable to attend or were uncertain about attending an event in 2012, consider returning home in 2013! The dates for this year's fall events can be found in the Alumni Announcements section on page 39. In addition, alumni are encouraged to visit the VTCC Alumni website at www.vtcca.vt.edu or to follow the commandant on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CVTCC, where you can experience the strength of today's Corps and appreciate the vitality of our Corps network.

While the dates for all of the year's activities are coming together, I am excited to invite you to participate in a new VTCC Alumni event scheduled as part of the Virginia Tech Alumni Association's Drillfield Series this summer. The commandant, in partnership with the Alumni Association, will host the

first Corps of Cadets Alumni Weekend on June 21-23. This new event promises to become an annual tradition that will provide a great reason to come back to Virginia Tech for a fun-filled itinerary. Not only will you be able to relax and reconnect with friends, you'll also learn and engage against the beautiful backdrop of Blacksburg in the summertime.

The weekend will kick off Friday evening with a BBQ at the Alumni Center, followed by an informal night on the town, just like the "old days," visiting your favorite establishments with your buds. On Saturday morning, you can choose between a spirited paintball competition or an enlightening session on the Civil War. For lunch, we'll gather at The Inn at Virginia Tech to hear from veterans and Citizen-Leader Track graduates reflecting on their careers.

I am searching for Corps alumni who are interested in sharing their stories during this lunch forum. Those who have translated their Corps experience to success in the military or private sector, please drop me an email. We are always interested in hearing about the successes of our own.

The afternoon will feature the choice of a guided tour of Tech's athletic facilities or a recreational firearms event. Saturday night's agenda will include a reception and dinner, offering another chance for fellowship with friends and an opportunity to hear from Commandant of Cadets Major Gen. Fullhart, who will present an update on continuing improvements within the Corps and the status of facilities upgrades.

Lastly, Sunday morning will include an optional early wakeup call for those interested in a walk/run around campus, followed by an *Ut Prosim* session with continental breakfast. During this session, the Corps' recruiting officer will discuss the many ways we can encourage the best and brightest cadets to join our regiment today.

If you have any questions about the summer Corps weekend or are interested in participating as an informal speaker during the lunch on June 22, please send me an email at patience@vt.edu.

Ut Prosim!



Cadet Maj. Brian Fedorchak receives the VTCC Class of '67 Emerging Leader Scholarship from Class of 1967 alumni (l. to r.) Charles Cornelison, Jim Stark, and Rich Carpenter.

ALUMNI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hokie Gold Program

Production of the Class of 2014 rings is in full swing with the special addition of the very-first Hokie Gold to all gold rings ordered by January 2013. The inaugural Hokie Gold Legacy ring melt was held on campus in May 2012 at the Kroehling Advanced Materials foundry, also known as VT FIRE. Program founder Jess Fowler '64—a new Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Alumni Board member—and Jim Flynn '64, both of M Company, were in attendance. Members of the Class of 1964 supported Fowler's establishment of the program as the class's 50th-anniversary legacy. One of the ring donors, James F. Johnson '60, was also present at the melt.

A small portion has been saved to include in the ring melt for the Class of 2015 rings and will continue for future classes so that a tiny portion of the original Hokie Gold will always be included in future class rings. The Class of 2015 needs Hokie Gold and is still accepting ring donations to include in the Hokie Gold melt this spring.

For more details, including forms necessary for donating a ring, go to www.alumni.vt.edu/classrings/hokiegold.



Dates to Note

June 21-23: Drillfield Series' Corps of Cadets Alumni Weekend

Sept. 20-21: Corps Homecoming

Sept. 28: Caldwell March

Oct. 5: Virginia Tech Homecoming (Class of 1963 50th Old Guard Reunion) and Highy-Tighty Reunion

Correction

The photograph, top right, in the Corps Homecoming photo spread on page 25 of the fall 2012 edition of the Corps Review incorrectly identified G Company alumnus Don Sage as Class of 1959. Don's "rats" immediately noticed this error and called in the correction: Don is G Company, Class of 1956. The editor regrets the error and thanks our readers for their meticulous attention to detail.



