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**Get to
Know
Growley**





Corps of Cadets alumni form up on Worsham Field during the pregame ceremony at the Sept. 23 Corps Reunion football game against Old Dominion, also Military Appreciation Day. G Company boasted the largest year-range between the commander and guidon bearer — 57 years! Pictured are Winton Spiller '60 and Sam Meaux '17.

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Front cover: Corps of Cadets ambassador Growley II (call sign "Tank") sits in front of Lane Hall. Photo by H. Pat Artis VT'71.

Back cover: The regimental staff for the fall semester are, from left, Benjamin Reilly '18, Amanda Jacobson '18, Virginia Frischkorn '18, Daniel Steiner '18, Mairead Novak '18, Nicholas Chan '18, Casey Soper '18, and Patrick Munro '17. Photo by H. Pat Artis VT'71.

From the Desk of the Alumni Director

As we cap off another successful season with the Corps and Highy-Tighty reunions, we thank the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets (VTCC) alumni who participated! The best parts were getting to see friends, marching with buds onto Worsham Field, and participating in the homecoming parade. Great memories

were made! If you did not make it this year, please plan to be here in 2018.

On another note, I've received so many great alumni pictures recently I'm including as many as I can fit in this edition.

Please send us more! *Ut Prosim!*

— Col. Patience Larkin (retired)'87
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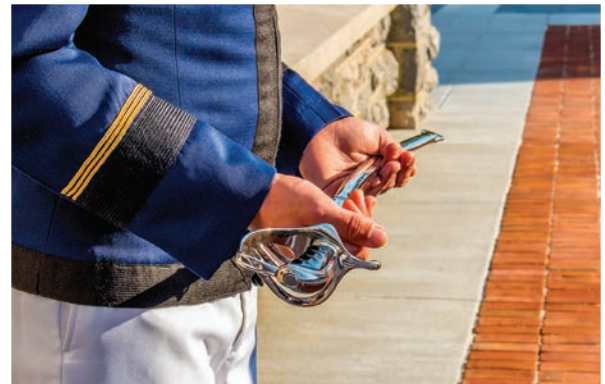
Upcoming Events

- **Dec. 11:** VTCC Alumni Board of Directors Executive Committee meeting
- **Feb. 22, 2018:** Gunfighter Panel
- **March 23, 2018:** Ring Dance, Class of 2019
- **April 5, 2018:** Cutchins Distinguished Lecture
- **April 27, 2018:** VTCC Alumni Board of Directors meeting
- **April 28, 2018:** VTCC Change of Command and Highy-Tighty Alumni Board Meeting
- **May 1, 2018:** Tickets for the VTCC Alumni Row for fall 2018 home football games go on sale
- **Note:** Dates for the 2018 Corps and Highy-Tighty Reunions will be sent out via Class Champions as soon as the Virginia Tech Alumni Association sets them.



JROTC cadets participated in a STEM Camp in Pearson Hall in June. During the week, they raised and lowered the colors, participated in daily physical training, and attended sessions such as first aid and map reading. This camp hits many university priorities in a meaningful way for at-risk students and "first in family" to go to college.

Announcements



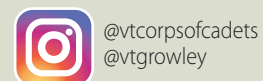
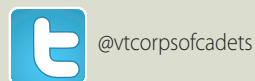
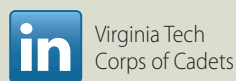
Lt. Alan C. Urban '86 died in the December 1988 crash of an Army Chinook helicopter in Honduras. His family recently donated his saber back to his former Corps unit, Alpha Company, for future unit commanders to carry. Alpha held a ceremony on the "VT" sidewalk in September to honor Urban and symbolically pass the saber to the first company commander. Cadets also framed Urban's biography and senior year picture and will keep it on display in their company room in Pearson Hall.



In 2014, Matt Bellina '05, at center, a U.S. Navy Prowler pilot, was diagnosed with ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) at 30 years old. Bellina and his wife, Caitlin, as well as their family and friends, have worked for years to fight for the Right To Try and to raise funds for ALS Research for a Cure. In September, Matt and his team raised over \$311,000 by participating in Philadelphia's Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon. Google Matthew Bellina to read more about his fight against this horrible disease. *Ut Prosim*, Matt!



Ken Pryor '89 gave Eric Zimmerman '16 a tour of his workplace at the National Center for Weather and Climate Prediction. Zimmerman was able to check out the Center for Satellite Applications and Research and the Weather Prediction Center. Alumni mentoring our own!





Life is About Challenges

By Maj. Susan Frank '07, U.S. Air Force

I graduated from Virginia Tech in the tragic year that was 2007, and since then, I have served 10 years in the U.S. Air Force, both on active duty and in the reserve.

The time I spent with the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets (VTCC) was a game-changer for me; I grew and matured in ways that would not have been possible at a non-senior military college Air Force ROTC (AFROTC) program.

The unique program that is the VTCC offered me both the military structure and discipline of a corps of cadets while allowing me the freedom to mature into adulthood. I left the VTCC with a solid understanding of military structure, the chain of command, discipline, and honor. At the same time, the program wasn't overly restrictive, so I still learned effective time management, how to exercise good judgment, and the ability to balance a myriad of being-on-your-own demands and responsibilities.

I also had a very narrow point of view in high school, but my time at Virginia Tech exposed me to a multitude of backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. When I graduated in 2007, I saw the world less in absolutes and more in shades of gray.

Since graduation, I've spent my working life serving the U.S. Air Force as a logistics readiness officer (LRO). The LRO career field is broad, and the processes within the field are complex.

Eight enlisted functional specialties fall within the spectrum of an LRO: fuels, supply, vehicle operations, vehicle maintenance, air transportation, logistics plans, traffic management (inbound/outbound cargo and passengers), and training. As generalists, LROs

are expected to be the “jack of all trades and the master of none.” With so many different functional areas, even gaining a general level of knowledge is difficult as each career field comes with its own unique set of processes, systems, and guiding regulations.

However, I've learned over the years that the enlisted force is far beyond capable. The many young airmen, experienced non-commissioned officers, and senior non-commissioned officers (SNCOs) I worked with were pros at getting the mission done, which allowed me to focus on the broader picture. This perspective began taking shape during my first assignment as a second lieutenant at Hurlburt Field, Florida.

My squadron commander first placed me as an officer-in-charge within Fuels Management Flight. I was only in fuels management for one year before my commander rotated me to a new

flight, but in that short amount of time I grew immensely. I learned how to be the “new kid on the block” and promote organizational improvements while still maintaining working relationships with the enlisted force that had been there long before me (and would continue to be there long after me). SNCOs took me under their wing and taught me to write awards packages and performance reports. I learned and honed my mentoring and counseling skills — specifically the ability to talk to people about change and process improvement without putting them on the defensive. All of these concepts I learned in my AFROTC classes at Virginia Tech, but I practiced and developed them in my first assignment.

All of these skills translated easily to my next assignment within Material Management (supply). This was even more challenging than fuels for the simple reason that the organization was much larger — nearly triple the number of airmen.

This is when the time-management skills that I had started developing during my time with the VTCC really came to work for me. I had to balance all the paperwork (routine, disciplinary, projects, etc.) that was part of my duties with the need to be an approachable leader. I wanted my airmen to see me out and about in the warehouse, so they would know first-hand that I knew what their day-to-day environment was like. This also allowed me to create opportunities to get to know them and their jobs on a more personal level.

I still look back and reflect on how I could have done that better. The astronomical amount of desk-work and emails that go into running a flight really make it challenging to be that “walkabout” leader.

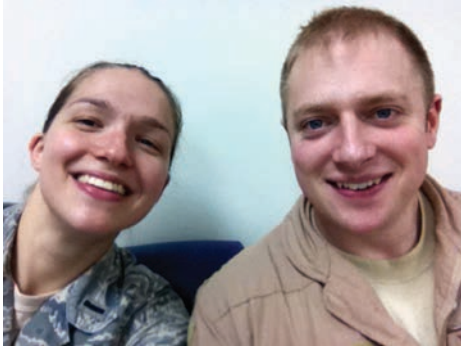
While I was assigned to material management, I also deployed twice.

I deployed to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, in 2010 after a massive earthquake



At left: Maj. Susan Frank poses for a picture in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, after the 2010 earthquake. A Japanese C-130 is parked behind her. Above: Frank, bottom row at left, with Virginia Military Institute cadets at Camp Shelby, Louisiana, this summer to support Air Force ROTC summer training. Below: Frank's sister, Vanessa Austin, gives her a first salute after Frank commissioned in May 2007.





At top left: Maj. Susan Frank and her husband, Maj. Adam Frank, while deployed together in 2011. At bottom left: Frank and Cory Dieterich '08 in Lane Stadium. Above: Frank talks with contractors delivering fuel by barge when she was assigned to the Fuels Management Flight at Hurlburt Field, Florida, in 2008.

devastated the country. I was part of a special operations team sent to reopen the airfield so that USAID and other organizations could send humanitarian relief. As one of two LROs sent to Haiti, I worked with a handful of our enlisted counterparts, the newly formed Hurlburt Logistics Sustainment Cell, and other organizations to provide logistics support for the broader team. It was a huge learning experience for me as it was my first exposure to the amount of detailed planning and coordination that goes into setting up and sustaining a forward-operating location.

The hours were long and eating MREs daily got old pretty fast, but the work was so meaningful that none of us really cared. The Haitian people were in dire need of aid, and we knew our work allowed the Tactical Air Control Party airmen to do the critical work they needed to do: provide air traffic control for the humanitarian missions flying into Port-au-Prince. Ultimately, this team effort brought the Haitian people the immediate relief they needed.

For my second deployment, I

worked within a broader theater as the deputy director of logistics and maintenance (J4) for the Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component. Again, I worked with a team of enlisted functional experts, and together we managed all of the Air Force Special Operations cargo and passengers coming into, out of, and traveling within the United States Central Command theater.

This job exposed me to the challenges of coordinating efforts between a plethora of higher-level organizations. It was all desk work because at the headquarters level we didn't directly operate any aircraft, but I enjoyed it immensely. I enjoyed the opportunity to work with all of these organizations to improve and sustain the processes that transported key personnel and cargo. Our organization worked hard to get people home at the end of their deployments as quickly and painlessly as possible. Likewise, we worked hard to get people out to their deployed location so they could begin the critical work they needed to do to support the mission.

After my second deployment, I did a

short, one-year stint as a group executive officer. The work played into my strengths, so I thrived in that environment and was fortunate to have an amazing mission support group commander. All of the task management, scheduling, coordination, and diplomatic skills that go into being a good executive officer were all skills that I started developing as a cadet and continued to strengthen over the course of my career. Fortunately, my boss was very down-to-earth and gave me ample opportunities for mentorship and growth.

When I finished up my tour as an executive officer, I had a newfound appreciation for the broad range of tasks that run across a mission support group commander's desk.

It was about this time that my first son, Matthew, was born and our family came to a crossroads. My husband was an active duty AC-130U gunship combat systems officer, and he deployed fairly often (two to three 60-day deployments a year). I was torn between providing a stable family life for my newborn son and continuing to serve as



Maj. Susan Frank and her son, Matthew. At the time, she was a reservist, serving as the director of operations for the 919th Special Operations Logistics Readiness Squadron in Duke Field, Florida

an active duty LRO. Ultimately, I made the tough call to join the Air Force Reserve, and I transitioned from Hurlburt Field to the neighboring Duke Field, Florida.

At Duke Field, I started off right back in Material Management (supply), and not long after, I transitioned into the director of operations role. Although I had previous logistics experience, the Air Force Reserve came with a new set of challenges. A reserve unit has to cope with unique challenges such as an airman being laid off from a civilian job, airmen struggling to find time to exercise with hectic civilian work schedules, and a myriad of other concerns.

Currently, I am back on active duty as an AFROTC instructor at Virginia Military Institute (VMI). In this position, I have the unique privilege and opportunity to mentor and teach some of the future generations of Air Force officers. I've also seen first-hand how a different senior military college operates, and all I'll say on that point is that VMI and the VTCC are definitely two unique programs, each with its own set

of strengths and weaknesses.

To me, life has been a series of challenges. Current challenges prepare you for future ones without you really knowing what you are preparing for, except for the knowledge that if you're not giving up in the present you are that much less likely to give up in the future. And the challenges that have accompanied military duty assignments are only one small piece of this puzzle.

My perspective on life has also largely been shaped by great personal loss. Not the least of which is Cadet Matthew La Porte, who died in the April 16, 2007, tragedy at Virginia Tech. He was my former AFROTC flight physical training leader, a member of the cadet Air Force Special Operations Prep Team, and a spirited cadet with a bright future. I also know he was brave and a hero, but whenever I think of him I am always struck by the magnitude of his sacrifice ... the loss of his life.

Fast-forward through time and on Dec. 8, 2014, my second son, William, died at 3 months old for undetermined reasons (aka Sudden Infant Death Syn-

drome). His death would have broken me if not for my motherly sense of duty and the love and support of family and friends. As his mother, I felt an obligation to take action to honor William's short life, and I knew that my oldest still needed me.

Thanks to the support of my husband, family, and friends, I somehow made it through the funeral and the moments of grief that follow me today. I still miss him terribly. I can't even bring myself to remove the pictures and videos of William off my phone, but I keep on pressing forward and living life as fully as possible because to do any less would be a dishonor to those who didn't get much of a chance at all.

