



## Corps of Cadets

**T**HE Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets (VTCC) offers student cadets invaluable opportunities for superior leadership training as well as individual and career development. Classified by the Department of Defense as one of the nation's six senior military colleges, this honored military tradition at Virginia Tech has produced more than 100 generals and admirals, and seven Medal of Honor recipients. Notably, it was among the first to enroll women.

### **Have you thought about what you want to do after college?**

Can you imagine the reaction to your resume if you could put that you led 940 cadets while still in college? The leadership experience you can get in the VTCC goes unmatched elsewhere on campus. Your corps experience can help you earn a leadership minor as well. And, with our Civilian Track, you can immediately put your leadership skills to work in the public or private sectors after graduation – with no military obligation!

### **Interested in serving your country after graduation?**

The VTCC works in conjunction with all Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) branches: Army, Air Force, and Naval – which includes the Marine Option. Each of the ROTC units represents the very best of what each branch of service has to offer, with each unit consistently performing in the top ten percent of ROTC units in the nation. Why not join the best?

### **Why enroll in the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets and an ROTC when I can go to an ROTC-only Program at another school?**

Second Lieutenants and Ensigns lead approximately 30 personnel during their first assignments after commissioning. As a Virginia Tech cadet, you can compete for leadership positions in the ROTC program, as well as in the VTCC. You will have a much better opportunity to lead 30 cadets before you are competing for salary and promotion, which will give you experience your peers at ROTC-only programs will not have. You'll be further ahead when you graduate with an undergraduate degree and a minor in leadership studies from a widely recognized research university.

### **Want to set yourself up for academic success?**

The structure of the corps makes it easier to find the time to study (four hours each night, Sunday through Thursday for freshmen, and it doesn't have to be in your room). In conjunction with the ROTC programs, we offer Ph.D. tutors in math, physics, and chemistry, as well as any other subject in which you might need assistance. You don't even have to leave your residence hall in order to benefit from their help!

### **Looking for great scholarship opportunities?**

Prospective cadets are encouraged to explore the advantages of the two-, three-, and four-year ROTC scholarship programs offered by the military services. These scholarships can cover tuition, fees, books, uniform allowances, plus a monthly stipend.

All cadets are eligible for Emerging Leader Scholarships (ELS) and Commandant's scholarships, which do not incur a military commitment. Currently, we award 100 ELS scholarships to in-state students and 100 ELS scholarships to out-of-state students. Over one million dollars are available annually through the university and the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Alumni (see Scholarships & Other Benefits on page 4).

The Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets is a great place to experience more. When you graduate from the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets you'll be one of the select few who have strived to invent their future by developing themselves as leaders ready for life's future challenges.



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## RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS

At Virginia Tech, only those students enrolled in the corps of cadets may participate in one of the three ROTC (Air Force, Army, Navy/Marine Corps) programs.

While leading to careers and a commission in the Armed Forces, ROTC programs offer participants considerable financial assistance, most offering tuition, fees, an amount towards books, and a stipend

of up to \$500 per month. Each program provides a subsistence allowance between \$400 and \$500 per month to juniors and seniors, depending on the branch of service (even if not on scholarship), pays a majority of the annual corps uniform rental fee, and provides books for ROTC courses.

Non-scholarship freshmen and sophomores may participate in ROTC training without any military ser-

vice obligation.

Each ROTC program requires several courses during the four academic years, some summer training between academic years, and military service after graduation. Such requirements vary according to the ROTC program, scholarship status, and choice of military career field.

### AIR FORCE ROTC

Air Force ROTC prepares students to become second lieutenants after graduation. To be eligible for active duty service, students must complete the corps of cadets program and all Air Force requirements including 3 classes every term: Leadership Lab (LLAB), Air Force Fitness (AS2934) and the appropriate Air Force academic class. Civilian students may enroll in Air Force classes, but coursework is designed with officer candidates in mind. LLAB (AS2944) is a one-credit-hour pass/fail course that all AFROTC cadets take each semester to build camaraderie and develop communication, problem-solving and project management skills. Air Force Fitness is a one-credit-hour graded course designed to help cadets make physical fitness a lifestyle choice, prepare them for the physical fitness assessment

and educate them on Air Force Fitness regulations and guidance. All cadets take these two courses every term.

