Camden Military Academy cadets were fortunate, once again, to have great weather for the third consecutive year of the Spartan Challenge. The challenges and the teamwork that the companies face to become number one at the end of the day has many rewards from the beginning to the end.

The competitions actually start weeks before the day of the various events with their designs of company T-shirts and company flags which are judged, and points are added to their final scores. As you can see on page 2, the events are listed, along with the company winners. The top winner this year was Alpha Company, which is under the continuing mentorship and leadership of CSM Mel Brooks.

Alpha Company won the flag design contest and the winning T-shirt design was worn by Charlie Company.
Fun and Exciting Times of the Spartan Challenge

Events/Winners of the Challenge
- Company T-Shirt Design - C
- Flag Design - A
- Brick Challenge - A
- Soccer Challenge - A
- Lift Challenge - A
- Amoeba - C
- Rifle Shoot - B
- Golf Ball Challenge - D
- Egg Trust Walk - C
- Glider Fly-off - A
- Raft Challenge - B/S
- Academic Challenge - A
- Citizenship - D
- Beam Walk - A
- Centipede Crawl - D
- Volleyball - B/S
- Tennis Challenge - B
Homecoming and Reunion 2011 was held in October and the weather was great. Parents, grandparents, and visitors joined alumni from Camden Military Academy, Camden Academy, and Carlisle Military School as they gathered together and met with old friends and walked around the campus with family members. Lunch was held in the dining hall and the dress parade was held in their honor. As can be seen above, the reviewing stand’s distinguished guests standing with Colonel Eric Boland, Headmaster of CMA, are Cam Walters (CMA’73), Board of Trustees Chairman, Bill Hamilton (CMS’40) Advisory Board Member Emeritus, Banks Scarborough (CMS’45) Board of Trustees Chairman Emeritus, Lanning Risher (CMS’48) Headmaster Emeritus, and CMA’s LTC Pat Armstrong, Commandant of the Corps of Cadets. After the parade and an unfortunate loss on the football field, a cookout was held for all in attendance. The Ten Eleven Galleria downtown was open afterward for dancing and light refreshments. We greatly appreciate all of those in attendance and hope that the future gatherings will be bigger and better!
Mrs. "Waddy" Pert Thompson dies at the age of 91.

Harriett Elizabeth Kearse Thompson, known also as "Pert," and widow of Waddy Thompson died on October 22, 2011. She was still living in Bamberg, where she devoted most of her life helping the people of Bamberg as a nurse. She was one of many school nurses at Carlisle Military School and then Director of Nurses at Bamberg County Memorial Hospital for more than two decades.

Comments received via email about Mrs. Thompson and husband Waddy: "They were the nicest people. I remember a young boy, a son. I did work at his house in lieu of walking the 'Bull Pen.' She always had tea or lemonade for us that worked." Bill Nottingham (CMS '58)

"I knew Waddy and Pert extremely well. I was Waddy's adjutant from 1950-1951. If you ever want to know how Pert got the name "Pert," it was because when she was a baby they called her "pretty baby" and it stuck. I dated her sister a few times and she was one good looking girl. (You know Pert's uncle was Senator Kearse.) The last time I saw Pert was at a Camden reunion a few years ago. She introduced me to some of her friends by saying, 'Don's my buddy.' She was at one time the chief nurse at the Bamberg hospital...A very great lady." Don Newton (CMS '51)

"All Carlisle Cadets will surely bow their heads and offer a prayer on behalf of Pert Thompson and afterwards, stand erect and offer a salute to our Savior so that He will direct her beside his loving husband, Waddy, to enjoy the rewards of Heaven. I never met Pert while I attended Carlisle, but one can be assured that Pert was an inspiration and loving mate to Waddy. We have lost another keystone that supported the great arch of Carlisle Military School." Gene Cone (CMS '58)

