

VIRGINIA TECH CORPS OF CADET (VTCC) GUIDON PRACTICE TEST (SAMPLE)

STUDY GUIDE



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Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 – 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

6. Repeat and Review

Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

Questions

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- 1. What is the motto of Bravo Company?**
 - A. Forged in Flame
 - B. Spirit of Delta
 - C. Semper Primus - Always First
 - D. No Slack
- 2. Which motto means "Provide an example"?**
 - A. Praebate Exemplum
 - B. Unity and Pride
 - C. Non Concedo
 - D. Forge the Future
- 3. Who served as the 36th and interim Commandant of Cadets during the 2024 leadership transition?**
 - A. Maj. Gen. Randal Fullhart
 - B. Ensign Sarah J. Mitchell
 - C. Alton Harper
 - D. Brig. Gen. Dwayne Edwards
- 4. Who was the first female cadet added to the Pylons?**
 - A. Maj. Gen. Randal Fullhart
 - B. Ensign Sarah J. Mitchell
 - C. Brig. Gen. Dwayne Edwards
 - D. Alton Harper
- 5. Which Korean War MOH recipient defended Pork Chop Hill?**
 - A. First Lieutenant Gary Lee Miller
 - B. Second Lieutenant Robert E. Femoyer
 - C. Sergeant Earle D. Gregory
 - D. First Lieutenant Richard Thomas Shea Jr.
- 6. Which person is the Director of the Rice Center for Leader Development?**
 - A. Lt. Col. Rewa Mariger
 - B. Pres. Donald Trump
 - C. Gary Boward
 - D. Captain James P. McGrath III

- 7. The Rice Center for Leader Development is led by which individual?**
- A. Lt. Col. Rewa Mariger
 - B. Pres. Donald Trump
 - C. Captain James P. McGrath III
 - D. Brig. Gen. Craig Alia
- 8. Which alumni co-founded the VTCC Alumni Association in 1991?**
- A. Henry Dekker, Charles Cornelison, and Harold Hoback
 - B. Charles Minor
 - C. Col. Nathan Surrey
 - D. CPT J.W.G. Stephens
- 9. Who was the WWI Medal of Honor recipient and the first native Virginian to receive the medal?**
- A. First Lieutenant Richard Thomas Shea Jr.
 - B. Sergeant Earle D. Gregory
 - C. Second Lieutenant Robert E. Femoyer
 - D. Sergeant Herbert J. Thomas
- 10. Which command is given by cadets to come to attention and clear a walking path?**
- A. Make a Hole
 - B. Zebra
 - C. 2 Knocks
 - D. MCQ (Corps Context)

Answers

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1. A
2. A
3. D
4. B
5. D
6. D
7. C
8. A
9. B
10. A

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Explanations

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1. What is the motto of Bravo Company?

- A. Forged in Flame**
- B. Spirit of Delta
- C. Semper Primus - Always First
- D. No Slack

Bravo Company's identity is captured by its motto, Forged in Flame. The phrase uses the image of metal being shaped and strengthened by fire to symbolize how cadets become tougher and more disciplined through demanding training. It conveys resilience, perseverance, and transformation—qualities that guide everyone in drills, inspections, and daily challenges. This motto is distinct to Bravo Company and stands apart from other units' mottos, which may reference different traditions or vibes. So, the motto Forged in Flame best reflects the unit's spirit and the mindset it aims to foster.

2. Which motto means "Provide an example"?

- A. Praebate Exemplum**
- B. Unity and Pride
- C. Non Concedo
- D. Forge the Future

Focusing on a motto that literally expresses how to act, this phrase uses two Latin parts: Praebate, the plural imperative meaning "provide" or "offer," and exemplum, meaning "an example." Put together, it cleanly translates to "Provide an example." That direct meaning is what you're aiming for when a motto should encourage leading by showing others how it's done. The other options don't carry that translation: they're either English phrases or Latin phrases with different meanings (for instance, non concedo means "I do not concede," which is unrelated to giving an example). So the motto that fits best is the one that literally instructs you to set an example by offering one.

3. Who served as the 36th and interim Commandant of Cadets during the 2024 leadership transition?

- A. Maj. Gen. Randal Fullhart
- B. Ensign Sarah J. Mitchell
- C. Alton Harper
- D. Brig. Gen. Dwayne Edwards**

When a leadership transition is underway, the interim Commandant steps in to keep the Corps of Cadets running smoothly, maintaining training standards, discipline, and daily operations while a permanent appointment is decided. Brig. Gen. Dwayne Edwards was the person chosen to serve as the 36th interim Commandant in 2024, bringing senior-level leadership and proven experience to guide the corps through that transition. The interim role requires that level of trust and capability to ensure continuity, so selecting a flag officer with a strong background aligns with that need.

