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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

RG.02.Subject Files.Administrative

Unit ID

/repositories/3/resources/39

Unit Date

1874-2003

Language

English

Creator

Smith, Francis H. (Francis Henney), 1812-1890

Creator

Shipp, Scott, 1839-1917

Creator

Nichols, E. W. (Edward West), 1858-1927

Creator

Cocke, William H. (William Horner), 1874-1938

Creator

Lejeune, John Archer, 1867-1942

Creator

Kilbourne, Charles E. (Charles Evans), 1872-1963

Creator

Marshall, Richard J., 1895-1973

Creator

Milton, William H., Jr. (William Hammond), 1900-1984

Creator

Shell, George R. E., 1908-1996

Creator

Irby, Richard L. (Richard Logan), 1918-2002

Creator

Walker, Sam S., 1925-2015

Creator

Knapp, John W. (John Williams), 1932-

Creator

Bunting, Josiah, III, 1939-

Extent

75 cubic feet

Physical Location

Archives stacks, Record Group 02, Superintendent

Repository

Virginia Military Institute Archives

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

This Record Series contains some material which is restricted. Access to certain categories of archival records is restricted because they contain material protected under federal or state statutes governing privacy and confidentiality.

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Scope and Contents

Historically significant subject files spanning the administrations of multiple Superintendents. These topical files cover various historical eras; topics include areas such as planning, programs, and events.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Administration

Description of Subordinate Components

Mardi Gras (feature film)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/91

Unit Date 1957-1959

Mixed Materials SF001 (box)

Language English

Extent 0.5 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents

Superintendent's correspondence relating to the filming of the movie "Mardi Gras" (20th Century Fox, 1958). It was the second movie to feature VMI (the first was "Brother Rat"). Contains correspondence from Frank McCarthy (Class of 1933), then Director of Public Relations for 20th Century Fox).

Keywords

Mardi Gras (feature film)

Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1950-1959

Parade Ground Grading

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/135

Unit Date 1920

Mixed Materials SF004 (box)

Container Parade Ground (Folder)

Language English

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Buildings, structures, etc.

National Historic Landmark, National Register of Historic Places

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3239

Unit Date 1966-1986

Mixed Materials SF004 (box)

Container National Historic Landmark (Folder)

Language English

Extent 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Correspondence and other documents relating to the designation of Barracks as a National Historic Landmark in 1966; and the VMI Post as a National Historic Landmark / National Historic District in 1974. The VMI post is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Buildings, structures, etc.

Historic buildings—Virginia—Lexington

Historic preservation

National Historic Landmarks Program (U.S.)

Corps Trips, including Inaugural parades

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/72

Unit Date 1874-ongoing

Mixed Materials SF023 (box)

Language English

Extent 0.75 cubic feet1 box

Scope and Contents

This file contains material documenting the participation of the Corps in Presidential and Gubernatorial inaugural parades. It also includes items relating to the following: Nashville (Tennessee Centennial), 1897; the Jamestown Exposition (1907); Yorktown Trip (1881, 1931, 1981); Charleston, SC, 1902; Chancellorsville Reenactment, 1935; Petersburg, 1937 (Battle of Crater reenactment); Baltimore, 1948 (dedication of Lee-Jackson statue); as well as misc. other significant corps trips.

Keywords

Presidents—Inauguration

Virginia Military Institute—Special events
Inaugural Parades
Virginia Military Institute—Special events
Parades

Army ROTC and Military Science

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/74

Unit Date 1886-ongoing

Mixed Materials SF0030 (box)

Mixed Materials SF031 (box)

Language English

Extent 2.5 cubic feet

Conditions Governing Access

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Scope and Contents

This file documents the administrative history and functions of the Army ROTC Department, which was formally established at VMI in 1919 (file material dates to 1916). Includes chronological administrative file and other records listed in Container List below. Also includes some records concerning pre-ROTC Military Science, including reports of government inspections and other material.

Keywords

United States. Army—Reserve Officers' Training Corps

Virginia Military Institute—History—20th century

Virginia Military Institute—History—World War, 1914-1918

Military Science and Army ROTC Chronological File

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/75

Unit Date 1886-ongoing; gaps 1923-25; 1938-39, 1940

Language English

Conditions Governing Access

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Scope and Contents

Chronological file containing documents about the history of the military science program prior to the establishment of ROTC, as well as documents about the history of Army ROTC at VMI.