"I never got to know Mrs. Pert Thompson but I know the man she married very well. Knowing Colonel Waddy Thompson and the man he was can give some insight into the woman. Mrs. Thompson must have been. Colonel Thompson (or Waddy if he wasn't in your presence) was a 'no nonsense man.' He did not shade the line in the sand, it was right or it was wrong. The morals he taught were unquestionable: God, country and family were foremost but held next to them were things like duty, honor, integrity, commitment and service to others. He was totally committed to Carlisle Military School and gave whatever was asked of him to make the school and its students successful. Waddy gave his time and talents to mentor young boys so that one day they would be successful citizens in our society. There were no I's on his team. He never looked for any fanfare; his joy and pride came from watching his young boys grow into men and who would preserve the ideals and morals he taught. Colonel Thompson could not have been the inspiration he was without the strong support of his wife. So while I did not get to know her personally during my 3 year tenure at Carlisle I think I can tell you what kind of person she was. Because of her beliefs and support of Colonel Thompson, she undoubtedly held the same morals. Because of these virtues she was a true Southern Belle and willing to share her husband with us so that they together could make a difference in this world. God bless them both, we are better off for having known them. John Hinely (Class of 1967)

"Yes, I remember her well. One morning I had a terrible sore throat ache. She fixed it up with medication and good talking. She was one fine lady. Waddy was a fine man. He was teaching us about the M16 at that time. We kept real M1s in our room at that time. I was in C company and was the flag bearer in 1961. My roommate and I started getting the Risher Rifles together. Anyhow, I am sorry to hear of her death. Sincerely John R. Chapman (CMS '61)

(The following is a Waddy Thompson article from The Bugle, April 1989.)

The Carlisle and Camden Alumni lost a much loved and respected friend, Colonel Waddy Thompson on February 18, 1989. He arrived on the Carlisle campus as a young man in September of 1942 and was hired as the Military Instructor, only to remain for the next thirty-five years. In 1966, he was made Assistant to the Headmaster, and in 1970, he became the Commandant of Cadets..."a job I relished...This was the most satisfying time of my life at Carlisle because I was doing what I had always dreamed of."

Over the years, Colonel Thompson served as mentor, "father figure," cheerleader, confidant, and friend to the Carlisle cadets. He was a unique individual with a special gift for reaching your boys on the edge of manhood, inspiring them, bringing out their best, and helping them to believe in themselves and their abilities. In his own words, "During all my years at Carlisle, I never saw a Carlisle boy whom I did not like," and the feeling was mutual.

Colonel Thompson served on the Camden Military Academy Advisory Board; and in April of 1986, the CMA Band Barracks was named "Thompson" and dedicated in his honor. He also published a book about his life and experiences at Carlisle, At Ease. "Carlisle was my life...nothing has been as satisfying, or ever will be, as all my years at Carlisle. Knowing so many wonderful young men over the years and feeling that I may have had some part in their developing into fine young men was always interesting, usually fun, and often inspiring."

"I shall always remember the sound of taps blowing at night and at the conclusion of the commencement exercises, reminding everyone present of the cadets who died, in peace and in war."

Day is done
Gone the sun
From the lakes
From the hills
From the sky
All is well
Safely rest
God is nigh.

Sincerely
John R. Chapman
(CMS '61)
**MAGIC WITH A MESSAGE!**

(From *The Adjutant*, a CMA Cadet Newsletter)

Magic Dwaine came to our school on October 27th and put on an excellent show! During the presentation, he invited many volunteers to help him with his magic tricks. Cadets Trznadel, A. and Penjaranaenwatana assisted in an excellent mathematic trick. Following them, Mrs. Thaxton helped to confuse the audience with a series of rope tricks. Cadet C. Smith, chased a light around a cup; and for the finale, Coach Beckham performed a trick himself...sort of. Throughout the entire performance, Magic Dwaine spoke about bullying and why it was wrong. Hopefully, this message was taken to heart by our cadets.

**Speaker Program at CMA**

With the generous donations from the late David Cline (CMA'64) and family and John Mitchell (CMA'65) and others, Camden Military Academy implemented a program that includes speakers to address the assembly of cadets.

In late August, CMA board of trustees member, Al Walker and former development director, John Mitchell helped welcome the first “motivator.” Patrick Henry used to be in Nashville writing songs and radio jingles. With guitar in hand and words of inspiration with a humorous tone, he emphasized that the cadets should always try to “Excel, Exceed, and Embrace.” He is a professional speaker who uses music, original songs and humor to entertain, educate, and inspire audiences around the country.