The 10 years since graduation have definitely been a dramatic journey, mostly filled with joy but overshadowed at times by unbearable sadness. I continue to take pride in serving my country and look forward to the work-related challenges the next military assignment will bring. At the same time, I hold on to the hope that life will be less cruel in the future.



Growley II (call sign "Tank") wears the same uniform of the day as the cadets. His is called a "Tankerchief."

Our Amicable Ambassador

By Cadet LeeAnn Jones '19

After the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets' last formation of the 2016-17 school year, Growley II (call sign "Tank") stared patiently at his cadet handler, waiting for his next command.

"People have talked about bringing a dog into the Corps for quite some time. Someone tried back in the '90s but it just didn't work out, but I figured I'd give it a go," said Zackary Sever '17, the cadet who proposed the Corps' canine ambassador program.

There is a legend in Corps history that, during the Depression, the commandant of cadets owned a dog named Growley. Cadets would sacrifice scraps from their breakfast to feed the dog.

Years later, another Growley has found a home within the Corps.

This Growley was thought up by cadets from Echo Company in February



Growley nuzzles Regimental Handler Eleanor Franc '19 during the Sept. 30 football game against Clemson.

2016 who were looking to address morale issues in the Corps. Sever took their idea and helped make it a reality.

The program is built off the precedent set by Texas A&M University, which has had a canine ambassador named Reveille since 1931.

With the help of the university's legal

department and Col. Patience Larkin '87, the Corps' alumni director, Sever put together a detailed concept for the program for Maj. Gen. Randal Fullhart, the commandant of cadets.

Sever was ecstatic when the commandant agreed.

"Over the summer I wrote 48 pages worth of rules and regulations for the program," Sever said.

The dog came in the form of an English Labrador retriever named Tank, bred by CiaoBella Retrievers in Troutville, Virginia. The breeder supports service dog organizations by donating puppies.

Tank was born April 24, 2013. After 7 1/2 weeks, Tank was tested to see if he qualified to be one of CiaoBella's donations. He checked every box.

CiaoBella gave Tank to Saint Francis Service Dogs in Roanoke, Virginia,



At left: Growley goes on this fall's Caldwell March with first-year cadets and their training cadre. Above: Growley and Zackary Sever '17 greet fans at Hokie Village before the 2016 football game against Miami.

to train as a seeing eye dog. Tank's time with Saint Francis was spent between a surrogate family and the Bland County Correctional Facility, where an inmate took care of him. The program usually lasts two years, and the training to become a seeing eye dog is one of the hardest paths a dog can take.

After 18 months, it was determined that Tank would make a better therapy dog because of his social personality. So Tank returned to CiaoBella and earned American Kennel Club certifications, including the Therapy Dog Novice Title.

Tank's call to service came again in July 2016 when his family brought him to the Virginia Tech campus.

"As soon as I met him I knew he was the perfect dog," Sever said.

On Aug. 28, 2016, Tank's name became a call sign, and he was officially known as Growley II.

As the school year started, Growley and Sever spent all their time together, adjusting to their new roles and living situations. Growley required a few weeks to grow comfortable with his new family of over 1,000 cadets.

Cadet Quinton Cookis '18, took

over as the Growley Unit commander in April. Cadet Eleanor Franc '19, now serves as regimental handler, Growley's primary caregiver. They are two of a nine-person team that cares for the 4-year-old dog.

"He is the funniest dog I have ever met. He has so much personality," Franc said.

Franc and Cookis explained that the average day with Growley consists of three 20-minute walks, a series of games like fetch with the sophomores, grooming and health care every evening by juniors, and any events that require his appearance.

Senior cadets are responsible for interacting with the public and ensuring that the program is adhering to U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) rules for his care and training plans.

As part of his USDA certification, inspectors make unannounced visits to campus to check on his care and accommodations.

Cookis detailed his plan for the program in the coming year: "Phase One was letting the whole Corps know that he's their dog. Phase Two is letting the

university know that he's their dog too. You're seeing that he just got put on the Class of 2019 ring. He will forever be their dog. People are really buying into the program to the point we are having major university events asking us to have him there, such as recruiting for the university as a whole, not just the Corps."

Virginia Tech encourages students to embrace *Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve), enriching their lives by serving others. From birth, Growley has lived a life of service. Now, he embodies that selfless idea as a representative of the Corps.

Growley is a friendly face that invites people to get to know the Corps. For the cadets who take care of him, there couldn't be a better dog for the job.

"I see Growley becoming the true ambassador for the university. The HokieBird will forever be our mascot, but Growley is the living ambassador. He is going to be the face of the Corps. As you see when we're marching and at the football games, when he is announced the crowd lights up, everyone's eyes are on him. I see him being our representation." Cookis said, "He's your dog. He's our dog. That's my dog."



Bill and Barbara May

Helping Others Get Ahead

By Albert Raboteau and Rich Polikoff, Advancement Division

If Cadet Karl Krull '19 chooses to pursue law school, he can get valuable advice from Bill May '64, who spent 21 years as general counsel for Beckman Coulter Inc., a medical-diagnostics and life-sciences instrumentation company with \$4 billion annual revenue and 10,000 employees worldwide.

Even if Krull chooses a different career, he has a stronger start on it thanks to May's role in his life. Without the William H. May '64 and Barbara J. May Endowed Scholarship, Krull could not have interned on Capitol Hill this spring.

"I'm an out-of-state student, and it's more expensive," said the native of Western Spring, Illinois. "If not for this scholarship, there would be no way for me to participate in special programs like a Washington semester."

May also came to the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets from out of state. A Baltimore-area native, he earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, rose to captain of Squadron A, was a member of the Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society, and as a senior was treasurer of the Cotillion Club.

After graduating, May served as a



Karl Krull '19

captain in the Air Force Systems Command. He met his wife of 47 years while stationed in California working in research and development on the Minuteman Missile program. After leaving the military, May earned a law degree from the University of Virginia, worked a few years as a patent attorney, and then joined Beckman, where he spent the rest of his career. By age 41, he was a senior vice president, general counsel, and secretary for the company.

"Even though I did not become a career engineer, Beckman was a scientific company," said May, who lives in Villa Park, California. "So the fact that I had a scientific background from Virginia Tech was very important."

Within his community, May shows the same spirit of generosity that leads

him to give back to Virginia Tech. He was vice chairman of the San Diego Zoo board and a member of the Santa Ana School Board.

He presently is on the Boys Latin School of Maryland board and is chairman of the board for the \$600 million Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation, which supports young scientists doing leading-edge research.

May said a 25th reunion was actually his first time back on Virginia Tech's campus in two decades, but "seeing friends again 25 years later, we just picked up like it was yesterday."

Since then, he and his wife — members of the Ut Prosim Society of donors — have returned many times. They hold football season tickets and in fact own a townhome in Blacksburg.

"The academic programs, the Corps of Cadets, and the heartbeat of Virginia Tech just make me feel good," May said. "I appreciate it even more now that I'm older."

For the Corps and the many cadets the Mays have helped through their scholarship, the appreciation is certainly mutual.

The Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets honored Veterans Day and the service of our nation's veterans on Nov. 10, beginning with a remembrance ceremony at the War Memorial. Professor of Aerospace Studies Col. Cameron Torrens, who oversees Air Force ROTC Detachment 875, spoke. That afternoon, the Corps held a special ceremony to add the name of the late Luther James Doss Jr. of the Virginia Tech Class of 1970 to the Honor Pylon. Doss was killed in action on April 30, 1970, in the Binh Dinh Province of South Vietnam while trying to rescue eight soldiers who were surrounded by attacking forces.



Cadets from Echo Company maintained a vigil at War Memorial Court.



Color guard cadets prepared to raise the flag during morning formation.



A wreath is placed at the cenotaph during the Veterans Day remembrance ceremony at War Memorial Court.



The name of Luther James Doss Jr. VT'70 was added to the Honor Pylon.



The Doss family in attendance included, from left, his widow, Barbara Doss Rookstool; son, David Doss; and grandchildren, Summer and James.



The colors are lowered during a formal retreat ceremony.



These Cyclone-class coastal patrol ships are forward deployed to NSA Bahrain. NSA Bahrain provides an operational platform for these ships, as well as visiting deployers such as cruisers, amphibious ships, aircraft carriers, and others, to stop for maintenance, resupply, and rest for the crew. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Victoria Kinney)

Welcome to NSA Bahrain

By Lt. Javan Rasnake '09, U.S. Navy

Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain is a 145-acre naval installation positioned in the northeast of the Kingdom of Bahrain. The base has existed in its current, expanded form since 1997, but a U.S. presence has existed in Bahrain since 1948.

Over 8,000 U.S. military personnel, civilians, and their families live in Bahrain and work on the base, and in addition to providing services to military commands, the base provides life support services to these Americans.

NSA Bahrain is a complex organization. With over 750 personnel spread across nine departments and divisions, order and precision are prerequisites for successful operation. NSA Bahrain is run like a city: We are the service providers (police, fire, emergency medical, and even drinking water) for our citizens, made up of the 147 tenant

commands residing on base. A tenant command is a military command that utilizes space on an installation.

Naval installations are chartered to support the “fleet, fighter, and family,” and part of this continuum of support is to provide services at a high standard of excellence so that tenant commands can solely focus on their warfighting mission. Fully focused military commands are the most efficient, and those of us on installations ensure that warfighters never need to worry about quality of civil services, where to get a good meal, or how to entertain their families.

At NSA Bahrain, we operate in a “high speed, low drag” environment. With our tenant commands operating warfighting missions every day, there is no room for error, and personnel must be at the top of their game at all times. NSA Bahrain — and all of our tenants — are highly desired duty stations for those personnel who want a challenge in their careers and are ready to test their skills in a demanding operational environment.

In other words, it’s a great place for Hokies.

As Hokies, we are always on the lookout for those who share our alma mater. While I’ve been the public affairs officer here at NSA Bahrain, I’ve had the opportunity to reconnect with several of my former classmates, all in

important, challenging jobs: one an operations officer on a ship, one a politico-military staff officer, one a team leader for a civil affairs company. The bottom line is that NSA Bahrain is a place that attracts those who enjoy challenges, so therefore, it attracts Hokies.

Every naval installation has a certain capacity for operations, and installation capacity is best understood by viewing the services bases provide as eight lines of operation. They are: port operations; air operations; safety; security; housing, morale, welfare, and recreation (MWR); fleet and family services; and core.

Port and Air Operations

The operations department of NSA Bahrain is responsible for the two most forward-facing services provided by the installation: provision of capacity for the operation and maintenance of ships and aircraft. Port operations provides the traditional capabilities required by naval bases: the ability to efficiently provide pier space, maintenance, and husbanding services to both forward-deployed and visiting ships. NSA Bahrain is critical to American decision-makers as it provides defensive and offensive

options in regional choke points such as the Strait of Hormuz and the Bab al Mandeb. Providing the capacity to host ships ranging in size from patrol coastal craft to aircraft carriers, the NSA Bahrain port operations department provides a scalable capacity for harbor management.

Air operations at NSA Bahrain provides transportation capabilities to Department of Defense equities in the region. In addition to maintaining airport facilities in Bahrain, the air operations department maintains a fleet of Beechcraft C-12 Hurons used for passenger and light cargo transport. The air operations department flies daily missions in support of mission objectives.

Safety and Security

Naval installations are responsible for providing security to the base and tenants. The installation provides services to ensure that the operational tenant commands can concentrate entirely on their missions without needing to concern themselves with management of local security. Therefore, and especially overseas, providing ironclad, professional security is a primary duty.

The security force at NSA Bahrain is manned entirely by a force of Navy Masters-at-Arms, the Navy military police rating. Most of these are young sailors who volunteer for duty at NSA Bahrain to experience the challenges and potential rewards of this high-visibility job. In addition to providing general base security, management of entry and exit points, and other law enforcement functions analogous to a local police department, NSA Bahrain security forces maintain the largest military working dog kennel in the Navy.

Core

NSA Bahrain is responsible for providing core infrastructure to the base and tenants. This core infrastructure mirrors in many ways the services provided by many municipalities in the U.S. This includes water, electricity, communications infrastructure, and air conditioning. The water is provided from a state-of-the-art reverse osmosis facility.

These basic services are required for the operation of all tenants working on NSA Bahrain. All of this work is achieved by a diverse group composed of Navy engineers, civilians, and contract employees.

Shopping, Recreation, and Housing

NSA Bahrain is responsible for much more than just the nuts-and-bolts operation of the installation. Tens of thousands of sailors visit NSA Bahrain each year in the course of ship visits, and most of them have been at sea for extended periods. NSA Bahrain strives to provide services to cater to the needs of these visiting servicemen and women. To meet this goal, many services are provided, including a large Navy Exchange, in addition to a five-star morale, welfare, and recreation program and a housing office.

