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CMA Awards 2016-2017

Academic Awards

Band Director's Award: David Vargo
 E. Haines Gregg Award: Stefon Aaron
 Most Improved Player: Eugene Dumka
 Band Certificate of Achievement: Johnathan Leach
 John Phillip SOUSA Award: Michael Suggs
Junior Leadership: Kurosh Badii-Flores, Daylen Clark, Leo Eckhardt,
 Jack Furlow, Nick Martin, Yohann Offredo

Highest Class Averages

12: Jake Dean; 11: Jack Furlow; 10: Nicolo Pucciarelli; 9: Kendal Kreide; 8: Tobin Dreisbach; 7: Chris Howes

Military Awards

General Douglas MacArthur Award: Christopher Jacob Dean
 West Point Leadership Award: Jack Furlow
 Daughters of the American Revolution Award: Sebastien Offredo,
 Alexander Ranft
 Sons of the American Revolution Award: Austin Martin
 The Veterans of Foreign Wars Award: Adam Dupzyk, Zachary Irtenkauf
 Commandant's Award: Michael Suggs
 The CMA Cadet of the Year: Nicolo Pucciarelli

Cadets of the Semester: 1st Semester: Nicolo Pucciarelli

2nd Semester: John Furlow

JROTC Superior Cadet Award:

LET I: Grant Johnson, B Co.
 LET II: Paul Sinadinos, C Co.
 LET III: James Blair, D Co.
 LET III: Nauj Montenegro, A Co.
 LET IV: Bailey Ezell, B/S Co.

CSM Martain Award:

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|------------------|---------|
| Pavel Zolotarev | A Co. |
| Jacob Epps | A Co. |
| Aaron Cann | B/S Co. |
| Ryan Palumbo | B/S Co. |
| Jake Grossman | B Co. |
| Matthew Rush | B Co. |
| Lucas Dyson | B Co. |
| Mason Van Loan | C Co. |
| Vijay Aysola | C Co. |
| Matthew Weaver | D Co. |
| William Robinson | D Co. |
| Sun Shan | D Co. |
| Aaron Batalka | D Co. |

The Order of the Daedalion: Nathan Grantham

The National Sojourners Award: John Ferguson, Jr.

The American Legion Awards: Silver: Carson Klaas, Nicholas Martin
 Bronze: Aaron Cann, Charles Fields, Sean McDermott, Jaydon Shearn,
 William Wisenburg

The Military Order of the World Wars Awards: Kevin Phillips

United States Army Recruiting Command Award: Andrew Miller

U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award: John Beasley

The Association of the U.S. Army Award: Daylen Clark

Order of the Purple Heart: Ja Vaughn White

Military Officers Association of America Award: Logan Edgecomb, Joseph Degenhart

Marine Corps League Award: Clay Pflaging; Sean Orcutt

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Award: George Chestnut

Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of S.C. Award: Yohann Offredo

VFW Ladies Auxiliary Patriot's Pen Award: Nicholas Wilson

VFW Voice of Democracy Award: Jack Furlow

Camden Rotary Club Scholarship: Alexander Ranft; Sebastien Offredo

Most Improved Cadet Award:

A Company: Jack Davern
 B Company: Kolton Buxton
 C Company: Gabriel Graff
 D Company: Dylan Schluter
 B/S Company: Eugene Dumka

Cadet Challenge Medals:

12th Grade - Cole Braasch; 11th Grade - Yohann Offredo; 10th -
 Remington Mitchell; Grade 9th - Colby Frederick; 8th Grade - Torsten
 Hemlin; 7th Grade - Jovan Arbuckle

Best Individual Drill Award:

1st Place - Benjamin Moore, B Co.
 2nd Place - Michael Suggs, A Co.
 3rd Place - Christian Perpignand, A Co.

Regional History Day Awards

Junior Group: Justin Davidson, Torsten Hemlin,
 Timothy Napier, Nicholas Wilson

Senior Group Performance: George Chestnut, Jack
 Furlow, Nick Furlow, Sebastien Offredo, Ian Walter

Senior Individual Website: Everett Davis

National History Day State Award: Justin Davidson,
 Torsten Hemlin, Timothy Napier, Nicholas Wilson

LTC Sonny Brown Yearbook Award: Gold: Sebastien
 Offredo; Silver: Jack Furlow

Athletic Awards

Varsity Football

Most Valuable Player: Mason Van Loan
 Most Valuable Offensive Lineman: George Chestnut
 Most Valuable Defensive Back: Ja Vaughn White
 Special Teams Award: Jayden Shearn
 Most Improved: Jack Ferguson
 Coaches Award: Colby Johnson, Robert Shields

