

Every Year, Local Colleges Commemorate 9/11



OUR COLLEGE students have been steadfast in marking 9/11 – even when they're too young to remember it.

The highlight: Virginia Military Institute cadets in particular have developed a wonderful tradition of climbing 110 stories, just as the first responders did on that awful day in 2011, carrying equipment on their backs that weighs 40 pounds, as those first responders did.

Of course VMI's barracks is short of 110 stories by about 106, so the cadet repeat the climb, over and over. Each cadet wears the name of one of the 343 firefighters

who died on that day. Some cadets are selected to carry a flag recovered from the actual World Trade Center rubble, now entrusted to the corps.



ASHINGTON and Lee students, led jointly by the College Republicans and College Democrats, place 2,977 small American flags at various places each year on campus. That's a flag for each person who died on the day of the attacks.