In the speech he delivered to the cadets, he spoke passionately of what it means to be a leader. His most stressed point, highlighting the importance of integrity, was that you must always finish a job all the way through. Mr. Henry said that success and distinction are measured in small ways. Leadership results when expectations are exceeded. Attitude is the difference, especially a positive attitude.

He also emphasized that when you remember a person’s name, more production stems from the relationship of friendship. The cadets can impact their lives by being friends and that they should take the opportunity that they have here to build friendships that will last a lifetime.

Mr. Henry grew up in Auburn, Alabama and graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1994. He currently lives in Burlington, NC, with his wife and three children.

Pictured on the right are (left) Alex Trznadel who played one of the leading parts in the play, “Zombie Prom” and Cadet Cole Thompson also played lead as the Zombie teen. The play was a community effort presented at the Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County. Also acting in the play were cadets R. Moreno, M. Dickerson, A. Manor, J. Layne, and R. Bowen.
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Athletic Director, LTC Will Rice, congratulates Jordan Scholl with the 2011 Most Valuable Defensive Lineman Award.

Physical Training is important in the mornings, regardless of the sun or the fog. Our young gentlemen strive to get in shape and stay fit. Other mornings include the parade practices (see page 9).

The classroom pictures to the right are cadets and Captain Griff Beckham as they work on one of the many projects taken on during the first semester.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OF KERSHAW COUNTY THANKS CMA

Two representatives from the Kershaw County Chapter of the Marine Corps League showed their appreciation to Camden Military Academy before the Flagpole Dedication at Camden’s new “Town Green” held on December 13, 2011. Band and Staff TAC, SGM Bill Greene (right), is pictured with Mrs. Given Webster, Cadet Zachary Schaeffer, Judge Advocate Bill Garcher and Mr. Ronald Stroud with a copy of the book, Give Me Tomorrow by Patrick K. O’Donnell. The book is about the Korean War’s greatest untold story - the epic stand of the Marines of George Company." Within the book is an old Korean War picture of Mr. Given Webster who passed away this year (2011). Presented in his memory, Mr. Given Webster had participated in CMA's Awards Program during the graduation weekend activities throughout the years and had awarded and shaken the hands of numerous cadets with the Marine Corps League medals. (See page 8 for more on the dedication.)

The Fall Sports Banquets were held on two nights during November. The awards were divided between the Middle School and Junior Varsity Football teams on the first night, with the Cross Country Team and Varsity Football team on the second night. The two-night feast at the local Seafood Hut of Camden was enjoyed by cadets, coaches, and parents.

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CMA Cadets Participate in the Annual Pecan Harvest Festival

Camden cadets traveled to the Whiteville, NC Pecan Festival November 4-5, 2011. CMA alumnus, William King, Class of 1966, and his wife, Suzanne, have enthusiastically promoted CMA throughout the years inviting these young gentlemen to meet the Pecan Belles and escort them throughout the weekend festivities. Attending this year under the guidance of Dean of Students, LTC John Heflin, were Brian Guarino, Santa Monica, CA, Kamal Amuvdi, Aventura, FL, Tripp Osteen, Waxhaw, NC, Marshall Sheorn, Columbia, SC, John Davy, James Island, SC, Robert Kerrison, Chesterfield, SC, and Jacob Fedder, Seneca, SC.

Juniors and Seniors Visit The Citadel

Pictured left are current cadets and inquiring young men from CMA with J. Hall (CMA Class of 2011) during their Citadel visit. (Upper Left) K. Taylor, J. Hall of The Citadel, A. Taylor, B. Holmes, J.P. Joung, and C. Thompson. The bottom picture shows a Citadel cadet explaining the benefits of attending their great facility.

Cadets Attend 1st Catfish Stomp

SGM Bill Greene has been the TAC officer for Band and Staff Company since 1999 and the responsibilities in scheduling the band and/or color guard has increased throughout those years. The Veterans Day Program placed cadets in Kershaw County, as well as in Columbia. With the help of CSM Mel Brooks, Alpha Company and the color guard participated in the Camden event, along with ROTC units from various surrounding county high schools. Greene’s band marched in the Veterans Day parade in Columbia.

