



# THE CAMDEN CONNECTION

## A NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS



*A quarterly update of Camden Military Academy activities.*

### *From the Headmaster*

As we get ready to head down the home stretch of the 2009-2010 school year, I would like to take this time to express my personal appreciation for the efforts and sacrifices you parents and guardians have made for your children, as well as to highlight a few of the improvements and changes we will be implementing for the 2010 summer school session and the 2010-2011 school year.

In the academic realm we have many exciting happenings for the 2010-2011 school year. We will again partner with the University of South Carolina to offer college/university courses for college credit to select seniors and juniors. Currently we offer English 101 and 102, Math 111 and 122, Sociology 101, Psychology 101, History 111 and 112, Economics 224 and Political Science 201. We are in the process of reviewing the textbooks and curriculum guides for all of our academic courses and they will be updated as needed. Starting with the 2010 summer school session, we will be adding the TE 21 A+ Learning System to our academic program. The A+ Learning System will benefit our students in a variety of ways. It will afford us the opportunity to do more detailed assessments of students in the areas of mathematics and English and will give us a better understanding of where a student's academic shortcomings are as well as to allow us to better place students in courses. With the A+ System, we will also be able to offer more differentiated instruction and add alternative learning environments for our cadets. The A+ program will also benefit us in our after-school learning labs as well as providing SAT and ACT practice.

On the military/leadership front, we will be adding and continuing some things that we hope will aid in the character development of your young men. We will once again hold the "Spartan Challenge" during the first part of the 2010-2011 school year. We will also bring in speakers on motivation and leadership. Next year, I will be teaching a course in leadership and motivation, based on the principles of Zig Ziglar and Dale Carnegie. The course will focus on leadership and self-improvement. I am excited to be able to return to the classroom. The course will first be available to our Battalion Staff, with plans to eventually expand it to more of our cadet corps.

We have been working hard to make improvements to our campus. Our renovation to the White Field House is nearing completion. New walls, paint, lighting, stage curtain, carpet, gym floor and bleachers are part of our renovation. We will start on the locker rooms and weight rooms this summer.

I believe that we have achieved some great things this year but I am really excited about what we have planned for next year. From now until graduation we are on a fast track. We want to finish strong as well as have our eyes on the future.

God Bless,  
Colonel Boland

### **DAR Good Citizen Scholarship Program**

Jack Davis was the school winner of this year's DAR Award. The Good Citizen Scholarship program is sponsored by the Hobkirk Hill Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. "Jack's school record, personal statement and essay reflect an outstanding young man of high achievement," stated Mrs. Paddy M. Bell, chairperson of the Good Citizen Scholarship. All four county high schools will be honored on May 13, 2010 at the Kershaw-Cornwallis House here in Camden.

### **We Recognize Excellence** by LTC Armstrong, Commandant

We believe the way a young man maintains himself is an important life skill and is an especially important aspect of life at a military academy. Therefore, we are constantly looking for ways to instill and recognize excellence in our students. This year we started a program that identifies the most outstanding cadet in each company each week. Additionally, each semester, we identify the best cadets in each company and convene a cadet board to determine the **Cadet of the Semester**. The cadet board consists of the cadet battalion commander and his five company commanders. This board interviews each cadet, asks each cadet questions concerning the academy and considers each cadet's personal appearance, behavior, and motivation. It is my pleasure to inform you that the following cadets were selected as "Cadets of the Semester."

- B/S Bradley K.T. Diefendorf
- A Co. Collins Gundling
- B Co. D.J. Wallach
- C Co. Brian Scott
- D Co. John Crook

The **Cadet of the Semester is Cadet Bradley Diefendorf**. Bradley is from Elgin, S.C. He is pictured on the right with LTC John Heflin, the Dean of Students, during the Gold Star Ceremony that took place on February 11th in the CMA chapel.



### **Camden Military Academy Dual Enrollment**

Since 2006, Camden Military Academy cadets have had the opportunity to earn credit in both high school and college while taking courses from the University of South Carolina in the Dual Enrollment Program.