Practice Player of the Year: Grant Johnson

Junior Varsity Football

Most Valuable Player: Stefon Aaron
 Most Valuable Offense: Josh Sims
 Most Valuable Defense: Justin Wilson
 Most Valuable Lineman: Davis Long
 Coaches Award: James Oribhabor

Varsity Basketball

Senior Spartans 2016-2017:

Bryce Fleming
 Mark Jackson
 Andrew Miller, Captain
 Aaron Pratt
 Hans Vandenberg

Junior Varsity Basketball

Scoring Leader: Daniel Carter
 Coaches Award: SIRR Green, Grant Johnson

Junior High Basketball

Most Valuable Offense: Sam Lawing
 Most Valuable Defense: Craig Comrie
 Coaches Award: Joel Underwood
 Most Improved: Cameron Cowdrey

Varsity Baseball

Most Valuable Offense: Jacob Rathbun
 Most Valuable Pitcher: Ned Gilleland
 Most Valuable Defense: Karson Stewart, Woodson
 Alexander
 Coaches Award: Mason Van Loan
 E. Haines Gregg Award: Kevin Phillips

JV Baseball

Most Valuable Offense: James Oribhabor
 Most Valuable Pitcher: Cameron Cowdrey
 Most Valuable Defense: Graham England
 Coaches Award: Marcus Daniels
 Most Improved: Davis Long

Varsity Soccer

Most Valuable Player: Jack Ferguson
 Most Valuable Offense: Kyle Rhodes
 Most Valuable Defense: Ryan Harris
 Most Improved: Amadou Diabate
 Coaches Award: Rodrigo Villalobos

Junior Varsity Soccer:

Most Valuable Player: Joel Underwood
 Most Valuable Offense: Daniel Buerkl
 Most Valuable Defense: Stefon Aaron
 Most Improved Award: Nick Furlow
 Coaches Award: Michael Arrindell

Rifle Team

Most Valuable Shooter: Xiaori Liang
 Most Improved: Christian Sanchez
 Coaches Award: Luke Collins

Lacrosse

Most Valuable Player: Henry Curran
 Most Valuable Offense: Robert Shields
 Most Valuable Defense: Hans Vandenberg
 Most Improved: Liam McNulty
 Spartan Award: Sean Orcutt

Cross-Country

MVP: Nick Fields
 Gazelle Award: Kendal Kreide
 Hustle Award: Mikael Barker, Nicolo Pucciarelli
 One Heartbeat Award: Mitchell Wiesmore
 Coaches Award: Alex Beasley, Jake Dean,
 Sebastien Offredo

Golf

MVP: Chandler Baker
 Most Improved: Greyson Hough
 Coaches Award: Matthew Rush

Tennis

MVP: James Covington
 Spartan Award: McMillan Abernathy
 Most Improved: Jack Harrison
 Coaches Award: Andrew Levine

Blackjacks Drill Team

Most Valuable Team Member: John Branch
 Most Improved Duet: Michael Arrindale, Jacob
 B. Edwards
 Coaches Award: Benjamin D. Moore
 Most Proficient Exhibition Member: Brandon J.
 Vancosky

Most Proficient Regulation Member: Anthony
 J. Brown:

Blackjack Gold Achievement Award: Mitchell
 Wiesmore, William Wisenburg, Jacob Edwards

Wrestling

Best Wrestling Record: Nick Coates
 Spartan Award: Jaydon Shearn
 Most Improved: Andrei Isaak-Sap
 Coaches Award: Shane O'Connor, George
 Chestnut

Track and Field

Most Valuable Player: Josh Sims
 Coaches Award: Jake Dean, Yohann Offredo

Company Competition

Best Intramural: C Company
 Best Drill Award: A Company
 Best Athletics Award: D Company
 Best Academics Award: B/S Company
 Best Spirit Award: B Company
Honor Company Award: B/S Company
Scholar Athlete: Christopher Jake Dean
Athletes of the Year: George Chestnut and
Wesley Jackson

