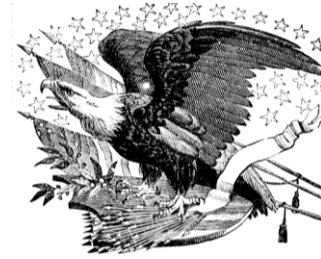




# WESTERN VIRGINIA MILITARY ACADEMY



## RULES and GUIDELINES

(All military references concern mid 19<sup>th</sup> century military customs)

Cadets (students) will demonstrate respect to all participants including adult leaders, chaperones, transportation drivers, and other cadets of **The Western Virginia Military Academy**.

Cadets will pay proper military respect and honors to all officers including their commander(s)/drill instructor(s), his assistants, and other cadets holding any assigned rank or position in **The Western Virginia Military Academy**.

Cadets will be expected to follow all reasonable orders given by the officers and ranking cadets of **The Western Virginia Military Academy** during drills and other organized activities of **The Western Virginia Military Academy**.

All new cadets enter the academy at the rank of PRIVATE. As a general rule all sixth graders will remain as PRIVATES through the sixth grade. Seventh graders will be promoted to the ranks of CORPORAL and lower ranking SERGEANTS. Eighth graders will hold the ranks of LIEUTENANTS and higher ranking SERGEANTS. Rank above “private” is assigned by the commander/drill instructor to cadets who demonstrate leadership abilities and dedication to the organization. Such abilities and dedication will be based upon many factors including, but not limited to: attendance, attitude, maturity (emotional and physical), military bearing, and demonstrated ability in the rank to be promoted to as well as all inferior ranks.

The rank structure for cadets in **The Western Virginia Military Academy** shall be as follows, beginning with “Private” the lowest rank:

Private (Cadet)

Lance Corporal (Lance Corporals will be sixth graders who have already served for a year or more in the academy.)

Corporal of Cadets (Corporals to be numbered “first” to “eighth” as needed)

Sergeant of Cadets (Sergeants to be numbered “second” to “fifth” as needed)

First Sergeant of Cadets

Lieutenants of Cadets (Lieutenants to be numbered “first” to “third” as needed)

Cadet Quartermaster (To hold the rank Sergeant or Lieutenant)

Captain of Cadets

If the number of cadets reaches a level that two companies will be formed, additional battalion level ranks may be created. These could include Adjutant (rank of Lieutenant), Sergeant major, Regimental Quartermaster, Cadet Major, Cadet Lieutenant colonel, Cadet colonel, . Right and Left general guides (Sergeants), and others as needed.

The overall commander of cadets and principal drill instructor will hold the rank of full Major.

From time to time the commander may need to “brevet” cadets into a position and/or create new positions of rank and responsibility.

Attendance is voluntary, but Cadets will be expected to fully participate at every activity of **The Western Virginia Military Academy** they attend. Insubordination, disrespect, tardiness, or leaving the activity early without a parental excuse could result in disciplinary action.

Each cadet is expected to take good and proper care of all equipment, weaponry, and clothing he is issued regardless of whether it is for a two hour session or a weekend long event. If such materials are issued from school prior to an event, the receiving cadet is expected to come to the event with all materials issued. After the event, if the materials are not collected on site, they are to be returned to the school in a timely fashion and in good condition. Timely fashion will usually mean within one week of issue. Demerits will be given for late returns. Cadets may be required to pay for replacement of lost or damaged property of the academy.

Disciplinary actions of **The Western Virginia Military Academy** will consist of:

Reduction in assigned rank, permanent or temporary, in **The Western Virginia Military Academy**.

Dismissal, permanent or temporary, from participation in **The Western Virginia Military Academy**.

Demerits given. (Demerits will figure into decisions regarding promotions.

No physical discipline, neither military nor otherwise, will be inflicted on any cadet for infractions of the above rules. Extra duties or drill time may be included in disciplinary actions only at the request of the cadet to be disciplined and with parental permission and is to occur at a previously arranged time and place agreeable to the commander, cadet, and parents.

The WVMA is a school sponsored event and as such cadets are subject to all school rules during all academy activities both on and off campus. Likewise, school misbehavior may have an impact on a cadet's participation in academy events. If a cadet is suspended from school due to misbehavior, he may not participate in academy activities that occur during the time of the suspension **beginning with the time of the issuance of the suspension** by school administrators.

### **Weapons and Safety**

All weapons, real or otherwise, will be treated with the respect due a real weapon. No weapon – musket, pistol, bayonet, sword, or otherwise – will be pointed at any other individual without explicit orders to do so by a superior and then only in a simulated combat exercise.

No physical contact on another cadet using any weapons will be allowed unless such contact is prearranged with the permission of the adult instructor.

Major M. L. Sheets, Commanding  
Western Virginia Military Academy



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Rules and Guidelines Agreement Form.

CADETS: If you agree to adhere to the rules and guidelines of the Western Virginia Military Academy please sign below.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the Rules and Guidelines of the Western Virginia Military Academy and agree that they are both reasonable and that I will follow them.

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Cadet Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

PARENTS: I have read and understand the Rules and Guidelines of the Western Virginia Military Academy and agree that they are both reasonable and that I will encourage my child to follow them and support the staff of the WVMA in enforcing them with my child.

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Parent Signature

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Date