

KEYDETH HEAD COACH

CAL MCCOMBS

■ THE CITADEL '67 ■ FIFTH SEASON



The right man for the right job. That may best describe Cal McCombs's working relationship as head football coach at Virginia Military Institute.

Coaching football at a military college requires vision, determination, enthusiasm, patience, and the ability to win people over with trust and commitment.

In McCombs' four years, he has instilled those virtues into the heart of VMI football and the result has been success, not just on the field, but in the classroom and beyond - where young VMI football alumni are making an impact in the world.

In 2002, McCombs led the Keydets to six wins, the most victories since 1981, and was named Southern Conference Coach of the Year - the third VMI football coach bestowed that honor and the first since Bob Thalman in 1981.

McCombs is quick to point out that it takes teamwork to build a winner, and last year's fortunes were not the product of one person's labor. Believing that there are no shortcuts to

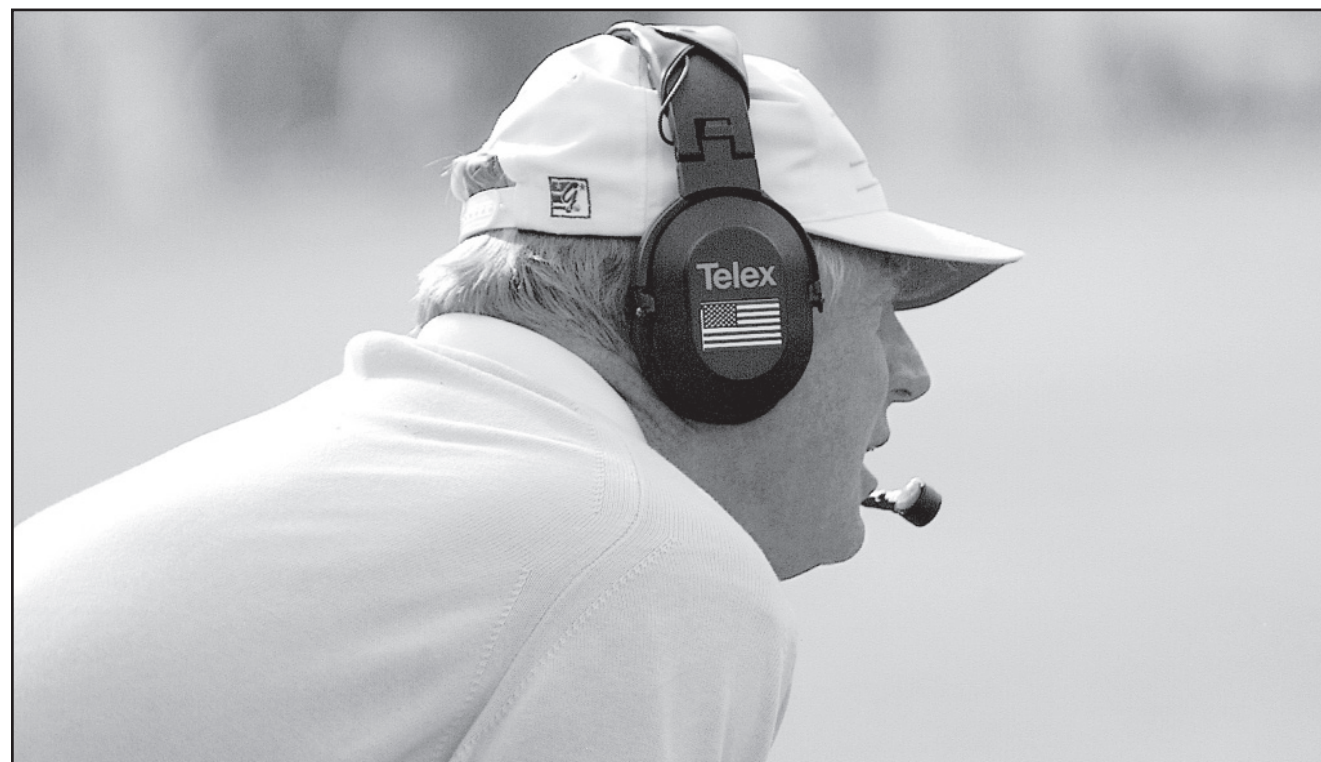
success, McCombs has taken a grass roots approach to rebuilding VMI football fortunes - brick-by-brick.

