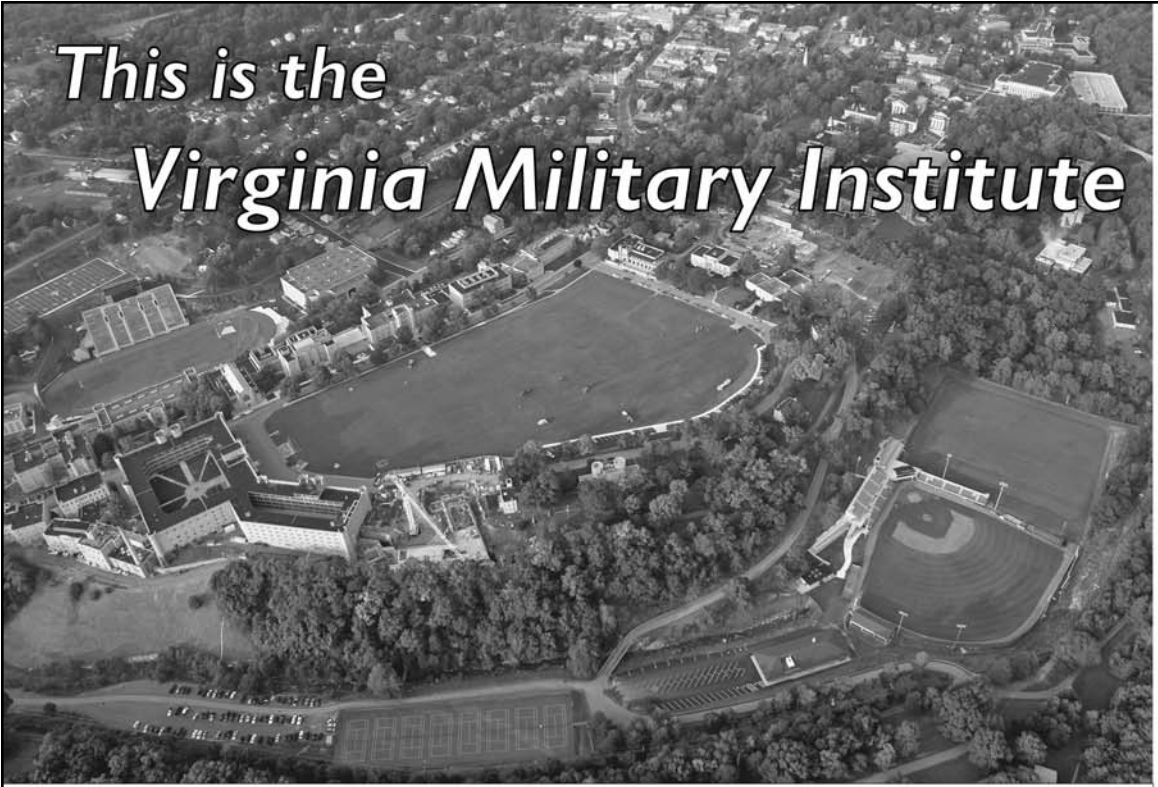


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THE INSTITUTE:

The Virginia Military Institute is the nation's oldest state-supported military college, founded in 1839 in Lexington, Virginia, located at the southern end of the Shenandoah Valley. VMI offers qualified young men and women a demanding combination of academic study and rigorous military training that exists nowhere else, and grants B.A. and B.S. degrees in fourteen disciplines within the general fields of engineering, science, and liberal arts. The Institute's emphasis on qualities of honor, integrity, and responsibility contributes to its unique educational philosophy. Professional leadership training is provided to all cadets through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) programs, maintained at VMI by the Department of Defense. Cadets are encouraged to pursue commissions in the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy, or Marine Corps.

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ALUMNI:

VMI's alumni support is unparalleled in many ways, especially in their financial support. In the most recent survey by the National Association of College and University Business Officers (2003), VMI's \$280 million endowment is the largest per student of any public institution.

In every field of endeavor, whether it's leadership in business, industry, public service, education, the professions, or careers in the military, success comes early to a high number of VMI graduates. In an independent survey of college graduates seeking employment, armed forces commission, or admission to graduate or professional school following graduation, 95 percent of VMI graduates met their goal by the following October.