Any Corps alumnus interested in contributing an article to the Corps Review or in speaking on campus at a Gun-fighter Panel—a short talk with the regiment about your career—please contact Col. Patience Larkin at patience@vt.edu or 540-231-9369. In addition, if you or any Corps alumnus you know will be deployed during the fall football season, contact Col. Larkin. We want to honor our deployed alumni as Hokie Heroes during the games!

Alumnus Note

In late January, John Kelley '87, B Company, held a formal launch event for his debut novel. A work of historical fiction set at the close of World War I, "The Fallen Snow" recounts the struggle of a young infantry sniper who returns to a Virginia mountain community reeling from war, influenza, and economic collapse. To learn more, go to www.thefallensnow.com.





News from the Development Office

by Dave Spracher '70, director of development, (800) 533-1144, dlsprach@vt.edu

Wow! I just finished my 13th year as the head fundraiser for the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets (VTCC), and the news about your gifts and their impact across the Corps has never been better. Thanks to your generosity, our endowment for

all Corps accounts has now surpassed \$27 million. As you probably are aware, our endowed accounts are managed by the Virginia Tech Foundation to provide current income for the purpose intended by the donor(s) and to grow the principal

so the purpose of the account may be accomplished in perpetuity. I'm sure many of you wonder how we use the income from our many endowed accounts. Here is a brief overview:

Account Purpose	Balance	Annual Income	Use
ELS	\$20.5M	\$1,050k	ELS support for approximately 640 cadets
Unrestricted	\$ 2.0M	\$ 100k	ELS or other VTCC requirements TBD
Rice Center	\$ 2.5M	\$ 125k	Cutchins Lecture and other center programs
HT Stipend	\$.5M	\$ 25k	Stipend for freshman band cadets
Other scholarships	\$.8M	\$ 40k	Scholarships other than ELS
Corps building	\$ 1.0M	\$ 50k	Principal will be used for new building

That's a lot of money to most of us, and it has definitely had a positive impact on the size and quality of our Corps. I wish I could say we have achieved our goal and no longer need your help, but that would be untrue. We need to keep working to build the endowment even higher to preserve the growth we have achieved and to make our programs even better. Thanks for your help. If you have questions, please call or write.

Gen. Fullhart has told you that planning is underway for a new building to support the Corps, the ROTC departments, and the Rice Center. This initial planning phase will lead to a determination of the basic building design and a request for approval to proceed from the board of visitors, but it will take some time. Until we know the size of the building and square footage of interior spaces, we will not know what type of naming opportunities may be available.

Please continue supporting our Emerging Leader Scholarships (ELS) and operating accounts as generously as you are able. When we have more information about the new building and the cost,

we will develop a strategy to raise the private funds necessary to go along with the amount the state will be expected to fund.



(From left) Ray Jones '82, Ed Price '63, and Pat Price enjoyed the Corps of Cadets bowl breakfast in Orlando, Fla.



The Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Color Guard looked sharp during the national anthem at the bowl breakfast in December 2012.

Donor Breakfast

In September 2012, we held our largest donor breakfast ever. For the first time, more than 200 attended the annual event, as 103 cadets joined 128 scholarship donors for the opportunity to get to know each other. We hope the numbers will continue to grow each year as more people endow scholarships.

Caldwell March

For the fall Caldwell March, 108 freshman cadets wore a nametag honoring a donor or someone else the donor wished to honor. Each donor contributed \$500 or more to our unrestricted account (Commandant's Priorities) to sponsor a cadet during this biannual reenactment of Addison Caldwell's 1872 journey from Craig County to campus to become our first student and cadet. We expect many more cadets to be sponsored for the spring march on April 13.

