

J. Ross Thomas Memorial Bldg. (JRT)

AGE

- JRT was originally constructed around 1933

SIZE

- JRT is approximately 19,000 S.F. in size

PURPOSE

- JRT contains a lounge, barber shop, post office, coffee shop, a game room, and auxiliary bedrooms on the upper level.

HISTORY

- Construction of the JRT was completed in 1933 at a cost of just over \$47,000.

NAME

- JRT was named in honor of Major J. Ross Thomas .
- J. Ross Thomas graduated from Virginia Military Institute in 1902 where he distinguished himself by meriting promotion to Senior Captain and by winning the Jackson Hope Medal, the highest academic honor awarded at VMI. Afflicted by failing health, he came west joining the NMMI faculty in 1909 as an instructor in mathematics and mechanical drawing. Though suffering from tuberculosis, which claimed his life a few years later, Major Thomas won a distinguished place at the school and a revered spot in the hearts of many students.