VMI's academic breadth is diverse, and curricula for the selected major begins the first year. About 40 percent of cadets major in civil, electrical, or mechanical engineering, about half the Corps majors in liberal arts fields, and the two most popular majors are economics/business and history.



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COL. J. T. L. PRESTON

THE VMI CORPS OF CADETS:

Today 1,300 young men and women in the VMI Corps of Cadets represent 47 states and nine foreign countries. More than 100 study abroad each year, one-third compete in intercollegiate athletics, and all have significant leadership opportunities.

All cadets reside in "Barracks," the centerpiece of the VMI "Post." The original structure was built in 1850 and is a National Historic Landmark. An additional wing was added in 1949.

VMI cadets uphold an honor system as old as the Institute. An oath of honor is taken by each cadet, "not to lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate those who do," and the oath is practiced in daily life. Because it is basic to cadet life, honor is ingrained, and builds strong character. Honor is the cornerstone of every cadet's lifelong commitment to integrity, duty, self-discipline, and self-reliance.

One of the oldest VMI traditions is the orientation and instruction provided to new cadets by old cadets. Regardless of background or prior training, every cadet in his/her first year at VMI is a "Rat," and each is a "Brother Rat" to the other. They live under the "Rat System" until "Break Out," and their bonds formed by this experience are lifelong.

FACULTY:

All VMI faculty members teach in the classroom, and 97 percent hold doctoral or terminal degrees in their disciplines. The cadet to faculty ratio is 11:1, permitting a close, "mentor" relationship between a cadet and instructor, and faculty research is frequently conducted in partnership with cadets. ROTC instructors are experienced military officers, and make an outstanding contribution to cadet leadership training.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM:

VMI's demanding academic program reflects established needs and emerging trends of an ever-changing global society. A robust undergraduate research initiative extends through summer, affording cadets and faculty financial incentives and continuous support for a wide range of investigative projects. The Institute's international programs include faculty and student exchanges with more than a dozen international academies and universities, seven foreign internships, and numerous study-abroad programs each semester and during the summer.

The Institute Honors Program offers highly motivated and high-achieving cadets the opportunity to enrich their academic experience, including through competition for prestigious external scholarships. The Institute Writing Program seeks to equip cadets for both academic success and participation in the full range of rhetorical occasions they will encounter in their lives as citizens and professionals.

VMI is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, is a member of American Council on Education, the Association of American Colleges, the College Entrance Examination Board, and the Association of Virginia Colleges. VMI's engineering programs and the computer science program are accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology; and the chemistry program is accredited by the American Chemical Society.

MAJORS and DEGREES:

VMI offers the baccalaureate degree in 14 curricula. The B.S. is awarded in applied mathematics, chemistry, civil engineering, computer science, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, and physics. The B.A. is conferred in economics and business, English, history, international studies, modern languages, and psychology. The B.S. or B.A. can be earned in biology. A course of study leading to the B.S. or B.A. is chosen upon entering VMI, but transfer from one major field of study to another is permitted.

FACILITIES:

The VMI Post is 134 acres. Twelve acres are designated a National Historic District. VMI's academic facilities, Superintendent's quarters, library, alumni hall, and other administrative buildings, along with Barracks, encircle a 12-acre parade ground used for marching drills, weekly parades, training exercises, and social gatherings. The George C. Marshall Research Museum and the VMI Museum are located on Post. Athletic grounds and facilities are within easy access to the Post.

VISION 2039:

From the perspective of VMI's long history, the 200th anniversary of its founding is just around the corner. Superintendent Gen. J.H. Binford Peay III '62 has set in motion Vision 2039, a program emphasizing excellence in such areas as the Institute's physical and cultural environment; academics; athletics; and military component. The strategic direction offered by Vision 2039 is designed to ensure VMI will be vibrant and relevant when the Institute's 200th anniversary arrives in 2039.



Vision 2039 In Motion



“Vision 2039 is a series of efforts and initiatives to move VMI to the future...it builds upon the wonderful traditions and fundamentals that VMI is known for.”