Bowl Breakfast

In December 2012, 94 people joined us in Orlando, Fla., for our annual Corps of Cadets bowl breakfast. President

Charles W. Steger spoke of his pride in the growth of the Corps and introduced Gen. Fullhart, who presented an update on the Corps and our plans for the future. A video of the Hokie Heroes highlighted during the 2012 football games was shown, and Gen. Fullhart recognized Bill Roth and Mike Burnop, who were in the audience. The day culminated with the Hokies' victory over Rutgers University in the Russell Athletic Bowl.

Annual Fund

by Randy Holden, Director, Virginia Tech Annual Giving

The Office of Annual Giving greatly appreciates the generosity of all of you who have supported the Corps of Cadets. Your contributions have fueled the Corps' impressive growth, which has helped to maintain its traditions and to ensure it will remain a vital part of the Virginia Tech community.

In November 2012, cadets from India Company joined us in the Student Calling Center to connect with Corps

alumni, resulting in \$98,584 in pledges and gifts—an increase of 37 percent over a similar initiative in the previous year. If you were among those who answered a cadet's call, thank you for taking the time to speak with him or her. Year after year, our cadets tell us how much they enjoy speaking with those who have come before them in the Corps.

While the results of our mail appeal sent out in September 2012 have not yet been fully tabulated, initial returns indicate that you have responded with your characteristic generosity. In March, we plan to call those Corps alumni whom we were not able to reach in the fall. Our student callers look forward to thanking many of you for your prior support and to talking to you more about the Corps and some of its pressing needs.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and support of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets.

Major Gifts (\$25,000 and above)

John and Mary Jean Brown made an additional gift to the **Mary Jean and**

John L. Brown '62 Endowed Scholarship. John, a member of our VTCC Alumni Board, has been very supportive of the Corps and those cadets majoring in degrees offered by the Pamplin College of Business. The Browns' latest contributions will allow their scholarship to support more cadets.

Gary and Jill Boward established the **VTCC Gary D. '86 and Jill J. Boward '87 Scholarship.** Both Gary and Jill were members of the Corps. After graduating with a degree in history, Gary was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army. Jill graduated with a degree in industrial engineering and completed a master's degree at Tech in 1991. Created in memory of Gary's parents, Eugene B. and Sue J. Boward, the scholarship will benefit cadets in good standing with preference for graduates of Potomac Senior High

School or Forest Park High School in Prince William County, Va.

Dave Dempsey decided to endow the **David J. Dempsey '76 Scholarship** now rather than waiting for the scholarship to be created by his estate gift. Dave was a valuable asset during the campaign and remains an enthusiastic member of our alumni board. Any of you who have attended a Corps alumni event know that Dave does not miss an opportunity to lead the crowd in "Old Hokie."

The parents of one of our freshman cadets, Jarred Luebbers, Class of 2016, have been very impressed with the Corps so far. They committed to endow the **Mary Ann and Lawrence A. Luebbers Scholarship** to help the Corps develop leaders for the future.

We received a very generous distribution from the estate of Mildred Moore,

who died in May 2012, a year after her husband, Joseph. H Moore '40. The distribution benefits the **Joseph H. and Mildred R. Moore Scholarship** that the Moores first created with a gift annuity in 2000.

Nick '53 and Fay Street made a wonderful gift to benefit the Corps in any way the commandant deems most beneficial. We have placed their gift in our unrestricted VTCCA Endowed Fund, which allows us to use both the income and the principal for our most pressing needs at any time.

As always, thank you for your support of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets. If we can help you in any way, please let me or Sarah Woods know.

Ut Prosim,
Dave



At the bowl breakfast, Commandant of Cadets Maj. Gen. Fullhart presented an update on the status of the Corps.

The Comeback Corps

by Judith Davis, Office of Gift Planning

My first job at Virginia Tech began on Veterans Day 1991. I was working with on-campus housing, where tracking Corps enrollment helped assure the right number of rooms were available for the cadets. At that time, Corps numbers were dwindling, and I sometimes wondered what sort of miracle could keep the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets on the Drillfield.

