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CMA Awards 2015-2016

Academic Awards

Band Director's Award: William Larsen

E. Haines Gregg Award: Jaylen Evans

Most Improved Player: Brian Kluppel

Band Certificate of Achievement: George Spiros

Junior Leadership: William Larsen, Sean Orcutt, Yohann Offredo, Clay Pflaging, Alex Beasley, Kevin Phillips

Highest Class Averages

12: Santiago Villalobos; 11: Christopher Dean; 10: Andrew Levine;

9: Rodrigo Villalobos; 8: Benjamin Creath; 7: Robert Luebken

Military Awards

General Douglas MacArthur Award: Santiago Villalobos

West Point Leadership Award: Christopher Dean

Daughters of the American Revolution Award: Nathaniel Hanlon, Christopher Dean

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Award: Alexander Woodfield; Benjamin Garver

Commandant's Award: Jack Thurman

The CMA Cadet of the Year: Christopher Dean

Cadets of the Semester: 1st Semester: Christopher Dean;

2nd Semester: Sebastian Offredo

JROTC Superior Cadet Award:

LET I: Justin King, B Co.

LET II: Yohann Offredo, B/S Co.

LET III: Alvin Jean, D Co.

LET IV: Ishmael Taylor-Kamara, C Co.

CSM Martain Award:

David Gore, D Co.

Jaydon Shearn, D Co.

Colby Johnson, A Co.

Michael Suggs, A Co.

Alvin Jean, D Co.

Andrew Miller, C Co.

Shane McEney, C Co.

Nathaniel Sagesse, B Co.

Matthew Rush, B Co.

Adam Dupzyk, B/S Co

Luke Gagliardo, D Co.

The Order of the Daedalion: Devin Larsen

The National Sojourners Award: Samuel Cianchetti

The American Legion Awards: Silver: Noah Dubois, Christofer Williams

Bronze: Jack Thurman, Sebastien Offredo, Ryan Bachman, Austin Brewer, Tristian Bristow

The Military Order of the World Wars Awards: Brenton Buckley

United States Army Recruiting Command Award: Austin Martin

U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award: Thomas Azrelyant

The Association of the U.S. Army Award: Ashondre Moore

Order of the Purple Heart: Austin MacDonald

Military Officers Association of America Award: Benjamin Mitchell, Ishmael Taylor-Kamara

Marine Corps League Award: Anass Benayada, Robert Gaddis

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Award: Eric Derhammer

Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of S.C. Award: Noah Woody

VFW Ladies Auxiliary Patriot's Pen Award: Josh Jenkins

VFW Voice of Democracy Award: Daylen Clark

Camden Rotary Club Scholarship: Austin MacDonald, Thomas Azrelyant

Most Improved Cadet Award:

A Company: George Spiros

B Company: Brandon Hollingsworth

C Company: Gavin Dunn

D Company: Anthony Tuffo

B/S Company: Paxton Gaines

Cadet Challenge Medals:

12th Grade - Ashondre Moore; 11th Grade - Christopher Dean;

10th - William Larsen; 9th Grade - Connor Shea; 8th Grade - Liam Dolan;

7th Grade - Collin Blackmon

Best Individual Drill Award:

1st Place - Anthony Brown, D Co.

2nd Place - Nathaniel Sagesse, B Co.

3rd Place - William Bradley, B/S Co.

Regional History Day Awards

Jr. High Group: Michael Hanlon, Ian Walter,

Tyler Wilson, Jett Mathers, Josh Jenkins

Senior Group Website: Rodrigo Villalobos, Ian Lehman

Senior Group Performance: Alex Beasley, Jake Dean, John Branch, George Chestnut

LTC Sonny Brown Yearbook Award: Austin MacDonald

Athletic Awards

Varsity Football

Most Valuable Player: Rayheem Dawson

Most Valuable Offense: Reggie Currie

Most Valuable Offensive Back: Blake Roberts

Most Valuable Offensive Lineman: George Chestnut

Most Valuable Defense: Wendell Bing

Most Valuable Defensive Lineman: Ian Benton

Most Valuable Defensive Back: Romani Susewell

Spartan Award: Noah Woody

Most Improved: Zack Irtenkauf

Coaches Award: Matthew Waldsmith,

Michael McDermott

Junior High Football

Most Valuable Offense: Stefon Aaron

Most Valuable Defense: Davis Long

Most Improved: Aiden Haase

Coaches Award: Matthew Weaver

Varsity Basketball

Most Valuable Offense: Romani Susewell

Most Valuable Defense: Ian Benton

Most Improved: Ashondre Moore

Coaches Award: Andre Cooper, Matthew Waldsmith

Junior Varsity Basketball

MVP: Khalil Mack

Most Improved: Gage Noel

Coaches Award: Amal Patel

Most Valuable Offense: Aramis Woods

Junior High Basketball

Most Valuable Offense: Daniel Carter

Most Valuable Defense: Davis Long

Coaches Award: Kevon Agard

Most Improved: Aiden Haase

Varsity Baseball

Most Valuable Offense: Ned Gilleland

Most Valuable Defense: Ian Benton

Most Improved: Justin King

Coaches Award: Mason Van Loan

E. Haines Gregg Award: Jack Thurman

JV Baseball

MV Offense: Furman Cooper

MV Defense: Kevin Phillips

Coaches Award: Ruhi Patel

Most Improved: Hunter Cornelison, Ian Lehman

Varsity Soccer

Most Valuable Player: Ignacio Chamon

Most Valuable Offense: Amadou Diabate

Most Valuable Defense: Ishmael Taylor-Kamara

Most Improved: Matthew McGuinness

Coaches Award: Rodrigo Villalobos

Junior Varsity Soccer:

Most Valuable Player: Kyle Rhodes

Most Valuable Offense: Fahad Almalik

Most Valuable Defense: Daniel Maeda

Most Improved Award: Parker Miethbauer

Coaches Award: Jeffrey Nyman

Rifle Team

Most Valuable Shooter: Brandon Vancosky

Most Improved: Christian Perpignand

Coaches Award: Sebastian Gillaspay

Lacrosse

Most Valuable Offense: Shane McEney

Most Valuable Defense: George Chestnut

Coaches Award: Drew Chambers

Most Improved: Cody Holdeman

Cross-Country

MVP: John Hutchins

Gazelle Award: Mikael Barker

Hustle Award: Jake Dean

One Heartbeat Award: Dantzler Lewin,

Connor Bolton

Most Improved: Kevin Phillips

Coaches Award: Kameron Gentile

Golf

MVP: Joseph Loeb sack

Most Improved: Matthew Rush

Coaches Award: Noah Woody

Tennis

MVP: James Covington

Spartan Award: Austin MacDonald

Most Improved: Jakob VanderWaal

Coaches Award: Andre Russoniello

Blackjacks Drill Team

Most Valuable Player: Thomas Azrelyant

Most Improved: Brandon Vancosky

Coaches Award: John Branch

Gold Achievement Award: Austin Brewer,

Thomas Azrelyant

Wrestling

MVP Wrestler: Noah Woody

Spartan Award: Eric Emery

Most Improved: Andre Russoniello

Coaches Award: Alex Newton, Austin Brewer

Track and Field

Most Valuable Player: Aaron Pratt

Coaches Award: Colby Johnson, Alex Beasley

Most Improved: Pavel Zolotarev

Company Competition

Best Intramural: Bravo Company

Best Drill Award: Charlie Company

Best Athletics Award: Alpha Company

Best Academics Award: Band & Staff Company

Best Spirit Award: Delta Company

Honor Company Award: Charlie Company

Scholar Athlete: Santiago Villalobos

Athlete of the Year: Romani "Scoot" Susewell

James F. Risher Award: Thomas Azrelyant



**CAMDEN MILITARY ACADEMY
2016 College Choices & Post Graduation Plans**

Lutful Asef	Borough of Manhattan Community College
Thomas Michael Azrelyant	The Citadel
Anass Benayada	Horry Georgetown Technical College
Ian Paul Benton	Coker College
Dorian Rex Boehm	The United States Army
Brett Waylen Bohannan	The University of North Carolina-Wilmington
William Zakhari Bradley	Undecided
Austin James Brewer	The United States Air Force
Tristian Julian Bristow	The United States Marine Corps
Justin Stephen Bucca	Marion Military Institute
Brenton Robert Buckley	North Carolina State University
Ignacio Andres Chamon	The University of Arkansas
Samuel Todd Cianchetti	The University of Alabama
Andre Reshawn Cooper	Spartanburg Methodist College
Eric Matthew Derhammer	The United States Navy
Noah Owen Dubois	College of Charleston
Roman Nathaniel Egbert	The Citadel
Hector Rienk Escardo-Boomsma	St. Petersburg College
Jaylen Patrick Evans	Vintage Bible College
James Maxwell Furmanchik	The Citadel
Robert-Andre McCandless Gaddis	Marion Military Institute
Luke James Gagliardo	Florida State College
Benjamin Cuong Garver	Eckerd College
David Samuel Gore	Buffalo State University (State Univ. of N.Y.)
Cooper Kheir Halabi	The United States Marine Corps
Nathaniel Alexander Hanlon	The Citadel
John Henry Hutchins	Undecided
Alvin Jean	Valley Forge Military College
Devin Chase Larsen	University of Central Florida
Garrett Wilson Lentz	Undecided
Dantzler Read Lewin	The Citadel
Austin Robert MacDonald	The Citadel
Shane Robert McEnery	Coker College
Matthew Michael McGuinness	John Carroll University
Benjamin Hernandez Mitchell	The United States Army
Ashondre Akeem Moore	University of District of Columbia
Alexander James Newton	Santa Fe College
Edrick Gent Ngouyassa	Western Carolina University
Christopher Blake Roberts	Fayetteville State University
Nathaniel Benjamin Sagesse	The United States Army
George James Spiros	Undecided
Clark Meriwether Stanford	Auburn University
Romani Ashun Susewell	Benedict College
Ishmael Taylor-Kamara	Penn State University
Jack Allen Thurman	Marion Military Institute
Santiago Villalobos	Case Western Reserve University
Aksel Solberg Wagner	Anderson University
Matthew Joseph Waldsmith	Winthrop University
Christofer Raymond Williams	The Citadel
Thomas Daniel Wise II	Trident Technical College
Alexander Joseph Woodfield	The Citadel
Noah Christopher Woody	The University of South Carolina-Lancaster

Cadets are honored with awards from military and community leaders.



