

# VMI Basketball

## 2006-07 Media Guide

### 2006-07 Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Nov. 3	Emory & Henry (Exhibition)	Lexington, Va.	7 p.m.
Nov. 6	Washington & Lee (Exh.)	Lexington, Va.	7 p.m.
Nov. 10	at Ohio State (BCA Classic)	Columbus, Ohio	8 p.m.
Nov. 11	vs. Princeton or Loyola (Ill.)	Columbus, Ohio	TBD
Nov. 12	vs. TBD	Columbus, Ohio	TBD
Nov. 15	Virginia Intermont	Lexington, Va.	7 p.m.
Nov. 20	Southern Virginia	Lexington, Va.	7 p.m.
Nov. 22	at James Madison	Harrisonburg, Va.	7 p.m.
Nov. 25	at Howard	Washington, D.C.	7 p.m.
Nov. 28	at Army	West Point, N.Y.	7 p.m.
Dec. 1	vs. Cornell%	Williamsburg, Va.	6 p.m.
Dec. 2	vs. Jacksonville St. or W&M%	Williamsburg, Va.	TBD
Dec. 6	Lees-McRae	Lexington, Va.	7 p.m.
Dec. 9	Mercer	Lexington, Va.	1 p.m.
Dec. 11	South Carolina State	Lexington, Va.	7 p.m.
Dec. 20	at Richmond	Richmond, Va.	7 p.m.
Dec. 30	at Penn State	State College, Pa.	4 p.m.
Jan. 6	at Winthrop*	Rock Hill, S.C.	7 p.m.
Jan. 10	High Point*	Lexington, Va.	7 p.m.
Jan. 13	Charleston Southern*	Lexington, Va.	1 p.m.
Jan. 15	Coastal Carolina*	Lexington, Va.	7 p.m.
Jan. 18	Bridgewater	Lexington, Va.	7 p.m.
Jan. 22	at UNC Asheville*	Asheville, N.C.	7 p.m.
Jan. 25	Radford*	Lexington, Va.	7 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Liberty* (TV-FTN)	Lynchburg, Va.	8:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Winthrop*	Lexington, Va.	7 p.m.
Feb. 3	at Coastal Carolina*	Conway, S.C.	2 p.m.
Feb. 5	at Charleston Southern*	Charleston, S.C.	7 p.m.
Feb. 10	UNC Asheville* (TV-SS,CSN)	Lexington, Va.	Noon
Feb. 14	at Radford*	Radford, Va.	7 p.m.
Feb. 21	Liberty*	Lexington, Va.	7 p.m.
Feb. 24	at High Point*	High Point, N.C.	7 p.m.
Feb. 27	at Big South First Round	TBD	TBD
Mar. 1	at Big South Semifinals	TBD	TBD
Mar. 3	at Big South Finals	TBD	TBD

%-William & Mary Tournament

\*-Big South Opponent

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The 2006-07 season promises to be an exciting one and we will do everything we can to keep you up to date on the latest with Keydet basketball. If you have a special request or if we can be of further service to you, please contact us at the office or at home.

**WORKING MEDIA:** Press and photography passes and parking permits will be supplied to those media outlets regularly covering VMI basketball well in advance of the season. All others are requested to call this office far enough in advance so the tickets can be mailed. Passes may also be left at will call at the Cameron Hall ticket office.

**PRESS ROW:** All media, both radio networks, and the statistical crew are situated on the west side of the court. Wireless internet access is available for media members on press row.

**RADIO:** Two telephone lines are already installed for the official visiting station, and a trade-out agreement is desirable. Additional lines should be ordered through Sprint at 540-463-2121.

**GAME INFORMATION:** All media covering VMI games will be provided updated statistics on both teams, rosters, and a notes sheet which will include updated conference standings when applicable. Pizza, chocolate chip cookies and drinks will be provided prior to the game.

**INTERVIEWS:** All player and staff interviews must be arranged through the VMI Sports Information Office.

**AFTER THE GAME:** A complete statistical package with play-by-play will be available as soon after the game as possible. Both locker rooms are located on the left and right at the bottom of the ramp at the north end of the arena floor. Coaches will be interviewed outside their respective locker rooms and VMI players will be brought out upon request.

**KEYDET SCORELINE:** Featuring updated scores and notes following each VMI basketball game. The Keydet Scoreline number is 540-464-7205.

**DIRECTIONS TO CAMERON HALL:** Most of our annual visitors know how to get to the Keydet home arena, but for those who have never visited the charming city of Lexington, take note:

**From the East, North, or South:** Follow I-81 to Exit 188 B toward Lexington (U.S. 60 west). Follow U.S. 60 west to Nelson Street into town. Turn right at the intersection of Nelson and Main Streets. Follow Main Street .5 mile to the arena on the right.