He has improved VMI's recruiting pool and retention rates by selling the total VMI experience to prospects, with the goal of an Institute degree and a lifelong bond among fellow graduates: the ultimate rewards to those who join the VMI football family.

With a focus on the priorities that produce the total student-athlete, McCombs not only rallied his troops, he made them believe that success both on and off the field is at hand, not some distant dream down the road.

Embarking on a new era of VMI football, McCombs was announced as the Institute's head coach on Dec. 18, 1998 after a successful stint as a coordinator and assistant coach at the United States Air Force Academy.

McCombs had served on the staff of Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry for 15 seasons - initially coaching the Falcon defensive backs before assuming the duties of defensive coordinator in 1990. He reported for duty on



the VMI post the first week of January, 1999, just days after his Falcon defense helped thwart Washington in the Oahu Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii.

McCombs played a major role in the accomplishments of Air Force football from 1984-1998. The Falcons captured two Western Athletic Conference championships, a WAC Mountain Division championship, and earned 10 bowl berths. Air Force ranked in the top 11 in Division I-A in total defense in 1998, and McCombs earlier directed the WAC's top defense in 1997 and the conference's leader in scoring defense in three different years. He also recruited Air Force standout quarterback Dee Dowis who was sixth in the Heisman trophy balloting in 1989. McCombs also tutored Air Force All-American defensive backs Scott Thomas and Carelton Thomas.

In the period McCombs served on the Air Force staff under DeBerry, the Falcons went 119-64-1 and captured 11 Commander-in-Chief's trophies - the annual award symbolizing service academy football supremacy.

McCombs became VMI's 28th head football coach in the program's 113-year football history. He also brought a long association with the Southern Conference to the post.

McCombs, 56, is a 1967 graduate of The Citadel and a former All-Southern Conference football and track and field performer and held the school's high jump record (6'-7"). He lettered three years in track and two in football and was a two-time most valuable player on both teams in 1966 and 1967. McCombs was a Dean's List student in the Corps of Cadets and also served as Cadet Battalion Athletic officer. He was commissioned as a lieutenant in the United States Army upon graduation and served a two-year tour of duty from 1967 to 1969.

All but two of McCombs' 34-year coaching career has been served at a military college. He began at South Carolina as a graduate assistant coach for two years before returning to his alma mater in 1971. McCombs spent 13 years on the The Citadel staff under head coaches Red Parker, Bobby Ross, and Art Baker and coached on both sides of the ball - holding during his tenure the positions of defensive coordinator, recruiting coordinator, defensive back coach, quarterback coach, offensive back coach, and academic counselor.

McCombs, a native of Belton, S.C., and his wife Lynne have two children, Will (32), and Layne (29).

McCombs signed a three-year contract extension in May that will carry through the 2006 season.