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Award recipients pictured to the right starting at the top (l-r):
 Commandant of Cadets, LTC Brad Lawing, & cadet Jake Dean with the "Cadet of the Year" Award
 Ron Stroud with cadet Jack Thurman with the American Legion Silver Award
 Thomas Gordon and cadet Samuel Cianchetti, National Sojourners Award
 Ashby Rhame and cadet Ishmael Taylor-Kamara, Military Officers Association of America Award
 Beth Ford and cadet Thomas Azrelyant with the Camden Rotary Club Scholarship Award
 Albert Landsberger and cadet Benjamin Garver, with the Veterans of Foreign Wars
 CWO1 Robert Slade and cadet William Larsen and the Band Director's Award and LTC Will Rice and cadet Romani Susewell, Athlete of the Year Award



THE EXCALIBUR SOCIETY 2016



Camden Military Academy recognized members on March 3, 2016 for their generosity at various levels. Springdale Hall Club in Camden was the setting for the annual event. CMA was fortunate to have 12 members in attendance to receive their designated awards. The \$50,000 lifetime donor level, the Silver Knight, was reached by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Van Horn, of the Van Horn Insurance Agency in Camden (pictured left). Also at the Silver Knight level are Mr. and Mrs. Cam Walters. Cam and Becky are pictured on the right receiving their plaque from Colonel Eric Boland. Other members shown below received the Knight award (\$10,000) lifetime donations and the new Member plaques for \$1,000 per year.



New Knight Members



CMA graduate of the class of 1962 visited from his home in Canon City, Colorado, for his Knight plaque.



New Knight Members, LTC Greg and Christine Simonson, are shown above. Greg has been a CMA faculty member since 1990.



Dusty Rhodes of Rhodes Graduation Services, receives his Knight plaque from Cam Walters.

New Excalibur Members



Shown above are Tracie and John Buckley from Waxhaw, NC. They are proud parents of Brenton Buckley, salutatorian of CMA's 2016 class.



Donald and Joy Chamberlain joined the Excalibur Society this year. Their grandson, Chris, attended CMA for 4 years before graduating in 2015.



CMA's new commandant of cadets, LTC Brad Lawing, and his wife Rebekah, are shown above with Cam Walters.

Battalion Commander Cadet LTC Santiago Villalobos Addresses the Excalibur Society Members



Colonel and Mrs. Boland, Mr. and Mrs. Walters, members of the Excalibur Society, alumni of Carlisle, Camden Academy

and Camden Military Academy, I would first of all like to thank you for attending this ceremony, and for your everlasting support. I speak for the whole Corps of Cadets when I say that your individual and collective efforts have transformed this institution for the better.

My name is Santiago Villalobos. I'm from Brazil, and I am currently the Battalion Commander of CMA. I will graduate from Camden Military in May 2016 along with my seniors. I first arrived as a freshman, after planning the move for a year. My parents knew that Brazil's educational opportunities were lacking. At my previous school back home, academics were a low priority even to the most dedicated students. And I wasn't one of the dedicated ones. I also continuously struggled to keep my head and eyes to the front, not understanding the effect any of this would be on my future. My uncaring attitude led to my life falling apart. I knew I needed a fresh start. Shortly after, I found Camden on the internet and it was decided rather quickly that I would be attending. On my first visit to the school, the Dean of Students, John Heflin, spoke to us about the story of Elijah Kitts, which I'm positive anyone on a tour has heard of

before. He was the perfect example of a kid who turned his life around and became Battalion Commander. That was the first time I thought of the position, even if it did seem like a long shot. Col. Heflin also uttered the phrase, "You get out of this what you put into it." Throughout the years, this phrase has become famous around campus. We've all heard or thought about it before, one way or another. It is because of this statement and the truth it upholds that I have realized my potential and even brought my brother from overseas to study here. He has begun his freshman year here in 2015. Whenever he and I think about how we ended up here, there's always shock. It's funny how things work out. Neither my family nor I would've imagined that I would emerge here, in charge of speaking to the noble people that are present tonight. And for that, I am thankful to my parents who pushed me and to my mentors who led me.

Initially, I had no clue as to what to say at this ceremony. How does one express the gratitude of over 250 cadets, not even including faculty members? I figured it would be a good idea to remind you that all of what your efforts placed into this Academy are for. Such as an unspeakable amount of brotherhood. Each one of my peers can agree that there is something about living together, working together, marching together and beating back the same difficulties together that brings us closer than any other place would. Undisputable discipline. How many other high schoolers have the privilege to say that they are in charge of at least five cadets, some of whom are even older than the leader? Or that they clean their living areas every day to inspection standards and still stay on top of their academics



and sports? Or that they live, work, and breathe far away from home, for weeks or months at a time, and always obey a chain of command? Record academics. Most, if not all, cadets can say their academics have improved drastically, due to two hour study halls every weekday night and individual attention granted to students in need of teachers. And finally, unprecedented leadership. Not only are our peers leaders themselves, but we experience and learn leadership from military men whose very job was to lead others. To all the cadets and former alumni in this room, I'm sure your Tactical Officer's name popped into mind. Their tough discipline has helped you and you know it.

Thanks to your efforts, our journeys have been possible. Not only possible, but life changing. As my first year's Battalion Commander Ruiz told me, "You won't soon forget what you've learn here." Many aforementioned alumni have approached me and reiterated this phrase in different manners. And it's thanks to all the ladies and gentlemen accounted for today that has been achievable. Thank you.

New Excalibur Members



Also recognized during the evening of the Excalibur Society (from L-R), and pictured with Cam Walters are Nick Paramore, CMA faculty member and Citadel graduate from Florence, SC; Nick's mother, Beth Paramore, and brother, Finn Paramore; Faculty member, David Thomley and his wife, Denise; and Colonel Michael Hare, Carlisle graduate from the class of 1972 who lives in Gainesville, FL.

GOLD STARS FOR 2015-2016

The first gold stars were originally given at Carlisle Military School for students earning a 90+ average for the semester. The tradition continues for Camden Military Academy's cadets who received their Gold Stars for the 1st semester in January. The 2nd semester stars were announced during the graduation ceremony on May 17. (Cadet names shown with asterisks were awarded the Gold Star for both semesters.)



Stefon Aaron
Joseph Anderson
Michael Arrindell**
Thomas Azrelyant**
Kurosh Badii**
Mikael Barker
Kynan Barrios**
Aaron Batalka**
Daniel Baucom
John Beasley**
Ian Benton
James Blackwell**
James Blair**
Brett Bohannan**
Conor Bolton**
John Branch
Dylan Brashears**
Austin Brewer**
Justin Bucca**
Brenton Buckley**
Sebastian Camus
Aaron Cann**
Daniel Carter**
Nathan Chambers
Ignacio Chamon
George Chestnut**
Samuel Cianchetti**
Daylen Clark
Matthew Connell
James Covington
Hayden Davidson
Christopher Dean**
Mathieu Deprat
Liam Dolan
Noah Dubois**
Miles Dudley
Eugene Dumka
Ilan Efraimovich**
Roman Egbert**
Eric Emery
Hector Escardo-Boomsma**
Donglin Feng
John Matthew Ferguson, Jr.
Grant Finnie
James Furmanchik**
Paxton Gaines**
Dylan Ganyard

Benjamin Garver
Kameron Gentile**
Sebastian Gillaspy
Ned Gilleland, III
David Gore**
Brice Griffin
Malachi Grist**
Jake Grossman
Aiden Haase**
Michael Hanlon
Nathaniel Hanlon**
John Hastings
Brandon Hollingsworth
George Hough
Chaorui Huang**
Joshua Jenkins**
Evan Jones
Jose Justiniano
Kevin Kim**
Justin King**
Carson Klaas**
Brian Kluppel**
Kendal Kreide**
Devin Larsen**
William Larsen**
Ian Lehman**
Connor Lentz**
Garrett Lentz**
Jacob Leslie
Andrew Levine**
Dantzler Lewin**
Xiaori Liang**
Bo Liu**
Joseph Loeb sack
Davis Long**
Robert Luebken**
Austin MacDonald**
Austin Martin
Hunter Masten
Sean McDermott
Shane McEney
Matthew McGuinness**
Aidan McKenna
Chancellor McLendon
Dorian Melinsky
Jake Mendez**
Mason Mims**

