

Parents

A Word from the Parents Council

Dear Families,

On behalf of the Parents Council, we welcome you to Virginia Military Institute. “No Ordinary College. No Ordinary Life.”

We are thrilled you have chosen VMI, and we are confident that this will be a life-changing experience for you and your family! The Parents Council provides a forum for the interchange of ideas and information between parents, cadets, and Institute officials. As Council members, we understand that the transition to VMI is unparalleled, full of anticipation coupled with the challenges that exist in a spartan environment. For your convenience, our parent volunteers will be available to assist you during matriculation, Family

Weekend, and various sporting and other VMI events.

The regimental staff has prepared this document to help in your transition to VMI.

all of the rat events. There are also two separate and equally important groups, known as the Cadet Equality Association (CEA) and the Officer of the Guard Association (OGA), which monitor all interactions between rats and other cadets. The CEA monitors and investigates reports

Telephone

Communicating with a rat can be quite difficult. Rats are not allowed to have cell phones in their rooms. Most rats will be able to keep their phone in their dyke's room. However, cadets can still be reached by calling the Visitors Center. Messages left at the Visitors Center will be

delivered by the cadet on duty within 20 minutes. Nonetheless, with the rigors and demands of VMI life, there is no guarantee that the cadet will be present to receive the message. Cadets, especially rats, are severely limited in the times they are permitted to use telephones.

Visiting our Cadet

It is always nice to have visitors at school. Especially at VMI, providing support and visiting are important. There are several opportunities to visit your new rat throughout his or her early cadetship. Times will come within the first weeks when training is not scheduled. You can visit your new cadet at Lejeune Hall. Other times are during home football and basketball games, after a morning parade while tailgating on the Parade Ground, and on Sunday.

Permits/Furloughs

Permits are "permission slips" approved by the commandant, and sometimes the dean, required to take part in events that are not routine or to miss regular activities (such as a formation or military duty). Permits are listed in the Blue Book, which contains all of VMI's rules and regulations. Cadets receive the Blue Book at the beginning of each year. Cadets will know if they are eligible to use one permit or another by reading the Blue Book. Every rat will be made familiar with all of the permits that he/she can or cannot use, as well as how to use them. It is very important that you talk with your rat before making any plans for a visit or travel plans for returning home on furlough, because rats are very busy and

Details for My Cadet

With all of the new things happening and things to remember, use this sheet to keep all the pesky bits of info straight!

Important Dates

» Company _____

» Room Number _____

» Roommates

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» Academic Advisor _____

» Mailbox Number _____

» Dyke _____

» My Rat's Email _____