The Navy Exchange is a department



The Kingdom of Bahrain is a critical U.S. partner. In this image, the King of Bahrain, His Royal Highness King Hamad bin Isa al Khalifa, visits the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower off the coast of Bahrain. The U.S. and Bahrain are both members of the Bahrain-based Combined Maritime Forces, a 32-member naval partnership focused on maritime security, counter-piracy, and counter-terrorism operations. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Bradley Evans)

Petty Officer
3rd Class Beau
Johnson, assigned
to Fleet Logistics
Support Squadron
40 Detachment IV,
signals during flight
preparations for a
C-2A Greyhound at
NSA Bahrain's aviation
unit. NSA Bahrain
provides critical
services to U.S. and
partner forces in the
region, generating the
capability necessary
for ships and aircraft
to operate. (U.S. Navy
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store catering specifically to the needs of sailors and their families. The exchange provides everything from necessities to leisure items and clothes and importantly in Bahrain, where there is no commissary, a very large selection of grocery items. Critically, the exchange provides many American items available nowhere else in Bahrain. Also, the exchange provides a number of additional services, such as a salon and spa, a local souvenir shop, a bike shop, and others.

MWR focuses on fun recreational opportunities for sailors. NSA Bahrain's MWR program is one of the largest and best in the Navy. In addition to visiting sailors, NSA Bahrain has a large resident population of young and single sailors. MWR provides year-round entertainment including athletic events, concerts from popular artists, and local travel opportunities. MWR also manages many of the service facilities on base, such as the gym, the swimming pool, and even a rock climbing wall. MWR maintains a liberty center specifically for single sailors and even a library.

The housing department fills many roles. In addition to maintaining the housing for personnel on base, the

department runs a large program that manages the many personnel living in leased quarters out in town and also organizes hotels for visiting personnel.

The Bottom Line

NSA Bahrain is a capable, flexible operational platform that provides options to our national leaders. The presence of a state-of-the-art port facility in the Arabian Gulf is a major contributor to providing naval presence in the region, which ensures the continued free flow of trade and commerce.

NSA Bahrain is also an example of the importance of leaders of quality and integrity like those produced by the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets. High-priority military commands and missions require motivated officers to lead them. As one of the nation's senior military colleges, Virginia Tech has an obligation to continue producing leaders who not only will lead the personnel under their direct authority, but who will be influencers and thought leaders in the officer corps itself.

The Corps is made for this. As a cadet, I didn't really understand what Lt. Col. Charles Payne, the deputy

commandant for 3rd Battalion, and the other assistant commandants meant when they said that the Corps of Cadets is a "leadership laboratory." Now I do. The fact is that many officers leading the military services today have not had the opportunity of a leadership lab experience such as we Hokies have. The Corps produces officers who are prepared out of the gate to be leaders in their field. As a Corps graduate, you've already experienced peer leadership, task management, small-team objective-based task accomplishment, and innumerable other skills that aren't built into a civilian experience like they are in the Corps.

I am grateful for my experience in the Corps of Cadets. Virginia Tech, and the Corps, does our nation a great service by providing leaders of character who are ready to take critical jobs in every branch of the military. Whether serving at a critical naval installation such as NSA Bahrain, as an infantry officer, a pilot, or in any other field, the Corps produces leaders who are ready to lead with the spirit of *Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve).

We celebrated another successful Corps Reunion Sept. 22-23, filled with camaraderie, great weather, and a win in Lane Stadium for Military Appreciation Day.



Navy Cmdr. Daniel Bense '99 and Marine Lt. Col. Lawrence Lowman '99 addressed cadets during the Gunfighter Panel.



University President Tim Sands and Georgia Anne Snyder-Falkinham pull back a black cloth to unveil the marker for the Peter Caldwell Snyder Flaggpole Plaza, located between Lane Hall and Alumni Mall. Snyder was a member of the Corps of Cadets Class of 1958.



Friday evening's social hour offered plenty of time to catch up with friends.



Alumni march onto Worsham Field at the start of Saturday's football game. The Hokies won over Old Dominion University, 38-0.



Corps alumni were among the veterans recognized in the stands of Lane Stadium during Saturday's Military Appreciation Day game.



Congressman Rob Wittman '81 was the keynote speaker for the Corps Reunion dinner at The Inn at Virginia Tech.

Class Notes

Submit your deployments, job and rank changes, awards and honors, family announcements, photos, and other news and updates online at vtcc.vt.edu/classnotes. We are honored to begin highlighting our alumni's achievements and life events.

1970s

Highly-Tighty Alumni President **Chuck Rowell '72** sports the hat and represents the Corps of Cadets at the 2017 U.S. Open.



1980s

Gene Edwards '88 became the director of logistics planning and optimization at RetailData LLC, the leading data collection and analysis partner.

1990s

Kate (O'Brien) Hutson '90 was promoted to colonel in the New York Air National Guard. A veteran of the Iraq War, Hutson is the commander of the 174th Maintenance Group in Syracuse, New York. Her group provides MQ-9 Remotely Piloted Aircraft to support pilot and sensor training and MQ-9 maintenance training to guard, active-duty, and international students, and a forward-operating location at Wheeler Sack Army Airfield, New York. She was promoted June 29.



Col. Ed Chamberlayne '93 and **Col. Chip Daniels '93** stopped by the Corps of Cadets/Army ROTC tent at the Army Ten Miler.

2000s

VTCC Alumni Board of Directors member U.S. Navy **Cmdr. Jacob Braun '00** took command this summer of the USS Chafee out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

2010s

Zachary Oman '12 was presented with the Professional Circle Honor from the Boy Scouts of America in recognition of his commitment to personal growth, leadership development, and professional achievements.



Lt. JG Brian Hagerty '14 serves as the assistant operations officer aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Healy. Hagerty and the Healy are conducting icebreaking and scientific research missions in the Arctic Ocean basin.

2nd Lt. Stephen Dillon '15 graduated from Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, earning his wings and becoming a pilot in the Air Force. He will go on to fly the C-17 Globemaster III.



Somewhere over the skies of Syria in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, U.S. Navy Lt. **William Richardson '10** pilots the F/A-18E and shows his Hokie pride simultaneously.

2nd Lt Allison (Laclede) Tillotson '15, and husband, 2nd Lt Ian Tillotson '14, stand in front of a F-16 Fighting Falcon at Kunsan Air Base, South Korea. Allison is the chief of squadron intelligence at the 80th Fighter Squadron at Kunsan, and Ian recently graduated Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma. Ian is headed to Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, for the F-16 B-Course, so this Hokie couple will be a Viper family for a while.



This is the official Hokie photo of E-Frat alumni **Kylie Himmelberger Carroll '16** and **Nick Carroll '17** and their wedding party.



Going From Good to Great

By Commandant of Cadets Maj. Gen. Randal D. Fullhart, U.S. Air Force (retired)

As I reflect back on the year, I am reminded of the questions I'm always asked by alumni and friends of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets. The first is, "How are things going?" A close second is, "How many cadets do we have now?"

The second one is easy to answer: We started this year with 1,062 cadets. That generally leads to, "Are we going to continue to grow the Corps?"

Every senior military college in the country has some form of physical limit, usually set by bed space.

Texas A&M University now has over 2,600 cadets, and its president has asked the corps to grow to 3,000. Residence

halls and staff are being added to meet that challenge.

Our two new residence halls can handle up to 1,097 cadets. We were at 1,093 last year. We can go to 1,115 if forced to put beds in lounges, but that is counterproductive to the mission.

Other senior military colleges assign a staff member to every company-sized unit. We are not funded to do that. We have two staff members — a deputy commandant and a senior enlisted advisor — for every four companies. Each of them carry several additional duties.

How are things going? The answer this year is, "Very good, but..." If this

program and this institution are going to live up to their potential, we have to acknowledge that to be great is going to take all of us, working together, to make that happen. Let me offer some updates and efforts to this end.

Corps Leadership and Military Science Building

We have an approved project, preliminary design complete and private money to support a sizeable portion of the project. We need support in Richmond to get the state funding approved. Let your representatives know how important their support is for the Corps.



Members of the Corps' Color Guard fold the American flag after evening retreat.

Unique Military Activities Funds

Cadet tuition and fees paid to Virginia Tech do not come to the Corps. The only thing we charge for is uniforms, and that cost is mostly covered by the military services for those on ROTC contracts and a portion is covered by the state for those in the Citizen-Leader Track.

The “cost of being a cadet” is about \$350 a year, at most. That fee can be completely covered by things like an Emerging Leader Scholarship.

Our only funding through the state budget comes as Unique Military Activities Funds. We are supposed to receive a comparable amount of funding per cadet to what Virginia Military Institute (VMI) receives. We don't. In 2011, we were \$600,000 short. With support from the university and the commonwealth, we closed that gap. We would not have the staff we have today if it had not been for that correction.

But it was short-lived. We're once again almost \$400,000 behind what VMI received for the past two years. In real terms, we lose money because of rising mandatory costs.

Philanthropy is needed to make up the difference and support critical initiatives that go beyond just turning on the lights and falling out for formation and parades.

What can you do? When talking to university officials and state representatives you should also talk to them about the critical need to support our Unique Military Activities Fund requests.

Attracting and Retaining Quality Cadets

We compete nationally for students (and parents), who are shopping for the best deal. Sizeable scholarships are an important consideration for recruiting and retaining cadets. Attracting ROTC scholarships is a function of the quality of our academic programs, our Corps



Upperclass Citizen-Leader Track cadets offer a critique of first-year cadets' resumes during VPI Lab.

program, the size and quality of our residence halls, and the quality of the ROTC program facilities.

Increasing our endowments for Emerging Leader Scholarships must be a top priority for us all. Our goal is to offer every cadet a scholarship and to raise the overall value of each.

What can you do? If you have already established an Emerging Leader Scholarships, thank you! Please consider increasing the amount invested to help even more cadets. If you have not, please consider doing so or contributing toward an established class Emerging Leader Scholarship. If you want to fund a scholarship in the future, please consider a legacy gift. Our advancement team is here to help.

Endowing Programs

There's an exciting opportunity to help us establish an endowment for an assistant director of the Rice Center for Leader Development. This one-person organization needs to grow if we are to enrich our curriculum to prepare cadets to lead in a global environment and to

face the ethical dilemmas that appear daily in the news.

Additionally, we will be increasing our Global Scholars Program for the long term that connects classroom work with travel around the world. We've sent 12 cadets on week-long trips for the last two years. Other programs, such as Texas A&M's corps, send 75 cadets to two countries for more than a week and have a full-time staff member that plans and staffs the program.

What can you do? Add to an existing endowment or establish an endowment toward our Global Scholars Program.

It's Not Just Money

Whether cadets plan on a military career or to work in the public and private sector, they would really like to talk to people who have been there. What can you do? Mentor a cadet or help us identify opportunities in your companies and organizations.

What does it take to go from good to great? The answer is, “All of us.”

Thank you for your support in this worthy endeavor!



Cadets Hannah Elford '20 and Greg House '19 teach first-year cadets about health and wellness during a VPI Battalion lab.

Global, Ethical Leader Personified

By Deputy Commandant of Cadets Lt. Col. Don Russell, U.S. Air Force (retired)

A few years ago, the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets established its vision of Global Ethical Leaders ... Now More Than Ever. Developing ethical leaders has been the foundation of this institution since 1872. We need our graduates now more than ever because the range and complexity of challenges leaders face grow daily.

Often, these challenges result from ethical failings of current leaders. Likewise, our graduates must have a global perspective, because political, military, economic, environmental, social, and cyber challenges that demand ethical leadership are interwoven and transcend international boundaries and cultures.

Cadets embrace this vision, including those in the Citizen-Leader Track. It is why they are here. Cadet Greg House '19 embodies what we mean by a future global, ethical leader.

House is a junior in the Citizen-Leader Track. From Doylestown, Pennsylvania, he majors in civil engineering, is in the university's Honors College, and is on the dean's list with academic distinction.

He grew up wanting to be a Marine and came to Virginia Tech for that purpose. Asthma soon disqualified him, though House is as fit as any cadet. He's a marathon runner who can max out his physical fitness assessment.

Undeterred, House pressed ahead with his overarching drive in life to serve those less fortunate. His particular interests lie in the availability of safe drinking water for impoverished populations in Africa, because water is a catalyst for economic development and survival.

A year ago, as I came to understand House's path, I connected him to Kristine Mapili '16, who has very similar career aspirations and who was working with Civil Engineering Professor Marc Edwards' Flint, Michigan, water study team. This networked House into research efforts with the department's Environmental and Water Resources Engineering Program, ranging from work-

ing on the Roanoke, Virginia, watershed master plan to water safety projects for areas of Texas and Florida affected by recent hurricanes and flooding.

Beyond his calling as a scholar, humanitarian, and leader of character, House is highly engaged in other ways at Virginia Tech. Last year, as a sophomore, he served as the VPI Battalion physical training instructor, a position traditionally held by a forward-leaning junior cadet. He was competitively selected to represent the Corps at a national affairs conference at Texas A&M University. This year, he organized the first VPI team ever to run in the Army 10-Miler in Washington, D.C., and served as a Hotel Company cadre sergeant, training first-year cadets. He is a leader in faith-based student groups and the recipient of several scholarships and performance awards.

Earlier this fall, House was selected to teach a block of instruction to first-year VPI cadets on overall wellness, tapping into his passion for positive health and fitness habits.