Fast forward to the fall opening of the 2012-13 semester when the university welcomed 1,066 cadets—the first time Corps enrollment has been 1,000-strong since 1968.

So what happened?

Wishing didn't make it so. Corps alumni and others who believed in the importance of the Corps defined a vision for increasing Corps enrollment, put plans in place, and acted on their plans. It took time, but they stayed focused on their goal and made their support count.

When interviewed for the summer 2004 edition of Virginia Tech Magazine, retired U.S. Army Major Gen. Archie Cannon '50 said, "I see no reason why the Corps shouldn't have 1,000 cadets in its ranks ...".

The late Gen. Cannon's support, and that of his wife, Jerri, has helped the Corps exceed that 1,000-cadet goal. The Cannons' charitable planning also considered the future strength of the Corps with an estate gift and created a charitable remainder trust that provides income to Mrs. Cannon during her lifetime and will then benefit the Corps.

Personal commitment to a vision, a realistic plan, and the initiative to put your plan in action: That's what it takes to achieve a goal.

That's also why gift planning can be useful to individuals who are committed to supporting the Corps: You need a realistic gift plan that will work for you. There are many ways to make a gift. There are estate gifts that do not affect your lifetime finances. There are gift plans that help maximize your family's inheritance. There are even gift plans that pay you lifetime income.

To find a gift plan that supports a strong Corps and works for you, phone David L. Spracher, director of development for the Corps of Cadets, at 800-533-1144, or email dlsprach@vt.edu.

Started in 2006 by IMG College and sponsored by the University Bookstore, the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Hokie Hero program honors Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets alumni who are currently deployed. Recipients of this honor are highlighted during the radio broadcasts of Virginia Tech football games by Bill Roth and Mike Burnop, on the Corps of Cadets website, on the Corps of Cadets alumni website, and in the Corps Review magazine. Shown here are the Hokie Heroes featured during the last half of the 2012 football season.



Capt. Andy Howell '07, USA
Kandahar Province, Afghanistan



Cmdr. Bill Balding '89, USN
Camp Arifjan, Kuwait



Capt. Mark Amos '08, USAF
Southwest Asia



Maj. Ryan Crowley '01, USAF
Southwest Asia



Lt. Cmdr. Faye Rozwadowski '01, USN
Kabul, Afghanistan



1st Lt. Pete Laclede '10, USAF
Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan

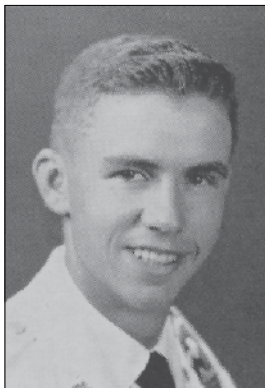


Maj. Lisa Wnek '99, Hawaii Air National Guard
Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

Lt. Cmdr. Jennifer Zuniga '99, USN
Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan

In Memory

Bushord W. Burns Jr. '55
1933 – 2012



Bushord W. Burns Jr. died Dec. 18, 2012. A 1955 graduate of Virginia Tech with a degree in accounting, Burns was a member of the Pershing Rifles and a

justice on the Honor Court. After serving in the U.S. Army, he began a career in business, working for numerous companies, including the Ford Motor Co., and sitting on the board of directors for four major businesses. Burns is survived by his wife, Dolores, two children, and two grandchildren.