Academic classes for freshmen/sophomores are one-credit-hour graded courses. First-year instruction (AS1115/AS1116) offers a basic introduction to Air Force operations, including how the force is organized, an overview of missions/major commands, rank structure, proper wear of the uniform and benefits of military service. Sophomore courses (AS2115/AS2116) are devoted to Air Force history as a means for appreciating the role and evolution of air power through major combat operations.

Junior year courses (AS3215/AS3216) explore leadership and management concepts such as effective supervision, team building, problem solving, conflict

management, followership, and motivation. Senior courses (AS4215/AS4216) give soon-to-be officers foundational knowledge in specific regional studies, national defense policies, and Air Force doctrine. Both junior- and senior-level courses are three credit hours. All AFROTC classes emphasize professional writing and speaking to ensure future officers can present ideas effectively and with confidence.

Two- to four-year scholarships are available to high school seniors, and college freshmen and sophomores with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher who meet weight standards and score 90 or better on the physical fitness assessment. Scholarship winners receive a \$900 book allowance and a tax-free monthly stipend.

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### ARMY ROTC

Army ROTC is one of the best leadership courses in the country and is part of your college curriculum. During classes, leadership labs and field training, you will learn first-hand what it takes to lead others, motivate groups and how to conduct missions as an officer in the Army. Upon graduation from Army ROTC, you will earn the gold bar of a Second Lieutenant and become a leader of soldiers. Being an officer in the U.S. Army means you're a leader, a mentor, a strategist and a motivator. As an officer, you will lead soldiers to accomplish difficult missions in challenging environments. Officers are driven to achieve success with their soldiers on every mission.

As a graduate of this senior military college, a medically qualified cadet suc-

cessfully completing all ROTC requirements is guaranteed an active-duty commission. Cadets are eligible for two-, three-, and four-year tuition scholarships. Contracted freshman and sophomore Army ROTC students receive a monthly stipend of \$300 and \$350 respectively while in school. Juniors and seniors receive a monthly stipend of \$450 and \$500 respectively. All Army ROTC cadets receive a uniform allowance, and scholarship students receive an annual book allowance of \$1200. Numerous cadets join the National Guard or the Army Reserve while in Army ROTC, thus qualifying them for drill pay, in-state tuition, and Montgomery GI Bill benefits.

Freshman and sophomore cadets are in the basic course and receive two

credit hours per semester. Non-scholarship freshmen and sophomores are not obligated to military service. Juniors and seniors are enrolled in the advanced course and receive three credit hours per semester. Between the junior and senior year, cadets attend the 32-day Leader Development and Assessment Course at Fort Lewis, Washington, where they will showcase their leadership skills. Virginia Tech graduates have a major advantage over graduates of other ROTC programs and military academies due to the exceptional leadership training environment and rigorous academic standards. "Start Strong" with Army ROTC to prepare for your future career as an officer in the U.S. Army.

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### NAVAL ROTC AND MARINE CORPS OPTION

Naval ROTC prepares young men and women to serve their country as commissioned officers in the United States Navy or United States Marine Corps. Prospective Naval officers can be commissioned into fields such as surface warfare, nuclear power (submarines or surface), aviation, special warfare (SEALs), or special operations (Explosive Ordnance Disposal, or EOD for short). Prospective Marine Corps officers may enter various fields,

such as infantry, armor, and aviation.

Naval ROTC students, called "midshipmen," learn about the Navy and Marine Corps through a series of leadership laboratories, academic classes, and training cruises. The eight naval science courses cover topics ranging from ship navigation and weapon systems to leadership and naval history. All midshipmen participate in summer training cruise between their junior and senior years.

Scholarship students go on a training cruise each summer they are on scholarship. There are two- to four-year scholarships available for qualified students who must meet additional math and physics requirements as outlined in their scholarship contracts. Midshipmen under scholarship receive a monthly stipend while in school.

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## HIGHTY-TIGHTIES

The Highty-Tighties, officially known as the Virginia Tech Regimental Band, was officially established as an independent unit within the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets in 1893. The Highty-Tighties have been the standard of excellence on the Virginia Tech campus and in the corps of cadets for over a century.

The Highty-Tighties have won nearly all of the competitive parades in which they have marched throughout their long history. From World's Fairs to Washington Redskins football games, and

from parades in Blacksburg to parades in our nation's capital, band members have always done their very best to make their name synonymous with excellence.

