




RIVERSIDE 
MILITARY ACADEMY
~ Established 1907 ~

V I E W B O O K

HISTORY

Riverside Military Academy was founded in 1907 with the mission of being a leading college preparatory school using the military model of leadership development. It has successfully fulfilled its mission for over a century, building a cohesive brotherhood of alumni around the globe. RMA serves cadets in grades 7-12 and holds dual accreditation from **SAIS and SACS**.

MISSION

Riverside Military Academy **produces leaders of character prepared for success** in college and beyond through the provision of a rigorous academic program, leadership opportunities, competitive athletics, extensive co-curricular activities, and the structure and discipline inherent in a preparatory school using the military model.

VISION

Riverside Military Academy will be a preeminent college preparatory boarding school. It will excel in all areas, including academics, competitive athletics, and student life programs. It will use the military model of leadership to develop the leadership skills of each middle school and high school student to achieve their full potential. RMA will provide year-round niche programs that attract a **diverse, international, and highly competitive student body** of emerging scholars, athletes, and leaders who will be molded into citizens who will be able to selflessly serve our world. Students will learn from faculty and staff who embrace the institution's core values of integrity, loyalty, respect, and duty -- principles by which employees are recruited and held accountable.



THE BEST FACILITIES >>>



On Riverside Military Academy's scenic 206 acres along Lake Lanier, you will find a spectacular campus that rivals universities and provides the physical environment for cadet development. From our **world-class athletic, academic, and residential buildings, to our immaculately maintained grounds**, RMA has one of the most impressive campuses you will see. When walking the campus, you will have to remind yourself that you are at a middle and high school and not a university.

THE **BEST** METHODOLOGY >>>



Our success-oriented campus environment cultivates excellence using a 'whole person' methodology. Our model of education for adolescent boys teaches and enforces strong values that extend beyond the classroom to the barracks, the sports fields, the stage, and the parade ground.

We prepare young men to succeed today and in the future. Our cadets live harder than their peers, work harder than their peers, play harder than their peers, and will ultimately employ their peers.

The transformation begins on his first day when he becomes a Recruit on Campus (ROC). Over the next 30 days, he will be immersed in the RMA culture of hard work, personal accountability, and self-control. When he completes the ROC cycle, marches in his first military parade, and attains the coveted title of "cadet," he will be on the road to achieving more than he ever thought possible.

RMA cadets come from dozens of states and countries with backgrounds across the socio-economic spectrum. We believe that living, working, and playing with others from different backgrounds enriches a **cadet's educational experience** and gives him a competitive advantage as he moves into college and into the workplace.



<<< THE **BEST** DIVERSITY



THE **BEST** IN HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

For middle school cadets, it is all about hitting the ground running in 9th grade when every grade begins to count for college applications. Many boys struggle in 9th grade because they did not learn the fundamental disciplines needed to excel while in middle school. Others struggle due to the monumental changes high school and hormones bring about. At RMA, our middle school cadets are **taught how to manage their time, their assignments, and their other responsibilities.** They learn how to maintain an agenda, how to study, and how to be accountable for their performance. They gain these skills in an environment with minimal distractions, highly engaged faculty and staff, and predictability.



THE **BEST** ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT

The COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 propelled RMA to retool its single-gender education, characterized by small classes and energetic in-person teachers, to a digital platform. The last eight weeks of the 2020 spring semester were completed via a robust delivery of synchronous learning that engaged cadets in real time with teachers and fellow cadets.

Daily attendance was taken, accountability and signing into each class was treated seriously, and grades were posted for cadet and parent review. TACS on RMA's campus provided much needed support as Teacher/Accountability/Counselor for the cadets by phone, text, and email. **Parents praised RMA's agile adaptation of digital learning.**

Over the past century we have been a leader in single-gender education. We understand adolescent boys and how they learn best. Sometimes they can lack focus; they can be easily distracted; they may have challenges with personal organization and time management. Traditional models of

education do not inspire some boys to achieve their full potential. Such boys simply need a different approach in order to flourish.

Connecting with teachers is critical for academic development and engagement. We know that boys are active learners –they respond to hands-on activities. Boys are willing and able to collaborate, to compete, and to take responsibility for the performance of a group.