- VMI Superintendent General J.H. Binford Peay III

About VISION 2039:

Vision 2039 is not a construction plan; it is a leadership plan that seeks to improve all aspects of the VMI experience: academic, military, physical/ cultural, and athletic. However, construction of new facilities and the renovations of older buildings on Post are essential components of Vision 2039 all the same. They provide the foundation for excellent programs. They encourage pride and set standards that impact the thinking and attitudes of cadets.

Just as the proud traditions and history of VMI influence the culture of the Corps of Cadets, so too do the physical facilities in which the Corps lives, learns, trains, and competes. Indeed, the unique architectural flavor of the VMI Post helps set the tone for all that happens on it and communicates the extraordinary expectations that the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation have for cadets and for the Institute itself.

The facilities necessary to provide an education that thoroughly prepares cadets to meet the challenges of the 21st century are far more complex than they were in 1839. Vision 2039 aims to maintain the historic atmosphere of the Post as it develops the modern, technologically advanced facilities that VMI needs to prepare cadets for lives of success, service, and leadership.



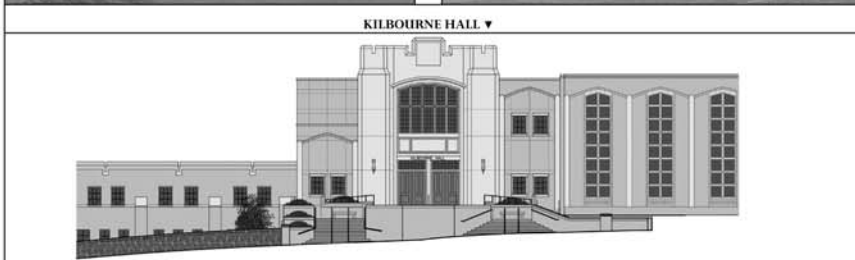
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ALUMNI MEMORIAL FIELD AT FOSTER STADIUM ▼ CROZET HALL ▲

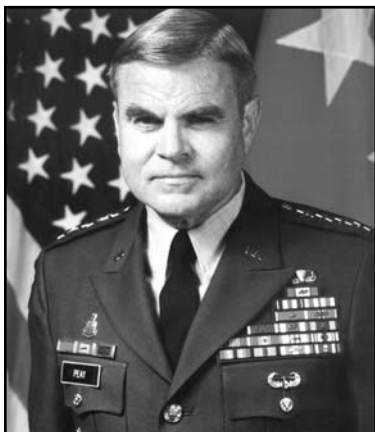


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VISION 2039 OVERVIEW:

*The focus of Vision 2039 is the cadet. Each of its initiatives is targeted squarely at **crafting a four-year journey** that produces young men and women of **character** to LEAD AND SERVE OUR NATION in times of peace and peril.*



Gen. J.H. Binford Peay III

General J. H. Binford Peay III, VMI Class of 1962, became the Institute's 14th Superintendent on July 1st 2003. Through Vision 2039, he has ushered in a period of enthusiasm, growth, and change throughout all aspects of VMI. Never losing sight of VMI's primary "academic focus," which he emphasizes as "first among equals," Vision 2039 sets forth a plan that will guide the Institute for decades to come, as it moves toward its 200th anniversary.

Enhancing the physical and cultural environment is a key component for the future. Full renovations of Nichols Engineering Hall, Crozet Hall, Mallory Hall, and J.M. Hall have recently been completed, with a major modernization project at Kilbourne Hall, a new Leadership and Ethics Center, and a third Barracks all in "full swing." In addition to the new third barracks structure, this project will include modernization of all rooms in the current Old and New Barracks as well. General Peay and his staff have also spent hundreds of hours buried in the details of cadet leadership functions, cadet organizations, the regimental and class systems, the Honor System, and the cadet daily schedule.

"We must have the daily schedule right; leadership, cadet life, study time, management skills, and everything else at VMI evolve around that," says General Peay.

Academically, VMI remains a clear leader among undergraduate colleges. In July 2007, the Institute, in a superb performance, successfully completed its ten year Compliance Certification by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

receiving reaffirmation of accreditation. Modernized and technologically enhanced academic buildings and a full academic support staff complement splendid instructors. The Institute receives annual national and state recognition for its programs.