Donovan Mostyn
Paul Mueller
William Murphy**
Edrick Ngouyassa**
Gage Noel
Camilo Nunez**
Landon Oates
Sebastien Offredo**
Yohann Offredo**
Austin Oliver**
Sean Orcutt
James Oribhabor
Ryan Palumbo
Amal Patel**
Walter Petrie-Holt
Clay Pflaging**
Kevin Phillips**
Alexander Ranft**
Brandon Reilly
Kyle Rhodes
William Ripley
Christopher Roberts
Matthew Rush**
Kristian Saul
Jaydon Shearn
Yizhi Shi**
Jake Shingleton
Paul Sinadinos
Johnny Slick
Joseph Smithwick, II
Alexander Spelman**
Clark Stanford**
Ivan Strickland
Michael Suggs
Shan Sun
Ishmael Taylor-Kamara**
Jack Thurman**
Matthew Tierney**
Guan Sen Tong**
Haden Tyler Tononi
Brandon Tran
Tyler Tucker
Franklin Tutt
Brandon Vancosky**
Christhoff Verderber
Rodrigo Villalobos**
Santiago Villalobos**

Aksel Wagner
Matthew Waldsmith**
Rolf Wallin**
Ian Walter
Tianjun Wang**
Joseph Ware
Matthew Weaver**
Christofer Williams**
Justin Wilson
Calvin Wu
Pavel Zolotarev



Shown above is Colonel Boland presenting the Gold Star to cadet Matt Weaver, as Brent Buckley and Max Furmanchik look on. The Jr. Leadership of Kershaw County program chose CMA cadet Thomas Azrelyant (below) as recipient of the Robert J. "Bob" Sheheen Outstanding Student of the Year Award.



GRADUATION WEEKEND...Seniors in the 2016 class look forward to their final weekend at CMA. Shown below (L-R) are members of the Sagesse family after the ceremony; LTC Lawing awards the Honor Company ribbon to Charlie Company and Company Commander Taylor-Kamara and flag bearer, R. Villalobos; Also members of the Thurman family are shown after the Baccalaureate Service.



Seniors escort family and friends during the Swordwalk at the dance, as their names are announced.



Seniors are lined up as they are honored by the corps of cadets and color guard. Clockwise are: Col. Boland with the last diploma recipient, Noah Woody; Gagliardo poses at the side of the stage; seniors Mitchell, Banayada, McEnery, Taylor-Kamara; Asef with family members, and Azrelyant, Villalobos, Cianchetti, and MacDonald.



My Life in a Nutshell

CMA Class 2016

By Thomas Azrelyant

I was born in Beth Israel Hospital in Manhattan, New York. When people think of New York they think it's synonymous with living the American Dream with big shots in a city that never sleeps. That wasn't the case for me. My father and my mother, both deaf immigrants from Ukraine, came to America during the 60's.

I lived in New York at first and then I moved back and forth from Brooklyn and Rochester. Rochester was a beautiful place that held all of my innocence and childhood. I remember fondly playing outside of my house in the snow on my birthday with my mom and sister. I was practically swimming in snow mainly because I was a small kid. My dad would come home from work, play chess with me, and read me stories. I always admired my dad who was a hard worker and never asked for any handouts. Additionally, he pursued a degree in Computer Science, but he couldn't find a job in New York due to his disability. Regardless, he worked 2-3 jobs to keep food on the table and all of our needs satisfied. He worked for my aunt in deaf relay services which is almost like Facetime/phone calling for deaf people. My aunt was involved in illegal practices and my dad wasn't able to sweep it under the rug. My father valued honesty and he brought the matters to the boss of the organization, my aunt. After an argument, he was fired from his good paying job. My dad wasn't the man to quit, so he kept looking for jobs while we, as a family, were financially struggling. It felt like a sleepover every week since we had to bunk with a new family or friend's house. As I look back now, I fully understood that we were homeless.

In 2006, we found a home in Brooklyn which was an apartment complex right next to a park. I thought this would be great considering the park was so close. I made lots of friends and the school was close to me. I remember walking every day to the elementary school while passing by the few trees placed irregularly around the concrete jungle. It was a weird change to see less trees and more buildings. The elementary school was a place that I really looked forward to going every day. All my homeroom teachers saw my potential and desire to learn and they pushed me every day to make the right decisions. Additionally, I took a specialized placement exam for rising middle schoolers. Not everyone could take this test. Instead, I had teachers and my assistant principal recommend me for the exam. I received a score high enough to get into Christa McAuliffe, which was a very difficult middle school to get into.

My first expectation of Christa was that it was going to be hard work. I totally underestimated how much studying I should have put in. From being on top of my class every time, I was now average. Nonetheless, I still gave it my all and forced myself through the material in order to improve myself. There was an additional specialized test that everyone had the chance to take. I really wanted to be in a prestigious high school in New York called Brooklyn Tech High School. However, I couldn't get into the high school I wanted. I remember thinking all that hard work for nothing. Instead, I got accepted into a zoned high school, Edward R. Murrow.

While attending Edward R. Murrow I met a lot of new people, but they weren't the scholarly type. I had this notion that I wanted to be a cool



kid. As I went through my freshman year I became less interested in my studies. I eventually started blowing off my work and even school days to go out and do more and more reckless things so I could show off to my peers.

I went to parties, got in trouble constantly, and I completely disregarded my future during my sophomore year. I was also very disrespectful to my parents and I even lost my ambition. However, there was one teacher that never gave up

on me. Mr. Eisenberg was my stage and lighting teacher. He would always get a copy of my grades and call me into his room for an intense lecture. Regrettably, I ignored him and I did not realize what he was doing for me. I hate that I did not appreciate people like him because he always pushed me. I got involved in a lot of shady situations and I kept going down a misguided path. It all started out as a quick cash scheme that led me to making horrible decisions. At the time, it was a luxurious thought of living like those rappers talking about living plush lives without issues.

As my behavior was getting worse and worse, my parents decided that a military school was my only option. Reluctantly, I was enrolled and my parents moved away from the once beautiful neighborhood that turned into an ugly slum. They moved into my sister's coop in upstate New York. I came to the first day of summer school at Camden Military Academy with my dad and my sister. We went to the main office to get the paperwork filled out and went to the Dean's Office to get my academic plan figured out. LTC Heflin, the Dean of Students, worked it out so I would do two summer schools sessions along with two years of school to make-up for failing high school two years straight. I knew this was my last shot to make things right with myself and my family, too.

The same determination I had before I went to high school came back strong as ever. It not only helped my grades, but I became a man. I learned leadership by becoming a squad leader my first week there and I slowly advanced through the ranks to become a Battalion Adjutant (Captain Rank). I learned how to multitask effectively. I took extra classes after school, maintained sports, assisted in administrative work for the school, and helped develop cadets that I was in charge of while maintaining honors list in my academics. I was a part of the Blackjack drill team that was introduced to Camden Military Academy and I am very proud to be a part of that unit which holds to such high standards. The CMA Blackjacks would have never become what it is today if it weren't for Mr. Art Dumont and our drill team coaches, SFC Ray Brown and CSM Othel Terrell; and I am thankful for every lesson they taught me on perseverance and teamwork while on the drill team. The last, but not least thing I learned was that toughness, perseverance, and family will get you through life's greatest hurdles. The only people that will stick around for you will always be the people who truly care for you and want you to succeed.

There is an unspoken brotherhood among the Cadets of Camden Military Academy. It's more than just hanging out and being good friends. We

suffered through good and bad times. We did everything together from learning how to shine shoes, to waking up at the crack of dawn, to eating all meals in the mess hall, family style. We also learned, laughed, and struggled together, too. Recently, one of my close Camden friends lost a brother over the summer. I was asked to do Color Guard for his funeral since he was a Camden cadet (class of 2010). Without hesitation, I agreed and I found those moments when my friend was crying over his brother to be difficult. I lost another friend who was a Camden cadet (class of 2016) my first year and was enrolled in my first summer school experience at CMA. He was one of the first few friends I made. His spirit, however, lives on within us. I went to his funeral and it hurt me to see his mother talk about him and how much we will miss him. Nothing is forever, but I used these moments of hardship to motivate myself through the rough patches of life. I wouldn't have as much ambition if it were not for my CMA Family of Faculty and fellow Cadets.

None of this would have been possible without the discipline and brotherhood that I learned from Camden Military Academy. For example, I have been accepted to The Citadel where I want to pursue a degree in Civil Engineering. I also have plans to join the military, and hopefully, become a Navy Seal. I want to serve my country to the fullest extent and make every effort to protect this great nation that has given me a second chance.

I want to thank my sister and my parents for never giving up on me and always pushing me to do better; I want to thank LTC Heflin for his help in giving me a chance to make my future brighter, as well as all the cadets he has helped throughout the years at CMA. I'm also grateful to my tactical officer, CSM David Stokes, for his guidance and his mentorship in my process to becoming a man.

The James F. Risher Award

is given to the ideal cadet who is nominated and voted upon by the cadet corps of cadets, as well as faculty members. Thomas Azrelyant is presented the award by LTC Brad Lawing during graduation ceremonies. Azrelyant was



also on the Debate Team, Wrestling Team, Blackjack Drill Team, and Soccer team. His plans are to enter the Navy and pursue a career in Naval Special Warfare. Colonel James F. Risher was the president of Carlisle Military School and founder of Camden Military Academy. Carlisle Military School was in Bamberg, S.C. and closed in 1977.

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It's not too late to add your name to the Dallas Barracks. For \$1,000 your name or class could be on the outside signage. While on the inside, for \$10,000 you can name a room in honor or memory of someone.