The primary purpose of offering dual credit courses is to deliver high-quality experiences to high-performing high school students. Dual credit courses are suitable to challenge students who are mastering the high school curriculum and who require college-level course work that is more rigorous than high school curriculum. Dual credit courses enrich and extend the high school curriculum and provide introductory college coursework. The courses promote gradual transition to the college work load and give students a jump-start on college. Cadets must be 11th/12th grade students and must have at least a 3.0 GPA. A teacher's recommendation prior to enrollment is also required. Dual credit courses carry an honors weight. The courses currently offered include the following:

- Economics 224 – Introduction to Economics
- English 101 – English Composition
- English 102 – English Composition and Literature
- Government 201 – American National Government
- U.S. History 111 – Before 1865
- U.S. History 112 - 1865 to the Present
- Mathematics 111 – Basic College Mathematics
- Mathematics 122 – Calculus for Business Administration and Social Sciences
- Psychology 101 – Introduction to Psychology
- Sociology 101 – Introduction to Sociological Facts and Principles

This year we have over 40 cadets participating in the program. A number of our graduating seniors will leave Camden with 30 credit hours. Next year we have plans to expand our program.

**Gold Star List** [3.625 (90) or above average for the semester] Names listed are followed by their grade/company:

Daniel T Adams [07/C]	Jacob C Andrews [12/BS]
Zachariah R Azari [10/A]	Nicholas A Baer [10/C]
Sanford W Baker [12/BS]	Hamza K Baloch [12/C]
Zachary L Barrack [10/B]	Taylor A Bayless [09/B]
Ned P Beck [08/D]	Kuy Brodie [10/C]
David V Brooks-Dandridge [10/C]	Devin N Carney [09/B]
Bradley A Cassidy [10/C]	David Cassie [11/C]
Joshua P Clementz [11/C]	Cade A Clenney [12/BS]
John M Crook [10/D]	Aaron N Crosby [08/C]
Robert J Davis [12/BS]	Joshua R Deane [12/B]
Bradley KT Diefendorf [11/BS]	Oscar N Dixon [09/C]
Christopher J Dougherty [12/BS]	Taylor W Drinnen [10/BS]
David R Duncan IV [11/A]	James M Fairleigh [11/B]
Lakell A Felder [07/C]	Miles J Fry [12/A]
Keith A Garrison [12/C]	Ryan T Griffiths [09/B]
Brian T Guarino [08/D]	Collins N Gundling [12/A]
Samuel I Hait [08/B]	Johnny R Ham [12/A]
Grayson H Harris [08/C]	Troy S Hebbard [09/BS]
Darryl A Hill [11/C]	Peter A Hinton [12/A]
Kevin M Hitchcock [08/C]	Nicholas Hodges [10/]
Evan C Hudson [09/B]	Austin M Jacob [10/B]
Spencer H Jacobs [11/C]	Mitchell J Johnson [10/B]
William W Johnson [10/A]	Timothy D Jordan [11/BS]
Karl A Kalthoff [12/A]	Dennis Kelly [09/A]
Christopher M Keough [11/BS]	Nathan Kern [11/BS]
Brandon A King [09/C]	Zachary T Kotterer [11/B]
Trajan A Krause—Lee [08/BS]	Jacob T Levine [08/A]
Tanner J Linder [11/C]	F. Ray Lock [09/B]
Byron R Lyle [09/C]	Alexander Lynfield [10/D]
Abhinav C Mamindla [11/C]	Andrew C Marquez [11/C]
John A Marvin [11/A]	Christopher T Mason [12/BS]
Enrique J Mateo [09/C]	David V McAlhany [11/B]
Cameron R McCowan [11/BS]	Keane P McCulloch [07/D]
Brian S McDonald [12/BS]	Alexander M McKenzie [09/C]
Diego F Menendez [12/C]	David R Miller [12/BS]
Igor A Morozov [10/C]	Kikunda L Muhirwa [11/B]
Irfaan I Niukul [12/A]	Philip E O'Gorman [12/B]
Dapo C Omisore [10/BS]	Davis S Outlaw [11/BS]
Cody C Owens [09/A]	John T Payne [09/BS]
G. Nick Perry [11/C]	Jordan Pierson [11/A]
Nicholas P Pinelli [10/C]	Alex Plante [12/A]
Thomas C Plumb [10/A]	Joey T Redal [08/BS]
Matthew I Rigney [10/A]	Christopher N Rowell [12/A]
Austin N Rutledge [11/BS]	Brandon L Schneider [09/A]
Robert L Settles, Jr [09/C]	Thomas A Shanahan [09/B]
Marshall B Sheorn [10/A]	Darrell R Smith [12/BS]
Steven A Smith—Dutton [11/C]	Jason P Stone [12/BS]
John N Templeton III [12/C]	Steven L Thomas [09/C]
Bentz H Tourtellot [12/BS]	Thomas C Veasey [12/A]
Cason C Vogel [10/C]	David J Wallach, Jr [09/B]
Sean S Watt [11/A]	Brian N Weber [08/B]
Alexander G Webster [10/BS]	Brandon B Weiner [12/B]
Trae C Weiwurm [10/DI]	Nicholas C White [11/B]
Christopher J Wille [10/BS]	Joshua S Williams [07/D]
Powell WR Wimborne [10/A]	Juan R Zepeda [12/BS]