From the December 3, 2011 Catfish Stomp Parade, the band and/or color guard attended events at Benedict College, Arbor Day Dedication in Camden, the annual Camden Christmas Parade, and The Town Green Flagpole Dedication in downtown Camden.

Arbor Day in Camden

The Arbor Day Ceremony took place on December 9 at the corner of Laurens and Broad Streets (across from the Camden Archives). The CMA Color Guard posted colors to begin the ceremony. A 25’ Hemlock tree was pre-planted with the help of the Camden Tree Foundation and the Parks & Trees Commission and dedicated as the Color Guard stood at attention. The various speakers made remarks during the ceremony. A tree poem was recited by students from the Montessori School of Camden. Members of the Color Guard are M. Hardee, D. Hopkins, E. Perry, T. Allison, and R. Semmler.
During the Flagpole Dedication in Camden, CMA Advisory Board member, Colonel Katherine Brown, USAF (Ret.) pictured right, read the poem “My Name is Old Glory,” shown in the left column. The Color Guard and Band were a great addition to the ceremony as “Honor Guard Veterans” from American Legion Post 17 raised the new American Flag during the ceremony. The poem is by SMSgt. Don S. Miller, USAF (Ret.)

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The Flag Pole Dedication at the Town Green in Camden took place on December 13, 2011. Although planned originally for December 7 in remembrance of Pearl Harbor Day and all who fought for this country throughout our history, as well as those lost on September 11, 2001, the ceremony had to be delayed due to inclement weather. Special thanks to CMA’s band director, Captain Joseph Lauricella (pictured left), who is always listening for the best of all his members. Members of the color guard shown above are cadets W. Hardee, Z. Spencer, T. Osteen, Z. Schaeffer, and D. Hopkins. Band members pictured below are cadets A. Coleman, R. Gradwell, I. Redmon, J. Nash, S. Cantrell, (back row) A. Burke, D. Lord, T. Martin, B. Warters, B. Alegebeleye, and W. Kang.

(The pictures are courtesy of Johnny Deal.)

**My Name Is Old Glory**

I am the flag of the United States of America. My name is Old Glory.

I fly atop the world’s tallest buildings. I stand watch in America’s halls of justice. I fly majestically over great institutes of learning. I stand guard with the greatest military power in the world. Look up! And see me!

I stand for peace, honor, truth, and justice. I stand for freedom. I am confident . . . I am arrogant. I am proud.

When I am flown with my fellow banners, my head is a little higher, my colors a little truer.

I bow to no one. I am recognized all over the world. I am worshipped. I am saluted. I am respected. I am revered. I am loved. And I am feared.

I have fought every battle of every war for more than 200 years... Gettysburg, Shilo, Appomatox, San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome, the beaches of Normandy, the deserts of Africa, the cane fields of the Philippines, the rice paddies and jungles of Guam, Okinawa, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, and a score of places long forgotten by all but those who were with me.

I was there!

I led my soldiers. I followed them. I watched over them... They loved me.

I was on a small hill in Iwo Jima. I was dirty, battle-worn and tired, but my soldiers cheered me, and I was proud.

I have been soiled, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of countries I have helped set free. It does not hurt . . . for I am invincible. I have been soiled, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of my country, and when it is by those with whom I have served in battle . . . it hurts. But I shall overcome . . . for I am strong.

I have slipped the bonds of Earth and stand watch over the uncharted new frontiers of space from my vantage point on the moon.

I have been a silent witness to all of America’s finest hours. But my finest hour comes when I am torn into strips to be used for bandages for my wounded comrades on the field of battle, when I fly at half mast to honor my soldiers... and when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving mother at the graveside of her fallen son.

I am proud. My name is Old Glory. Dear God . . . Long may I wave!
At the beginning of the school year, the first few weeks are dedicated to getting into the daily routines of rising, cleaning, practicing marching as companies, eating, academics, and athletic practices, if the cadets participate. August 31, 2011 was the day for the cadet corps’ first practice. The TAC officers of each company are out on the CSM Rosvelt Martain Parade Field directing their troops to the proper field placement and positions, and format. The first two pictures on the left shown from the Risher Building porch gives the view when first on the field. The third picture is the band as they play and march towards the flagpole. The cannons go off, traditionally causing those nearby and unaware of its sound to jump in their shoes. At the practice end, the Flag is lowered and folded. However, there is always the chance that these new lessons are repeated until they can “get it right” or until it’s time for class.