**From the West:** Follow I-64 east to Exit 55 (U.S. 11) and head south toward Lexington. Follow U.S. 11 toward Lexington for .5 mile. Stay to the right across the Maury River Bridge and follow U.S. 11 Business for .3 mile. Cameron Hall will be on your left.

**KEYDETS ON THE WEB:** Fans and media are encouraged to follow the team on the VMI athletic home page. Timely information on the basketball Keydets will be available to both media and fans alike. Included in the service will be schedules, rosters, stats and the latest notes on the team as well as access to live radio broadcasts. The VMI Keydets can be accessed on the world wide web at [www.vmikeydets.com](http://www.vmikeydets.com).

**ITS VMI, PLEASE:** When referring to our athletic teams, it is requested that members of the media refer to this institution as "VMI", or "Virginia Military Institute", not "Virginia Military" or the cryptic "Va. Military". Any help in using the correct moniker would be greatly appreciated.



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# THIS IS THE VIRGINIA

## 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.

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 30 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.

For six consecutive years, U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges," has named VMI as the No. 1 public-supported liberal arts college in the nation, and ranked its engineering program in the top one-third of "Best Undergraduate" accredited programs at schools offering only bachelor's and master's degrees. In separate rankings for engineering specialties, VMI's civil engineering program ranks ninth. VMI has been repeatedly included in Peterson's "Competitive Colleges," guide. The highly respected book includes information on, "top colleges for top students." In addition, Princeton Review has named VMI to its "Best Mid-Atlantic Colleges" list.

## 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.

VMI alumni include Nobel Prize winner George C. Marshall; ten Rhodes Scholars; and 40 college presidents. VMI alumni have distinguished themselves in every American conflict since the Mexican War, among them 7 Medal of Honor recipients, and 265 general and flag officers. Some 500 alumni served in Gulf War operations "Desert Storm" and "Desert Shield," and nearly 1,000 VMI graduates are now or have been deployed in support of operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.



Lieutenant General Carl A. Strock, Chief of Engineers for the U.S. Army, continue a long line of VMI graduates in the highest positions of military leadership.

## The VMI Corps of Cadets

Today 1,300 young men and women in the VMI Corps of Cadets represent 36 states and six foreign countries. Over 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.

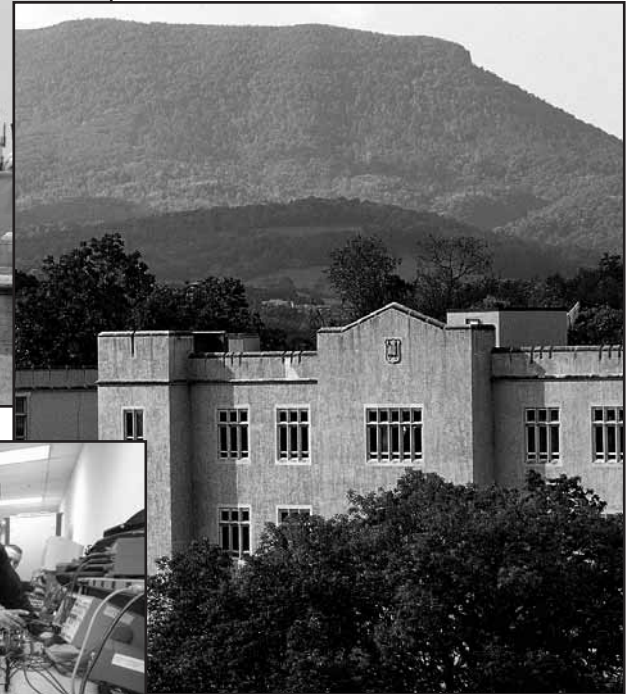
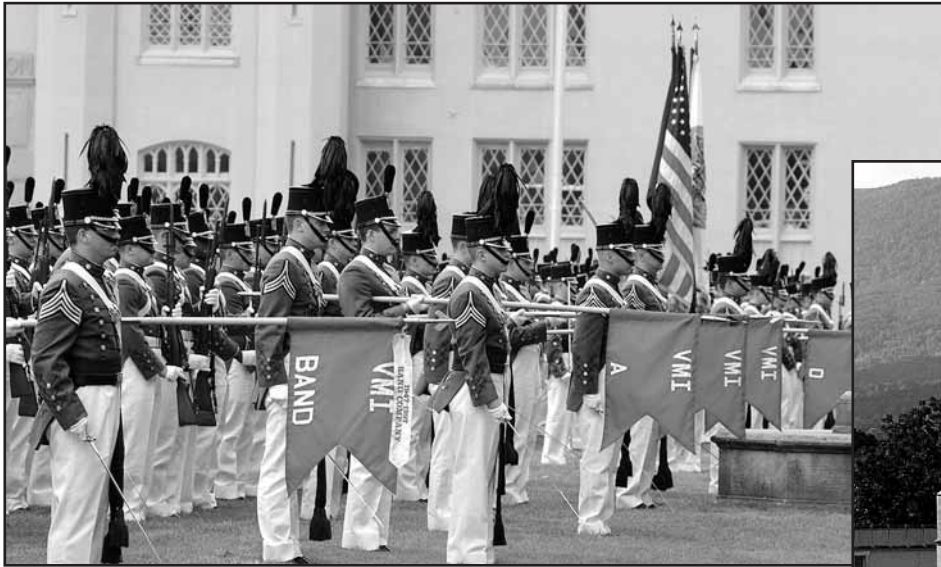
## Faculty