**Voice of Democracy/  
Patriot's Pen**

Annually, the Roberts-Dixon Post 5928 sponsors the "Voice of Democracy" and the "Patriot's Pen" contests. Each year, CMA history classes participate in these two contests. This year's school winners were Thomas "TC" Plumb of Westchester, PA and John Puhl of Daytona, FL. Plumb, a junior, won the "Voice of Democracy," and Puhl won the "Patriot's Pen" contest. They were honored at the Post Annual Awards Banquet on February 18, 2010. Accompanying these cadets were Plumb's parents, Dr. Jennifer Plumb and Mr. Douglas Power, LTC Heflin and their TAC officer CSM Mel Brooks.

**From the Development  
Office...**

The Brick Campaign is off to a great start! For \$150.00, you can honor someone whose name will be prominently displayed for years to come in a beautiful walkway on campus. This would be a unique and memorable gift for a cadet. Contact Glenda Porter for more information.

Coming **May 10th**, the annual **Headmaster's Charity Golf Tournament!** We are looking for players and teams, corporate sponsors, hole sponsors, and raffle donors. Contact Glenda Porter for more info.

**The Citadel 2010**



**Interview  
with  
Bailey Hansil**



Questions and Answers with 2007 CMA graduate and current Citadel cadet Bailey Hansil who was a 1st SGT in A Company.

- 1. What has your college experience been like?**  
My college experience has been an up-hill battle, but I know that once I reach the top of the hill I'll have a smooth ride back down.
- 2. What are you doing now?**  
I am currently a full time student/cadet/football player at The Citadel, majoring in Business Administration.
- 3. How did attending Camden help you in what you are doing now?**  
I was at a rough time in my life where I didn't know where to turn or who to look to for advice that actually mattered to me. Camden was not something I wanted to do, but as soon as I got there, I knew it was where I needed to be. I gained more friends that I can't forget, and gained a motivation that I'd never had before. I was put in a place of responsibility, and I liked the feeling of getting things done. My senior year I gained the rank of 1st Sgt. where the company as a whole was my responsibility, and I loved it. There's no doubt in my mind that the reason I am who I am, and I am where I am, is because of Camden.
- 4. Do you keep in touch with any former CMA cadets?**  
I keep in contact with almost everyone from my company and a lot of others as well.
- 5. What are your plans for the future?**  
Remain happy, graduate and make myself and my family proud. That's all that matters to me.
- 6. What event or events in your Camden days have helped you in your day to day life?**  
The experienced TAC officers made every day eventful. I was lucky to have gained a great mentor from my TAC officer, CSM Brooks. There's not a day that I don't think about some advice he gave me on how to be a good leader, as well as a respectable and honest person.
- 7. What was your "Camden Experience" like?**  
I get asked this question a lot and I tell them the same thing every time, I had a blast.