THE CAL McCOMBS PROFILE

COACHING CAREER

<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Rec.</u>	<u>Coaching Role</u>	<u>Post Season</u>
1969	South Carolina	7-4	Graduate assistant	Peach Bowl
1970	South Carolina	4-7	Graduate assistant	
1971	The Citadel	8-3-0	Secondary	
1972	The Citadel	5-6-0	Secondary	
1973	The Citadel	3-8-0	Wide receivers	
1974	The Citadel	4-7-0	Wide receivers	
1975	The Citadel	6-5-0	Wide receivers	
1976	The Citadel	6-5-0	Quarterbacks	
1977	The Citadel	5-6-0	Running backs	
1978	The Citadel	5-6-0	Secondary	
1979	The Citadel	6-5-0	Secondary	
1980	The Citadel	7-4-0	Secondary	
1981	The Citadel	7-3-1	Defensive coordinator	
1982	The Citadel	5-6-0	Defensive coordinator	
1983	The Citadel	3-8-0	Running backs	
1984	Air Force	8-4-0	Secondary	Won Independence Bowl
1985	Air Force	12-1-0	Secondary	Won Bluebonnet Bowl
1986	Air Force	6-5-0	Secondary	
1987	Air Force	9-4-0	Secondary	Lost Freedom Bowl
1988	Air Force	5-7-0	Secondary	
1989	Air Force	8-4-1	Secondary	Lost Liberty Bowl
1990	Air Force	7-5-0	Defensive coordinator	Won Liberty Bowl
1991	Air Force	10-3-0	Defensive coordinator	Won Liberty Bowl
1992	Air Force	7-5-0	Defensive coordinator	Lost Liberty Bowl
1993	Air Force	4-8-0	Defensive coordinator	
1994	Air Force	8-4-0	Defensive coordinator	
1995	Air Force	8-5-0	Defensive coordinator	Lost Copper Bowl
1996	Air Force	6-5-0	Defensive coordinator	
1997	Air Force	10-3-0	Defensive coordinator	Lost Las Vegas Bowl
1998	Air Force	12-1-0	Defensive coordinator	Won Oahu Bowl
1999	VMI	1-10-0	Head Coach	
2000	VMI	2-9-0	Head Coach	
2001	VMI	1-10-0	Head Coach	
2002	VMI	6-6-0	Head Coach	

PLAYING CAREER

Two-year letterwinner for The Citadel in football ('65 and '66), and three-year letterwinner in track ('65, '66, and '67); two-time MVP for both teams in 1966 and 1967; Earned All-Southern Conference and All-State honors in both track and football; Set Citadel record for high jump (6'7")

PERSONAL

Born: August 4, 1945 in Belton, S.C.

Family: Wife - Lynne Brown

Two children - Will (32) and Layne (29)

Education: B.S. in physical education, The Citadel, 1967

M.Ed. in physical education, University of South Carolina, 1970



Cal and Lynne McCombs

KEITH BRAXTON

- VMI '97
- THIRD SEASON
- DEFENSIVE TACKLES

Keith Braxton joined the VMI football coaching staff in June, 2001 and took over the defensive line coaching responsibilities... worked the previous two



years at First Union Corporation in Richmond, Va... previously coached defensive tackles at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa during the 1997 season... returns to his alma mater and was a four-

year letterman defensive tackle at VMI through the 1993 and 1996 seasons... graduated from VMI with a B.A. in History in 1997... posted 195 career tackles including six sacks and 11 tackles for loss... was three-year starter at defensive tackle... had one of his top games as a sophomore when he secured six solo tackles, two assists, and a quarterback pressure in VMI's 26-23 overtime win over Appalachian State... played in all 44 games over his four-year career with 35 starts... 28 years old... a native of Beaverdam, Virginia and a graduate of Patrick Henry High School in Ashland, Va... played with outside linebackers coach Andre Curtis at both VMI and Patrick Henry.

FAST FACT

BRAXTON WAS A THREE YEAR STARTER AT DEFENSIVE TACKLE FOR VMI FROM 1994-1996.



Keith Braxton

JOHNNY BURNETT

- UC-SANTA BARBARA '70
- SECOND SEASON
- DEF. COORDINATOR/SECONDARY

Came to the Institute after coaching three seasons at Austin College in Sherman, Texas, where he was assistant head coach defensive coordinator,



and recruiting coordinator...also coached at Oklahoma State for three seasons (96-98) and served as the Cowboys co-coordinator on defense and handled

the secondary...a veteran of military college football coaching, he spent the majority of his coaching career at the United States Military Academy where he coached for 17 years... coached linebackers and secondary under three Army head coaches...a 56 year-old native of Alameda, Calif...also coached as an assistant at University of Utah (1970) and moved on to Shippensburg State College (1972), Utah (1975-76) the Air Force Academy (1977) and Pacific (1978)...has coached four All-Americans, 16 all-conference performers, and seven academic All-America selections.

