



# Carson Long Military Academy

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Dear Cadets, Parents, Guardians, Alumni and Friends,

We are writing today to provide an update to our previous letter regarding the potential joint venture of Carson Long Military Academy (CLMA) and Valley Forge Military Academy and College ("VFMAC").

Unfortunately, although the prospects of combining with VFMAC are compelling for a variety of reasons, as of today, CLMA has ended discussions with VFMAC as the organizations were unable to find mutually agreeable terms for a joint venture. As a result of this decision, we recommend families interested in having their sons attend VFMAC contact them directly to confirm tuition and other costs that will be incurred at VFMAC.

A related issue is the transference of our JROTC program to the VFMAC campus. In the absence of a joint venture between the two organizations, we will notify the U.S. Army's Cadet Command of CLMA's plans to cease operations. At that time, we expect they will formally direct the closure of our program as soon as practicable. For those families in which JROTC was a strong draw, we recommend you also consider schools such as the Fishburne Military School in Waynesboro, Virginia, or the New York Military Academy in Cornwall on the Hudson, New York – both of which have strong JROTC programs.

Obviously, this news is very disappointing to us; however, our first concern has always been and continues to remain the wellbeing of our cadets, your sons. Therefore, we will continue to pursue any leads which will provide viable options in the future. We will, of course, provide more information if any additional specifics become available.

Very respectfully,

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