**Athletic Director's Corner**

The Kershaw County All-Area Football Team was announced in February. Earning first team honors were John Templeton, Gastonia, NC, and Grady Ditumona, Pittsburgh, PA. Honorable Mentions included David Duncan, Spartanburg, SC, and Nick White, Mooresville, NC.

The Winter Sports schedule has wrapped up. Standouts on the wrestling team were McKellar Johnson, Hilton Head Island, SC, with a 25-4 record, David Cassie, East Orange, NJ, and David Duncan, Spartanburg, SC, with records of 17-5. In basketball Luc Muhirwa, Charlotte, NC, earned All-Conference honors.

Spring Sports have begun and participation from the corps of cadets is very high. The number of cadets competing in Spring Sports are as follows, and schedules are posted on the website.

Baseball	28	Golf	12
Lacrosse	33	JV Soccer	25
Varsity Soccer	24	Tennis	6
Track	35		

The Athletic department always encourages every cadet to participate in as many sports as possible. Camden Military Academy offers thirteen Varsity sports, as well as Junior Varsity and Junior High squads. In the fall, we offer football and cross country. The Winter Sports feature basketball and wrestling. Spring offers six sports including baseball, golf, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, and track. In addition to the seasonal sports, we have bowling, the drill team, and the rifle team that compete throughout the school year.

## **Admissions**

This is a very busy and exciting time in the admissions office. Re-enrollments have been mailed, new applications are coming in, and the summer programs offered by CMA are just a few short months away. Therefore, I would like to share a few happenings of the admissions office.

I am excited to announce a new tuition program called the Tuition Guarantee. This program allows a family to freeze the current tuition until the time the cadet graduates. In other words, the academy's tuition may rise, but yours will not as long as you meet the limited criteria (please see the separate article for full details!) In order for current cadets to be eligible for the current year tuition plan, a re-enrollment application must be returned by April 30, 2010. This will lock the current tuition of \$17,595.00 for as long as your son attends CMA.

Re-enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year has begun. Re-enrollment applications were mailed in late February to the cadet's home address. If, for some reason, you did not receive your re-enrollment application, please contact us so that we may provide one. It is important to return your son's re-enrollment as soon as possible, so that the academy knows of your intention, and so that those returning cadets receive their promotions for next school year.

Camden Military's summer program will include summer school for high school students, academic enrichment camp for middle school students as well as a 5 day outdoor adventure camp. Registration for all three programs is underway. So if you know of a student who may be looking to earn some credit this summer or is just looking to have a good time, please ask them to consider Camden.

Camden Military is twittering! Please visit [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) and create your personal account. After creating your account search for Camden Military Academy and request to "follow" us. If you would like to receive "tweets" from CMA delivered directly to your cell, please be sure to activate your mobile device through twitter. Twitter will allow us to make announcements (such as cancelled sporting events or parades) as well as to help you feel more connected to the academy with simple, more general tweets.

The admissions office is traveling around the country conducting "open houses" in various cities. If your family would like to come out to one of these events, please join us. Please check the recruiting page of our website to see our schedule, and come out and share your Camden experience with prospective parents and cadets. As you may remember, the decision to send your son to a military boarding school is huge, and wouldn't you have appreciated a current parent reassuring you of your decision?

Lastly, Camden Military is considering venturing into a new advertising medium---social media. Social Media consists of online sites such as facebook, myspace, youtube, linkedin, flickr, etc. If you have an account with one or more of these sites, CMA would love to have your feedback. Please contact me, Casey Robinson, directly.

In closing, I hope that you are proud of what your son has accomplished this school year and that you will afford him the opportunity to return next year.