Military and athletics combine with academics to form the historic three-legged stool at VMI, and both play major roles in Vision 2039. A significant increase in commissioning is called for as General Peay emphasizes the importance of military service, not necessarily as a career, but rather for a couple of years in the true spirit of the citizen-soldier. Over the past four years, the percentage of graduating cadets receiving commissions has grown from 34% to 51%. A strong proponent of athletics, Vision 2039 (and "every cadet an athlete") calls for huge capital building efforts which will benefit intercollegiate teams, club teams, intramural sports, and the Corps in general. The initial and most obvious effort is the newly renovated football stadium at Alumni Memorial Field, dedicated - Foster Stadium - in September 2006 in honor of P.Wesley Foster, Jr., VMI Class of 1956. The Gray-Minor Baseball Stadium, named in honor of Senator Elmon Gray '46 and G. Gilmer Minor, III '63, and the Paulette Locker Room complex in honor of Bill Paulette '69 were completed and dedicated in March 2007. A lacrosse-soccer stadium, additional multi-purpose fields, new Corps confidence courses, tennis courts, RAT Challenge courses, and an improved cross country "Chessie Trail" are planned for the North Post area and will "round-out" what General Peay calls "leadership valley."

General Peay considers his Superintendency as an opportunity to give something back to VMI which has had such a significant influence on his life and that of his family. His Father, J.H.B. Peay, Jr. was a graduate of the VMI Class of 1929, and he and his wife, Pamela, have two sons, who are also graduates: Jim, Class of '98, and Ryan, Class of '02. Born in Richmond, Virginia on 10 May 1940, General Peay, upon graduation, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of

Field Artillery, embarking on a 35-year career in the United States Army. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from VMI, a Masters of Arts degree from George Washington University, and he is also a graduate of the United States Army War College. As a cadet, he was a quarterback on the football team, a member of the Honor Court, a Battalion Commander and awarded the Institute's prestigious Cincinnati Medal at graduation.

He assumed command of the 101st Airborne Division on 3 August 1989 and led the Division throughout Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM in the Persian Gulf. Promoted to Lieutenant General in 1991, he was assigned as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, Department of the Army and Senior Army Member, United States Military Committee, United Nations and on 26 March 1993, he was promoted to the rank of General and appointed the 24th Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Army.

His last assignment was Commander-in-Chief, United States Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, from 5 August 1994 to 13 August 1997, with responsibility for the region encompassing twenty countries in Africa, the Middle East, Persian Gulf and South Asia. General Peay is currently Chairman, the Allied Defense Group, and a Director with BAE Systems, Inc.





Donny White

The most ambitious capital improvements to athletic facilities in 20 years have been launched under the *Vision 2039* initiative of VMI Superintendent General J.H. Binford Peay, and ninth-year Athletic Director Donny White has been a guiding force in the process.

Over the past two years, both the football and baseball programs have seen their facilities significantly upgraded with the additions of P.Wesley Foster, Jr. '56 Stadium and Gray-Minor Stadium.

Facilities improvement is just one issue that White has tackled since taking over as AD in 1998. Upon his return, White immediately went to work addressing the challenging issues facing the VMI athletic department. At the same time, he has built support for intercollegiate athletics among the VMI community and its alumni. His effort has resulted in a change in conference affiliation, increased funding for operations, the development of women's athletics, and a better overall competitive environment for VMI sports.

In 2006-07, VMI enjoyed considerable success on the field with the basketball reaching the Conference finals and the baseball team posting big wins over a pair of top ten programs.

White returned to the Institute on Apr. 22, 1998, after serving six successful years as athletic director at Patrick Henry High School in Ashland, Va. White guided the school's athletic program to unprecedented achievement both on and off the field and led the efforts to improve funding and facilities for the

school's athletic program.