2017 Salutatorian: Alex Stephen Ranft

2017 Valedictorian: Christopher Jacob Dean

James F. Risher Award: Michael A. Suggs



**CAMDEN MILITARY ACADEMY
2017 College Choices & Post Graduation Plans**

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| Vijay Victor Aysola | U.S. Army |
| Chandler Lane Baker | Keiser University |
| Chance Traver Ball | U.S. Army |
| John Alexander Beasley | University of Georgia |
| Edward Andre Benitez | U.S. Army |
| Cole Martin Braasch | U.S. Army |
| Aaron Matthew Cann | Lander University |
| George Anthony Chestnut | Southwestern University |
| James McMillan Covington Jr. | The Citadel |
| Caleb Jude Crouch | South Louisiana Community College |
| Jack Ryan Davern | The Citadel |
| Christopher Jacob Dean | United States Military Academy (West Point) |
| Joseph Braceland Degenhart | Brevard College |
| Miles Jacob Dudley | Delta State University |
| Adam Joshua Dupzyk | Sierra College |
| Lucas Ray Dyson | U.S. Army |
| Logan Dax Edgecomb | Calhoun Community College |
| Brendan Allen Edwards | U.S. Army |
| Jacob Baxter Edwards | U.S. Army |
| Eric Fitzgerald Emery | Lander University |
| Jacob Thomas Epps | Marion Military Institute |
| Bailey Harrison Ezell | The Citadel |
| John Matthew Ferguson, Jr. | Texas Tech University |
| Charles Nicholas Fields | Coker College |
| Bryce Reid Fleming | Georgia Gwinnett College |
| Ned Eugene Gilleland, III | The Citadel |
| Barrett James Glasgow | The Citadel |
| Nathan Earl Grantham | U.S. Marines |
| Zachary Michael Irtenkauf | U.S. Army |
| Mark Wesley Jackson | Western Carolina University |
| Colby Lynn Johnson, II | University of West Georgia |
| Connor Patrick Lentz | Montgomery Community College |
| Austin James Martin | Ivy Technical College |
| Ethan Grey Marvin | Bloomsburg College |
| Sean James McDermott | South College of Florida |
| Andrew Matthew Miller | Buffalo State University (SUNY) |
| John Harris Moore | Coker College |
| Michael Joseph O'Brien, Jr. | Hillsborough County Community College |
| Sebastien Daniel-Jean Offredo | The Citadel |
| Sean Brendan Orcutt | Undecided |
| Ryan Thomas Palumbo | Norwich University |
| Clay Morgan Pflaging | University of North Carolina-Wilmington |
| Kevin Dean Phillips | Appalachian State University |
| Aaron Anthony Pratt | West Virginia State University |
| Alexander Stephen Ranft | University of Kentucky |
| Manson Xavier Riley | Winston Salem State University |
| Andre Pascal Russoniello | Valencia College |
| Jordan Graham Schrader | Central Piedmont Community College |
| Jaydon Matthew Shearn | Buckeye Career Center |
| Maxwell James Sherman | Valencia College |
| Robert Paul Shields, Jr. | Coker College |
| Yizhi Shi | Arizona State University |
| Paul Frank Sinadinos | College of DuPage |
| Michael Anthony Suggs | Texas State University |
| Mason James Van Loan | Coker College |
| Hans Ean Vandenberg | Queens College |
| David Sam Vargo | The Citadel |
| Danzan Naranovich Vasilev | U.S. Army |
| Robert William Verschuure | Midlands Technical College |
| Mitchell Thomas Wiesmore | University of West Florida |
| William Tyler Wisenburg | Georgia Military College |
| Pavel Viktorovich Zolotarev | U. S. Air Force |

Cadets are honored during the awards ceremony, which is held in the Cline Chapel after Saturday morning final exams.



Shown above (left) are Mike Shaw and Ja Vaughn White receiving the Order of the Purple Heart. (Right), CW2 Robert Slade presents cadet Michael Suggs the John Phillip SOUSA Award.



Pictured above, LTC Will Rice, Athletic Director and CMA'89, presents the Athlete of the Year Awards to George Chestnut (left) and Wesley Jackson (right).



In the top picture are GS Ben Price, GS Alan Freezon and RWB Earl Nichols of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of S.C. with Yohann Offredo receiving their award. LTC John Heflin stands with award recipients Justin Davidson, Torsten Hemlin, Timothy Napier and Nicholas Wilson for their junior group performance at the National History Day State and Regional competition.

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THE EXCALIBUR SOCIETY 2017



Pictured above (left), Major General Julian Burns, Chairman of the Kershaw County Council, accepts his member plaque from Cam Walters, with a thumbs up for CMA.

On March 3, 2017 Camden Military Academy held its 30th annual Excalibur Society Dinner. The venue at Springdale Hall Club was as elegant and grand as ever with the new members and guests enjoying excellent food, music from the CMA jazz combo, and a speech by this year's battalion commander, cadet LTC Christopher Jacob Dean.

The society had 9 new Members, who had given a minimum of \$1,000; 5 new Knight Members, with a total of at least \$10,000 or more; 2 new Bronze Knights, a total of \$25,000 or more; and 1 new Silver Knight member, with a lifetime giving total of +\$50,000 and they are pictured right, Don and Cheryl Baker from Lake Wylie, SC.

Although not all of the new members were in attendance, those who were are pictured below.