We have recently resurfaced our track that runs around the football field. Plans to add restrooms and improve the concession stands are also anticipated. Other needs for the athletics program include equipment and uniforms.

Other areas that you can help are the Cline Library, classroom technology, Civil Air Patrol, Boy Scouts, arts and music, just to name a few. All donations are tax deductible. Monthly bank drafts to CMA could go to any of the five levels of contributions and are greatly appreciated.

Please note that all donations listed are for the period from June 1, 2015-May 31, 2016. Donations received June 1, 2016 to the present will be listed after the 2016 fiscal year ends in May. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Robinson, Alumni Coordinator, or Glenda Porter, Annual Fund Coordinator, at 800-948-6291.

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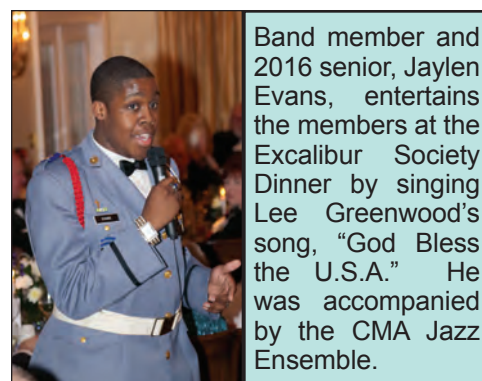
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Mr. Walter William Wills (CMS'75)



Band member and 2016 senior, Jaylen Evans, entertains the members at the Excalibur Society Dinner by singing Lee Greenwood's song, "God Bless the U.S.A." He was accompanied by the CMA Jazz Ensemble.

In Memoriam

In Memory of Wayne K. Blackburn
Mr. and Mrs. James H. Lisenby
In Memory of Carlisle Military School
Estate of Mr. & Mrs. Ellison Capers
In Memory of James Russell Fields
Estate of James Fields
In Memory of Mary Green
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In Memory of Maxine White
Mr. and Mrs. Cam Walters
In Memory of Mr. Hallett B. White, Jr.
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Attending the Excalibur Society Dinner are cadets above (l-r) are Yohann Offredo, Sebastien Offredo, Amadou Ranft, and Alexander Diabete. They worked as valet drivers and escorts. Shown below (left) Charles Baker (CMA'08), parents, Cheryl and Don Baker, and Sandy Baker (CMA'10); In the corner picture are Davis Outlaw (CMA'11) (and mom) Mindy and Ron Player, and Davis' proud grandmother, Kathy Sherrill, and Mark Dority.



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2016 Seniors Look Back at some of the year's activities.



Corps of Cadets CERTIFICATION



The Battalion Staff were eager to work with LTC Brad Lawing, the new Commandant of Cadets, who took over the realm in August for the retired (once again) LTC Pat Armstrong (see page 13). The first three weeks of school at CMA are geared to orientation to a new way of learning, both academically and militarily. Cleaning rooms and barracks are just the beginning as inspection takes place as shown in the pictures above.

The 2015 Spartan Challenge was held for the ninth consecutive year in September as each company competed against each other for this annual event. Bragging rights for the company that tallied the most points in the various event challenges for first place, once again, belong to Charlie Company this year, followed by Alpha, and Band & Staff Companies. The competition actually starts more than a week ahead with the assignment of designing their own company T-shirts which are printed for the daylong events. (Delta Company had the most points for their T-shirt design and the flag designing contest was won by Charlie Company.)



- The 2015 Events/Winners**
- Company T-Shirt Design - D
 - Flag Design - C
 - Brick Challenge - C
 - Soccer Challenge - A
 - Lift Challenge - A
 - Amoeba - B
 - Rifle Shoot - A
 - Balloon Challenge - A
 - Frisbee Catch - C
 - Glider Fly-off - C
 - Raft Challenge - B/S
 - Academic Challenge - B
 - Citizenship - B/S
 - Beam Walk - C
 - Centipede Crawl - C
 - Artillery Target - A
 - Bucketwalk Challenge - B/S



CMA honors LTC and Mrs. Armstrong and SGM and Mrs. Whitehurst with parade.



October 18, 2015 was a grand day for a special recognition parade in honor of two retirees of CMA. Commandant LTC Pat Armstrong (pictured left, with wife, Mary Jane) and pictured right are Dining Hall Manager, SGM James Whitehurst, wife, Josephine (left) and family and friends. On behalf of CMA, Colonel Boland presented a commemorative clock for their service to CMA.



LTC Pat Armstrong is a 26 year Army veteran. In 1969 he enlisted in the Army where he served as a soldier in the Infantry. During his enlistment he received an appointment to the United States Military Academy where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree and upon his graduation was commissioned a second lieutenant.

During his military career, LTC Armstrong served as an Armor Officer with assignments in Germany, Washington State, New York, Texas, and Colorado. While serving in Washington, LTC Armstrong attended Pacific Lutheran University where he earned a master's degree in Guidance and Counseling. LTC Armstrong also served on the faculty of the United States Military Academy where he taught ethics, military law, and military science and served as an advisor and counselor to cadets. LTC Armstrong completed his military service as a member of the faculty at Washington State University where he was the Chair of the Military Science Department and was responsible for teaching history, ethics and leadership and prepared students for commissioning as officers in the United States Army. During his service in the Army, LTC Armstrong received numerous awards and decorations. Upon his retirement from the Army, LTC Armstrong was awarded the Legion of Merit for his outstanding service and dedication to his country.

LTC Armstrong became the Commandant of Cadets at Camden Military Academy in 1999. While at CMA, LTC Armstrong was responsible for the health and welfare of the Corps of Cadets. In addition to his duties as the Commandant LTC Armstrong served as the Chair of the Academic Counsel. LTC Armstrong retired from Camden Military Academy in August of 2015. During his stay at CMA, he coached, trained and developed more than three thousand cadets.

Carlisle Flight Club Organized

In January, 1952, a new organization known as the "Carlisle Flight Club," was chartered and put into operation.

The Carlisle Flight Club was organized by seven air-minded cadets and is now a smooth running, efficiently operating organization. These seven flight enthusiasts, Dale Arn, Jim Bradin, Bill Brasington, Leo Bauer, Everett Kerr, Perry Wilson, and Bill Pipkins, acting on their own initiative, with the encouragement of Col. James F. Risher, met, elected officers, and drew up a club charter.

The purpose of the club is to "Encourage & Promote Aviation and Flight Training." The dues are fifty cents a week. Fines are imposed upon members for violating "air safety rules".....
(From *The Carlisle Bugle*, May 24, 1952, Nick Tucker, Editor-in-Chief)

SGM James Whitehurst retired from the Army with 30 years of service. He was in Food Services all over the world, including: Germany, Korea, Greece, Alaska, Ft. Carson, CO, Ft. Benning, GA, Ft. Stewart, GA, Ft. Rucker, AL, Ft. Bragg, NC, and Ft. Jackson in Columbia, SC.

While in Alaska, he won the Philip A. Connelly Award. The award is the personification of food service excellence executed by culinary specialists resulting in the presentation of extremely gratifying dining experiences across all Army food service platforms in garrison and field environments. He also assisted hundreds of our troops who were deployed to Iraq.

He served thousands of cadets here at Camden Military Academy from August 2002 to July 2015, and also assisted with major events at the academy.

In attendance at the ceremony included his wife, Josephine, and his children and grandchildren.

A reception was held after the parade in the Risher Administration Building. Shown below (l-r) cadets Samuel Cianchetti, Kameron Gentile, Nathaniel Hanlon, Colonel Lanning Risher (Headmaster Emeritus), Santiago Villalobos (battalion commander), Thomas Azrelyant, and Austin MacDonald.



CMA responds to flood relief after 1,000 year record rain (October 2015)



Colonel Boland considers community service an important learning experience for the cadets at CMA, whether it's for the city of Camden, the county, state, or other regions of the country.

"As a Blackjack at CMA, I went with five other cadets to a distribution center to help with the flood relief. When we went there we moved water, baby diapers, and other necessities to the proper location to be picked up by those affected by the flood. It was very neat how the state and community came together to provide relief for those affected. A Boy Scout and I were paired together to fold and box towels. He would fold while I placed them in boxes. We boxed a total of nineteen boxes of fifteen towels in each. It was a very humbling experience and I am thankful to have been part of it." **Kevin Phillips of Mooresville, North Carolina**

Shown below are some of the things that we do and places we go to or visit every year...in pictures. SMI - Saturday Morning Inspection (directly below); Attend the N.C. Pecan Harvest Festival and escort the Pecan Belles (below right).



One of the plays that are performed every year is the "Tell Tale Heart" (scene below). The drama teacher, LTC Deborah Hartley, and the Art Appreciation teacher, Mrs. Alice Thaxton, are instrumental in the cadet performances, artwork, and presentation. The first play of the year is one about bullying that is staged before the fall break. Also shown (right) is a group of cadets who visited Washington, D.C., November 2015.



The Cross Country team runs with numerous other high school teams throughout the Midlands and Pee Dee regions every year. The runners from the schools are comprised of all ages of young men and ladies. Shown below CMA team members await the runners with cups of water at the finish line.



Attending the 2015 Pecan Festival event are Kameron Gentile (seated), standing (l-r) Connor Bolton, Clay Pflaging, Austin Martin, Amadou Diabate, Aramis Woods, and Amal Patel.



