

The Ashby Chair of Excellence for the Chaplaincy

A case for your support

Established by the Ashby family of Raleigh, North Carolina, to honor the Christian tradition of Fork Union Military Academy, this endowment fund will stand in perpetuity to support the position of Academy Chaplain.

From its founding in 1898 by Dr. William Hatcher, a prominent Baptist minister, traditional Christian values and biblical principles have been the bedrock of the Academy's mission. Having been part of a mutually beneficial relationship with the Baptist General Association of Virginia since 1913, Fork Union Military Academy is committed to providing a Christian environment in which young men of all faiths and denominations may prepare for college and life. Core values of Respect, Integrity, Faith, Character, and Discipline are taught cadets to assist in the development of a personal set of standards that will not only guide them in the pursuit of their academic goals but will also help them develop into men of moral excellence.

Maintaining a Christian-based learning model in the modern secular world is challenging, and more necessary than ever as the Academy's cadets may never be exposed to these stated values without this educational setting.

Central to this method is the way in which cadets are exposed to the Christian message. All students, regardless of faith, attend class day chapel services, as well as the traditional Sunday service, and are to successfully complete a religion course, taught by the Chaplain, as a requirement for graduation. The Academy Chaplain is the leader of the Academy's spiritual aspect. He not only leads worship services but also provides counseling and guidance to cadets as they face the challenges of adolescent life. To facilitate his availability the Chaplain's office is in Jacobson Hall, the living area for the Fork Union Military Academy Corps of Cadets.

Endowed Chairs of Excellence have a significant impact on the Academy because they provide funding for salaries and benefits that would otherwise come from the operating budget. Gifts to these accounts will establish a corpus from which a Board of Trustees approved percentage will be drawn each year to help finance the position. Chairs of Excellence are considered fully funded upon the Academy receiving \$1,000,000 in donations on its behalf.

Gifts of at least \$12,500 will be credited towards the Academy's campaign to receive 125 major gifts in celebration of its 125th anniversary. Gifts may be cash or a cash equivalent, marketable securities (including options), life insurance policies, 401(k)/IRA beneficiary status, real estate (with or without restrictions such as life estate, but subject to acceptance by the Academy), or in any other form acceptable to the Academy, and may be made by individuals, families, corporations, foundations, or groups such as Academy graduating classes or collection of former teammates. Gifts may also be made anonymously or in the name or memory of another individual. Payment through an installment schedule is also available.

Fork Union Military Academy believes that the education it offers, rich in traditional Christian values, establishes the foundation necessary for the development of the next generation of leaders, and that the Academy Chaplain is a key part of this growth process.

Please help ensure we continue to attract and retain the best and brightest for this, and other, key positions by joining with the Ashby family in supporting our Chairs of Excellence project.