The Highty-Tighties serve as a company within the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets. The band is run by the cadets themselves, providing many opportunities for leadership and hands-on training. The structured, disciplined lifestyle offered by the band and the corps is beneficial to all members.

The Highty-Tighty Alumni have raised

several million dollars in an endowment fund to provide financial awards for deserving band members. Generally, incoming freshman members receive a \$1,000 stipend provided by alumni.

The Highty-Tighties represent the heart and soul of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets. Other opportunities within the Highty-Tighties include the Highty-Tighty Pep Band, the Highty-Tighty Brass Quintet, String Quartet, and a jazz ensemble known as the Southern Colonels.

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## THE CADET LIFESTYLE

Every cadet lives by an enduring and highly respected Honor Code. All cadets must live in the cadet residence halls and wear the distinctive Virginia Tech uniform to all corps and academic activities.

Freshmen begin their cadet careers with personal responsibility and a regimented lifestyle. From that point onward, responsibility increases and regimentation decreases. However, mandatory quiet hours apply for the entire year, ensuring that freshman

cadets have ample opportunity to adjust to the increased difficulty of college courses. At the other end of the spectrum, senior cadets are responsible for the daily operation of the corps, with all cadets holding positions of responsibility.

Cadets are very active in all aspects of student life. Corps members have held a wide range of positions in the past several years, including: president of the Student Alumni Association; class president; vice

president of the Student Government Association; editor of the yearbook; numerous fraternity and sorority presidents; the university's mascot, HokieBird; members of the varsity football, track, and wrestling teams; and many others in social and special-interest organizations. Many cadets in recent years have been selected as the Virginia Tech Man of the Year, Homecoming King/Queen, and Undergraduate Leader of the Year.

## MAJOR GENERAL W. THOMAS RICE

### CORPS OF CADETS CENTER FOR LEADER DEVELOPMENT—LEADERSHIP MINOR

The Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets has long been recognized for its outstanding leader development activities, and now it carries academic recognition, as well.

The Major General W. Thomas Rice Corps of Cadets Center for Leader Development involves an evolutionary process that should transform the aspiring freshman into an inspiring leader as a senior. Each cadet is given ever-increasing opportunities to lead larger groups toward established goals. A comprehensive program of lectures, guest speakers, conferences, and ethics education forms a solid foundation for developing leader skills. Much more than a distinctive lifestyle, the Virginia Tech Corps of

Cadets provides a progressive program of leader development for college men and women — producing leaders who will serve the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation, both in and out of uniform, for a career and for a lifetime.

Cadets earn a minor in leadership studies through one of three academic tracks. The military track is used by those cadets who take the equivalent of four years of ROTC with the Army, Navy/Marine Option, or Air Force programs. The civic professions track is open to non-ROTC cadets who select additional classes from a variety of courses dealing with personal and organizational relationships. The third track is a combination of the first two, in which a cadet takes

two years of ROTC plus a few additional courses. Cadets in any of the three tracks must also successfully complete two semester-long leadership positions.

The Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Leader Development Program, including the minor in leadership studies it offers, is unique among American colleges and universities. In today's environment, the corps provides the education and development essential for leaders in a new century.

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

In addition to the formal military organization of the corps, there are several professional and social cadet organizations. Membership in at least one organization is encouraged because of the positive impact it will have in the area of professional development. Upperclass cadets also may join any of the nearly 700 student organizations at Virginia Tech.

- » Air Force ROTC Cadet Group
- » Arnold Air Society (AAS)
- » Color Guard at VT
- » Eagle Scout Association
- » Marine Raiders Platoon Team
- » Naval Aviation Society (NAS)
- » Ranger Company
- » Sash and Sabre Society
- » Scabbard and Blade
- » Semper Fidelis Society
- » Skipper Crew
- » Society of American Military Engineers (SAME)

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# Additional Opportunities

### ACADEMIC BENEFITS

Academics come first with Virginia Tech cadets. The corps employs a number of features designed to support cadets' academic efforts:

- » Faculty tutoring in math, physics, and chemistry;
- » Scholastics officers in each company who secure assistance for cadets having problems;
- » Mandatory evening quiet hours;
- » Supervision and mentoring by active duty and retired military officers.