The CMA Cadets continue their traditional campus activities on and off campus trips, shown in pictures.

The CMA Blackjacks Pershing Rifle Team visits Washington, D.C. each fall to pay tribute to General John J. Pershing at Arlington Cemetery. While there, they visit various historic sites. Below are 1SG Brown, Hector Escardo-Boomsma, Anthony Brown, Thomas Azrelyant, Michael Hanlon, Nathaniel Hanlon, William Bradley, and CSM Othel Terrell.

The Corps of Cadets parades are performed on Sunday

afternoons. Due to so many activities, including athletics, they are usually scheduled once a month. Just like Carlisle Military School cadets marched in the Bamberg Christmas parades in the past, CMA continues the tradition as it marches in the Camden parade in December.

Also shown below are cadets who performed in the 2015 Christmas play. Every year, it is a "revised" version of "The Night Before Christmas" or "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."



During the CMA school year, there are sports banquets that are held off campus at the end of each season. Shown below are a few of the award

recipients. They also receive a good meal before they are all recognized.

Also shown are a few of last year's cadets on a ski trip at Winter Place, WV, which is always scheduled in late January and February.

Guard opens the game for the Charlotte Hornets and a group of FCA members are at Garden City Beach, SC in April.



Boy Scouts travel to various spots around the state during the year and pictured at the bottom left is a group at Huntington Beach, SC. The Color



What are the BLOGS about? Activities and events at CMA. Please visit: camdenmilitary.com (samples on this page and pages 22-23)

What is a CMA Hangout?

The Hangout offers prospective cadets and families the opportunity to ask cadets questions via our social media channels using #CamdenMilitary! You can watch and/or interact in real time with cadets, staff and alumni. This unique opportunity is an excellent time to share comments or ask questions about America's premier military boarding school—so don't be left out!!

During the hangout you can simply watch the discussion LIVE or submit questions for the families and cadets to answer. In other words, post your question on your social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube or Google+) followed by #CamdenMilitary. For example, on Facebook, you could post the following, "What is the best thing about Camden Military? #CamdenMilitary."

If you could RSVP to the Google Hangout it would be appreciated but it is not required. Again, all you have to do is follow the link above and learn valuable information about Camden Military Academy's programs. Also, if you have any questions prior to the event, please contact us!

SC HIGHWAY PATROL VISITS CMA



Camden Military Academy cadets were at full attention with the visit of a member of the South Carolina Highway Patrol on September 28th. The patrol member conducted two demonstrations for students in Captain Thomley's criminology class.

The first presentation was about the dangers of not wearing seat belts while driving. A rollover simulator (shown left) was used to show the effects of being ejected from a vehicle during an accident. The second presentation utilized specially designed goggles to teach the dangers of driving while intoxicated.



CMA ROBOTICS NEWS

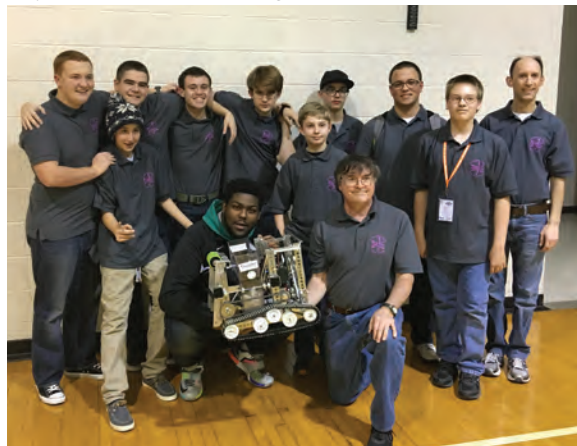
By: Casey Robinson on 3/7/16

Camden Military cadets competed with the Kershaw County Robotics Team in the 13th annual Palmetto Regional FIRST Robotics Competition held in Myrtle Beach on Feb. 25 - 27.

Teams from high schools all over the world competed with robots they developed and operated. The team did really well! Overall the KC Robotics Team ranked 36 out of 64 teams who competed that day.

The FIRST Robotics competition has teams from all across America and some parts of Canada! Cadet Luke Gagliardo was the captain/coach of the team. Cadets David Gore and James Blair worked diligently on the robot during time between matches in what is called the Robot Pit.

Cadet Giovanni Fortezzo was a team captain during some of the matches that we had that day. The FIRST Robotics Competition had



roughly 70 matches that day. In the end the team had a wonderful time and can't wait for the next competition!



Buddy Shelton, CMS'61, graciously shared his talent again with cadets on campus with his golf tricks and stories. He uses a variety of clubs and can hit a golf ball at any target and/or in any direction he points to.

The day before, he entertained the participants of the 2016 Headmaster's Golf Tournament which is held annually at the Camden Country Club. The event always has a maximum number of teams, which provides a continental breakfast, lunch on the greens, and dinner at the end of the day.

CMA is always grateful to our sponsors of the past twelve years and welcomes new corporate sponsors and hole sponsors each year.

Camden Military Academy is proud to have been established through three separate entities. Carlisle Military School in Bamberg, SC was owned by Colonel James F. Risher. The Southern Aviation School was organized by business leaders of Camden next to the Woodward Field Airport in 1940. After WWII, they started Camden Academy from 1950-1957. Colonel Risher sent his son, Colonel Lanning Risher, along with his wife, Deane, to start Camden Military Academy whose enrollment started in 1958.

Some of the members of the 2002 Undefeated Varsity Football team returned to their alma mater during a Saturday game in October 2015. “Coach” Boland was contacted by a few members of the team that he mentored as Athletic Director and Head Football Coach for the last time. Colonel Boland was appointed to the position as Headmaster of CMA during the summer of 2003.

Shown below are (l-r) Terrence King, Tommy Martin, Daniel Calkin, William Old, “Coach” Boland, Jacob Chandler, Coach Dave Roberts, Joe Miller, D’von Hill, Vance Caraway, Marcus Brown, and CSM Othel Terrell.



1970's Carlisle Alumni call CMA Home

Posted on the Camden Military Academy Facebook page:

I would like to thank Col. Boland and his staff at Camden Military Academy and express special thanks to Diane Robinson and LTC Heflin for taking the time

for some old Carlisle Alumni. I am sure I can speak for all of us in attendance from the Carlisle Class of 1975, 1976 and 1977 that we were proud and honored to be part of the Camden Homecoming (2015). You provided us with a regained sense of pride and we were treated with more respect and kindness than we deserve. We deeply thank you for that and for what you are accomplishing at Camden Military Academy.

The cadets were truly amazing and many came up to speak with us and ask us questions about the ‘old days’ and took the time to answer our questions about life at Camden now. Cadet Captain Evans did an outstanding job touring us about the campus and was quite entertaining. This young man will go far in life. Cadet Battalion Commander Villalobos and other members of the leadership program took the time to speak with us at the football game. They are all impressive young men and Commander Villalobos is a prime example of the integrity, the honor and the strength that Camden Military Academy teaches the cadets in their care. It was an honor to speak with him as it will be to see the great things this young man will accomplish in his life.

DeWayne Lee (CMS 1976) and I (Rob Noble CMS 1976) were asked by Mrs. Robinson at the dress parade how we feel about not

having a school to go back to. We both did not hesitate a second to answer and we said we do have a school and it is Camden Military Academy.

It was powerful to see that Carlisle lives on proudly at CMA. The display cabinets and the photos were outstanding. The remnants of Carlisle about campus brought our pride back. To see our school flag and to touch it once again was powerful and to see it being carried at the dress parade exuded a feeling of honor. Carlisle may be gone as we knew it but it still lives within us and within the campus of CMA and we are grateful for that.

To the cadets at CMA... Be proud of what you are learning and what you are accomplishing. Life is not easy and the skills, the tradition, the integrity, the honor, the comradery, the discipline and the education you are gaining will give you an advantage in life. Embrace Camden Military Academy and its ways, it has nothing but your best interests at heart and to make you better than you were when you came into its hallowed halls.

As you see on various weekends about campus, former graduates from the 1950's, 1960's, 1970's and 1980's are always around. We are not there to relive our youth, but to pay our respects for the lessons and the opportunity that Carlisle and Camden have given us. For many of us our time at CMS and CMA was life changing. It altered our paths in life for the better and taught us what tradition, honor, and integrity truly mean; a lesson that the majority of us have carried with us for decades.

You are part of a brotherhood that is deeper than you realize. You are part of a brotherhood that will continue on for generations and you will look at your class ring years down the road and remember what it means to be a part of something much larger than yourself. In closing, remember this; you will all have different experiences at Camden Military Academy even though you all went through the exact same thing, embrace it.

With deepest thanks and appreciation,

Robert (Bobby) Noble
Carlisle Class of 1976



CMA Class of 1966 - 50 Years Ago...They were at CMA



Reunion Weekend at CMA

The weekend of April 8-9th, 2016 was one of great fun, comradery, and reminiscing as members of the CMA Class of 1966 celebrated their 50th reunion. A few members of the classes of 1964, 1965, 1967, and 1968 were also in attendance. The chairmen of the reunion committee were Rick Rygg and Dan Singletary. A special thanks to Rick's wife, Zelma, who worked for two years to gather all information possible to contact alumni to make the weekend a memorable one.