Later this year, House will begin applying for graduate school programs



Hotel Company's training cadre, including Greg House, second from left, lead first-year cadets into their first formation during New Cadet Week.

while pursuing study abroad opportunities this summer.

Despite House's impressive dossier, you will not find a more humble person. Virginia Tech President Tim Sands singled him out specifically in the fall State of the University address as personification of the great students we have at the university. This recognition, and the

fact that he is the subject of this article, make House slightly uneasy. He realizes it is not all about him. He is just doing what comes naturally as a globally aware, ethics-based, servant leader.

Just as I point current cadets to Mapiili, I now point to House as the type of cadet, scholar, and leader they should emulate. *Ut Prosim!*

Hokie Gold Legacy Program

Virginia Tech alumni or their families can bequeath or donate their class rings, which either are melted down to create Hokie Gold to be included in the class rings of the next junior class or retained for future display.



To continue the program in perpetuity, a small amount of Hokie Gold will be reserved from each year's melt to be included in the following year's Hokie Gold melting for the next class.

Hokie Gold Legacy Program questions can be directed to Laura Wedin at 540-231-6285 or lwedin@vt.edu. You can learn about how to donate a ring, tax deductions, and shipping instructions at alumni.vt.edu/hokiegold.



We're seeking your nominations for
**Distinguished
Alumni of the Corps**
A new honor being introduced in 2018
Details at vtcc.vt.edu/alumni

Gordon Rudd '72 talks with cadets about combat engineering and sustainment high above the port city of Cherbourg.



Normandy Experience Helps Cadets Learn from History

The 12 cadets who make up the second cohort of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets' Global Scholars Program have spent the fall semester talking about their trip to France.

The program, focused on the Allied invasion of Europe during World War II and the leadership lessons that can be applied to current events, includes a three-credit hour seminar during the spring semester followed by a week-long trip to France in May. Alumni generosity helps pay for lodging, flights, and ground transportation for the group.

Get Involved

Your donations to the Global Scholars Program enables the Corps to pay travel expenses for the cadets. givingto.vt.edu/corps

The experience often inspires cadets to examine their own leadership styles. Cadet Jack Holland '19 said he realized that "there is no excuse to be a poor leader in the Corps. Bad things happen and it won't be easy, but my worst day will be nothing compared to what they went through" on D-Day.

In the classroom, cadets choose one of 12 special topics for which they become the subject-matter experts. They take turns leading the class, sharing their research, and applying the history lessons to today's world events. In France, they lead similar discussions on leadership and decision-making while standing at the very spots they've studied.

The goal is applied history — using the lessons of Normandy for wider discussions about global leadership and national security challenges.

The contribution of Gordon Rudd '72 continues to be instrumental to the effort. Rudd served 23 years in the U.S. Army, taught history at West Point, and is now a professor of strategic studies at the Marine Corps' School of Advanced Warfighting.

He travels with the group, lending his expertise and insight as the group moves from Omaha and Utah beaches to Pointe du Hoc, airborne landing zones, and obscure locations that, 72 years prior, were scenes of tide-turning battles.

After all that, the group spends some time soaking up the culture of Paris and meeting with the U.S. Embassy staff.

This spring, the Corps will add a second trip to the Global Scholars Program lineup. This trip to France will focus on the battles of and leadership lessons from World War I.



At left: On the bluffs at Omaha Beach, Cadet Brett Smith '19 visits the grave of Jimmy Monteith '41, recipient of the Medal of Honor.. Above: Cadets cross Pegasus Bridge, site of the very first battle on D-Day.



Cadet Nicholas Masella '18 leads a discussion at Omaha Beach.



From left, Larry Roche '87, Karen Kyle '96, Simon Emanuels '90, and Pete Kent '90 recruit potential cadets at the Oct. 12 Kaiserslautern College Night in Germany.



Lt. Col. Dave Williams '79, at left, and Lt. Col. Gary Jackson '78 attend a recruiting event.

Where Do We Find Leaders?

By Lt. Col. Dave Williams '79, U.S. Army (retired)

I had the chance to interface with Virginia Tech cadets during the fall semester — first-year cadet privates, the regimental commander, and, a few days ago, the band company commander while I was at homecoming with the Highty-Tighty Alumni Band. With every encounter, I have been impressed with the poise, military bearing, and the ability of our cadets to quickly formulate their thoughts and communicate them effectively. I found myself wishing that I had had the benefit of their level of training when I was a cadet!

In his 1982 Armed Forces Day address, President Ronald Reagan borrowed a line from James Michener's book "The Bridges at Toko-Ri" by asking: "Where do we find such men?" The president answered the question with: "They come from across this great nation."

Much the same can be said for the cadets of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets

— where do we find such young men and young women?

This fall, I once again got to work with my friend Lt. Col. Gary Jackson '78 from the admissions office, and once again I saw where young leaders come from. You have to be patient, and you have to look for subtle markers. But at every college fair, a handful of students approached the Virginia Tech table with the spark of a future cadet inside them. Those high school seniors and juniors had much of the confidence and purpose of mission that I see in our cadets.

The percentage of potential cadets compared with the general population interested in Virginia Tech is small but motivated. The implication for Corps alumni recruiters is we have to have thousands of conversations every year to produce 1,800 cadet applications to Virginia Tech and from that a freshman class of roughly 375 cadets. That's because we

are in direct competition with the service academies and other senior military colleges for that very scarce asset — potential future leaders. An offer of admission to Virginia Tech will probably not win out over a service academy appointment just based on pure economics. Furthermore, competition among the senior military colleges for this limited pool of applicants is fierce.

As the fall college fair season closes, I am encouraged. For the first time, I no longer feel that the Corps is the best-kept secret in Virginia. My conversations with high school seniors, whom I hope to see as cadets on campus, have energized me. I look forward to the out-of-state college fair season this winter and spring and to the opportunities other cadet alumni recruiters will have across the country to meet and encourage the best part of the future generation of leaders to become Virginia Tech cadets.

Senior Cadet Commanders, Fall 2017



Regimental Commander **Mairead Novak**

Cadet Col. Mairead Novak, of Forest, Virginia, is pursuing a degree in Russian with minors in political science and leadership studies. She plans to commission into the U.S. Air Force upon graduation. She joined the Corps because she wanted to better herself and serve her country. Novak has held multiple leadership positions in the Corps and Air Force ROTC. In the Corps, she served as a squad leader, platoon sergeant, and first sergeant for Charlie Company. In Air Force ROTC, she served as Echo Flight commander. Humbled and honored to serve the regiment, Novak is part of Scabbard and Blade Military Honor Society. She is the recipient of an Air Force ROTC Scholarship and an Emerging Leader Scholarship.



First Battalion Commander **Zachary Yacone**

Cadet Lt. Col. Zachary Yacone, of Stafford, Virginia, is pursuing a degree in computational modeling and data analytics with a minor in leadership studies. He plans to commission into the U.S. Air Force upon graduation and become a pilot. Yacone joined the Corps because he wanted to serve and to train to become a better leader for the Air Force. He has served as a platoon sergeant and cadre member for Alpha Company and as a first sergeant in Bravo Company. He also has served as Robert Femoyer Service Squadrons's commander and as a deputy flight commander for Alpha Flight in Air Force ROTC. Humbled to serve 1st Battalion, Yacone is a recipient of an Air Force ROTC scholarship and an Emerging Leader Scholarship.



Second Battalion Commander **Nathan Underwood**

Cadet Lt. Col. Nathan Underwood, of Manassas, Virginia, is pursuing a degree in finance with a minor in leadership studies. He will be commissioning in December into the U.S. Army as a field artillery officer. Underwood joined the Corps to challenge himself and grow as a leader. Within the Corps, he served as a platoon sergeant and spent time on battalion staff as the operations officer. He also served as the battalion logistics officer and a platoon leader for Echo Company in Army ROTC. Proud to serve 2nd Battalion, Underwood is a member of Scabbard and Blade Military Honor Society and Ranger Company, as well as a recipient of an Army scholarship and Emerging Leader Scholarship.



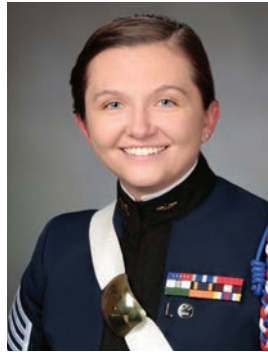
Third Battalion Commander **Brian Kehs**

Cadet Lt. Col. Brian Kehs, of Haddon Township, New Jersey, is pursuing a degree in microbiology with a minor in leadership studies and plans to commission into the U.S. Army upon graduation. He joined the Corps because he was eager to challenge himself by committing to a non-traditional college lifestyle and has always had the urge to serve his country. In the Corps, he served as the Band Bravo Company first sergeant and a squad leader. In Army ROTC, he served as the Echo Company first sergeant and is now the company's training officer. Honored to serve 3rd Battalion, Kehs is a proud Highty-Tighty and the recipient of an Army ROTC scholarship and an Emerging Leader Scholarship.

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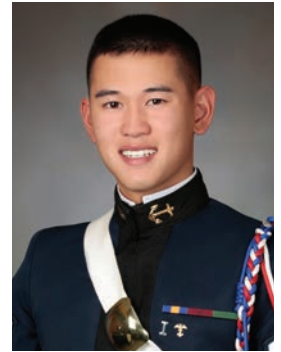
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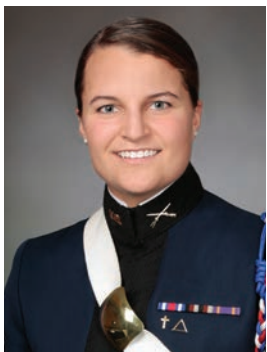
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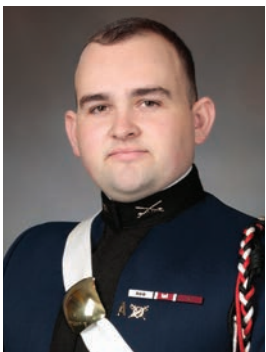
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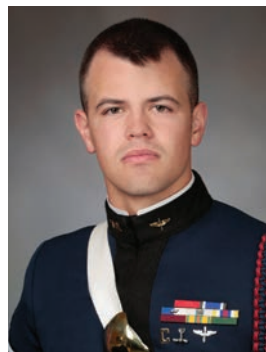
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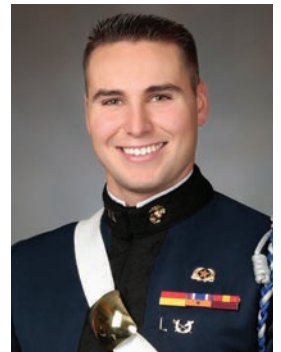
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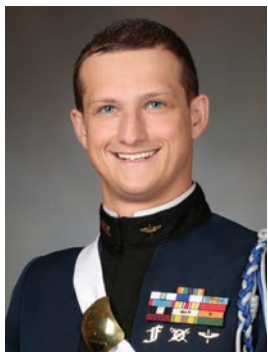
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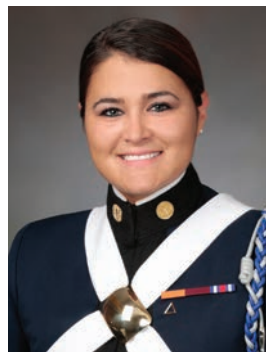
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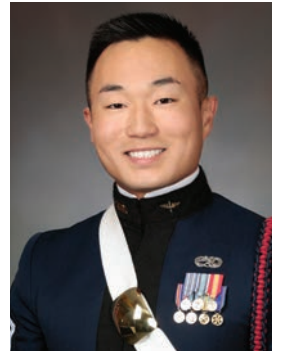
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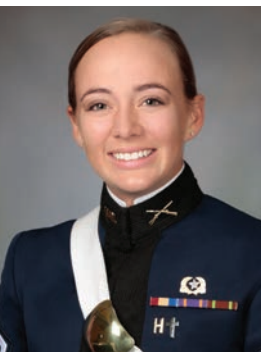
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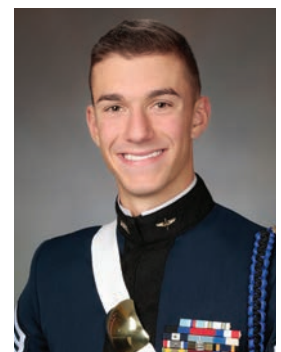
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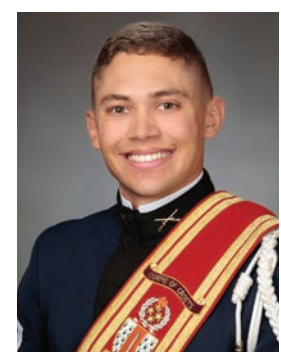
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Corps Reunion is a Special Time

By J. Pearson '87, chairman, Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Alumni Inc.

We finished our Corps Reunion this fall with awesome attendance and enthusiasm.

Our events kicked off Friday, Sept. 22, with our full board meeting. Finance Officer Dave Spracher '70 gave us an update, and the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets is in good financial shape. John Dooley, chief executive officer of the Virginia Tech Foundation, reported that Virginia Tech had a record year in donations and our return on investment was in the top three of ACC schools.

Maj. Gen. Randal Fullhart provided us with a state of the Corps review. Having the Corps completely in two, new

residence halls, Pearson Hall and New Cadet Hall, is terrific!

