



## **Women in the Corps**

### *Some History*

In 1959, the first woman was accepted into the Corps of Cadets. Her name was Patricia Ann Miller. After that, other women were accepted into the Corps. In 1973, the first organized female company in the regiment was formed, the L Squadron. However, it wasn't until 1979, that women were integrated into the line companies.

Currently, women only comprise approximately 20% of the cadet population.

### *Websites*

- [www.vtcc.vt.edu](http://www.vtcc.vt.edu)
- <http://spec.lib.vt.edu/archives/125th/cadets/women/first.htm>

### *Myth/Truth Section*

**Myth:** Cadets are completely isolated from the student population.

**Truth:** Cadets are involved in nearly every aspect of campus life to include student government, varsity sports, academic and interest related clubs and organizations, as well as fraternities and sororities.

**Myth:** Cadets are not allowed to go out on weekends.

**Truth:** Weekends are relatively free for all cadets unless there are mandatory Corps functions such as attendance at football games or parades. Freshman cadets are usually limited in terms of how often they are able to go out on the weekend evenings during the Fall semester. The first year of college for all students is a period of adjusting to the rigors of college level academics; therefore, it is important that all cadets understand how the art of time management and good study habits play a critical role in the success of first year students. However, "pass" or the ability to go out in the evenings is performance based for all cadets. Pass can be extended for outstanding academic performance as well as excelling in the training involved with cadet life.

**Myth:** All cadets are going into the military.

**Truth:** Not all of the cadets that join the Corps intend to enter into the service. Because



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of the numerous academic assistance programs available to cadets, the leadership development training opportunities, and the lifelong friendships that cadets make during the course of their college career, the Corps of Cadets provides all cadets with keys to success in both civilian and military vocations.

### ***General Info***

You can join the Corps by choosing that option on the application for admission, by contacting LTC Gary Johnson to change status from “civilian” to “cadet,” or by contacting the Assistant Commander of Cadets for Recruiting (located in Brodie Hall). Women and men are both required to complete the same training; although, there are different physical standards set forth by the ROTCs.

Women in the Corps can achieve any status. Women have achieved the status of every leadership position in the Corps. This also includes the top position of Regimental Commander.