Our strong preference is to teach boys in a traditional setting on campus because this is where they thrive. But, **digital learning is now a component of RMA's educational delivery, and we are striving to include in it all of the hallmarks of the best single-gender education.** It will always be our second choice, but will be implemented should health and government agencies require it in the future.

Because we understand what is best for boys.

THE **BEST** SUMMER PROGRAM >>>

Summer programs at RMA have always provided new students or returning cadets an opportunity for academic success, high adventure excursions and activities, and character development all within the context of RMA's famed military model of leadership development.

While COVID-19 has forced the cancellation of summer activities on campus in 2020, plans are in progress to return to **a full slate of summer programs and opportunities.**







THE **BEST** IN THE FINE ARTS

Because young men are creative beings, the arts matter at RMA. From **hammer and chisel to painting to computer drafting and 3D printing**, cadets enrolled in visual arts courses build impressive and diverse portfolios. The performing arts include our band program, which offers instruction in percussion, drum corps, wind ensemble, concert band, piano, and more. Marching in dress uniform and performing in **major holiday parades in New Orleans and Chicago**, the RMA marching band always wows its audiences. The drama department consistently brings to the stage entertaining and challenging productions in The Carlos and Sandra Cervantes Theatre for the Arts. The Eagle News Network is RMA's **cadet-produced news show staffed by exceptional cadets** from the video production courses, a signature program in a fine arts department that is second to none.

THE **BEST** IN COLLEGE PREPARATION

Every year, RMA cadets are accepted to flagship universities all over the country and around the globe. Not only are they accepted to prestigious schools, but they **routinely receive millions of dollars in college scholarship offers**. Why? We know it is because **our cadets are impressive, well-rounded, and competent**. They are scholars, athletes, artists, and leaders who are active in the community, and they can prove it. Not only do they have all of the qualifications, but they can win any interview because of the **poise, carriage, and confidence they gained at RMA**. When a Riverside Military Academy Cadet offers his firm handshake and looks an interviewer squarely in the eye, they know he is a cut above the rest.



THE **BEST** FACULTY AND STAFF

Our distinguished and talented faculty believe in single gender education. They enjoy teaching boys and building life-long relationships. Our faculty is carefully selected based on their character and ability to motivate as well as their proven success in education. **Over 80% of our faculty have advanced degrees in their subject areas**. RMA's teachers work diligently to create engaging and applicable lessons which allow boys to demonstrate their capabilities and knowledge.

THE **BEST** FEDERAL SERVICE ACADEMY PREPARATION >>>

The admissions process to the five U.S. Service Academies is an **extensive, challenging, and highly competitive process**. Cadets choosing to pursue service academy admission have consistently received appointments to one or more of the service academies. RMA's college counselors have **extensive experience managing the 12-14 month application process**, and qualified cadets can take advantage of the Service Academy Preparation Program.



THE **BEST** JROTC PROGRAM >>>

The Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) curriculum focuses on **citizenship, community service, resume development, wellness, and leadership**. The JROTC department also oversees RMA's Color Guard, Rifle Team, Drill Team, and five-time National Championship Raider Team. Riverside Military Academy's JROTC program has earned the achievement of being an Honor Unit with Distinction for over 85 years and is critical to cadets' development of character and leadership.



THE **BEST** CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

The heart of the RMA experience is our character development program. We teach **time-honored values that promote social responsibility, moral reasoning, good citizenship, honor, and kindness**. One of the ways we accomplish this is through the Norman P. Blake Family Distinguished Speaker Series and weekly seminars centered on ethical decision-making, sound judgment, and integrity. The world surely needs good men, and we take pride in developing them every day.





The Riverside Military Academy Corps of Cadets lives by the Cadet Honor Code, which states: "A cadet will not lie, cheat or steal, nor tolerate those who do."

THE BEST LEADERSHIP >>>

Ours is a cadet-led Corps. Riverside Military Academy cadets get the honor and responsibility of leading their peers to achievement every day. Most schools talk about it; we do it. RMA is truly a leadership laboratory where boys learn how to lead ethically and consistently. They learn to be accountable for the success and failures of their subordinate cadets and units. **The confidence they gain and the lessons they learn prepare them to be successful in college and in life.**





RMA cadets are exposed to college recruiters, and graduating athletes frequently compete at the college level.

