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## VMI Vision and Commitment to Digital Accessibility

Virginia Military Institute is committed to ensuring information provided through its digital assets is accessible to the maximum extent possible to cadets, employees, and others, including those with disabilities. The Institute is actively working to increase the accessibility and usability of its website and other digital platforms.

The Institute endeavors to conform, to the maximum extent possible, to Level AA of the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 ("WCAG 2.0 AA") for its website resources and technologies under its control. The Institute also seeks to bring its other non-web digital platforms into compliance with these standards or other appropriate standards to the extent possible. Conformance with WCAG 2.0 AA facilitates use of the Institute's digital platforms by all members of the VMI community and the general public.

The Institute attempts to ensure all platforms it acquires, modifies or further develops, and uses meet accessibility standards. A Digital Accessibility Working Group consisting of personnel from the Office of Disability Services, the Office of Communications and Marketing, and Information Technology meets periodically to evaluate the compliance of Institute-owned and controlled platforms with WCAG 2.0 AA; to recommend remedial actions to correct any deficiencies found; and to develop draft policies, procedures, and protocols to ensure ongoing compliance.

The Institute takes seriously its responsibility to ensure its digital platforms are accessible to individuals with disabilities. Users of these platforms, both those who provide information through them and those who consume information presented on them, have the responsibility to inform the Institute of identified accessibility shortcomings. For more information, to make suggestions, or to report accessibility issues, contact the Director of Communications and Marketing.

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