4. Who was the first female cadet added to the Pylons?

- A. Maj. Gen. Randal Fullhart
- B. Ensign Sarah J. Mitchell**
- C. Brig. Gen. Dwayne Edwards
- D. Alton Harper

The main idea is recognizing a historic milestone in the Corps of Cadets: the first woman to join the Pylons, the prestigious ceremonial unit. Ensign Sarah J. Mitchell earned that distinction, which means she met the same high standards of leadership, drill, and character required for Pylons and broke a gender barrier by becoming the first female cadet to be added. This highlights how opportunities within the Corps have expanded to include talented cadets regardless of gender, while still upholding the unit's demanding discipline and performance standards. The other options don't fit because they aren't the documented trailblazer for this specific group—one is a high-ranking officer, another is a different name, and the rest don't reflect a female cadet who joined the Pylons.

5. Which Korean War MOH recipient defended Pork Chop Hill?

- A. First Lieutenant Gary Lee Miller
- B. Second Lieutenant Robert E. Femoyer
- C. Sergeant Earle D. Gregory
- D. First Lieutenant Richard Thomas Shea Jr.**

Defending Pork Chop Hill required steady, selfless leadership under intense, sustained enemy pressure. First Lieutenant Richard Thomas Shea Jr. commanded a platoon on the hill and, exposed to heavy fire, moved among the troops to keep the defense organized, directed fire where it was most needed, and refused to abandon the position as the assault intensified. His leadership and sacrifice under fire anchored the defense until relief could arrive, earning him the Medal of Honor posthumously. The other names listed earned valor honors in different wars or at different battles, not for actions on Pork Chop Hill.

6. Which person is the Director of the Rice Center for Leader Development?

- A. Lt. Col. Rewa Mariger
- B. Pres. Donald Trump
- C. Gary Boward
- D. Captain James P. McGrath III**

The director is Captain James P. McGrath III. In this program, the leader development center is headed by a commissioned officer who can oversee the curriculum, mentorship, and leadership activities for cadets. Captain McGrath III holds the appropriate rank and role to direct these activities, coordinating programs and ensuring cadets receive structured leadership development. The other individuals listed do not hold this specific directing role within the Rice Center for Leader Development.

7. The Rice Center for Leader Development is led by which individual?

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- B. Pres. Donald Trump
- C. Captain James P. McGrath III**
- D. Brig. Gen. Craig Alia

The Rice Center for Leader Development is led by Captain James P. McGrath III. In this program, a commissioned officer directs the center, guiding cadet leadership training, curriculum, and mentoring activities. Captain McGrath III sits at the helm to set goals, oversee instructors, and ensure cadets engage in meaningful development experiences. The other names listed do not serve as the center's director, which is why Captain McGrath is the correct choice.

8. Which alumni co-founded the VTCC Alumni Association in 1991?

- A. Henry Dekker, Charles Cornelison, and Harold Hoback**
- B. Charles Minor
- C. Col. Nathan Surrey
- D. CPT J.W.G. Stephens

The main idea here is recognizing who started the VTCC Alumni Association and when it happened. Henry Dekker, Charles Cornelison, and Harold Hoback are documented as the alumni who co-founded the VTCC Alumni Association in 1991, setting up a formal link between graduates and the corps to support cadets through mentorship, networking, and scholarships. This trio's collaboration in that year marks the founding moment, which is why they're the correct answer. The other names refer to notable VTCC figures in different contexts or times and are not recorded as the 1991 co-founders.

9. Who was the WWI Medal of Honor recipient and the first native Virginian to receive the medal?

- A. First Lieutenant Richard Thomas Shea Jr.
- B. Sergeant Earle D. Gregory**
- C. Second Lieutenant Robert E. Femoyer
- D. Sergeant Herbert J. Thomas

World War I's Medal of Honor is awarded for acts of extraordinary bravery under fire. The person who holds the distinction of being the first native Virginian to receive the medal for actions in that war is Sergeant Earle D. Gregory. He earned the nation's highest decoration for conspicuous gallantry during combat, making him the earliest-born Virginian to be honored with the Medal of Honor in World War I. The other names listed are also Medal of Honor recipients, but Gregory's distinction lies in being the first Virginian by birth to receive the award for actions in this conflict.

10. Which command is given by cadets to come to attention and clear a walking path?

A. Make a Hole

B. Zebra

C. 2 Knocks

D. MCQ (Corps Context)

In drill language, a command that clears a walking path and brings cadets to attention is used exactly when someone needs to pass through a formation. Saying "Make a Hole" tells everyone in the line to create space—cadets step aside or into place and come to attention so a passer can move through safely, with the path clearly open. This command combines both halting movement and forming a clear lane, which is why it fits the situation described. The other phrases aren't standard cues for clearing a path. One is not a recognized drill command for attention or path clearance, another isn't a formal cue used to manage movement, and the last option isn't a drill instruction at all.

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Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at hello@examzify.com.

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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