



VAW/VRC Merit: Greyhawk 620 Scholar

Brentton Fentress

Chesapeake, VA

Sponsor: CAPT Martin Fentress Jr.

College: Virginia Military Institute

2023-2024: Freshman

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Varsity Baseball
- Team MaxBat Showcase Baseball: Captain
- Episcopal Youth Council (EYC), Virginia Southern Diocese, Executive Committee
- Claudell Clark's Youth Baseball Pitching Bootcamp, Pitching Instructor
- National Honor Society
- Marshall/Cart Attendant & Lifeguard at Chesapeake Golf Club



I am incredibly grateful to be chosen as a VAW/VRC Merit Scholarship recipient. Given my father's 21+ years of service in the VAW/VRC community, this scholarship means more than just financial support. It signifies the fulfillment of my lifelong ambition, a connection to my family's heritage, and the pursuit of a higher calling as a Naval Officer and Naval Aviator.

Growing up around the VAW/VRC community, I have witnessed firsthand the camaraderie, resilience, and unwavering commitment that define this close-knit group. From deployment fly-ins to airshows to other squadron social events, every experience has fueled my passion for aviation and instilled a deep respect for those who serve. The WOASF VAW/VRC Merit Scholarship acknowledges my potential and honors the sacrifices my family has made for the nation. Being chosen as a recipient fills me with immense pride. Beyond financial aid, this scholarship serves as a catalyst for my aspiration to become a Naval Officer and a Naval Aviator. It provides me with the means to pursue a quality education at VMI, an essential step towards realizing my dreams. I am determined to make the most of this opportunity, understanding that it propels me towards a promising future and a lifetime of service. The VAW/VRC Merit Scholarship is a beacon of hope and opportunity for me.