George L. Cahen '49
1921 – 2012

George L. Cahen died Nov. 17, 2012. A 1949 graduate of Virginia Tech with a degree in aeronautical engineering, Cahen served as pilot during World War II, rising to the rank of captain and receiving the Silver Star. After the war, he worked at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics in Hampton, Va., and continued a successful engineering career with numerous companies. He was responsible for the early engineering work on rockets, most notably the Redstone rocket, which was used to put the first man into sub-orbital flight. Cahen is survived by two sons, two grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Joel W. Dinwiddie '42
1920 – 2012

Joel W. Dinwiddie died June 15, 2012. A 1942 graduate of Virginia Tech with a degree in agricultural econom-



wounded while leading an anti-tank platoon in the Battle for Saint-Lô, for which he received the Purple Heart. Dinwiddie is survived by his wife, Frances, a son, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Francis H. Dobbins Sr. '39
1917 – 2012

Francis H. Dobbins Sr. died Oct. 31, 2012. A 1939 graduate of Virginia Tech with a degree in animal husbandry, Dobbins was involved in animal pharmaceutical sales for most of his life. A World War II veteran who served in the 629th Tank Battalion, he saw action in the major European theaters, including D-Day +6, the Battle of the Bulge, and the Liberation of France, and was awarded the Bronze Star. Predeceased by his wife, Sadie, Dobbins is survived by a son and daughter-in-law.

Carl M. Eggleston '54
1930 – 2012



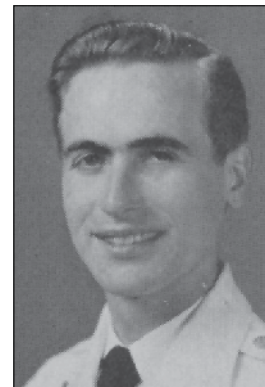
ics, Dinwiddie served in World War II as an officer in the 116th Infantry Regiment of the 29th Division. Landing on Omaha Beach on D-Day, he was severely

wounded while leading an anti-tank platoon in the Battle for Saint-Lô, for which he received the Purple Heart. Dinwiddie is survived by his wife, Frances, a son, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Carl M. Eggleston died June 13, 2012. A 1954 graduate of Virginia Tech, Eggleston was on the Bugle staff, was secretary of the Y.M.C.A., and

belonged to the Agricultural Economics Club. He served as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. Eggleston is survived by two brothers, six nephews, and two nieces.

Vernon W. Hodges '51
1929 – 2012



Vernon W. Hodges died Nov. 11, 2012. A 1951 graduate of Virginia Tech with a degree in mechanical engineering, Hodges later earned a master's degree in

systems management from the University of Southern California. After flying the F-86 Saber in the U.S. Air Force, he worked as an engineer on numerous defense programs, including the B-1 bomber. Hodges is survived by his wife, Emily, six children, 16 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Russell Inskeep Sr. '46
1924 – 2012



Russell Inskeep Sr. died Nov. 9, 2012. A 1946 graduate of Virginia Tech with a degree in dairy science, Inskeep managed the family dairy farm with the help of

his three sons. In 1971, the farm became known as Mount Pony Farms Inc. and continues to be operated by his sons. He

was known in the agricultural community as an innovative farmer and won several awards. Inskip is survived by his wife, Jean, four children, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Francis D. Irving '39
1917 – 2012



Francis D. Irving died Oct. 18, 2012. A 1939 graduate of Virginia Tech, Irving served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, rising to the rank of

captain in the Air Transport Command. After the war, he returned to his James

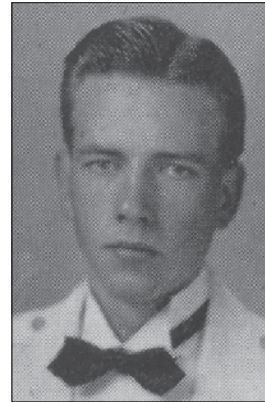
River farm, earned a master's degree in education from Virginia Tech, and taught at various schools, later serving as principal at Pamplin High School. Irving is survived by his sister and numerous family members.

Howard W. Linkous '44
1922 – 2012

Howard W. Linkous died Dec. 13, 2012. A 1944 graduate of Virginia Tech, Linkous was in O Company and played football. After serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, he was a wildlife resource officer and West Virginia's skeet-shooting champion for three years. Linkous is survived by his wife, Sue, two children, and three grandchildren.