Shown above are the CMA cadet corps at the 2011 Christmas parade in Camden. (Picture courtesy of Johnny Deal)

Shown above are Carlisle Cadets marching in a parade in 1949.
PASS IN REVIEW

**Irvin Wallace, CMS’47**, suffered a heart attack back in October. He was on the golf course playing in a tournament at the time. As of January 2, 2012, he’s back on the golf course and feeling fine.

**Val Lipscomb, CMS’54**, visited CMA and South Carolina during November, traveling from the Charleston airport. He spoke about his friend, Charlie Jones (CMS’66) and the times they had while at Carlisle, but especially while at Surfside Beach and meeting some girls. He currently lives in San Antonio, TX.

**James Ray, CMS’55**, stopped by the campus in July after being in Kentucky and NC. He regrets not being at last few reunions, but had been very sick and took awhile to get back. He was responsible for the gold t-shirts with the black dog printed on them that were distributed at one of the reunions. He spent 5 years at Carlisle. It was a great way for him to escape the work at home on a dairy farm. Getting up at 4 AM and working until he had to go to school just caused him to go to sleep in class in public school. Thus he was sent to Carlisle for some of the best times of his life.

**Elihu Wade McCarthy, Jr., CMS’50**, phoned in that he lost his wife of 50 years this year. He recalled Colonel Risher (Kingfish) with great admiration and a father figure. He appreciated his days at Carlisle and had great respect for Waddy Thompson. He said that he had spoken to him before his passing in 1989.

**Sam Calloway, CMS’57**, emailed a link to the “Virtual Wall—Those Who Gave All.” It lists all of the Americans killed in Vietnam. Ivars Lama graduated from Carlisle in 1957. He was company commander his senior year of A Company. Sam had seen him at Ft. Jackson in 1958 and lost track of him after that. He later found out that Ivars moved into the Marine Corps and commissioned a 2LT while in Vietnam. The Wall profiles the veteran, with information about the death and medals of veterans.

**Kent Bishop, CMS’62**, went to Wofford College after Carlisle. Now Lives in Port Royal, SC and can be reached at Kentbishop@charter.net.

**Frank Coney, CMS’62**, plans to attend the 50th reunion of the Carlisle Class of 1962 this year.

**William John Senior, CMA’62**, donated a book entitled “USS Sea Cat (SS-399) 1944-1968-The Boat and the Men” by Robert H. Winburn, who’s a friend of his and autographed inscription “Presented to Camden Military Academy on behalf of B.J. Senior, class of 1962, Robert H. Winburn, July 28, 2011 and his wife Marie Winburn. Senior also sent a DVD entitled “World War II,” ‘The Greatest Conflict’ and a Civil War Battlefields map 1861-1865, all items for the Cline Library. He serves on the board of alumni at Campbellsville University and lives in LaGrange, KY.

**Herbert John Horton, CMS’63**, sent CMA a letter for display that Colonel James Risher had written to him while he was in Vietnam. He also sent a copy of his diplomas for Jostens to “lift” signatures for future diploma replacement orders of Carlisle alumni in his era.

**Bill Hauser, CMS’66**, lives too far away in the desert of west Texas to attend reunions. He’s “retired and living on the dole. I will miss your camaraderie.” “At Carlisle the young gentlemen turned out for a parade every afternoon. Oh what fun we had.”

**Phillip Henning, CMA’66**, was only at CMA for one year, but wished he could have stayed. The one year made a difference in his life. He currently works for Brinks Travels Worldwide.

**William Richard Burrell, II, CMA’67**, emails that he appreciates the effort of CMA for the reunion. He’s 11,000 miles away and hopes his cousin, Jack Workman, Class of 1961, could make it. All the best to his colleagues.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS BARRY ALAN DAVIS, CMA’80? CMA has a contact who found his class ring in the belly of a 22-lb. catfish. If anyone out there knows his whereabouts, please contact CMA.