God Bless,  
Casey Robinson

## **History Day**

LTC Heflin's history classes have participated in the National History Day Program since 1998. "We all learn differently, and this gives cadets that hands-on approach for learning," said Heflin. Students from all states participate in the program. The cadets participated in this year's regional contest at The University of South Carolina at Lancaster on March 19, 2010. The State round will be held on April 24, 2010, at The South Carolina Department of Archives and History in Columbia, South Carolina. The Nationals will be held on June 13-17, 2010, at The University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland.



Cadets pictured with Gran' Daddy Junebug



LTC Zepeda receives MacArthur Award from LTC Armstrong

## **Winter Jam 2010**

On February 11, 2010, over 50 Camden cadets attended Winter Jam at The University of South Carolina. Winter Jam is a Christian music festival for young people from all over the state. The event was held at the Colonial Life Arena. This year's line-up included Third Day, Newsboys, New Song, Tenth Avenue North, Firelight, Sidewalk Prophets, Robert Pierre, and Revive. The guest speaker was Tony Nolan. The cadets ate dinner before the show at California Dreaming. While at dinner, former A Company Captain, Rivers Killen (CMA '01) of Pawleys Island, stopped by and visited with the cadets.

## **Fellowship of Christian Athletes**

On March 26-28, 2010, cadets will be attending The Senior High Fellowship of Christian Athletes Annual State Conference at Garden City Beach, South Carolina. This event has been known as life-changing for its participants throughout the years.

This year's FCA theme is "Inside Out Change Your Game." Romans 12:2. The FCA huddle at CMA is open to all cadets.

## **Fine Arts Programs**

### **Heritage Tea 2010**

Cadets from LTC Deborah Hartley's and LTC John Heflin's classes participated in the annual Multicultural Contest. The contest is sponsored by the Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County. The competition was for students in grades three through eight. This program was an avenue to teach the contributions of African-American history as addressed through the arts. The cadets that participated this year were John Puhl, Jake Levine, Ross Hogan, Tyler McMorris and Antonio Jenkins.

### **Gran' Daddy Junebug**

The Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County sponsored many events during Black History month. Our cadets participated in this program. It was held at North Central High School. The event featured Mr. Mitch Chapel of New Bern, North Carolina. Chapel's performance teaches personal responsibility and respect for self and others through the African oral tradition of "call and response."

### **Fine Arts Trip to "Aladdin"**

Forty-nine cadets attended the ballet "Aladdin" on March 5, 2010 at The University of South Carolina Koger Center. The event was sponsored by The Columbia Classical Ballet Company. The show was enjoyed by all cadets. After the show, the cadets ate lunch at Splendid China Buffet in Columbia. LTC Deborah Hartley, LTC John Heflin, Mrs. Melissa Reen McFarland and CPT Dan Dupree chaperoned.

The ballet "Aladdin" was a wonderful opportunity for CMA cadets. The show's performance took place at the Koger Center in downtown Columbia. It was well performed and kept people's attention with the great choreography. This was the second fine arts trip through which the students of English 102 were able to see (face to face) literature first hand in its various forms. "Overall, it was an unique experience for everyone," said Senior Lucius Bullock.

**Boy Scout Troop 38** at Camden Military Academy has been very active this year. So far three scouts have made the rank of Eagle this school year and a fourth scout is working on his Eagle project this spring. Since 2004, our troop will have helped 13 scouts attain Eagle rank. The troop also has an active camping schedule, with two more trips planned between now and the end of the school year. The last trip is always the annual beach trip at Huntington State Park at Surfside, SC. An active merit badge and promotion program is available for those scouts who wish to advance up the ranks and finish their journey to Eagle. There will be day trips to work on merit badges throughout the spring.

Next year will be just as busy. The troop averages six camping trips a year, along with several day trips for merit badge and service projects. This next school year will also have three projected Eagle endeavors. Because the troop is fairly small, individualized attention is often given to those cadets that most want to advance. Summer camp at Camp Barstow is offered most years, depending on the number of scouts wishing to continue the adventure after the school year has ended.

We want to take this opportunity to thank Bruce and Cindy Stone for their help with this program at CMA for the past 10 years with their sons, Bruce, CMA'05, and Jason, CMA'10. We look forward to their continued support and want to encourage all parents to participate when possible.