Some alumni arrived on Thursday and attended the CMA baseball game. On Friday afternoon some alumni and their spouses checked in on campus before going to the evening dinner at the Armory Steakhouse in downtown Camden. On Saturday morning they gathered at the Carlisle House for

a campus tour, along with a group attending "Open House" for the admissions department at the Risher Administration Building. After lunch in the dining hall, the alumni were given a special presentation by the Blackjacks drill team, followed by a parade of the corps of cadets. The alumni stood proud of the cadets, who battled the strong winds during the entire parade. One alumnus commented that they didn't have the white pants "back in their day."

After the parade, some members headed back to their homes, while another group enjoyed dinner at the local restaurant downtown, The Hifalutin.

Special thanks to the alumni who attended and made the day memorable for all. CMA welcomes all alumni to stop by the campus if they are in the area.

Reunion of the 1980's

It all started when Patrick Marshall passed away. Chad and I connected and we agreed this (a reunion) was way overdue. It started in March, we designed a group on FB and started a Go Fund Me account. Chad and I picked a date that we felt would correspond with people being off work anyway. We chose Folly Beach because it was in South Carolina and the weather would be nice. The reason that we picked Sunset Cay (Ethan Frye) was because I have a close friend who owns the bar and fellow cadet from 1991 is dock master at the marina. We had a cook-out at the Marina Friday night and the reunion at the Bar on Saturday night. Some guys went deep sea fishing, some just

went out in the boat. Others played golf, some went surfing and some even took surfing lessons at Charleston Surf Lessons. Charleston Golf Cart rentals gave us a few carts to use over the weekend (they are close friends of mine, Will and Jill Sneed). A lot of people just hung out with family at the beach. We gathered at Blu Bar and Restaurant at Tides Hotel for Mother's Day.

The most fun was seeing each other after 30 years--you have never seen more men in their 40's cry. It was one of the most emotional moments of our lives. We had taps played for all of our lost brothers and there was not a dry eye on the whole dock. What a great time had by all!

Ed Hessert, CMA'89



PASS IN REVIEW

Malin "Boondocker" Threatt 1935 - 2016

CMS'53 (Below left) Faculty 1973 (right)

Boone and his brothers came to Bamberg at an early age to attend Carlisle Military School. After graduation, he was a lifelong educator and school administrator, having taught and coached for many years at Carlisle. He was



a principal of Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School, Denmark Elementary School and at other schools. He attended The Citadel and the University of South Carolina and was a graduate of both institutions. He also attended Wake Forest, Appalachian State and North Carolina State. Boone was an employee of the Department of Corrections, from which he retired in the early 1990's.



Fleetwood Davant, CMS'65, "A lazy teen, I was sent to Carlisle way back in 1961 to improve my grades and, hopefully, to gain admission to a college where I might ease my mother's worry about my future welfare. I was particularly a poor mathematics student. I shall never forget my introduction to algebra at Carlisle. It happened in Capt. Malin "Boondocker" Threatt's class and it is forever ingrained in my mind. It is as if my brain back then was wet cement and what I learned was hardened around Boondocker's boot print that, thankfully, was stomped in that cement head.

The first day of Boondocker's class we were all given an assignment to study. Basically, it was some simple algebraic terms, a few problems to work, and then we were dismissed. Maybe the class lasted 15 minutes or so before we retreated back to the canteen or our rooms.

I, being a "rat" then and concerned more with making myself scarce around Guild's Hall's upper classmen, decided to shirk the assignment and settled in to play with the canteen's pinball machine. I continually had done similar such things with my public school studies prior to coming to Carlisle and figured I'd get away with it.

The next day, while standing in formation outside of Capt. Threatt's classroom, I discovered to my satisfaction that I was hardly alone in having made that decision. But it turned out to be a big mistake for everyone concerned because our choice not to take the assignment seriously was measured against a test that Capt. Boondocker sprang on us that next day; quite naturally, I failed it.

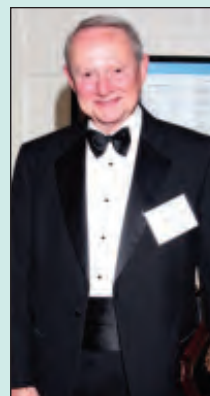
Now, in those early 1960's at Carlisle, corporal punishment was not an unheard teaching principle, and Boondocker kept a neatly carved paddle, shrouded in black electrical tape, by his desk. And everyone who bombed the test got to experience what a "Carlisle Board of Education" felt like when Boondocker's instructions weren't followed to the letter.

He followed it up with a short effective speech about how the class would go that year. It particularly scared the hell out of me, and I suspect everyone else as well because I distinctly remember the eerie silence after he finished.

But that class turned out to be the absolute bedrock basis of every success I've made involving mathematics and has led me to remember Boondocker as the best teacher I ever had. His teaching sustained me on through Carlisle, college and even grad school, and I did well in all future mathematical endeavors.

I scored well on the mathematics portions of both the Scholastic Aptitude Test for college and the Graduate Record Examination nearly 30 years after college. I was at the top of my Navy electronics class (involving trigonometry, physics and engineering principles) that pertained to my rating specialty aboard a nuclear ballistic missile submarine and, even at the age of 62, I was able to successfully pass the mathematics portion of PRAXIS test that has given so many problems (for retired persons with other than education degrees who are interested in teaching in their retirement). I credit Carlisle and Boondocker for that!

F.D. Doug (Spazo, Daffy) Davant, CMS '65, King George, VA



The CMA Board of Trustees lost one of its members on January 7, 2016. Senator Billy O'Dell, Camden Academy class of 1956, of Ware Shoals was featured in a previous issue of "The Bugle, Summer 2009." Although he did not seek recognition of his accomplishments as a S.C. legislator, he was honored and awarded throughout his career by CMA, The Citadel and others. He held multiple positions that encouraged educational and community development. His tenure of 27 years reaffirms the commitment he had for his local community, as well as for the state of South Carolina. The late Senator and his

wife, Gail, were also members of the Excalibur Society at the Knight level. His son, "Chip," graduated from CMA in 1984. The Senator was the recipient of the Palmetto Award from The Citadel in 1994 and the Alumni Achievement Award at CMA in October 2000.

PASSED AWAY

Ellison Capers, Columbia, SC, CMS'40
 William G. Hamilton, Sr., Charleston, SC, CMS'40
 Sammy Sanders Flake, St. Augustine, FL, CMS'43
 Henry A. Cummings, Ruffin, SC, CMS'49
 Donald Eugene Cooper, Andrews, SC, CMS'50
 George Jerome Jester, Salina, KS, CMS'51
 Malin Avary Threatt, Bamberg, SC, CMS'53
 Albert Lee Hagen, Abbeville, SC, CA'56
 Joseph Sherwood Haithcock, Chapin, SC, CMS'56
 Senator William H. O'Dell, Ware Shoals, SC, CA'56
 Hallett B. White, Manning, SC, CMS'56
 Grover Lamar Derrick, Jr., Wetumpka, AL, CMS'56
 Harold David Terry, Mt. Pleasant, SC, CMS'58
 Joseph Edward Collins, Piedmont, SC, CMS'59
 Clarence Baize Lamar, Jr., Savannah, GA, CMS'60
 Larry Lovick Exley, Rincon, GA, CMS'61
 Benjamin Joseph Staton, Columbia, SC, CMS'61
 John Patrick Wilson, Glen Rock, PA, CMA'61
 Joel B. Player, Jr., West Columbia, SC, CMS'62
 George Arthur Lloyd, Jr., Anderson, SC, CMA'63
 Louis Dehaven Pace, Winona, MN, CMS'63
 Charles Marshall Schofield, Florence, SC, CMS'63
 Wallace G. Beale, Jacksonville, FL, CMS'64
 William John Heaton, Versailles, PA, CMA'66
 Robert M. Newsom, III, Chesterfield, SC, CMA'66
 James Hynes Seignious, Mt. Pleasant, SC, CMS'66
 Brian K. Jones, Sr., Rock Hill, SC, CMA'67
 Jere Wayne Ginn, Statesboro, GA, CMS'68
 John Vanderbilt Peebles, Columbia, SC, CMA'68
 Thomas George Graham, Charleston, SC, CMS'72
 Forde Anderson McIver, Ravenel, SC, CMS'72
 Roger Byron Pughsley, Savannah, GA, CMA'85
 Stephen Patrick Hayes, Charlotte, NC, CMA'90
 Grant A. Kirkland, Goose Creek, SC, CMA'05
 Kelvin Deontay Kearse, Allendale, SC, CMA'10
 Martin D. Gonzalez, Fort Mill, SC, CMA'12
 James Tyler Young, Lebanon, NJ, CMA'16

Jack Steadman, Bamberg, SC, Teacher at CMS

PASS IN REVIEW

James (Snake) Taft, CMS'52, emailed that Malin Threatt was one of his best ever best friends. He will miss him dearly. "We remained in contact up until 2 years ago. I just want to cry."

LTC Henry Abram Adams, CMS'58, stopped by in June to say hello. He and his wife were on the way to Sumter for a meeting. He toured the Risher Building and looked at all the Carlisle memorabilia.

Stanley Escudero, CMS'60, emailed the following regarding "Capt. Threatt." "He was still new to the faculty when I graduated in 1960 but had already established himself as a leader who was well respected by the cadet corps because he was stern, but fair and was always ready to offer advice and counsel. He will surely be missed by friends and family but also by all those cadets whom he taught and whom he helped to become men. Carlisle was a noble institution and Captain Threatt fit its traditions very well indeed.