FAST FACT

BURNETT TOOK OVER AS DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR IN 2002.



Johnny, Barbara, and Kyle Burnett

ANDRE CURTIS

- VMI '99
- FOURTH SEASON
- LINEBACKERS

Moves to inside linebackers responsibilities in his fourth year on the staff... returned to the Institute in 2000 as an outside linebackers



coach... a 1999 graduate of VMI with a B.A. in Economics... finished his career as the school's fifth leading tackler with 354 stops... earned four varsity letters and made 31 consecutive starts at

linebacker... ranked second in the Southern Conference in tackles with 106 including 46 solo hits... named to the 1998 All-Southern Conference second team as selected by the sports media association... had 23 tackles against Wofford on October 10, 1998 which tied him for the third highest single-game total by a Keydet defender in VMI football history... 26 years old... was a linebacker and center at Patrick Henry High School in Ashland, Va. and attended when current VMI athletic director Donny White was serving as the school's AD... was the Touchdown Club of Richmond's Offensive Lineman of the Year and the Central Region's Defensive Player of the Year in 1994...he and his wife Erica reside in Lexington.

FAST FACT

CURTIS RANKS AS VMI'S FIFTH ALL-TIME LEADING TACKLER.

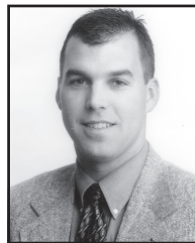


Erica and Andre Curtis

JEFF DURDEN

- GEORGETOWN (KY.) '88
- FIFTH SEASON
- OFF. COORDINATOR/ QB'S

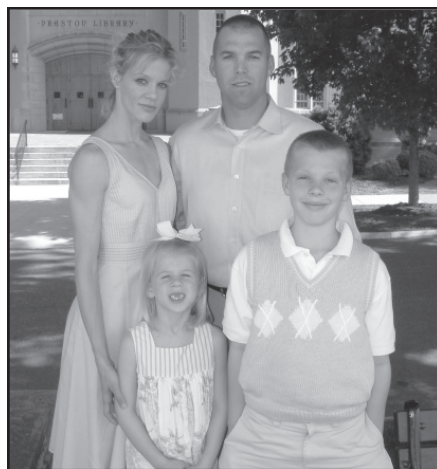
Promoted to offensive coordinator in 2002 and handles QB's after coaching backs and special teams for three years...the Keydets set the school record for points in a season in 2002 (314)...led VMI's nationally-ranked special



teams that blocked eight punts in 2000...came to VMI from Morehead State University where he served as offensive coordinator and running backs for four years... his MSU

offenses had been ranked nationally and set four school records... his 1997 MSU offense won the I-AA national scoring title and ranked second nationally in total offense... also had assistant coaching stints at California State (Pa.) for two seasons, West Georgia, and Georgetown (Ky.)...earned a bachelor's degree from Georgetown in 1988 and a master's degree from West Georgia in 1991... was an all-conference defensive back in college... A native of Dublin, Ga., and a former all-state performer in football and baseball... 37 years old... married to the former Kimberly Fendley and has a son Jakob (9), and a daughter, Hannah (6).

FAST FACT
VMI SET A SCHOOL RECORD FOR POINTS (314) IN DURDEN'S 1ST YEAR AS OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR (2002).