Millard E. Rives '46
1922 – 2012

Millard E. Rives died Nov. 11, 2012. A 1946 graduate of Virginia Tech, Rives



served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II as a radio operator and a gunner on B25's. After the war, he attended broadcasting

school and worked as an announcer in commercial radio and later as an engineering technician in radio and television, employed by the U.S. Information Agency and Voice of America. In 1977, he was appointed as a foreign service reserve officer, retiring as a television broadcast supervisor in 1980. Rives is survived by his wife, Annie, three daughters, and three grandchildren.



Corps of Cadets Alumni Weekend June 21 – 23, 2013

\$150 - Registration • \$105 - Lodging

www.alumni.vt.edu/drillfieldseries/2013/corpscadets.html



Calling all cadets! Return to campus and reunite with your buds and former members of the regiment. Our first Corps of Cadets Summer Alumni Weekend event will celebrate Corps life and give alumni a chance to return to heaven—Blacksburg. Kick off the weekend on Friday evening with a BBQ at the Alumni Center, followed by a (not) very scientific tour of downtown Blacksburg (bring your coin). Relive those weekend evenings on B-pass in Blacksburg when we frequented our favorite watering holes.

Please join other former cadets from throughout the years for this special experience, and rally your buds back to Blacksburg! *Ut Prosim!*



2013 Drillfield Series

Focus on Photography 2013
May 10-11, 2013

Corps of Cadets Alumni Weekend
June 21-23, 2013

Virginia Tech Admissions Weekend
July 12-13, 2013

Women's Getaway Weekend for Alumnae
July 19-21, 2013

Learn more at www.alumni.vt.edu.

Friday, June 21

1800 - 2000

BBQ and Drinks
Holtzman Alumni Center, Terrace

2000 - 0000

Blacksburg Tour
(Transportation back to campus at 0000)

Saturday, June 22

0800 - 0900

Breakfast
The Inn at Virginia Tech, Preston's Restaurant

0930 - 1130

Option #1: Battalion Paintball
Wolf's Ridge Paintball Inc., Christiansburg, VA
(Additional fee of \$25)

Option #2: Civil War Session
Holtzman Alumni Center, Assembly Hall

1200 - 1400

Lunch: Alumni Reflections and Observations
(All Corps alumni are welcome to participate and offer stories and reflections.)
The Inn at Virginia Tech, Latham Ballroom C

1430 - 1630

Option #1: Guided Tour of Football and Basketball Facilities
Virginia Tech Campus

Option #2: Recreational Shooting and Competition
Jefferson National Forest Shooting Range
(Bring your own firearm)

1800 - 1900

Reception with Host Bar
The Inn at Virginia Tech, Latham Ballroom C

1900 - 2200

Dinner Reception with Presentation by Maj. Gen. Fullhart, commandant of cadets (Casual dress)
The Inn at Virginia Tech, Latham Ballroom C

Sunday, June 23

0700 - 0730

Optional Campus PT with Jodies

0830 - 0930

Ut Prosim Session with Continental Breakfast
The Corps' recruiting officer and Alumni Recruiting Task Force chair will discuss the many ways Corps alums can help bring in the best and brightest cadets to our regiment today.
The Inn at Virginia Tech, Assembly Hall



Corps Homecoming • September 20-21, 2013

Virginia Tech vs. Marshall University



Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets alumni, return to campus to celebrate our annual Corps homecoming! This is a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends who shared the cadet experience that forged in us the importance of values and character.

This year, registration opens on Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. Formal retreat by the regiment will take place on the Upper Quad at approximately 4:45 p.m. The Friday night Cadet Leadership Reception and Dinner at The Inn at Virginia Tech is a coat-and-tie affair where you can meet and hear from today's cadet leadership.

Saturday will feature our annual homecoming meal, which we anticipate being a post-game dinner at The Inn at Virginia Tech after the Hokies' victory. This casual-dress event will include good food and fellowship, as well as the opportunity to hear from a special guest speaker (TBD). In addition, Commandant of Cadets Maj. Gen. Randy Fullhart will present an update on facilities upgrades and continuing improvements to the leader development program.