All VMI faculty members teach in the classroom, and 98 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

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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 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 fourteen 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.



## Alumni You Might Have Heard Of...

- Bobby Ross '59** - Former Head Coach of the Detroit Lions and San Diego Chargers, Current Head Coach at Army.
- Dabney Coleman '53** - Film and television actor.
- Gen. John Jumper '66** - Former Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force.
- George C. Marshall '01** - General of the United States Army, Secretary of State, and Nobel Peace Prize recipient for creating the Marshall Plan for the post-World War II reconstruction of Europe.
- George J. Collins '62** - Chairman of the Board, T. Rowe Price Associates, a leading investment firm.
- Lt. Gen. Robert B. Flowers '69** - Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- Jonathan Daniels '61** - Declared a Modern Martyr of the Faith by the Episcopal Church for giving his life to save a black teenage girl during the Civil Rights Movement in Alabama in 1965.
- Dr. John Duke Anthony '67** - CEO, National Council on U.S. - Arab Relations...knighted by Moroccan King Muhammed VI (June 2000).
- William Cowart III '67** - Former Deputy Director/ Chief Curator, The Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington D.C.; Current Executive Director of the the Roy Liechtenstein Foundation.
- Fred Willard '55** - Actor-Comedian, Best in Show, A Mighty Wind, Waiting for Guffman.

## 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 J.H. Binford Peay III has set in motion the work of a number of study groups that are focusing on such areas as the Institute's physical and cultural environment; academics; athletics; and military component. These groups are looking at ways to ensure VMI will be vibrant and relevant when the Institute's 200th anniversary arrives in 2039.

# VIRGINIA MILITARY

## Interesting Facts About VMI:

- ▶ *Founded in 1839 as the first state military college.*
- ▶ *VMI fields 16 men's and women's sports in five Division I conferences.*
- ▶ *Within five months of graduation, approximately 89% of each class has full-time employment or is in graduate school, including commissioned graduates (40%).*
- ▶ *96% of full-time faculty members hold the Ph. D. or terminal degree.*
- ▶ *11:1 student to faculty ratio.*
- ▶ *B.A. or B.S. degrees are offered in 14 disciplines in the fields of engineering, science, and liberal arts.*
- ▶ *For five consecutive years, U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges," has named VMI as the No. 1 public-supported liberal arts college in the nation.*
- ▶ *The VMI Foundation's \$280 endowment ranks first in the nation in endowment per student among public colleges and universities.*

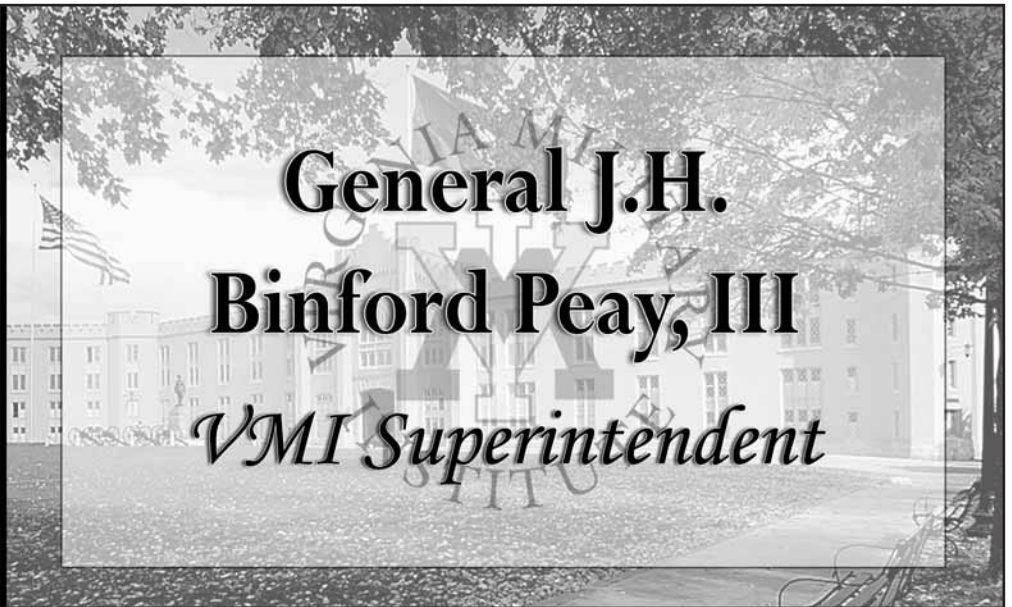
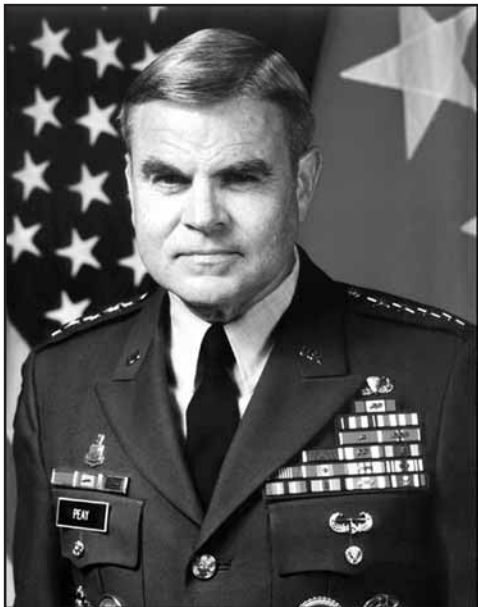