Lee Stephen Foil, CMA'65, writes in that he was "only at CMA for one year in '64-'65 and was a babysitter for LTC & Mrs. Dallas' children and he helped her in the library. I then went to ASU, was a media specialist, taught and coached tennis, and taught Drivers Ed. I was in the USN Reserve from '71-'77. I know my short time at CMA was short, but it really defined my life; and just think what I could have done if I stayed until 1967 and finished there."

Walter Elijah E. Martin, Jr., CMA'69, retired from S.C. State Guard on Aug 6, 2016. His father was at Primary Flight Training at the Southern Aviation School in 1943 so that's why his father looked at CMA. He has been an aircraft mechanics contractor at Lockheed-Martin in Greenville before moving back home in Denmark to take care of his mom. He has also been at Boeing in Charleston and hopes to return there in the future. He has a lot of memorable moments while at CMA. (Although he lived around 12 miles from Carlisle, it was safer to come to CMA because he couldn't walk home.)

Arnie Levine, CMA'71, is now a grandfather, as of March. Josephine Rae is doing quite well as all of his Facebook friends can tell through the pictures that are posted.

Colonel Michael Hare, CMS'72, received his new Excalibur Member plaque in March 2016 (see page 5). While there, he spoke to board chairman, Cam Walters (CMA'73), about a radio recording that Cam had. It was a football game between CMA and Carlisle. Hare is also a member of a skydiving team in North Carolina which competes around the world.

Arlyn Acle Adams, Jr., CMA'77, Friends know him as "Bo." He stopped by the campus with his daughter. He was in process of moving her to Franklin, KY. He was proud to show her the 1977 Excalibur and also to have played football at CMA.

Eduardo Jose Rawlins, CMA'83, works for Pctsmart in Reno, NV. He has a degree in Aquaculture, specialized in Pctiopathology (fish diseases study) so runs the fish facility in Reno to cover all areas located in Northwest U.S. He is married with 2 kids, 20 year old daughter and 14 year old son.

Jon C. Reeves, CMA'00, stopped by in June with his 6 year old son, Mason. Medically retired from the military from injury in Iraq, he lives in Lexington, SC.

Matthew P. Gilbert, CMA'08, stopped by the campus in March 2016 during a 3-week vacation break. He is a nurse in the Navy at Pawley's Island, and married. Road his Harley Davidson motorcycle all the way to CMA to see the campus and teachers.

CMA welcomes alumnus, **Marshall Sheorn**, class of 2012, and graduate of The Citadel's 2016 Class. He is the new Admissions Assistant Director and is a great asset to CMA and for Casey Robinson!



Camden Military Academy, Excalibur 1959, the first yearbook...

Dedication



As a new son to its father, Camden Military Academy dedicates its annual to its president, Col. James F. Risher.

In thinking of his influence on our lives, we are reminded of the words of a great writer: "The leader who walks in the shadow of the temple, among his followers, gives not of his wisdom but rather of his faith and his lovingness.

"If he is indeed wise he does not bid you enter the house of his wisdom, but rather leads you to the threshold of your own mind."

ADVANTAGES OF GOING TO CARLISLE

Excerpt from "At Ease" by Waddy Thompson

The reader may wonder why it was an advantage for a young man to come to Carlisle Military School instead of staying home and going to public school. I find no fault with public schools; both of my children were educated in the public schools of Bamberg.

I think there is a camaraderie in a military boarding school, however, that is different than anywhere else. It is almost unexplainable unless you have had the experience. Respect, loyalty, organization, punctuality, and the ability to carry out orders are a few of the many qualities one can develop, though a boy may not realize their value at the time. The responsibility given to a non-commissioned or a commissioned officer develops leadership that most college graduates don't even have. Contacts are made with other students from all over the world which will perhaps prove beneficial later in life in the business world. One of the greatest lessons one learns is how to get along with his fellow man, to give and take, and to know you can start at the bottom and reach the heights you desire.

Many people say military training is regimented, but I believe a military organization, properly run, is very democratic. A young man with ability and desire can go just as high as he wishes. He can remain a private or he can work and attain higher goals. Also, in a military environment he is motivated to settle for nothing less than the best.

A boarding school has an advantage over a day school in that in the boarding school the administration and the faculty control all of the student's time. It is necessary to give the student enough to do and to motivate him to better himself. When caring, demanding adults control his time, they have more opportunities to be with him and guide him in the right direction.

Cadets came to Carlisle for many reasons. Some came because they wanted to go to military school; some came because their father and mother both worked and thought they could give their son a good education and, at the same time, know where he was when they went to bed at night. Some came from broken homes with a working mother. Some came, I am sure, to learn discipline.



Terry Dukes (1936-2015) died September 1, 2015. He was one of the original faculty members when CMA opened in September 1958. He served CMA at three different times as teacher, football coach and athletic director. His brother, Don Darby Dukes, was the Battalion Commander for the CMA Class of 1961.

Charles Ray White

September 27th 1924

October 5th 2016

Colonel White to all you "Bellhops"

If you attended Camden Military Academy between 1968 and 1986, I don't need to remind you of the impact Colonel White had on our school. Col. Lanning Risher will tell you today not only how much he meant to the school, but also how Ray was truly his best friend. Col. Boland will also tell you about the leadership and guidance he obtained from Col. White when Eric was a young, newly hired teacher and coach back in '82. I can tell you that when I was an 8th grader in '69 Col. White was all business and focused on the school's mission in the development of young men. You had better be looking sharp and acting like a gentleman with a good deal of respect to all those around you, including your fellow cadets, teachers, and staff members. He did not tolerate foolishness and troublemakers lightly. Ask anyone who spent time on the bullring, or perhaps received a "squaring away" somewhere on campus by Col. White. The two most frightening words a cadet would hear back in those days were "White's coming!!!" Even if you were doing nothing wrong it motivated you to be somewhere else. I can still see Col. White standing erect and rocking heel to toe, knees locked as he peered across the campus, anticipating the evening's shenanigans. The retired Army Colonel was always dressed sharply, with dress coat and cover, looking close to perfect, while always moving around the school at a brisk pace. Because he lived on campus, Col. White seemed to be everywhere all the time and seemingly had the ability to materialize when we least expected it. Although he challenged every one of us, we also knew that he really cared deeply about us, and our well being at all times. He was there for us with all of our successes and failures, wins and losses, and there was an enormous amount of respect for Col. White from all the cadets as well. You simply knew that Col. White possessed a deep sense of responsibility to our growth and development.

We were also able to witness and cultivate a real gentleman with his own happy family on campus daily. Col. White and his beautiful wife, Maxine "Macky", raised three wonderful children, Pam, Steve, and Jimmy. I can still see Mrs. White's beautiful, caring smile and ease of conversation with cadets, as she too was involved with many of our activities. I do have to admit that I did have a bit of a crush on Pam, the Colonel's very sweet, as well as, very beautiful daughter. Common sense replaced valor, as I knew that I was totally outclassed and the prospect of dealing with Dad was a flat out scary proposition. Needless to say we all had a great deal of respect for the White family and being around them made many of us all feel a little closer to our own homes.

What many of us were not aware of during our time at CMA, was the past of Ray White, also the young man, growing up and developing as well, but during some very serious times. Born in Hartsville, SC in 1924, the family moved to Florence where Ray graduated from Florence High School as captain of the boxing team. Ray's son, Steve, said that after graduation his Dad hitchhiked all over the state and usually ended up down at the beach, where he and his buddies would "shag" until the wee hours of the morning. It was there on the Grand Strand where he met his future bride, Macky. After the war, Ray would continue his education, graduating from USC, earning a commission as an Army 2nd Lieutenant, and again as a member of the USC boxing team.

Ray had a reputation as a scrappy fighter in those days, winning many bouts during that great boxing era. Before college and during the war, Ray, along with several buddies, volunteered for service in the Marine Corps. Ray and his pals joined in time for some of the



fiercest fighting in the Pacific against the Japanese. His campaigns included combat with the Fourth Marine Division in the Marshall Islands, Saipan and Tinian in the Marianas, as well as Iwo Jima. On Tinian, Corporal White landed with the first assault wave, and as one commendation read, "he helped evacuate three wounded under heavy enemy small arms fire, enabling his officer to devote full attention to supporting the infantry". At Iwo Jima, Ray landed on D-day, February 19th, 1945, and encountered some of the deadliest combat in Marine Corps history. He was wounded on February 21st and was ordered to evacuate the island, only to voluntarily return to the fighting on February 27th. One of his commendations reads in part: "He remained as the non-commissioned officer in charge of one of the vital forward observation teams for the balance of the operation. His courage and conduct throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service." Another commendation after Saipan read in part: "Cpl. White diligently performed every assigned duty. His willingness to serve, and his indifference to the hardships which he encountered throughout the operation evoked the admiration of his officers and the men serving with him. His unselfish devotion to the task at hand was a material contribution to the early and complete victory over the enemy." Discharged in November 1945 with the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart, Ray was fortunate enough to survive the war and make it home, while many of his friends did not.

I know for myself and many other CMA alumni, we were very blessed to have crossed paths with Ray White. I can only hope and pray that Ray really knew how much he meant to us. His quiet modesty and sense of duty is not something you see much of these days. I feel like I should have told him one more time.

Cam Walters, CMA '73 (Shown in 1998)

Ray's official obituary reads in part: Charles Ray White passed away peacefully to join the love of his life, Maxine, on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 with his family by his side. A private family graveside service with full military honors was held at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Camden Military Academy, 520 Hwy. 1 North, Camden SC 29020 or The WARM Place, 809 Lipscomb St., Forth Worth, TX 76104.