As you'll see elsewhere, this is an important year for us to hopefully receive funding for the third and very important building, the Corps Leadership and Military Science Building. In addition, it's very important that the Corps be properly funded to meet its mission. I hope Virginia alumni will all join me in letting your representatives know just how important this new building and funding for the Corps is.

Our new deputy commandant for 1st Battalion, Capt. Peter Phillips '89, introduced himself. He served as a Navy Seal

and is eager to help our cadets thrive.

Plus we have a new professor of military science, U.S. Army Col. Paul Mele. He is both a Virginia Military Institute and Virginia Tech grad. His wife went to Virginia Tech as well. We all welcomed him back home.

I would like to ask you to include our advancement task force leader, Deb Tillotson '78, in your prayers as she battles illness. We hope and pray we will see her at our next meeting.

We adjourned and went off to formal retreat on the new "VT" sidewalk in front of Lane Hall. We have held formation behind Lane Hall for more than three years during the construction of the residence halls. The Corps never looked better together in front of Lane Hall.

Later that evening, we had our leadership dinner at The Inn at Virginia Tech. Seven decades of Corps alumni attended, and several cadets spoke to us about their jobs in the Corps. We also were reminded that Maj. Stan Cohen '49 passed away. We always enjoyed his stories and, of course, his flyovers from the Tri-State Warbird Museum. His son, Ron, continues his legacy and sponsored the C-45 "Hokey Pokey" at our first home game this fall.

We adjourned by having an alumni vs cadet rendition of Old Hokie. We won! I must admit there were a lot more of us, but who is counting?

Over 200 of us marched on the field on Saturday, Sept. 23, before we whipped Old Dominion, 38-0. Maj. Gen. Tim Williams '83, the Virginia



From left, Congressman Rob Wittman '81, Gen. Carlton "Dewey" Everhart '83, and J. Pearson '87 cheer on the Hokies during Corps Reunion.

National Guard adjutant general, provided two F-22s for the flyover. Yes, I did gaze up during formation to watch them. I was so proud to be a part of our organization and an American.

The last event for the weekend was our Saturday night dinner. Congressman Rob Wittman '81 was our guest speaker. I also asked Gen. Carlton "Dewey" Everhart '83, who is the commanding general

of Air Mobility Command, to speak to us as well. He was inducted into the Air Force ROTC Detachment 875 Aviation Wall of Fame. Rob, Dewey, and myself joined the Corp on the sideline to cheer on the Hokies during Enter Sandman. It was a fantastic time!

Please join me in thanking my bud, Col. Patience Larkin '87, for again organizing another wonderful homecoming.

Patience and her staff did a super job. The commandant and his wife, Kathy Fullhart, also worked tirelessly to make sure the weekend was a success. Here's hoping that even more of you will join us next year for Corp Reunion. We want an even bigger crowd to share in the fun with our Corps family!

Please remember: As alumni we must communicate, participate, and donate!

Class Year Scholarships 1950-2012

Want to make a gift to scholarships in the Corps, but unable to fund an endowed scholarship alone? Please consider giving to your Class Year Scholarship. Now through June 31, 2018, you can help your Class Year scholarship get fully endowed and allow it to become a stand-alone class year scholarship.

Please visit our Corps website or reach out to us or your Class Champion directly to learn more. If you don't know your Class Champion this would be a good time to get introduced. (A list of Class Champion names is available at vtcc.vt.edu.) Class Year Scholarships from 1950-2012 are the areas we need your help to get endowed.

Class Year Scholarships that do not become fully endowed by June 31, 2018, will be combined with other Class Year Scholarships that also did not reach the endowment threshold by the June deadline. The combined Class Scholarships will become Decade Scholarships, for example all 1970s would become the 1970s Decade Scholarship. Additionally, there may be an endowed 1970 Class Year Scholarship; however, there will also be a 1970s Decade Scholarship for all those class years within the 1970s that did not reach the endowment threshold.

You can find out how much is needed to get your Class Year Scholarship endowed by visiting vtcc.vt.edu/give/class-giving-image-gallery.html, calling 800-533-1144, or emailing vtcc@vt.edu.

New Corps Support

Peter Phillips

Capt. Peter C. Phillips '89 joined the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets in July as the deputy commandant of cadets for 1st Battalion.

After graduating, he commissioned into the U.S. Navy. During his career, he



completed 14 combat deployments to 59 countries and six continents; contributed to 19 operations in 28 countries; and led three Joint Special Operations

Task Forces in Africa, Asia, and South America.

A Navy SEAL, his assignments included building the four newest Naval Special Warfare Commands: Advance Training Command East; Logistics Unit TWO; SEAL Team TEN; and Special Mission Unit Assault Squadron. He also oversaw the design and construction of the headquarters of the U.S. Naval Special Warfare Development Group and the design of SEAL Team TEN facility.

He served as deputy commander for the U.S. Naval Special Warfare Development Group, directly responsible for its \$120 million budget and 1,600 personnel. His career also included leading the 588-person Washington Command.

After his naval career, Phillips became the chief executive and operating officer for a global aviation and logistics company, with eight offices on four continents. In this role, he directed three aviation companies with over 30 aircraft complet-

ing the most air medivacs on the African continent while supporting the air logistical movements for U.S. and British governments and the United Nations.

He also managed two trucking companies with over 1,500 trucks supporting 80 percent of all logistical movements for the largest grocery store chain on the African continent.

Phillips earned his bachelor's degree in history from Virginia Tech. He is a distinguished graduate of the National War College, where he earned his master's degree in national security strategy.

His son is a senior in the Corps.

Jon McIlvaine

Jon McIlvaine is the residential learning coordinator for the Corps of Cadets.



He received his bachelor's degree in communications from Temple University in Philadelphia and his master's degree in higher education and student development from

Taylor University in Indiana.

Since 2015, McIlvaine has worked for the Virginia Tech Division of Student Affairs in the Office of Housing and Residence Life. He serves the Corps as a liaison and advocate to Housing and Residence Life, provides support and connections to academic and co-curricular resources on and off campus, and assists in cadet leader training, including commander residential advisor training.

In addition, he partners with deputy

commandants and staff in various cadet-learning activities. McIlvaine lives in an apartment in New Cadet Hall and his office is in Pearson Hall.

He is married to Hayley McIlvaine, who serves as the program coordinator for the Division of Student Affairs.

Stephen Tang-Nian

Stephen Tang-Nian serves as assistant residential learning coordinator for



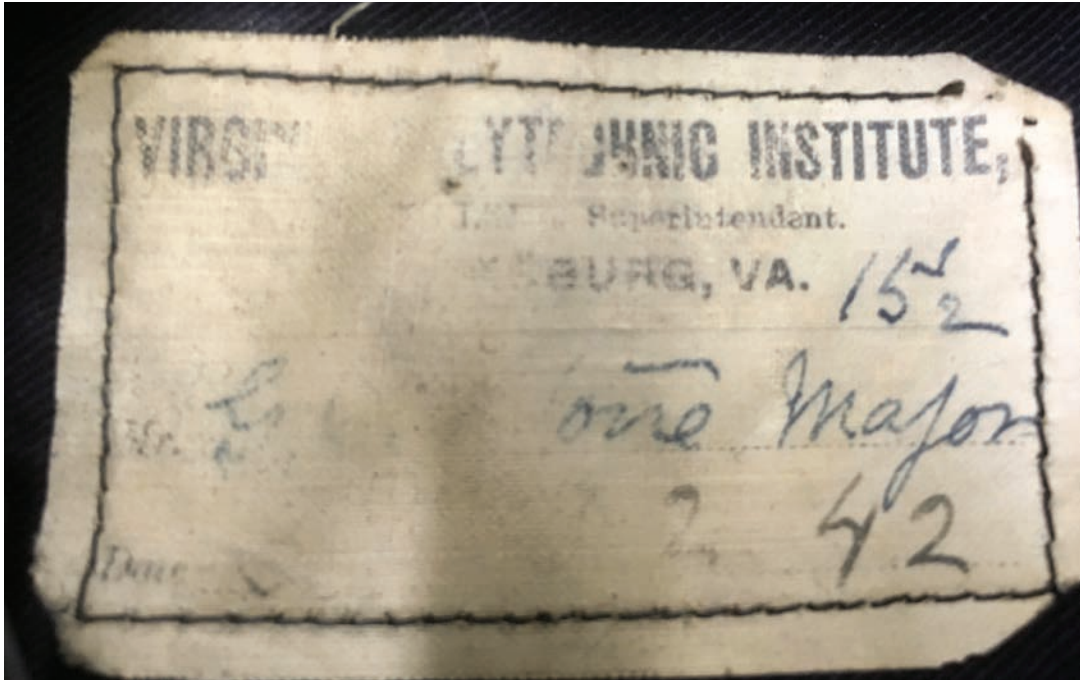
the Corps of Cadets. He received his bachelor's degree in electronic media and film, concentrating in audio production from Towson University in Maryland. He

is pursuing his master's degree in higher education administration at Virginia Tech.

Prior to Virginia Tech, Tang-Nian worked for T. Rowe Price Investment Services, where he served as retirement planning associate. However, his passion and enthusiasm for his work helping students at his undergraduate institution led him to pursue this new course within the higher education system to help further develop and encourage new leaders in our society.

Tang-Nian strives to foster a positive, fun, and safe community for students to grow and develop.

In his spare time, Tang-Nian enjoys swimming, visiting new areas, and spending time with family and friends.



A Mystery Wrapped Up in a Uniform

By Samantha Riggins VT'16, Corps museum curator

The Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets' museum collection contains objects you would expect to find in a military-themed institution, from buttons of varying designs to accommodate name changes of our university to medals won by unknown soldiers.

The Dress A uniform — complete with blue blouse, snow-white cross belts with breastplates, and the regal wheel cover with a VPI hat grommet — is the item most associated with our cadets.

Male or female, a cadet in dress uniform is distinctive, distinguished, and just plain beautiful. The uniform has gone through a few transformations since the founding of Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College in 1872, with early styles being repurposed Civil War uniforms. Frock coats gave way to coatees fashioned after West Point cadet uniforms, leading to the blue blouse that we admire in parades today.

The museum's collection holds many

uniforms used throughout the Corps' existence. While we have about as many of the current model of the blue blouse and cape that we could ever use, some uniform specimens are truly rare.

For instance, when the college changed its name to Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute in 1896, the dress uniform went through a major change. The buttons and insignia were refashioned to reflect the new VPI abbreviation, along with the font of the embroidery on the collar to an Old English style. This particular uniform was only produced for one year, making it very rare, indeed. We only have one tattered example.

There was a valid reason there were so many early incarnations of the dress uniform. According to Board of Visitor notes from the late 1800s, the college's tailor shop was in the red, so an idea was born to introduce restyled uniforms on a regular basis to push cadets to purchase

new outfits instead of buying used ones.

Saving examples of these uniforms are crucial to Corps history. The 1896 example in the collection isn't the only item that needs conserved. There are other textiles, maps, and medals that need crucial work to sustain them.

Perhaps equally important to conservation is nailing down who owned the object. The photo above is of the tag inside the 1896 blue blouse. There is just enough information to pique curiosity and aid in figuring out its history. I am asking all of you if you have any clue as to the name of the owner of this blouse.

I haven't yet been able to match up the information contained with a cadet from that time period with the rank of major, but, perhaps you know. If you do know who this blouse belonged to originally, or you feel the urge to help with the hunt to figure this out, then please contact me at samsales@vt.edu. Let's crowd-source this mystery!



The Olmsted Foundation Undergraduate Scholars volunteered at the Sisters of Mercy in Colon, Panama, a charity supporting distressed women. Pictured are, standing, from left, Sister Barbara Ozelski, William Glynn '19, Anthony Williams, Thomas Earl '19, Quinton Armacost '18, Preston Jones '18, Sister Dina Altamiranda, and, kneeling from left, Kathryn Dyer, '19 Sydney Thorpe '19, and Autumn Moore.

Olmsted Foundation Support Sends More Cadets to Panama

In May, the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets and Olmsted Foundation Undergraduate Scholars again traveled to Panama to experience the country's culture, history, and people.

Since 2005, the Corps of Cadets has received more than \$175,000 in grants from the George and Carol Olmsted Foundation that has given 57 cadets the opportunity to travel.

This year, participating cadets were Quinton Armacost '18, Kathryn Dyer '19, Thomas Earl '19, William Glynn '19, Preston Jones '18, and Sydney Thorpe '19.

Cadets traveled around the country

to see cities, the Panama Canal, a tropical jungle area and native community, and the San Blas Island natural habitat area. They completed service projects and attended American Memorial Day ceremonies at the U.S. National Cemetery at Corozal, where the U.S. ambassador to Panama, John D. Feeley, spoke.

The experience was Armacost's first trip outside the United States and gave him a new sense of confidence in his ability to adapt to a new culture, even when he didn't speak the native language.

"After a few days, I started to pick up the necessary Spanish terms to get around. I grew an appreciation of the

uncertainty and a level of uncomfortableness that I now realize could be a real challenge that I may face as a future officer," he said. "Though I never really learned enough Spanish to get around successfully, I grew more comfortable with the human interaction and adaptation to a new place."