ROTC Cavalry Chronological File

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/76

Unit Date 1890's-1948; bulk 1917-1948

Language English

Keywords

Cavalry

United States. Army—Reserve Officers' Training Corps

Plattsburgh, New York, ROTC camps

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/2355

Unit Date 1918

Language English

Keywords

United States. Army—Reserve Officers' Training Corps

Virginia Military Institute—History—20th century

Virginia Military Institute—History—World War, 1914-1918
New York (State) -- Plattsburgh Barracks

ROTC Cavalry - Horses Subject File

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/77

Unit Date 1941-1948

Language English

Keywords

Cavalry

United States. Army—Reserve Officers' Training Corps

ROTC Cavalry, Misc.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/78

Unit Date 1917-1936

Language English

Keywords

Cavalry

ROTC Officers at VMI, Historical

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/79

Unit Date 1886-1910

Language English

Army Inspections

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/83

Unit Date 1892-1975

Language English

H. B. Johnson, Jr. '26 Distinguished Leadership Lecture Series

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/2940

Unit Date 1980-2001

Mixed Materials SF038 (box)

Container Johnson (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Correspondence and memoranda relating to the establishment and ongoing operation of the H. B. Johnson, Jr. '26 Distinguished Leadership Lecture Series, which is funded by a gift from Belton Kleberg Johnson. The first lecture was given in Oct. 1983 by the former President Gerald R. Ford. Subsequent speakers: Helmut Schmidt (1984), Edward Heath (1986), Howard Baker (1988), Gen. William Westmoreland (1990), Margaret Thatcher (1992), Richard Cheney (1993), George H. W. Bush (1996), Christopher Patten (1999), Henry Kissinger (2001).

Also Kirsten Powers "Free Speech on College Campuses." Ray Kelly "A Conversation with Ray Kelly on his Memoir: Vigilance: My Life Serving America and Protecting its Empire City." Retired Four-Star General Keith Alexander "Ethical Dilemmas Facing Leaders in American National Security." Retired Lieutenant Colonel Dave Grossman "The Bulletproof Mind: Psychological Preparations for Combat." Edward Ayers, Ph.D. "The Shape of the Civil War" Nina Totenberg "The Supreme Court and Its Impact on You." Mr. Edward Viesturs "No Shortcuts to the Top." Lieutenant Governor Ralph Northan

Related Materials

See also: RG- Communications & Marketing- Special Events- for programs & publicity

Keywords

H.B. Johnson, Jr. '26 Distinguished Lecture Series

Lecture Series

Coat of Arms, Crest, Motto, Insignia**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/2983**Unit Date** 1964-1985**Mixed Materials** SF038 (box)**Container** Coat of Arms (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Memoranda, correspondence relating to the history and design of the VMI Coat of Arms, crest/insignia, and motto. Includes color images and original artwork for VMI Crest, ca. 1965.

Margaret V. Smith Bequest**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/90**Unit Date** 1894-1927**Mixed Materials** SF045 (box)**Container** Smith (Folder)**Language** English**Extent** 1 Files**Scope and Contents**

Documents, 1894-1927, relating to the bequest of Margaret Smith to establish the Francis Lee Smith scholarship

Keywords

Smith, Margaret V.

Smith, Francis L., Jr. (Francis Lee), 1845-1916

Education Commission of Virginia (Barton Commission)**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/2873**Unit Date** 1927-1928**Mixed Materials** SF046 (box)**Language** English**Creator** Cocke, William H. (William Horner), 1874-1938**Creator** O'Shea, M. V. (Michael Vincent), 1883-1932**Creator** Barton, Robert T.**Extent** 1 boxes**Scope and Contents**

This file concerns VMI's response to the report produced by the Educational Commission of Virginia, which undertook a survey of public education in the state. The final report recommended that VMI be closed, a conclusion that sparked a vocal response by VMI and its alumni. The commission is sometimes referred to as the Barton Commission (for the chairman, Robert T. Barton) and the report as the O'Shea report (the director of the survey was M.V. O'Shea of the Univ. of Wisconsin)

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—History—20th century

Education—History—Virginia

World War I Students' Army Training Corps (SATC) and Training Camps Records**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3004**Unit Date** 1917-1919**Mixed Materials** SF047 (box)**Language** English**Creator** Nichols, E. W. (Edward West), 1858-1927**Extent** .5 cubic feet**Biographical / Historical**

The establishment of Students' Army Training Corps units was authorized by the Selective Service Act of 1917. VMI participated in this program. The Students' Army Training Corps utilized the facilities, equipment, and faculty of colleges and universities to select and train officer candidates and provide

technical and vocational training during World War I. Dissolution of the Corps began with the armistice on November 11, 1918.

