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Mai Lan & Alexander APRIL 26, 2014 • SALAMANDER RESORT • MIDDLEBURG

Sometimes when you meet the one person you are meant to spend the rest of your life with, you just don't see it right away. For Mai Lan Aram and Alexander Lee, it actually took about a year. Both were students at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg in 2005 when they met through mutual friends. Alexander had just returned from a tour of duty as a U.S. Army infantryman in Afghanistan. "I never really thought of him as anything more than a friendly acquaintance," laughs Mai Lan. When Alexander was sent on a second tour of duty, this time in Iraq, they stayed in touch, and by the time he returned, their relationship had blossomed. Living in Washington, D.C., the couple decided they wanted a rural setting for their wedding and chose the Salamander Resort and Spa in Middleburg. The dinner reception was held in the ballroom where a warm blush pink, peach and gold color palette played out in centerpieces of calla lilies and peonies. "The peach and pink uplighting and flowers just brought everything together perfectly," says Mai Lan.



SOURCES

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Carter & Winston SEPTEMBER 20, 2014 • PRIVATE HOME • MIDLOTHIAN

Family and tradition are very important to Carter Tyrrell and Winston Read. Most of the meaningful moments in their lives together have hinged on both. First, there was their introduction at a Fourth of July party at Winston's parents' home in Midlothian. And although he chose the Homestead for the proposal in 2013, the couple determined that their wedding would be at the same home where they had met. Both of their parents were married at family homes, and Carter and Winston wanted to carry on the tradition. Says Carter, "We had wedding pictures of our parents and grandparents displayed on the gift table, and I carried my maternal great-grandmother's handkerchief and my paternal great-grandmother's monogrammed brooch on my bouquet." The bride favors classic, simple styles and wanted the wedding to reflect that. Navy monograms covered everything from cocktail napkins, cupcakes and invitations to the bride's reception shoes. "Details were important to me," says Carter. "I wanted friends and family to walk in and say, 'Wow, this really looks like Carter!' And I think they did!"



SOURCES

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