The George and Carol Olmsted Foundation, based in Falls Church, Virginia, has long supported educational programs that give active-duty military officers, along with cadets and midshipmen at the U.S. senior military colleges, such as Virginia Tech, a better understanding of foreign cultures.

In fall 2004, the Olmsted Foundation board of directors established the Olmsted Cadet Travel and Cultural Immersion Program to enable “academically and socially qualified commission-tracked ROTC cadets” at the senior military colleges to travel to non-English-speaking nations. The program helps prepare future military officers for international assignments and strengthens our nation’s ability to function efficiently and effectively in and with foreign countries.

The foundation provided the Corps an initial \$10,000 grant in 2005, and three rising seniors traveled to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for two weeks that summer. Since then, recognizing the Corps’ efforts to optimize cadet participation by its aggressive liaison with U.S. embassies, the foundation has awarded grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000 to support cadet travel to Santiago, Chile; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Panama City, Panama.

In 2013, the foundation expanded its undergraduate scholar program to include two historically black colleges — Hampton University and Norfolk State University — and sought the Corps’ assistance to launch their first cultural immersion trips. Two Army ROTC cadets from both institutions joined the Virginia Tech contingent for the 2013 and 2014 travel to Panama. Since 2015, two Army ROTC cadets from Norfolk State University have accompanied the Virginia Tech group.

Cadets say they are grateful for the experience, and many return home with a new sense of purpose.

Thorpe said the trip to Panama has inspired her to keep learning about different places and different cultures. “It brings me to the conclusion that I would like to do my part in this world so I may better the lifestyle of those who do not have the luxury of knowing what it means to have opportunity. It is not a matter of changing the world. It is about learning more about the world you live in so that you may change your small part of the world in hopes of a chain reaction.”



At top, the Olmsted Foundation Undergraduate Scholars pose for a picture with their hosts during a visit to a Panamanian native community. Above, the group explores Panama City. At left, living conditions in the poor areas of Colon, Panama, left an impression on the group.



While on a CULP Mission to Thailand, Cadet Liana Sinnott '18, at left, participated in physical fitness training alongside Thai cadets at the Chulachomkiao Royal Military Academy.

Army ROTC News

Army ROTC cadets had an intense summer of training, participating in 220 training events. While 90 of our cadets attended Advance Camp, a commissioning requirement, others attended Basic Camp, Army schools (Airborne, Air Assault, Mountain Warfare), and international cultural immersion and language training activities. Additionally, 24 cadets conducted internships with active-duty units, medical departments, National Security Agency, NASA, and Advance Cyber Education.

Advance Camp

By Casey Soper '18

Although I spent all my junior year preparing for camp and even had the upper-hand of going to Basic Camp the summer before, I still felt apprehensive about testing my knowledge of Army tactics and leadership capabilities in the field environment. I was fortunate to be placed in a platoon with amazing cadre as I spent the next four weeks being challenged and pushed far outside of my comfort zone. The biggest lesson I learned was that leadership is not solely dependent on how much you know, but rather how much you care for others. I enjoyed the field because the platoon was together every hour of the day, so it was easy to encourage others when they started

to feel worn out, as well as learn from the choices that they made, both good and bad. In the end, I gained an immeasurable amount of tactical knowledge from my cadre and an equal amount of confidence in my leadership capabilities.

Cadet Troop Leader Training

By Sydney Thorpe '18

I was lucky to receive a slot for Cadet Troop Leader Training. I flew to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to shadow two lieutenants from the 601st Area Support Medical Company. I learned a lot about the medical services branch and participated in company operations. Those included overseeing a change of command inventory of assigned equipment valued at \$1.5 million, conducting multiple Army physical fitness tests, qualifying on an M4 rifle, as well as helping to establish a new physical training program that will be implemented in years to come. This experience helped to build my confidence and increase my knowledge of the Army profession in ways that can only be achieved through first-hand experience. I was taught what it takes to be put in charge of junior and senior enlisted soldiers, as well as the collaboration efforts that are carried out with other officers to run an effective company. I am thankful to

have been given this experience. It made me realize how excited and ready I am to lead others and become a part of their journey in the service.

Summer Internships

By *Spiridon Petropoulos '19*

As a cadet in ROTC, one doesn't usually get a lot of exposure to other branches of the military. Cadets have a concept of what each branch might do, but not the whole picture. My summer internship with the Advanced Cyber Warfare program, hosted by the Air Force Institute of Technology, was mind-blowing to say the least. I was immersed not only in the cyber realm, but the daily lifestyle of the Air Force. This gave me a great appreciation for how the Air Force serves the United States and what it's like to be a part of joint operations with another service. Between the classified training sessions, briefs from elite NCOs, and exclusive one-on-one training from professors, I was more than grateful for my attendance. Not only did this internship teach me valuable defensive and offensive cyber-warfare skills, it taught me how to learn and pursue this virtual world with passion and ambition.

Culture and Language Deployment

By *Liana Sinnott '18*

Over the summer, I was given the opportunity to develop as a leader and gain cultural understanding through my Army ROTC Culture and Language Deployment mission to Thailand. While in country, our main mission was to teach English to Army cadets at the Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy. Although teaching was challenging, it was incredibly rewarding to see so many laughs and smiles from the unique games we created to help make learning more fun. Through exchanges between Thai cadets and officers, I was able to make close friendships and learn more about the country of Thailand. We also spent one week in the rural farmlands of Thailand, learning about their economic system that revolves mainly around the agricultural industry. My team was given the opportunity to work in a rice paddy, as well as build a traditional Thai mud house for a local community. It was humbling to see how hard the people of Thailand worked daily and truly helped motivate me to always give 100 percent in every endeavor that I face. I will never forget my experiences in Thailand and the lifelong friendships that I built with the Thai cadets. This was a once in a lifetime, unique opportunity for leadership development.



Cadet Jacob Moberly '19 makes friends with local children during his CULP trip to Madagascar by demonstrating a good Army pushup.



Cadet Chris Selig '18 learns the ropes at Army Mountain Warfare School in Jericho, Vermont.



Cadet Joe Walker '18 participated in the grueling Spartan Race with his squad at Advance Camp at Fort Knox, Kentucky.



Bradley Polidoro '17 completed his first-class cruise with the Royal New Zealand Navy this summer.

Naval ROTC News

The Naval ROTC battalion began the fall 2017 semester with approximately 320 midshipmen.

In May, Virginia Tech's Naval ROTC unit commissioned an impressive 37 naval officers and nine Marine Corps officers. Virginia Tech was responsible for commissioning three of the top 10 surface warfare officer selects in the nation and also produced a strong number of nuclear officers into the surface warfare and submarine warfare communities.

Officer Candidate School

This summer, seven midshipmen from Raider Company successfully completed Marine Corps Officer Candidates School in Quantico, Virginia. Midshipman Quinton Cookis '18, Kyle Rushford '18, Michel Begis '18, Ian Campbell '18, Jared Filzen '18, Bradley Gifford '17, and Mike Kashuba '18 all completed the rigorous evolution, furthering our impressive six-year streak of 100 percent successful officer candidates school completion.

The mission of Marine Corps Officer Candidates School is to train, screen, and evaluate candidates on their potentials to lead as officers in the Marine Corps. Officer candidates school

is a six-week course that teaches Marine Corps leadership, tactics, and history. The course also includes physical training and close-order drill. Candidates are evaluated through written tests, fire team- and squad-sized leadership evolutions, physical fitness tests, and basic infantry field tactics and exercises.

A Summer with the Royal New Zealand Navy

By Bradley Polidoro '17

I was afforded the opportunity to complete my first-class cruise with the Royal New Zealand Navy aboard the HMNZS Canterbury. The cruise lasted from June 25 to Aug. 11, or 48 days.

The ship was deployed from Auckland, its home port, from June 28 to Aug. 11. During this time, Canterbury participated in Operation Talisman Sabre 2017 and hit several ports in Australia, including Townsville, Gladstone, and Mackay. Because Canterbury is an amphibious ship, the typical day-to-day operations were centered around deploying the embarked Kiwi and Australian soldiers to the beachfront via the ship's two landing craft. Additional routine operations included helicopter personnel transfers, rigid-hulled inflatable boat operations, and

damage-control exercises.

I was not assigned a running mate nor put on the watch bill. This allowed me the flexibility to observe what I wished, whenever I wished. I took advantage of every opportunity I was given and received good exposure to every department on the ship. I stood watch on the bridge, traced and sketched systems in the engine room, plotted the ship's position using a sextant and the stars, presented briefs to the engineering officer and assistant engineering officers about shipboard systems, went for a flight in the ship's SH-2 Sea Sprite, participated in damage-control exercises, and deciphered fleet tactical radio signals in the ship's operations room.

In addition to the New Zealand officers, Canterbury had Canadian, British, and Australian officers on board as well. The diversity of leadership philosophies and exposure to foreign naval doctrine was immense and educational. This fact, coupled with Canterbury's involvement in the joint exercise Talisman Sabre 2017 has given me a one-of-a-kind experience for which I am very grateful.

Welcome Aboard to New Staff Members

U.S. Navy Lt. Tyler Williams '11 assumed the duties as Delta Company advisor in June. As a graduate of the Virginia Tech Naval ROTC and a former Highty-Tighty, Williams and his wife are excited to be back in Blacksburg. He is reporting to the unit from the USS La Jolla (SSN 701), homeported in Norfolk, Virginia, after serving on board the USS Newport News (SSN 701) and deploying on the USS Springfield (SSN 761). He is looking forward to creating and shaping leaders for the Navy of the future.

U.S. Navy Lt. Jeffrey Mathews reported in June from the USS John C. Stennis, where he worked in damage control, auxiliaries, and maintenance support. He



Bradley Polidoro '17 observed the day-to-day operations of the HMNZS Canterbury, including helicopter personnel transfers, during his 48-day cruise.

has taken over as the Bravo Company advisor and is looking forward to sharing his experiences and lessons learned with midshipmen over the next three years.

U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Stephanie Lomeli assumed the duties as the Marine officer instructor in June. She was forward deployed on the USS Boxer, Marine Expeditionary Unit West, and was responsible for directing overall operations and maintenance production for 25 fixed and rotary wing aircraft. Previously, Lomeli was combat deployed to Qatar,

United Arab Emirates, and Djibouti in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Anthony Roess assumed the duties as the assistant Marine officer instructor in August. He reported to the unit from 1st Battalion 6th Marines at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He is excited to be here at Virginia Tech and looks forward to mentoring and molding future Marine officers.



Beth Demyanovich '17 operates heavy machinery as part of the Field Engineering and Readiness Laboratory at the Air Force Academy.

Air Force ROTC News

By Cadet Noah Harrison '20

Summer 2017 was another busy summer for the cadets in Air Force ROTC Detachment 875.

After their second year, cadets attend field training, a highly demanding leadership course with both an in-garrison environment and a mock expeditionary setting.

Because of the training provided by both the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets and Detachment 875, our cadets not only finished, but they let the rest of the nation know that Detachment 875 is the “Best Alive.” The 58 cadets who completed training this summer earned 41 awards, including seven Distinguished Graduates, three Superior Performers, one Warrior Spirit, two Physical Fitness Awards, and 20 Cadet Training Assistant (CTA) recommendations.

A select few cadets returned in different positions. Cadets Joseph Bahret '18 and Natalie Rosas '18 were selected to be CTAs for a 31-day period, which included a week of specialized training so they could better oversee cadet training.

“I was grateful to be mentored by a wide range of Air Force officers throughout my time as a CTA,” said Rosas. “It was also great to be given the chance to shape cadets into POC [Profes-

sional Officer Course] material and produce future leaders for the Air Force.”

Aside from field training, cadets were selected for four other training opportunities this summer.

Cadet Noah White '19 rode in a T-38 with the 192nd Operations Group based at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. Before the flight, he had a day of training focused on what to expect, how to make it through the flight problem-free, and what to do in an emergency. Cadets also received a briefing on the “mission” they would be flying. White’s flight was performing an air-to-air combat mission against F-22 fighter jets.

“The size of Detachment 875 provides incredible opportunities for cadets to see more of the operational Air Force and what goes into planning a mission,” White said. “I would have never imagined being able to fly in a formation with F-22 fighters over the summer. I received valuable hands-on experience with Air Force personnel that gave me a new perspective of our Air Force.”

Cadet John Gogal '18 attended the three-week Expeditionary Survival and Evasion Training program at the Air Force Acad-

emy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The training had four categories: Military Operations in Urban Terrain; Combat Arms Training and Maintenance; Patrol; and Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape.

“I was able to learn about new training methods and the importance of adapting leadership styles to better fit a group,” Gogal said. “We learned how important it is to motivate your team when things get tough and that in the end to always strive to better your situation.”

Cadet Beth Demyanovich '17, was one of 16 cadets nationwide chosen to attend Field Engineering and Readiness Laboratory (FERL) at the Air Force Academy. This program is hosted by the academy's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and run by highly skilled active-duty and reserve technicians. Cadets learn to pour concrete, assemble steel structures, operate heavy machinery, pave a road, and more.