# ARY INSTITUTE



For five consecutive years, U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges," has named VMI as the

***#1 public-supported liberal arts college in the nation.***



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, and J.M. Hall have just recently been completed, with major modernization projects at Kilbourne Hall and Mallory Hall, a new Leadership and Ethics Center, and a third Barracks all commencing in fall 2006. In addition to the new third barracks structure, this four-year 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.

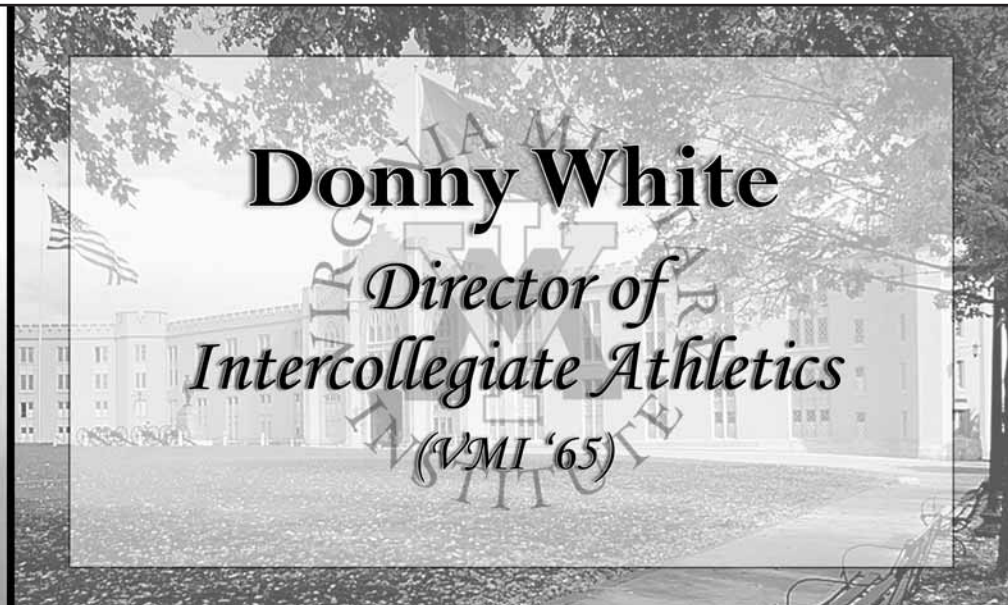
Academically, VMI remains a clear leader among small undergraduate colleges. As part of the extensive Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditation process, the academic team is currently engaged in conducting a comprehensive review of its "core-curriculum." Modernized and technologically enhanced academic buildings and a full academic support staff compliment splendid instructors. The Institute receives annual 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. 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 which was dedicated - Foster Stadium - on 30 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 will be completed in time for the 2007 baseball season and will be dedicated in the spring. 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, a Captain, VMI Class of '98, and Ryan, a Captain, VMI Class of '02, both currently serving in the United States Army. 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 of the Board of Trustees, The National Defense University; Chairman, the Allied Defense Group, and a Director, BAE Systems, Inc.



## ATHLETIC STAFF

### ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT STAFF:

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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 eighth-year Athletic Director Donny White has been a guiding force in the process.

Earlier this year, the dedication for Foster Stadium, a \$14 million upgrade on the school's existing football stadium, took place while a new 1,300 seat baseball stadium at Patchin Field is expected to open in time for the 2007 season.

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.

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 an assistant 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 athletic 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, Sergeant Cabell (left) and Sport (right).