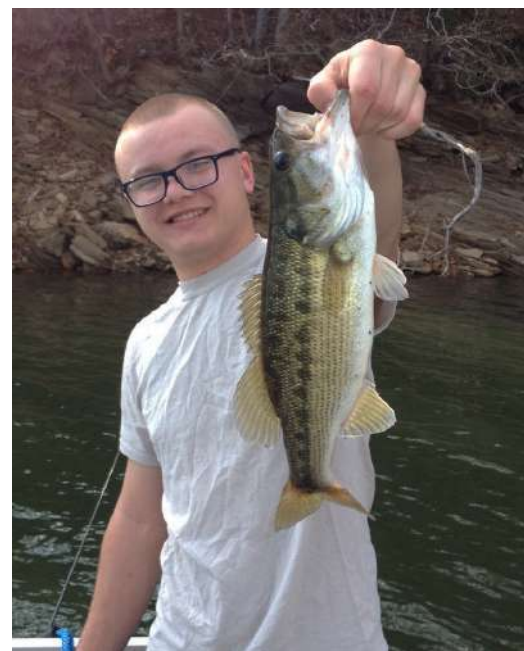
THE **BEST** COMPETITIVE SPORTS

Very few things bring out the best in boys more than competition. Athletics enrich their RMA experience and teach a myriad of lifelong lessons. Our facilities and coaching staff are peerless, and our graduates often play at the collegiate level. It is no wonder that over 80% of our cadets participate in prep, junior varsity, or varsity athletics. RMA competes in the GA High School Association against public and private schools in the region. Among RMA's interscholastic team offerings is ESports, a rapidly-growing form of strategic competition taking place on a virtual playing field.



THE **BEST** IN CLUB SPORTS >>>

Physical activity is a daily requirement at Riverside Military Academy, but we understand that not every cadet will want to participate in traditional sports. With this in mind, we **offer fencing to fishing, sailing to airsoft and other year-round club sports opportunities.** Our cadets are always active and engaged. A cadet either goes to practice after school, or he is involved in General Sports and Activities (GSA) is a hour long (or more) period where cadets participate in a variety of sporting options with their cadet companies.







The barracks complex is a modern residential dormitory that is divided into company units.

^^^ THE BEST IN CAMPUS LIFE

Time outside the classroom and off the athletic field is vitally important. The dorms, or barracks are **where homework is completed, the boys relax, and lifelong friendships are formed.** Cadets live, work, and compete with boys from all over the country and the world, and they develop a brotherhood that is incomparable to a standard day school. Cadets study hard and keep their rooms clean for inspection. They have limited discretionary time during the week, but on the weekends, our cadets compete in intramural activities, take trips to area attractions, and take advantage of time to have fun together. Riverside Military Academy offers over 20 clubs and organizations in which cadets may participate. With so many choices, your cadet is sure to find something that he will enjoy.

THE BEST PARENTS >>>

Parents are our partners at RMA. **We value their trust and appreciate their participation and input.** Parents are always welcome at RMA, and we go out of our way to make sure our parents know what is going on through social media, parent newsletters, weekly grades, our Parent Association, and direct contact with employees. RMA works hard to connect parents through grill nights, mixers, and festivities on campus. We look forward to welcoming your family into ours.





THE BEST LOCATION

Riverside Military Academy is just a **short 60 minute drive from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport** – the busiest airport in the world. Our campus is located in the foothills of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains and in the safe, vibrant community of Gainesville, GA. This ideal location offers our cadets the **best of outdoor and urban activities**.

Riverside Military Academy Cadets hail from over 30 states and 30 countries annually. This diverse community of young men provides an opportunity to establish lifelong friendships. Over 7,000 RMA Alumni exist around the world ready and willing to help. The RMA ring is the only introduction needed.







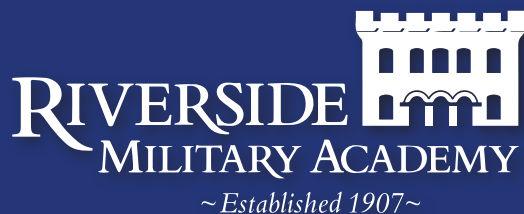
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