**Jim Shelley, CMA’82**, has had more bad luck with his health. You may recall that he was struck by a prop of a fishing boat in January 2011. You can go to Caringbridge.org and read his journal. He thanks all who prayed for his recovery.

**Aurelio Antonio Simmons, CMA’95**, stopped by the campus with his family in August. He and his family were on their way to their new home in Louisiana. He and “Coach” Boland talked about the good old days in 1991-92 and all the friends that he met while a cadet here.

**Chad Myers, CMA’01**, is a PG Basketball Coach at Massanutten Military Academy. He graduated from Shepherd University with a degree in sports and event management. At Shepherd, he set a school record for the most 3-point goals in a game (9) and for the most consecutive free throws (37). He returned to Hargrave where he spent his PG year and served as Asst. Post-Graduate coach and posted an 82-7 record. Myers helped to place 33 PG’s in Division One college basketball. He also served as director of basketball operations at Radford University for two seasons. During the 2009-10 year, Radford finished second in the Big South, even in the face of opponents Duke, Louisville, and Kansas.

**Henry L. Ravenel, Jr., CMA’01**, is now engaged and will marry in Charleston in 2012. He is still involved with the State Chamber of Commerce and owns Ravenel’s Transmission Service.

**DEATHS**

Earl Maxwell Rizer, Denmark, SC, CMS’42
Thomas William Wynn, Jacksonville, FL, CMS’42
Major Ralph O. Wells, Warner Robbins, GA, CMS’42
J. W. “Billy” King, Johnsonville, SC, CMS’43
Harvey Martin, Jonesville, NC, CMS’47
Brandt Gregory Watson, Naples, FL, CMS’47
Warren D. “Corky” Reibel, Athens, GA, CMS’49
John Laney Melton, Jr., Cheraw, SC, CMS’50
William LaVarre Tedder, Hartsville, SC, CMS’50
Jack Laverne Harmon, West Columbia, SC, CMS’53
James R. Harley, Midway, GA, CMS’55
Richard “Larry” Gause, Delton, FL, CMS’58
Carl Grant Ferguson, Greenville, SC, CMS’61
George Elwell Rollins, Fort Myers, FL, CMS’61
James Kirkland Inabinet, III, Knoxville, TN, CMS’62
Joseph Fred Lothridge, Opelika, AL, CMS’62
William George Konchar, Sarasota, FL, CMS’63
Manuel M. Patin, II, Miami, FL, CMS’63
John Paul O’Quinn, Beaufort, SC, CMS’63
Richard Garfield Magruder, Fair Play, SC, CMS’68
Danny James Allbritton, Savannah, GA, CMS’71
Gregory John Calley, Dillsburg, PA, CMS’71
Howard McTyre Harley, Jr., West Columbia, CMS’72
Travis Marshall Casey, Mauldin, SC, CMS’73
Mitchell Ryan Newby, Florence, SC, CMS’95
Eric Kenzo Otokawa, Alpharetta, GA, CMS’09
Senior Ring Ceremony

One of the moments that a senior looks forward to during his high school experience is the time that he receives his class ring. Unlike a lot of high schools today, the CMA ring is still cast in the same mold as it was originally done. The blue stone stands as solid as the young man wearing it.

Colonel Boland congratulated the Class of 2012 and spoke to them about the long tradition that started at West Point, the oldest military academy in the U.S. Wearing the class ring is a reflection of their unity and memorandum of their days at the academy. It is a symbol of success and brotherhood. Receiving the rings during the ceremony before Thanksgiving break were cadets Z. Azari, M. Brown, J. Bunch, S. Chapman, M. Dickerson, T. Drinnen, J. Fedder, H. Fitch, R. Fleming, J. Geiger, Z. Herring, N. Hodges, D. Hopkins, B. Jargalskian, W. Johnson, Z. Kinnel, R. Koontz, N. Leary, B. Lyle, L. Mayer, N. Pinelli, C. Rodriguez, R. Semmler, M. Sheorn, M. Sokmen, Z. Spencer, A. Taylor, K. Taylor, C. Thompson, T. Van Aken, Y. Wang, A. Webster, T. Weinwurm, and P. Wimborne. Seniors who were scheduled on flights or trains and could not stay for this event, were given their rings when they returned.