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## A NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

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*This newsletter is presented to you for the first time to inform parents and relatives of our young men in the CMA Corps of Cadets of the latest happenings and upcoming events around the campus.*

### **NEW TUITION PROGRAM ANNOUNCED**

Camden is pleased to offer parents the Tuition Guarantee. This new program allows a family to "lock in" the current tuition rate as long as their son continually enrolls at CMA as well as meets all deadlines for re-enrollment and tuition payments. Therefore, if the academy raises tuition, your tuition would remain the same as it was the first year that you enrolled your son in the program. In order for current families to be eligible for the Tuition Guarantee, your son's re-enrollment application must be received in Camden Military's office by April 30, 2010.

### **CMA Band News**

Band members at CMA are eligible to participate in the South Carolina Region 3 Honors Band at either the Junior (grades 7-8), Clinic (grades 9-10), or the Senior (grades 11-12) levels. Once registered, the student plays an audition consisting of a required solo, scales, knowledge of musical terms, and is asked to sight-read. Judges then compute a composite score, and the top-scoring musicians are seated as an All-Region Honors Band. The highest scorers in each instrument from each of the state's 5 regions are invited to another round where the All-State Band members are selected.

Participation at CMA is strongly encouraged. Over the years, several musicians have won placement in the Region 3 Honor Band, and one former cadet has won the distinction of selection for the All-State Band.

**Cadet Austin Heard**, 9th grade trumpet player from Band and Staff Co., was selected to represent Camden Military Academy at the South Carolina Region 3 Honor Band Festival and concert on February 26 and 27th at Rock Hill. Cadet Heard successfully completed a rigorous audition process and was chosen from several hundred other trumpet hopefuls from a seven-county area to play in this select band. This large concert band rehearsed intensively for two days under the direction of a noted professional conductor and presented an exciting concert.

### **Civil Air Patrol**

Camden Military Academy's Civil Air Patrol squadron has held weekly meetings featuring professional instruction (by a Certified Flight and Ground Instructor) in aerodynamics, meteorology and the airport environment. Other instruction has included training in leadership, moral character, Drug Demand Reduction, communications and safety. Guest speakers have included recruiters from all four branches of the military. Earlier this year members attended a weekend air show exhibiting some of the world's best aerobatic pilots and demonstrating some of the latest military tactics.

Major DeCandia, Squadron Executive Officer, has recently qualified as a Civil Air Patrol Command Pilot and Cadet Orientation Pilot. On March 6, 2010 he took six squadron cadets on their first orientation flights in a Cessna 182Q four-seat airplane. Each Cadet took a turn in the front seat and had the opportunity to control the aircraft during straight and level flight. In the CAP Cadet Program, each member is eligible for five powered flights. Major DeCandia's certification will enable us to expose cadets to aviation in a way never before possible.



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The **CMA Color Guard** (pictured left) participated at one of the Atlanta Hawks basketball home games on February 24, 2010. A busload of cadets visited Atlanta during the two-day trip and visited Martin Luther King's birthplace, the CNN Center, the World of Coca-Cola, and the Hawks' game. Pictured on the right are cadets who served as valet drivers and escorts for the annual **Excalibur Society Dinner** held at Springdale Hall in Camden.

- 2010 Events**
- March 19-21 Furlough Weekend
  - March 27 Cadet Challenge
  - April 3 Saturday Classes
  - April 5 Yorktown Trip
  - May 1 Saturday Classes
  - May 7-9 Furlough Weekend
  - May 10 CMA Golf Tournament
  - May 20-22 Final Semester Exams
  - May 22 Awards Day, Cookout, Dance
  - May 23 Graduation – All cadets depart CMA
  - April 12 Spring Break begins at Noon
  - April 15-17 End Spring Break by 9:00 P.M.
  - April 17 Six Weeks Exams
  - April 18 Saturday Classes
  - April 24 Parade
  - April 25 SMI
  - April 25 The Rock & Worship Roadshow