In addition, VMI held summer intensive military training camps at VMI during the summers of 1917 and 1918. There were three such camps; two in 1917 and one in 1918.

Scope and Contents

Records of VMI's participation in a government programs to to provide military training during World War I. The material consists of correspondence, rosters, and financial records documenting operation of summer intensive training camps held at VMI during 1917 and 1918; and of the SATC program. File also includes information about British officer detailed to VMI, 1918.

Keywords

United States. Army—Students' Army Training Corps
Virginia Military Institute—History—World War, 1914-1918
Military training camps
World War, 1914-1918

World War II era at VMI

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/2883

Unit Date 1940-1946 bulk

Mixed Materials SF048 (box)

Mixed Materials SF049 (box)

Language English

Creator Kilbourne, Charles E. (Charles Evans), 1872-1963

Creator Marshall, Richard J., 1895-1973

Creator Marshall, George C. (George Catlett), 1880-1959

Extent 2 boxes

Scope and Contents

Administrative records concerning the World War II era at VMI, including correspondence and memoranda. Also files on returning veterans issues. The G. I. Bill folder includes some information about returning Korean War veterans.

Includes: Chronological file, 1940-1946; Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP)- separate box; Library of Congress - storage of material at VMI during war; Civil defense in Lexington (air raid drills, blackout drills); Selective Service System (draft); GI bill/veterans, including married civilian students; War diplomas/certificates (Class of 1944) Enlisted Reserve Corps (ERC).

See Chronological File, June 17, 1940, for letter from George C. Marshall

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—History—World War, 1939-1945
Virginia Military Institute—History—20th century
Army Specialized Training Program (U.S.)
World War, 1939-1945
Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 (United States)

Depression era programs, including PWA

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3037

Unit Date 1934-1939

Mixed Materials SF070 (box)

Language English

Creator Lejeune, John Archer, 1867-1942

Scope and Contents

Superintendent office file containing documents concerning Depression era federal and state programs which provided money for hiring employees and public works, student aid and other programs. PWA- Public Works Administration; WPA- Works Progress Administration; FERA-Federal Emergency Relief Administration (student aid); NYA- National Youth Administration

Keywords

United States—Public Works Administration
Depressions

Virginia Military Institute—Buildings, structures, etc.

Virginia Council of Defense Records

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/2903

Unit Date 1917-1918

Mixed Materials SF073 (box)

Language English

Creator Nichols, E. W. (Edward West), 1858-1927

Extent 1 boxes

Biographical / Historical

The Council of National Defense was created by an act of Congress on 29 August 1916 to coordinate all national resources pertaining to the mobilization and maintenance of the United States armed forces. After the United States declared war on Germany in April 1917, the federal government requested that each state create a State Council of Defense to carry out the duties of the National Council. To comply with this request, Virginia Governor Henry Carter Stuart created several state councils, including the Virginia Council of Defense (26 April 1917) headed by Gen. Edward W. Nichols of VMI. In addition to Nichols, members included: General Edward W. Nichols, Superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute; L.E. Johnson, President of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company; R. Walton Moore, United States Representative; Homer L. Ferguson, President of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company; Colonel Elijah B. White; Rev. Collins Denny; Dr. Ennion G. Williams, State Health Commissioner; James O. Winston; Richard Evelyn Byrd; D. Lawrence Groner; George B. Keezell; John H. Crockett; Jesse M. Jones; and A.P. Walker.

The structure was reorganized by Governor Westmoreland Davis in February 1918 under the Second Virginia Council of Defense.

Scope and Contents

Records of Superintendent Edward W. Nichols relating to the operation of the first Virginia Council of Defense during World War I. Nichols was Chairman of the first Council.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—History—World War, 1914-1918

World War, 1914-1918

World War (1914-1918) -- Virginia