



# RANDOLPH-MACON ACADEMY

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear R-MA Alumni,

As a proud alumnus of Randolph-Macon Academy, I wanted to reach out to address the rumors that have been circulating regarding recent and upcoming changes at R-MA with regard to the Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AFJROTC). I understand that there are concerns and uncertainties among our alumni community, and I am writing to provide clarity and reassurance.

To put it simply, AFJROTC is parting ways with R-MA. They are leaving because the leadership at Maxwell Air Force Base has decided that is the right thing to do, and because AFJROTC does not believe R-MA can comply with guidelines that apply to public day schools. While the Academy's leadership disagrees with that decision, it is now final. AFJROTC's departure is not indicative of any wrongdoing or failure on the part of R-MA's leadership; rather, it is a reflection of longstanding challenges between AFJROTC and R-MA, created by the fact that AFJROTC governed a class, drill, and community service aspects of the Academy's program, while the Commandant's office is responsible for discipline, athletics, student life, residential life, and many other aspects of R-MA operations outside of the classroom.

While many of you may find this news disappointing, it is important to remember that R-MA has been through many changes since its founding in 1892 - it had no military program until 1917 and wouldn't adopt AFJROTC until 58 years later. Now, at the direction of the Board of Trustees, the Academy's leadership is creating a proprietary military program, tailored to the needs and strengths of today's cadets. While this is a new chapter in the Academy's history, I know that R-MA will continue to provide a rigorous military program, instilling discipline, leadership, and character development in our cadets, and I firmly believe that the core values, traditions, and dedication to excellence that have defined our institution for generations will remain intact.

In light of these changes, the R-MA Alumni Association Board of Directors has voted to donate \$5,000 to help with this transition. What the school is undertaking is no small feat, and it requires financial resources to ensure a smooth and successful continuation of our mission. While this amount is modest in the grand scheme of things, it symbolizes a tangible show of support from our Alumni Association, which is invaluable in bolstering the morale and confidence of our faculty, staff, and student body.

I understand that you may have questions or concerns regarding these changes, and I assure you that I am here to address them personally. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email at [bvmoore1965@gmail.com](mailto:bvmoore1965@gmail.com) or phone at 757-848-8108. I am more than happy to provide any further information or clarity you may require.

Thank you for your time, attention, and unwavering support. Together, let us ensure that the legacy of excellence and military tradition at R-MA endures for generations to come.

Respectfully,

Bryan V. Moore '84  
President  
Alumni Association Board of Directors