Kimberly, Hannah, Jeff and Jakob Durden

REED HEIM

- AUSTIN COLLEGE '00
- FIRST SEASON
- DEFENSIVE ENDS

Joined the staff in May, 2003...will handle the defensive ends this fall...comes to VMI from Louisiana College in Pineville, La. where he coached



linebackers in a multiple 4-3 scheme...also coached collegiately at his alma mater of Austin College in Sherman, Texas in 2001 and handled inside linebackers

and coached the punt team...has played

and coached on two club teams in Europe...played middle linebacker and fullback for the Vienna Rangers in Vienna, Austria in the summer of 2001...played for the SHA Unicorns in Schwabisch Hall, Germany last summer and coordinated the defense while coaching special teams...was a four-year letterwinner at Austin College and graduated in May, 2000 with a degree in Business Administration...captained the 2000 Austin College team...played for VMI defensive coordinator Johnny Burnett at Austin College...was a three-time All-Conference ASC player at Austin College...26 years old.

FAST FACT
REID HEIM COACHED CLUB TEAMS IN BOTH GERMANY AND AUSTRIA.



Reed Heim

WILL MCCOMBS

- AIR FORCE '94
- FIFTH SEASON
- OFFENSIVE LINE

Coaches the Keydet offensive line for the fifth season...improved line play in 2002...helped Keydet offense to school record 314 points...came to the



Keydet football staff from The Citadel where he coached wide receivers in 1998... spent four years on the Bulldog staff and also coached tight ends...

a 1994 graduate of the Air Force Academy where he earned two varsity letters as an offensive lineman and played in three consecutive Liberty Bowls (1990, 1991, and 1992)... began his coaching career at Air Force Academy Prep where he coached the offensive line the fall after his graduation... son of head coach Cal McCombs...32 years old...he and wife Emilie, reside in Lexington and are the proud parents of a baby girl, Emilie Bennett, born March 12, 2003.

FAST FACT
WILL MCCOMBS HAS COACHED COLLEGE FOOTBALL AT THREE MILITARY SCHOOLS



Emilie, Bennett, and Will McCombs

JOHN POINDEXTER

- FERRUM '96
- RUNNING BACKS
- FIRST SEASON

Came to the staff in mid-July, 2003, and is the most recent addition to the offensive staff...replaces Jack Baker who became a head coach at



Alleghany High School...will handle the Keydet slotbacks and "Super" backs in the offensive backfield...the VMI post will be his first coaching job on

the collegiate level since 1996 when he served as a wide receivers coach at his alma mater of Ferrum College...has a combined six years coaching experience in football, basketball, baseball, and track on the scholastic level...comes to VMI from Fork union where he coached last season on the staff of VMI alumnus John Shuman and handled the wide receivers...also coached scholastically at Middlesex (2000-2002), Franklin County (1999-2000), Jefferson Forest (1998-99) and Brookville (1997-98)...was a wide receiver at Ferrum and graduated with a B.S. in Recreation and Leisure with a Minor in Psychology...native of Lynchburg, Va...brother Anthony played at Virginia and was a member of the 2000 NFL champion Baltimore Ravens.

FAST FACT
POINDEXTER JOINED THE VMI STAFF IN JULY.

LATRELL SCOTT

- HAMPTON '99
- SECOND SEASON
- WIDE RECEIVERS

Will handle the wide receivers for the second year...came to the Institute after serving wide receivers coach at Western Carolina for the



2001 season... spent the prior two seasons at Fork Union (Va.) Military Academy under VMI alumnus John Shuman and coached FUMA's wide receivers and

assisted on special teams...a 27-year-old native of Richmond, Va. (Lee-Davis High School), he received his B.A. in sports management from Hampton University in 1999, where he was a three-year starter at tight end...earned I-AA All-America recognition in his senior campaign and was selected to play in the All-Star Classic...played on Hampton football squads that captured two Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) championships and earned two appearances in the NCAA I-AA playoffs... joined the Keydet staff in February and coached in spring drills.

FAST FACT
SCOTT PLAYED ON TWO MEAC CHAMPIONSHIP SQUADS AT HAMPTON U.



Latrell Scott