“FERL allowed me to see civil engineering in the Air Force through the eyes of active-duty airmen and definitely increased my interest in the career field,” Demyanovich said. “Being able to work with the academy allowed me to relate to other cadets and see that we are similar in a lot of ways. I also found the amount of hands on time with NCOs invaluable, as they are the driving force of our Air Force.”

Project GO is another experience available. The Department of Defense initiative is meant to promote critical language education, studying abroad, and intercultural dialogue opportunities. Cadet Matt Krusiec '19 traveled to Guilin, China, this summer.

“Without Project GO, I would never have had the opportunity to study abroad. It changed my perspective in how other cultures live when compared to ours,” Krusiec said. “Through Project GO, I am more aware of new customs that I feel will prepare me for international relations as an Air Force officer.”



Cadets and cadre from Detachment 875 take a group photo after the Air Force Marathon at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

After a very productive summer, Detachment 875 jumped straight into an amazing semester. In week one, we were honored to have Medal of Honor recipient U.S. Army Col. Walter “Joe” Marm Jr. (retired) speak and present Cadet Matthew Sherburne '17 a \$5,000 scholarship from the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation and the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Educational Foundation.

In September, cadets went to the annual Air Force Marathon at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. A group of 30, made up of both cadets and cadre, participated in events ranging from a 10K to a full marathon. Cadets also visited the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

“When we were there I got to meet a lot of Detachment 875 alumni who are still serving in the Air Force,” said Cadet Sydney Tinker '20. “The Air Force Marathon gave me a unique experience where I not only met a broad range of airmen from around the country, but also pushed myself to new levels during the race.”

The following week, the Robert Femoyer Service Squadron hosted the



Noah White '19 prepares to fly in a T-38 at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia.

Aviation Wall of Fame ceremony, and we were honored to induct Gen. Carlton D. Everhart II '83 as the newest member of this proud group.

Summer 2017 was the busiest and most productive summer any of our cadets can remember. Most of what our cadets accomplished was possible only because Detachment 875 cadets stepped forward and successfully competed for these opportunities at a national level. Well done, Detachment 875.



Cadet and alumni members of the regimental band stand on Worsham Field before performing during the Virginia Tech homecoming game, which also was Highty-Tighty Reunion weekend.

News from the Development Office

Fall Is a Special Time for the Corps of Cadets

By Sandi Bliss, chief advancement officer

There have been so many highlights of my first fall semester in Blacksburg and at Virginia Tech. Seeing students return



Sandi Bliss

to campus.

Enjoying my first season of Hokie football. And unforgettably — for someone who spent the previous couple of years in south Florida — watching

the leaves change to match the orange and maroon of Virginia Tech. It's simply wonderful to walk across our beautiful

campus and see the cadets back and to enjoy all the activities that go along with the Corps Reunion, Highty-Tighty Reunion, and Virginia Tech homecoming.

Of all this fall's special moments, one that I will cherish is standing among cadets at Lane Stadium and watching the Highty-Tighties play the national anthem as a giant American flag was proudly displayed. What a sight to behold, as our colors lightly blew in the Blacksburg breeze with the sounds of our national anthem in the background.

To add to this wonderful experience, I was able to attend the Corps Donor Breakfast that same weekend. While I truly enjoyed watching cadets interact with their donors, I was troubled to learn that some of our scholarship recipients never get a chance to attend this inspiring event. One of my efforts moving forward

will be to ensure that all cadets with a Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets scholarship get an opportunity to attend the breakfast at least once by their senior year.

This event not only gives cadets a chance to interact with donors who have invested in their futures, it fosters a deeper level of appreciation for what it means when donors pay it forward. The experience of meeting face-to-face with our donors never fails to inspire our cadets — or me, for that matter. I would like to offer my sincere thank you and appreciation for each and every one of you who have invested in the Corps' future.

A Tribute to Stan Cohen '49

By Scott Lyman '84, associate director of development

I have been to many places in this world, but the fall in Blacksburg is

brehtaking. The colors are so vibrant, ablaze with orange and maroon, that it truly sets this campus apart. Even my son, a graduate of the University of Alabama, said our campus, especially in the fall, outshines his. Do not forget football, when Lane Stadium is packed with 65,000 fans stomping to Enter Sandman by Metallica. You can hear it from the Upper Quad.



Scott Lyman '84

During my time as an associate director of development here at Virginia Tech, I have had the opportunity to meet with some truly remarkable Corps alumni. Maj. Stan Cohen '49 certainly was one of them. He served with distinction in World War II as a fighter pilot. Unfortunately, Stan passed away last year, but his legacy will live on through his son, Ron.

For the past eight or so years, Stan had coordinated and paid for the fuel so that aircraft from the Tri-State Warbird

Museum in Bavaria, Ohio, would fly over Lane during our Corps Reunion games. I was at Stan's funeral, and afterward I met with Ron for a few minutes. During that conversation, he indicated that he would like to continue his father's legacy by covering the cost of fuel so that aircraft from the museum will continue to grace our skies on Corps Reunion weekends. It's a moving way for Ron to continue his father's legacy.

In another fitting tribute to Stan, the Warbirds' C-45 Expeditor sports the nose art "Hokie Pokie." Meanwhile, Stan's lasting impact goes even further. His generosity enables us to provide four scholarships to financially needy cadets each year.

Caldwell March Helps Show Cadets What's Possible

By Kerry Meier VT'11, VT'15, development associate

The air usually gets a little crisper, and we find comfort in a cup of hot apple cider after the Hokies have beaten our opponents in Lane Stadium every fall. Each new autumn season brings the promise of another year, and the excitement of new cadets to campus. The new cadets

will face many new experiences and challenges designed to push them to their limits. As the author John Green once asked: "What is the point of being alive if you don't at least try to do something remarkable?"

One of the most remarkable things our first-year cadets accomplish is the Caldwell March. I was fortunate enough to help a mother surprise her son by sponsoring him in honor of his father and late grandfather — both veterans. Each and every parent should be proud of their new cadet's accom-



Kerry Meier VT'11, VT'15

plishments. The Class of 2021 completed 13 miles and came out smiling. All these cadets have done something they never thought they could before. Being able to provide all cadets with new experiences that help them to find their new limits and accomplish things they never before thought they could is why I love working for the Corps.

Annual Giving

By Devon Smith, assistant director of annual giving

It's natural for autumn to be a Hokie's favorite season. For the past 19 years, I've enjoyed the maroon and orange foliage, crisp fall air, booming of Skipper, and cheers emanating from Lane Stadium. My first visit was as the younger sister of a brother majoring in engineering. A few years later, I enrolled as a student in agricultural economics. After my graduation I continued to return as a fan, and now I'm enjoying the season for the first time as the assistant director of annual giving. My relationship with the university has changed like the leaves, but I know I've always had a home at Virginia Tech. Gifts from generous alumni like you and



Cadets make the fall Caldwell March, a 13-mile tribute to the path of Addison Caldwell, the first cadet and student at Virginia Tech.

me help to ensure that this will continue to be home for generations of Hokies to come.

Below you will find some exciting happenings in Annual Giving.

- Our online giving page is a secure website where you can choose from over 150 fund designations so that your gift enhances the programs that are most important to you. Visiting givingto.vt.edu/corps is a quick and easy way to make a gift.

- You now have the option to make a recurring monthly gift. You select the denomination and designation, and your credit card will be charged on the 15th of each month. This option is available to those who give by phone at 800-533-1444 in response to the fall campaign we recently mailed or in response to the winter campaign launched shortly after Thanksgiving.

- In February 2018, our Student Calling Center will invite cadets to participate in the annual Caldwell March Phoneathon. This is a special time cadets and alumni connect to share experiences — what’s happening in Blacksburg and what alumni have done since they’ve graduated. Each call ends with the opportunity to make your gift to the Corps.

- Finally, on March 20, 2018, Virginia Tech will hold its first Giving Day. This will be an exciting, 24-hour period of fundraising campaigns and challenges for programs across the university. Be on the lookout for more information in the



Three cadets were among College of Engineering students named the McAllister Leadership Scholars for the 2017-18 academic year. Pictured From left are, Riley Cooper '17, Bill McAllister '65, Maj. Gen. Randal Fullhart, Michael Sherborne '17, and Chris Selig '18. Since 1998, this scholarship has benefitted undergraduate engineering students who demonstrate superior intellectual promise and academic performance, leadership ability, and personal character.

future regarding this new opportunity to show your Corps pride and make an impact.

Year-End Giving Tips

By Judith Davis, Office of Gift Planning

Now is the time to make your gift count for your Corps and for your 2017 taxes. Visit givingto.vt.edu/year-end for year-end giving guidelines and contact information.

If you are age 70 1/2 or older, consider using a charitable IRA rollover to make a gift that can count toward your required minimum distribution without it being taxed as income. Also called a

qualified charitable distribution, or QCD for short, such gifts must be transferred directly from your IRA to qualified charities such as the Virginia Tech Foundation Inc.

Charitable IRA rollover gifts are limited to \$100,000 per person, per year, and certain other restrictions apply. You are encouraged to learn more at givingto.vt.edu/ira-rollover and to consult your tax advisor before making your gift.

We’re here to help you find a gift that works for you and makes a difference for the Corps. Contact the Corps development office at 540-231-2892 or email srbliss@vt.edu.

Keep Us in the Loop

As you move or change duty stations throughout your career, make sure you continue to get the Corps Review and other updated university and Corps information.

Update your contact information and share your email address with us at alumni.vt.edu/gateway/index.html or by email to alumnidata@vt.edu.



Highly-Tightly Reunion and Virginia Tech homecoming was Oct. 20-21, and the weekend was filled with tradition. The Highly-Tightly Alumni Band sounded great as its members marched in the homecoming parade and during the pregame ceremony in Lane Stadium.



Drum Major Lori Keck-Beach '92 leads the alumni band in Saturday's homecoming parade.



The alumni band marches up Main Street toward Alumni Mall during the homecoming parade.



Highly-Tighty Alumni President Emeritus Bert Kinzey '68 awards the Jim Schaeffer Memorial Scholarship to Isaac Patterson '20.



Distinguished Highly-Tighty Alumnus T.O. Williams III '59 is recognized during brunch.



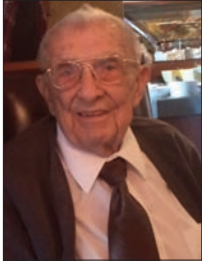
Alexander Rastovac '17 and Riley Cooper '17 wait for the pregame performance to start in Lane Stadium.



Alumni and current High-Tighties form up on Worsham Field for the pregame performance.

In Memory

Guy B. Dunn Jr. '45
1922 - 2017



Guy Brown Dunn Jr. died June 2. He was born Dec. 12, 1922, in Bland, Virginia. He attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute until 1942, when he entered

military service. He completed aviation cadet training in 1944, and arrived in Europe just prior to D-Day. He retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1972 and then worked in carpentry and house construction. He married Eleanor Hack in 1951. Survivors include three children.

James B. Jones '45
1923 - 2017



James Beverly "J.B." Jones died May 17. He was born in Kansas City, Missouri. He was a member of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets and the Highty-Tighties and

earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. While a cadet, Jones met Jane Hardcastle, an aeronautical engineering student who would become his wife of 64 years. After graduation, Jones worked for the U.S. War Department until the end of World War II. He then served on the faculty at Purdue University, where he received his doctorate in 1951. He was a National Science Faculty Fellow at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich. In 1964, T. Marshall Hahn, then president of VPI, persuaded Jones to move back to Blacksburg where he served as department head of mechanical engineering for 19 years. He

served as the vice president of education for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. After retirement, he co-chaired the National Research Council Committee of Engineering Design. In 1991, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers awarded him the James H. Potter Gold Medal for contributions in thermodynamics. In 2008, he received the William H. Ruffner Medal Award for his services to Virginia Tech, and in 2014, he was inducted into the Academy of Engineering Excellence. He also spent decades serving the greater Blacksburg community as a Rotarian and was an emeritus member of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Alumni Board. He was an avid musician and great athlete, and will be dearly missed. He is survived by a daughter and a son.

Allen A. Long '49
1926 - 2017



Allen A. Long died Oct. 6. He enrolled at Virginia Tech in 1943 before joining the U.S. Navy for 1 1/2 years during wartime. He returned to Virginia

Tech and graduated with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. Later, he earned a master's degree in journalism from Emory University. He wrote nationally syndicated news stories about aviation, engineering, and technology. He also was a substation engineer for the Appalachian Power Company and the news editor for Electrical World magazine. In 1996, he joined the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to build a rapid-rail transportation called "Metro." Survivors include his wife, Frances, and two sons.

Raymond E. Powell '58
1936 - 2017



Raymond E. Powell, retired assistant director of University Facilities for Virginia Tech, died June 1 in Riner, Virginia. He worked at

Virginia Tech from 1978 to 2002, and as a Class of '58 Reunion Committee member, he helped coordinate the 2008 design and installation of the new West Campus Signature Gateway. He enlisted in the National Guard at age 17, and after graduating from the Corps of Cadets, he served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force. He was honorably discharged in 1964, then joined Burlington Industries. Survivors include his wife, Norma "Jo" Putze, and a son.