White compiled a distinguished VMI coaching career in two sports spanning 15 years. He joined the football staff of Bob Thalman in 1971 as a defensive backfield coach and helped lead the Keydets to two Southern Conference Championships and a State Championship in 1977. White coached the defensive backs to a number one national ranking in 1975 and number four ranking the following season. He served as VMI co-defensive coordinator from 1976 to 1981 and had the Southern Conference's top-ranked defense in 1977. His defensive backfields led the conference in pass defense three times. White also recruited seven football players who were selected all-conference.

In the fall of 1981, White became VMI head baseball coach and began to resurrect a program that had not won a Southern Conference game the three previous years. His 1982 debut squad compiled six league wins and White was named Southern Conference Co-Coach of the Year. His teams won 85 games in six years and his 1987 squad reached the Southern Conference championship game. While serving as baseball coach, White also taught on the Physical Education staff as an assistant professor.

White entered private business in 1987, but returned to the full-time athletic ranks in 1992 when he accepted the ath-

letic director position at Patrick Henry. White supervised all areas of the Patriot athletic program and helped improve facilities, season ticket sales, and booster club membership. The football program reached the ranks of the state's elite, winning 57 of 65 games, five district titles, four regional titles, a state runner-up trophy, and the state AAA Division 5 championship in 1994.

White is a 1965 graduate of VMI with a B.S. degree in civil engineering. As a cadet, he was a Distinguished Military Student, named Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, and was awarded the Pres. Brown Athletic Cup for excellence. White co-captained the 1964 VMI football team and was selected All-Southern Conference in baseball for three consecutive years as a shortstop while also leading the team in batting. He was inducted into the VMI Sports Hall of Fame in 1975.

After graduation from VMI, White was commissioned as a field artillery officer in the U.S. Army and served a tour of duty in Vietnam. His decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters.

White and his wife, Bettie reside in Lexington.



Donny and Bettie White with their dogs, Sport (left) and Sergeant Cabell (right).

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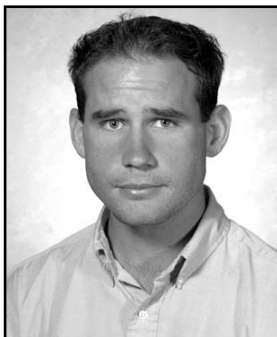
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Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association

Four NCAA conferences announced the formation of the Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association (CCSA), a new active Division I men's and women's swimming and diving Conference encompassing 12 members from four regional Conferences in the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast regions on July 10, 2007. The CCSA, which began competing last fall, was established through the cooperative efforts of the coaches, administrators and commissioners of the Atlantic Sun Conference, the Big South Conference, the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and the Southern Conference, and has received approval from the NCAA for membership as a Division I conference.



"The Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association creates a regional conference championship opportunity for all the swimming and diving programs in the four participating conferences," said Atlantic Sun Commissioner Ted Gumbart, Executive Director of the CCSA upon its foundation. "The process of building this new conference has been an extremely cooperative effort among all of the coaches and administrators, and we look forward to our inaugural championship meet this coming year. The main focus in establishing the CCSA has been the student-athletes, and we are excited that the swimmers and divers in each of our leagues now have a conference home and honors for which to compete."

The CCSA has 12 total members – 12 women's swimming and diving teams and six men's swimming and diving programs. The charter members of the CCSA in women's swimming are Campbell (A-Sun), College of Charleston (SoCon), Davidson (SoCon), Florida A&M (MEAC), Florida Gulf Coast (A-Sun), Gardner-Webb (Big South), Georgia Southern (SoCon), Howard (MEAC), North Carolina A&T (MEAC), North Florida (A-Sun), Radford (Big South) and VMI (Big South). The six schools that comprise the CCSA men's swimming members are College of Charleston, Davidson, Florida A&M, Gardner-Webb, Howard and VMI. The CCSA hosted its inaugural Conference Championship on Feb. 21-23, 2008.

"The Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association membership includes many excellent programs from the Southeast and Middle Atlantic, and will create a demanding and challenging meet for all of those involved," said VMI swimming and diving coach Bill Nicholson upon the league's founding. "This is a step up for our program here at VMI and we are looking forward to getting up on the blocks and racing against the higher level of competition the CCSA will present us."

2008 CCSA Champions

Men: College of Charleston

Women: Davidson

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