Plan to participate in a special annual tradition, the alumni regiment march onto Worsham Field at Lane Stadium before kickoff. Join your classmates for this unique experience, and rally to your unit guidons! **

** Please register online for Corps Homecoming. You can choose the specific events you want to participate in, as well as order Corps alumni hats and polo shirts to be worn during the march-on. Prices for all events and merchandise can be found on the registration site.

Corps Homecoming Registration Website

www.alumni.vt.edu/reunion/vtcc/index.html

Corps Homecoming Registration Details

Cancellation:

- The last day to receive a refund for cancellation is 30 days prior to the event date.
- If you cancel your event registration, your accompanying request for game tickets will be canceled. Ticket refunds will be processed only if the canceled ticket can be resold.
- Individual hotel cancellation policies apply. Please see lodging information below.

Game Tickets (when applicable):

- Game tickets purchased as part of event registration are for registered event participants only.
- Game tickets are \$50 each and are limited in quantity, available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- There is a limit of one ticket per paid registrant and a maximum of four game tickets per registration form.
- Game tickets will not be mailed. They will be available for pickup photo ID at event registration.
- Everyone who enters Lane Stadium must have a game ticket, including infants.

Lodging (when applicable):

- Rooms are limited and are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Room preferences are not guaranteed.
- Telephone reservations are not accepted at The Inn at Virginia Tech.
- Confirmation will be provided by the hotel. Please review this confirmation for accuracy of arrival and departure dates.

Confirmation:

- Confirmations detailing event registration will be sent prior to the event.
- For 2013 events: If the Alumni Association receives your event registration by July 1, 2013, confirmation will be sent by July 15, 2013. Registrations received after July 1, 2013 will be confirmed as soon as possible, prior to the event date.

Come To Corps Homecoming 2013 And Reunite With Old Buds And Classmates!

May Your Hero



Become Our Hero

The Virginia Tech Aviation Wall of Fame is a memorial dedicated to recognizing Virginia Tech alumni who have distinguished themselves through significant contributions, service, and sacrifice in the field of aviation or aerospace. To honor these outstanding alumni, their names are inscribed on the Hokie Stone wall in the lobby of the Virginia Tech Airport. The wall and its associated affairs are administered by the Robert E. Fermoyer Squadron of Arnold Air Society of Detachment 875, Air Force ROTC, at Virginia Tech.

Nominations are open to recognize Virginia Tech alumni who have achieved one or more of the following distinctions:

- Heroism through aviation;
- Leadership in the development of aircraft or spacecraft;
- Accomplishments as a commercial or military aviator;
- Significant contributions to the field of aviation, aircraft design, or space travel.

Applications for nominees are accepted year-round; however, applications submitted after May 1 will not be reviewed for inclusion in that year's ceremony. For more information, contact Arnold Air Society at Virginia Tech.

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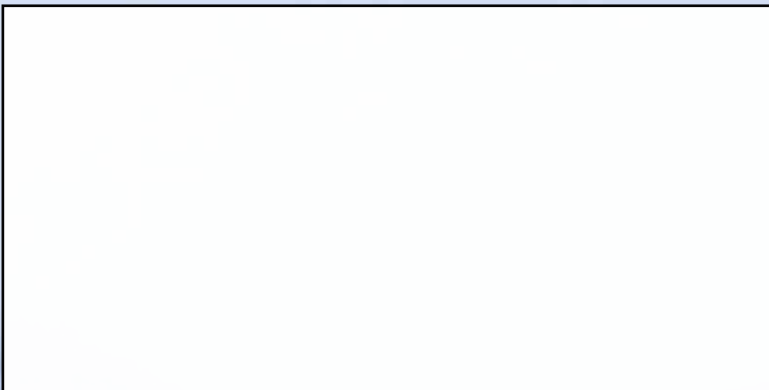


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