James M. Brown '60
1937 - 2017



U.S. Army Col. James M. Brown Jr. (retired) of Fredericksburg, Virginia, died Aug. 30. He received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from

Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1960. He was a longtime member of the Fredericksburg Area Chapter of the Virginia Tech Alumni Association and served in a number of roles over the years, including president and most recently treasurer. Survivors include his wife, June, and two children.

Thomas W. Otto Jr. '65
1943 - 2017



U.S. Army Col. Thomas W. Otto Jr. died July 22. A proud Signal soldier, he was a graduate in electrical engineering of the Virginia Polytechnic

Institute and Texas A&M University; the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. He had multiple stateside and overseas assignments during his career, ending with director of readiness for the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command at Fort Monmouth New Jersey. After retiring in 1992, he worked for GTE, Dyncorp International and, ultimately, CSC as director of the Government Emergency Telecommunications Service. Survivors include his wife, Janet, and two children.

James C. Wagner '65
1942 - 2017



U.S. Air Force Maj. James Charles Wagner (retired) of Front Royal, Virginia, died July 25. He was born Jan. 22, 1942, in Somerset, Pennsylvania. He

received a bachelor's degree from Virginia Tech and a master's degree from Pepperdine University. Wagner joined the Air Force in 1965 and served for 21 years. Wagner taught aerospace science at both Randolph-Macon Academy in Front Royal, Virginia, and at Bradley Tech High School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Additionally, he was an active leader with the Boy Scouts of America for 68 years. Among the survivors are his wife, Sandra Downs Wagner, and two children.

Howard M. Sisson Jr. '67
1944 - 2017



Howard Miles Sisson Jr. of Wirtz, Virginia, died Sept. 12. He earned his bachelor's degree in 1967 from Virginia Tech, where he was a member of L Company.

He later earned his master's degree from George Washington University and studied for his doctorate at the University of Maryland. He served in the U.S. Army as an armor officer with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and received the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, and three Purple Hearts. He retired as a captain. He also worked as a vocational and rehabilitation counselor and regional administrator for the Veterans Administration. He served as a regional administrator for the U.S. Department of Labor until he retired. Survivors include his wife, Harriet Lucinda Glascock "Cindy" Sisson, and a son.

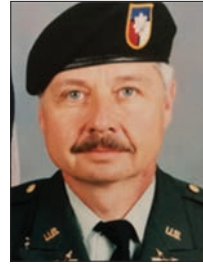
David B. Wiersma '86
1964 - 2017



U.S. Army Col. David Brian Wiersma died July 15 after an extended battle with brain cancer. He followed his brothers to Virginia Tech to be in the Corps of

Cadets, where he served on the regimental staff and with the Gregory Guard. He graduated in 1986 and was commissioned an infantry officer. Mid-career, he switched to the military intelligence branch. He was stationed in Tampa with the Joint Special Operations Command and most recently served on the staff of the Joint Chiefs at the Pentagon. He continued to serve on active duty until his death. Survivors include his wife, Monica, and two sons.

Robert B. Anderson Jr.
1947 - 2017



Robert Bradford "RB" Anderson Jr. died April 24. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in June 1967 and volunteered to serve two tours in Vietnam. He

returned to graduate from Marshall University and was commissioned as a second lieutenant. He received a Master of Education degree from Virginia Tech, where he served as an Army ROTC instructor and led the Ranger program in the 1980s. He retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1991. His second career was in education. He taught JROTC at Hopewell and Carroll County high schools, was a counselor at Wilderness Leadership Academy, and served as principal of the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, all in Virginia. His third career was a calling to be a prison chaplain. He also was a farmer. Survivors include his wife, Deborah Beavers Anderson, and two sons.

Joseph G. Lamoureux
1936 - 2017



Joseph George Lamoureux died July 25, in Alpine, Utah. He earned a bachelor's degree from Concord University and a master's degree in

music education from Radford University. An accomplished trumpet player, he was an educator and band director in a career that spanned more than 35 years. In 1971, he became the band director of the Highty-Tighties. During his tenure, the band performed for two presidential inaugural parades and women were integrated into the band. Survivors include his wife, Patricia, and three children.

LEST WE FORGET

- Milton A. Pilcher '38, McLean, Virginia, 4/16/17
Harry C. Whitlock '39, Richmond, Virginia, 5/5/17
John G. Roberts '39, Lynchburg, Virginia, 5/28/17
Eugene D. Bales '43, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 4/25/17
Newman R. Ogden Jr. '43, Richmond, Virginia, 7/14/17
Howard C. Kearns Jr. '44, Atlanta, Georgia, 6/20/17
John C. Higginbotham III '44, Greensboro, North Carolina, 8/14/17
Thomas O. Dixon Sr. '44, Edgewater, Maryland, 7/21/17
Morton C. Rosenberg '45, Roanoke, Virginia, 6/11/17
Albert W. Hall '45, Newport News, Virginia, 4/22/17
Philip B. Magruder Jr. '45, Williamsburg, Virginia, 4/16/17
Joseph C. Hild '45, La Grange, Texas 9/21/17
Edgar L. Van Nuis '45, Pittsgrove, New Jersey, 7/5/17
Charles H. Worley '46, Greenville, Tennessee, 1/26/17
Hugh A. Latimer '47, Amelia Island, Florida 6/14/17
John T. Walmsley '47, Lewiston, New York, 8/10/17
William L. Phalen Jr. '47, Marietta, Georgia 9/19/2017
Arthur D. Henderson '48, Charlottesville, Virginia, 5/20/17
James M. Cole '48, Abingdon, Virginia 9/15/17
George L. Spanos '48, Columbia, South Carolina, 6/30/17
George L. Britton Jr. '49, Williamsburg, Virginia, 4/7/17
Roy L. Scales '49, Kingwood, Texas, 7/18/17
Horace G. Blalock Jr. '50, Evans, Georgia 4/13/17
William A. Headley Jr. '50, Orlando, Florida, 7/20/17
Franklin R. Taylor '50, Millersville, Maryland 8/12/17
Berton H. Kaplan '51, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 5/5/17
William D. Long '51, Apopka, Florida 12/23/16
James A. Carr Jr. '51, Charlotte, North Carolina, 6/1/17
Ted Jimmie Holbrook '51, Big Stone Gap, Virginia, 7/28/16
Ernest H. Bowling Jr. '51, Dillwyn, Virginia, 5/13/17
Gerald M. White '51, Lexington, Kentucky, 8/6/17
James N. Young Sr. '51, Springfield, Virginia, 7/10/17
John R. Plymale Jr. '51, Harrisonburg, Virginia, 9/19/17
Walter Lambert Jr. '51, Richmond, Virginia, 8/18/17
Richard L. Martin '51, Mercer Island, Washington, 6/22/17
Richard M. Marshall III '52, Norfolk, Virginia, 4/23/17
Bertram O. Taurman Jr. '52, Lynchburg, Virginia, 5/9/17
Claude A. Yates '52, Prospect, Kentucky, 6/22/17
Howard C. Phillips '52, Lafayette, Louisiana, 5/15/17
James M. Douglas '52, Winchester, Virginia, 6/9/17
Frank W. Carpenter III '52, Matthews, North Carolina, 5/11/17
Franklin O. Vecellio '52, Staunton, Virginia, 6/28/17
Frederick G. Blottner '53, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 5/15/17
I. Edward Trotter Jr. '53, Irvington, Virginia, 6/11/17
William P. Radtke '53, Lawrence, Kansas, 8/16/17
Everett A. Huffman '53, Lanham, Maryland, 8/19/2017
Philip P. Janosik '53, Enumclaw, Washington, 8/25/17
Donald E. Hayford '54, Appleton, Wisconsin, 5/15/17
Joseph T. Sowell Jr. '54, Palmdale, California, 6/16/17
Stephen E. Whitney '54, Ashburn, Virginia, 8/18/17
James Rosati Jr. '54, Largo, Florida, 9/15/17
George H. Spruce III '55, Greely, Colorado, 5/19/17
William E. Cox '55, Raleigh, North Carolina, 8/10/17
William M. Thornton '56, Blacksburg, Virginia, 5/21/17
Keith W. Rife '56, Cedar Bluff, Virginia, 6/5/17
Robert M. Stewart '56, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 8/21/17

Raymond F. Burmester '56, Fairfax, Virginia, 9/15/17
 James H. Holland '56, Christiansburg, Virginia, 7/1/17
 Sidney B. Harvey '56, Elk Creek, Virginia, 7/26/17
 Dennis E. Brown '56, Mechanicsville, Virginia, 8/31/17
 Cloyd C. Morris Jr. '57, Waverly, Virginia, 4/27/17
 Hugh B. Lux '57, Lexington, South Carolina, 6/13/17
 William T. Moore '57, Street, Maryland, 5/16/17
 Shannon G. Higginbotham Jr. '57, Midlothian, Virginia, 4/25/17
 Clyde B. LaRue Jr. '57, Newport News, Virginia, 7/14/17
 Fred E. Farley '58, Lanexa, Virginia, 6/20/17
 James T. McMaster '58, Chillicothe, Ohio, 5/12/17
 Theodore M. Cole Jr. '58, Fishersville, Virginia, 5/14/17
 Clarence B. Givens '58, Blacksburg, Virginia, 8/22/17
 James H. Patterson '58, Blacksburg, Virginia, 9/18/17
 Julian C. Roden Jr. '58, Mechanicsville, Virginia, 5/28/17
 Curtis E. Davis Jr. '58, Roanoke, Virginia, 8/2/17
 Carl W. Hasle '59, Woodbridge, Virginia, 6/9/17
 Robert R. Guynn '59, Kissimmee, Florida, 5/11/17
 Nicholas M. Mihalas '59, Brevard, North Carolina, 6/26/17
 Robert T. Martin '60, Mathews, Virginia, 12/4/16
 Charles R. Clouse '60, Jacksonville, Florida, 6/14/17
 James T. Corbitt '60, Greenville, South Carolina, 5/1/17
 Robert L. Lively '60, Penhook, Virginia, 7/26/17
 C.L. Roberson '60, Spartanburg, South Carolina, 8/8/17
 George W. Bowling '60, Chesterfield, Missouri, 7/3/17
 Paul D. Myers Jr. '61, Titusville, Florida, 8/4/17
 Lemuel W. Houston Jr. '61, Chesterfield, Virginia, 7/9/17
 Murray S. Boris '61, Potomac, Maryland, 9/19/2017
 Lanny H. Brock '62, Saint Simons Island, Georgia, 4/9/17
 Lyle G. Hall Jr. '62, Richmond, Virginia, 8/22/17
 Douglas H. Petrie '62, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 7/11/17
 John E. Runaldue '62, Taunton, Massachusetts, 11/16/16
 Joseph J. McSweeney III '62, Richmond, Virginia, 7/2/17
 Richard W. Williams Jr. '62, Dunkirk, Maryland, 9/15/17
 William R. Campbell '63, Evergreen, Colorado, 5/18/17
 Douglas K. Baugher '63, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 9/7/17
 Leon H. Harding III '64, Vinton, Virginia, 12/15/16
 James G. Phelps '64, Cordova, Tennessee, 6/2/17
 Robert L. Short Jr. '64, Roanoke, Virginia, 6/6/17
 Ronald L. Salyer '64, Roanoke, Virginia, 5/4/17
 Robert E. Doriot '64, Carrollton, Texas, 7/27/17
 Samuel R. Carter III '64, Salem, Virginia, 8/18/17
 Raymond W. Beaudry Jr. '65, Naples, Florida, 5/1/17
 David S. Farrier '65, Montrose, Colorado, 12/31/16
 Claude E. Messamore Jr. '66, Saint Petersburg, Florida, 9/18/17
 William R. Elliott Jr. '66, Prince George, Virginia, 8/17/17
 Kenneth J. Rhodes '66, Henrico, Virginia, 8/25/17
 Dean R. Hanson '67, League City, Texas, 7/21/17
 John E. Apostolides '68, Richmond, Virginia, 7/6/17
 Richard F. Alley Jr. '68, Clarksville, Virginia, 4/18/17
 Marlin G. Leatherman '69, Winchester, Virginia, 3/6/17
 Robert A. Davis '70, Union Hall, Virginia, 4/26/17
 Steve Pyles '70, Fort Washington, Maryland, 7/14/17
 Alfred H. Perrie III '72, Yorktown, Virginia, 6/3/17
 Samuel J. Harris '72, San Diego, California, 5/3/17
 Richard W. Eby '84, Laurence Harbor, New Jersey, 9/15/17

Hokie Heroes

Started in 2006 by IMG College, the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Hokie Heroes 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 Jon Laaser and Mike Burnop, on the Corps of Cadets website, and in the Corps Review magazine.



1st Lt. Mike Krieger '14, USMC (at left)
Middle East



Lt. Christopher B. Sturgill '13, USN
Bahrain



Capt. Cody Rush '11, USA
Iraq



1st Lt. Forrest Rush '14, USA
Kuwait



1st Lt. Timothy Teh '15, USA
Iraq



Capt. Nate Bier '11, USA
Iraq



Lt. Cmdr. Evan Wright '05, USN
Iraq



Lt. Cmdr. Lauren Lawson '03, USN
Qatar



1st Lt. Shane Wescott '15, USMC
Eastern Asia



Maj. Andrew Prunty '06, USA
Saudi Arabia



Lt. Col. Chris Reid '00, USAF
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