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Governor Glenn Youngkin chairs one of his first staff meetings following his Inauguration as Virginia's Governor sporting his VMI Cadet newspaper vest! - Photo by Office of the Governor staff

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May Virginians awoke to a cold, snowy Sunday January 15, 2022 following the Inauguration of Hon. Glenn Youngkin as Virginia's new governor.

His staff tweeted out a message on public road safety and for Virginia's to take care during the storm that held special meaning or the VMI Family and The Cadet. Seated at the head of the conference table the Governor sported a

bright red The Cadet Newspaper sent to him by The Cadet staff as a gift on his inauguration. The image quickly went viral among the VMI Family on the internet and generated tremendous positive feedback from all those who saw

it. The photo definitely warmed the hearts of a lot of cadets, alumni and families on an otherwise cold and snowy weekend!

Those interested in purchasing a Cadet Newspaper vest should contact The Cadet at: info@cadetnewspaper.org

Virginia Military Institute Corps of Cadets Marches in the Virginia Gubernatorial Inaugural Parade for Glenn Youngkin

- By Cadet Emily Liska '22

On Saturday, January 15th, 2022, the VMI Corps of Cadets traveled to Richmond, Virginia to attend and march in the Inaugural parade for Glenn Youngkin, the newly elected governor of Virginia.

Leaving at approximately six in the morning, this was a nearly all day event for the Corps of Cadets, and one of the only trips the Corps travels to in its entirety.

Virginia Military Institute has a long history of marching in Inaugural parades, whether for the newly-elected President of the United States, or as in this case, the newly-elected Governor of Virginia. A 1938 edition of the CADET featured an article regarding a Corps trip to Richmond for the inaugural parade of Governor-elect Price:

"Richmond Trip To Be Overnight January 13—VMI's thirty - five representatives to the inaugural ceremonies of Governor-elect Jas. H.

Price will leave Lexington by bus at 4?15 P. M. January the eighteenth. They will arrive in Richmond about 7:30 p. m. and will be quartered with their families, families of other cadets or at the Armory in Richmond. Escorts To New Governor ... The VMI contingent along with that of VPI and several prep schools will escort the Governor-elect from the Capitol Square to the Jefferson Hotel where Governor Peery will meet the delegation and ride back to the Capitol Square with the officials. During the trip from the Hotel to the Capitol Square the members of the escort will form lines along each side of the road. After the inauguration of the Governor, VMI's representatives will take part in the parade past the reviewing stand at Capitol Square Captain McNea In Charge [...]" (source: VMI archives).

A 1949 edition of the CADET recalled a Corps trip to Richmond in 1914 for Governor Stuart, detailing some antics the Corps was involved in during the trip: "In the year 1914 the Corps of cadets



- Photo by Diane Liska

The VMI Regimental staff leads the Corps for the Pass in Review during the Inaugural Parade in Honor of Governor Glenn Youngkin

made another trip to the state capitol at Richmond. The occasion was the inauguration of Governor Stuart. With hay rolls on their backs, the corps passed

on train slowly through Lynch-burg, where they were met by alumni, (as one

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irritated cadet was heard to say, "Not one damn girl among them!") who led the corps in the Old Yell, and a number of others. When the train finally pulled into Richmond the corps was marched to the armory of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues, where through a sudden kindness the floor had been turned over to their disposal! Though there was a roll call at midnight, the armory provided many fire escapes which were quickly located and taken advantage of by the cadets. Though

it does not seem quite possible that entertainment of the nature that ran free in Richmond prevailed in those "stern old days" it is understood that no matter a VMI man goes, good cheer runs too-!" (source: VMI archives)
The VMI archives has other records of the Corps marching in the gubernatorial inaugural parade, including in a 1982 meeting of the VMI Board of Visitors, they discussed that approximately 700

cadets marched in the Gubernatorial Inaugural parade, "with costs being funded by private contributions". Due to the impending snow storm, many parents and family members were unable to attend the parade, but thanks to live stream and videos posted immediately after the event, they were still able to watch their cadet march remotely. Another article in this edition of The Cadet features many of the positive

reactions of family members, alumni, and friends of cadets, in response to the Corps' performance at the Inaugural parade. It was an honor for the Corps of Cadets to be able to march in the Inaugural Parade for Governor Youngkin, and we wish him the best throughout his time in office.

