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**Cadet Supply Co.**  
**Online Store is LIVE!**

Fishburne is pleased to announce that its new online store, Cadet Supply Co., is live on Fishburne.org.

LTC Vaden Huffman (VA), longtime manager of the brick-and-mortar and online Cadet Supply Co. expressed his enthusiasm for the new online platform. Vaden said, "I'm excited for the launch of the new updated online Cadet Store. It has a more professional look and makes the shopping experience enjoyable and simple. The online store is an excellent way to connect with alumni, parents, and friends of the school who may not be able to return to campus often."

Enjoy the new FMS shopping experience at:  
**Fishburne.org/shop**

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**ALUMNI WEEKEND**  
April 21 & 22, 2023



*You can make a difference in a young man's future*



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As 2022 comes to a close, we're encouraging our Fishburne community to make the most out of their support for their loved ones and our cadets — just as you've helped us carry our values of honor, citizenship, and self-discipline.

Create a legacy supporting Fishburne's cadets by using our partnership with FreeWill: a free estate planning tool to make your will and include a gift.





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### First Formation and Class of 2023

Fishburne Military School (FMS) held its first formation for the 2022-23 Corps of Cadets, where leadership gave them words of encouragement to carry with them throughout the school year. School leaders presented the cadets with leadership positions for the upcoming year in front of their families and friends. FMS president, COL Randal E. Brown (VA), presented an honorary sword to the cadet battalion commander, Sean Ross, who will graduate with the class of 2023. Ross reflected on his first years as a cadet at Fishburne, encouraged the cadets to optimize their resources given to them, and highlighted the importance of leaning on one another throughout their time at the school.

**“You can achieve whatever you want to achieve here by working hard, setting goals, and believing in your abilities,” said Ross.**  
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### We See [the Artist] in You

The 2022-23 school year marked the start of a new partnership between Fishburne Military School and the Wayne Theatre. In March 2022, Deputy Superintendent, Nicole Overton was connected with Tracy Straight, the executive director of the Wayne Theatre, by Linda Hershey, the advancement chair of the Fishburne-Hudgins Educational Foundation, to create an outline for the program.

**Hershey said, “Our school continues to expose the cadets to community programs, like what the Wayne Theatre is offering, where they can expand their imagination and explore their emotions.”** The cadets will learn and practice fine arts from painting to music, to acting to stage fighting. Fifteen cadets are participating in the program this year.



### Parents Military Weekend

*“FMSAA extends its warmest thanks to the Fishburne Family for helping make the homecoming cookout a great success by contributing delicious desserts and side dishes. The homecoming football game was a spectacular show of Caisson spirit. It would not be the same without your involvement. Thank you!” -Michael Davis '13, FMSAA President*



### The Corps of Cadets Honored Mr. Russell A. Hitt '53 at the Blessing of the Colors Ceremony

Russell A. Hitt '53 passed away on September 14, 2020. FMS will forever extend its gratitude for his family’s gracious generosity to Fishburne and the support for the Corps of Cadets. The Hitt-Millar Fieldhouse was donated by the Hitt and Millar families. Hitt’s leadership, sincere generosity, and impeccable work ethic are enduring positive examples for future generations, that a life of kindness, can and will build the foundation for success. The formal “blessing of the colors,” blesses the flags of the United States, the Commonwealth of Virginia, FMS and AMA. This year, the blessing was officiated by Dr. Paul Mark Simpson of the Rawlings School of Divinity at Liberty University.



### Key Club Participates in CROP Hunger Walk

Fishburne’s Key Club participated in the fundraising efforts for the annual CROP Hunger Walk in Waynesboro on September 25. Cadet Advocate, Kathy Berrang, reported that the FMS Key Club surpassed its set goal of \$1,200 and collected \$2,060 for the cause. FMS Color Guard Commander, Cadet Benjamin Gilroy is a member of the Key Club and played an active role in fundraising for this event. For Gilroy, there is more meaning behind the fundraising for this cause.

**“I think that if more cadets went to these events such as the CROP Walk, they would experience happiness. These events, especially the CROP Walk, would show that we as a corps can do more for ourselves, others, and our community,” said Gilroy.**



### Fall Sports @ Fishburne ROLL CAISSONS!

As the fall sports season wraps up, we look forward to cheering on our winter athletics teams!

Follow Fishburne Athletics for game updates on its official Facebook page: [facebook.com/FishburneAthletics](https://facebook.com/FishburneAthletics)



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