Maxine White,
wife of LTC

Charles Ray White, died August 20, 2015. They were at CMA from 1968-1986. LTC White was the Assistant Headmaster and Mrs. White (Macky) helped with the Fine Arts Club on Campus. She also assumed the role of surrogate mom for hundreds of cadets who would drop by the house for cookies or other treats.

Pictured in the hammock -- looks like Deane Risher caught a rare moment of relaxation during Col. White's tenure.



A GENTLEMAN

A man that's clean inside and outside; who neither looks up to the rich, nor down on the poor; who can lose without squealing; who can win without bragging; considerate of women, children and old people; who is too brave to lie, too generous to cheat; and too sensible to loaf; who takes his share of the world's good and lets other people have theirs.

This is the ideal conception of a cadet and a gentleman.

THE FUN BEGINS IN THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2016-2017...



The Spartan Challenge is an event developed by LTC Armstrong, retired Commandant, to celebrate esprit de corps. The event focuses on leadership development and team work and celebrates the culmination of each company receiving their certification. The cadets participate in a series of challenges and obstacles that test their skills. Additionally, each company designs t-shirts and company flags for the activities which are judged by the faculty and staff for awards. The 2016 winners are listed below:

- Winner: Charlie Co.**
- 2nd Place - Delta Company
- 3rd Place - Bravo Company
- 4th Place - Band & Staff
- 5th Place - Alpha Company

Pictured top right - counterclockwise: CMA Staff members giving instructions before the competition begins; Charlie Company getting fired up; Delta Company; Bravo Company; Band & Staff; Alpha Company

FIFE AND DRUM CORPS TO KINGS MOUNTAIN

By: Casey Robinson on 10/10/16



Members of the Fife and Drum Corps (Suggs, Vargo, Badii, Brown, and Carter) performed at Kings Mountain National Battlefield on Saturday, October 8th. The cadets rehearsed with drummers from a different corps and then marched reenactors to

a weapons demonstration. The cadets also spent time interacting with the reenactors. Much was learned about the music, weapons, tactics, and culture of the Revolutionary War.



FALL BREAK FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

By: Casey Robinson on 10/3/16

Since Fall Break was so short, our cadets who live too far away to make it home had another option. International cadets Sun, Liang, Shi, Wang, Zhang, Yang, Wei, Villalobos, Diabate, Dashzeve, Heydarov and Depratt were chaperoned by Coaches Ararat and Willox and Col. Boland. These cadets spent their Fall Break in Garden City, SC. They went deep sea fishing and at night cooked what they caught for the day. The cadets went to the movies, shopped and spent time at the beach. Coach Ararat said it seemed that the boys really had a lot of fun.



ROLLING ADMISSIONS POLICY=STRONG ENROLLMENT AFTER FALL BREAK

By: Casey Robinson on 10/5/16

Camden Military Academy's offers a "rolling" admissions policy. This means that the academy continues to accept applications for prospective students at any point of the school year. For example, approximately 10 new students have enrolled since the academy returned from our Fall Break ending on October 2.

Therefore, keep in mind that CMA can review applications and enroll students at any time during the school year. The best time to transfer to Camden depends on a number of factors with the most important being your current school's scheduling - traditional vs. block. For more information regarding our thoughts on the most opportune time to transfer, please check out the following link:

https://camdenmilitary.com/transfer_students/
Don't wait too late; Make This School Year Count!

BLACKJACKS TO FRANCE

By: Casey Robinson on 9/15/16

Camden Military Academy Cadets in Film Project for the History Channel

Camden Military Academy's Blackjack Drill team was invited to participate in a History Channel original presentation celebrating the 100 year anniversary of World War I. On September 14, four members of the academy's team traveled to Paris, France to take part in the filming of the documentary, "The Pershing Project."

The Blackjack Drill Team is the high school auxiliary of the Pershing Rifles. The Pershing Rifles are named after General John J. Pershing. General Pershing is one of only two men to ever be named General of the Armies; the other was President George Washington. General Pershing has an illustrious history including the battle of San Juan Hill, as well as leading the Western Front during WWI. During WWI, General Pershing was adamant that US soldiers should not serve under allied command. He is one of America's most illustrious heroes and honored officers. The general is buried in Arlington Cemetery in Washington, DC.

Camden Military's drill team began 3 years ago at the urging of Mr. Art Dumont. Mr. Dumont served as a member of the Pershing Rifle team at N.C. State University after his graduation in 1959 from Carlisle Military School, a sister school of Camden Military Academy. Mr. Dumont states, "after years of dormancy there were calls to awaken Pershing Rifle teams in high schools and colleges." Mr. Dumont answered the call by establishing the Blackjacks at Camden Military Academy.

The CMA team competes each year in NATCON, the annual national convention and competition of the Pershing Rifles. The team consistently proves to be one of the most elite in the country even capturing a national championship two years ago while going head-to-head against colleges and universities from around the country. The unit also sends a team each year to the grave of General Pershing. CMA was the first unit to do so. All of this captured the attention of Ms. Sandra Pershing, the General's granddaughter-in-law who contacted the unit to see if they would be interested in participating in the film project.

The cadets that are participating from Camden are: John Branch, Kevin Phillips, Brandon Vancosky and Jacob Edwards. These young men are ecstatic for the opportunity to honor General Pershing and be invited to be a part of this historic celebration and project. Cadet Edwards states, "I am excited for the opportunity and experience to participate in a project like this. It makes history come alive." Cadet Branch, a sophomore at CMA, is slated to re-visit Paris in 2018 to participate in an eighteen nation contingency celebrating the 100 year anniversary of WWI by marching through the streets of Paris with Pershing Rifle teams and other Camden Military Blackjack cadets. Cadet Branch states, "this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to actually be a part of history. I am appreciative to Mr. Dumont and CMA for this opportunity."

The cadets wrapped up filming on the project on September 26 and returned to Camden to share their experiences!

FISHING @ DON BAKER'S FARM

By: Casey Robinson on 10/26/16

The boy scouts of CMA's troop 38 went on a fishing expedition at Don Baker's farm up in Rock Hill, SC this past weekend. A lot of fish were caught and eaten! In the picture on the right are cadets (left to right) Widmar, McMurtrie, Leach, Haase, and Ezell. Cadet McMurtrie caught a catfish that was about 14 pounds. The name of the fish was Bill, and Mr. Baker put him back for the next angler to catch! This picture was taken 22 October 2016, at Mr. Baker's property.

NOTE: Don and Cheryl Baker are members of the Excalibur Society at the Bronze level, and will be recognized at the upcoming March 3, 2017 event at the Silver Knight level (\$50,000 lifetime giving). Their son, Charles, graduated from CMA in 2008 and their nephew, Sandy, graduated from CMA in 2010. (See picture on page 11 at the 2016 banquet).





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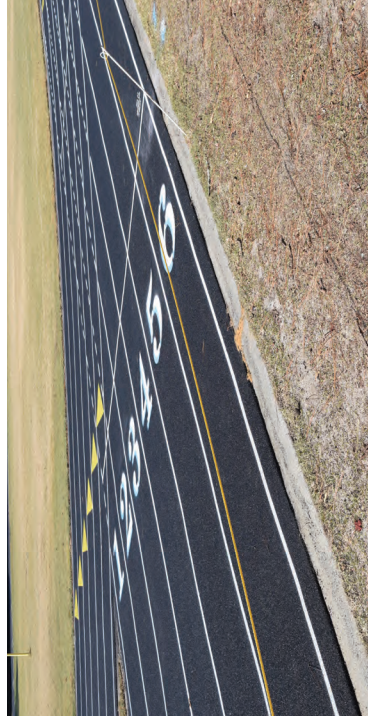
The new 2-story Dallas Barracks has had its delays, and we project that the young gentlemen in the Charlie and Delta Barracks will be moving in the new location around the first of 2017. Plans for the dedication ceremony will be announced later next year.

If you or your classmates would like to buy a room, the price is \$10,000 and that amount can be divided into a 5-year payment plan. Also, for \$1,000, you can have your name on the outside plaque that will be mounted on the building. It can be in your name, your school and class name or in memory of someone.

Also, when the old barracks are torn down, we will offer a brick for sale for \$100. All donations for the barracks will be greatly appreciated; however, if you would like to donate to another program at CMA, you will be helping our cadets and faculty and staff, as well as the school. All donations are tax deductible.

CMA continues to improve the campus and the latest completion is a new running track around the football field. The original one had to be removed and trees were cut down due to the roots damaging the surface. Also, White Field House had the floors resurfaced and the Cline Chapel recently had a new coat of paint on the outside and a new, larger cross mounted.

We are currently initiating a project to buy a new bus and a couple of vans to accommodate our cadets with the transportation to and from various events. If you can help us out in any way, please let us know.



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LTC William "Speedy" Johnson retired from CMA at the end of July 2016. A reception was given in his honor on Sunday, November 13, 2016. Although a parade was scheduled, some much needed rain continued throughout the day. He is pictured with his wife, Joann. COL Boland thanked him for his service as a teacher, coach, and mentor from 2002 until this summer.

These 4 members of the Black-Jacks Drill Team visited France in September for the filming of a documentary about General John J. Pershing. See page 23 for details. Pictured are (L-R) are Jacob Edwards, John Branch, Brandon Vancosky, and Kevin Phillips.