### SCHOLARSHIPS & OTHER BENEFITS

- » **Scholarships:** The university and the VTCC Development Council yearly award over \$1,000,000 in scholarships via the corps' Emerging Leader Scholarship program and other corps scholarships. These require no post-graduate military service.
- » **ROTC:** Only cadets may qualify for

- the Reserve Officer Training Corps, offered at Virginia Tech by the Air Force, Army, and Navy (with Marine Corps Option, see page 2).
- » **Guaranteed residence hall room:** Corps members are guaranteed a residence hall room as long as they remain in the corps.
- » **Highly-Tighties:** Only cadets may

join this regimental band, which has won 163 first-place honors in 165 parade competitions. The Highly-Tighties also have financial awards available which hold no military service obligation. Generally all new members are provided a \$1,000 stipend.

### ROTC SCHOLARSHIPS

**Air Force ROTC** offers scholarships in all majors, which range from two to four years in length. Scholarships pay for tuition, fees, books, and a monthly subsistence allowance worth up to \$500. Juniors and seniors who are not already on scholarship but who are meeting required standards receive a book allowance and a \$350 to \$400 monthly stipend.

**Army ROTC** offers two-, three-, and four-year scholarships to qualified students in any academic disci-

pline. Two-year scholarships with a guarantee of reserve-forces duty are available. Scholarship amounts range from \$3,000 to \$16,000 per academic year, with an annual book allowance of \$900 and a monthly stipend worth up to \$500 while in school. Scholarships also are available for sophomores who have a minimum 2.50 GPA.

**Naval ROTC** four-year scholarship recipients are selected in a national competition among high-school

seniors; two- and three-year scholarship recipients are nominated as college sophomores and freshmen. Benefits include payment for tuition, books, required fees, and uniforms, and a non-taxable allowance of \$300 to \$500 per month for the duration of the scholarship.

Address written inquiries concerning scholarships to the specific ROTC program at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061.

### SPEND THE NIGHT WITH THE CORPS

The Spend the Night Corps Program is a great way to see the campus, get answers to your questions, and experience some of the traditions and spirit of Virginia Tech.

High school juniors and seniors are invited to participate in the Spend the Night Corps Program. They can choose from 20 sessions offered through the school year. Prospective students can spend the day touring the campus,

attending class, and learning about daily life in the corps of cadets. They are assigned to a corps unit with a cadet host for overnight lodging to experience first-hand cadet lifestyle in our residence halls.

Applicants provide their own transportation to Blacksburg. Pre-registration is essential and visitors must bring their own bedroll or sleeping bag. Visitors will eat in a dining facility and must pay for each meal at

the posted daily rate (\$20-\$25 should be plenty for the visit). Upon request, tours of academic facilities and interviews with campus agencies are arranged to meet individual interests and requests.

To learn more about this program or sign up for a session, please visit [www.vtcc.vt.edu/Prospect/Visit.php](http://www.vtcc.vt.edu/Prospect/Visit.php).

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#### INSIDE LOOK:

### VTCC FAQ

*Q: If I want to be a cadet, do I have to enroll in ROTC and go into the military upon graduation?*

*A: No. However, many cadets choose to enroll in ROTC for the outstanding career and scholarship opportunities.*

*Q: How is this different from ROTC at other colleges?*

*A: ROTC at Virginia Tech is exactly the same as ROTC programs at other colleges, except that ROTC students from Virginia Tech benefit from being in a progressive leadership program within a structured military lifestyle that the VTCC provides. The result is an officer with more practical leadership experience upon graduation.*

*Q: How does the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets differ from a traditional military college?*

*A: We offer the best of both worlds! We are one of only two senior military colleges in the United States located within a major state university. This lets you experience the military-style leadership training you'd obtain at a traditional military college while taking advantage of all the opportunities a large university has to offer.*

*Q: How many cadets are in the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets?*

*A: Approximately 940.*

*Q: How many female cadets are in the incoming cadet class?*

*A: Females comprise about 16% of the VTCC and have held every leadership position in the corps to include the top position of regimental commander. The VTCC was the first military college to admit women to its program, even before the federal service academies. They attend classes with the rest of Virginia Tech's 44% female student body.*

*Q: I did not participate in JROTC in high school. Am I allowed to be in the VTCC and ROTC?*

*A: Absolutely. The corps' leadership development program is designed to help cadets, regardless of background, become the best leaders they can be.*