Silver Knight Members, Don and Cheryl Baker, reached their new level of donating more than \$50,000 since 2006 and are recognized on Excalibur night with Cam Walters.

New Excalibur Knight Members

Colonel Michael Hare, Carlisle Military School alumnus from the class of 1972, is shown with his wife, Mary Wing. Michael joined the Excalibur Society last year and wanted to support CMA at the Knight level this year. He has designated his donations to the Civil Air Patrol, the Band, and the scholarship fund, which assists cadets with tuition. His employer, Delta Airlines, has also matched his contributions. Michael and Mary are living in Gainesville, Florida.



New Knight Members, Chris and Heather White, are pictured. Son and former battalion commander, Nick White, (CMA'11) escorted his grandmother, Catherine White, to the Friday night dinner. Heather's son, Nathan Lusk (CMA'14), was serving in Korea and is currently stationed at Fort Jackson in Columbia, SC. Chris has pledged \$10,000 for a room in the new Dallas Barracks for his father, the late Hallett White, CMS'56.

New Excalibur Members



Pictured above are new members, Dwayne and Lou Ann Cyrus, parents of Jonathan Cyrus, who is a sophomore this year and is in Bravo Company. They live in Charleston, West Virginia.



New members above are Dewayne and Maja-lisa Lee from Mansfield, Ohio. Dewayne graduated from Carlisle Military School in 1976. This was his 2nd trip to CMA in a couple of years.



Pictured above are Robert and Beth Tisdale, of Lugoff, SC. They joined the Excalibur Society in 2015, but were unable to attend the dinner.



From the CMA class of 1975, Michael Watford, and his wife, Dianne, joined the Excalibur Society this year. He visits the campus often, and attends the CMA homecoming events.



Pictured above are Tondja Woods and her husband, Kirk Turner, from Mooresville, NC. They have a son, Matthew, in the 9th grade and is a cadet in Charlie Company.

Battalion Commander Cadet LTC Jacob Dean Addresses the Excalibur Society Members

Headmaster Colonel and Mrs. Boland, Chairman of the Board, Mr. and Mrs. Walters, Colonel and Mrs. Risher, Members of the Excalibur Society, Alumni of Carlisle, Camden Academy, and Camden Military Academy. I want to start by saying thank you to everyone who is attending this ceremony tonight, and who have attended in the past, and will attend in the future. I speak for the entire Corps of Cadets when I say we are forever grateful for your support. Your generous contributions to Camden Military Academy have forever positively changed the lives of so many past, present, and future cadets.

My name is Christopher Jacob Dean, and I'm from Waxhaw, North Carolina. I am the Battalion Commander of Camden Military Academy, and I have been at this school since the middle of my 10th grade year. Back in my hometown, the public school I attended was massive -- about 600 students per grade. My parents and I both knew that the large student to teacher ratio was a problem for me, as well as a tempting environment to not focus on academics. At the time, hanging out with my friends was more important to me than my future. My slipping grades, poor attitude in the classroom and at home, and a lack of general interest in school-related activities were all reasons why my parents and I began researching alternatives. Towards the beginning of my 10th grade year, my parents brought up "Camden Military Academy." I had heard of CMA because my neighborhood friend had enrolled at Camden the past year. I thought to myself that a structured environment was just what I needed; but, as a stubborn teenager trying to go against my parents, I didn't like the idea, especially coming from them. However, more and more throughout the 1st semester, I realized I needed something different. And, sure enough, at the start of the 2nd semester my 10th grade year, I came to Camden Military Academy.

I first got a tour of the school from my future cadet 1st Sgt - 1st Sgt Witthar, who graduated in 2015, was a great guy who always thought about others before himself. His selflessness and leadership skills were some of the reasons as to why I looked up to him. However, the person that really shaped me was my platoon sergeant, Phillips. He made sure I knew exactly how to do everything properly without cramming it all in one day. As a new cadet in the 2nd semester, Phillips helped me as much as possible to learn room standards, fallout standards, marching correctly, and various other areas. And it's thanks to this school that taught him the leadership skills which he used to train me, first to be a follower and now a leader. With the help from my COC, my first day here was a great one. Unlike most cadets who come to this school and take at least a couple of weeks to get used to it, I fell in love with this place my first day.

The help from my Chain of Command and TAC officers from Band Company made me feel like I was at a second home. From the help of my COC, TAC officers, LTC Armstrong and LTC Lawing, the Headmaster, Coach Thomley, and LTC Heflin, I have been provided with so many opportunities to succeed and grow. I can remember the first time attending Col Heflin's class and hearing him say, "You get out of this school what you put into it." I'm sure you all have heard that expression before, but this is something I have lived by for the entirety of my time here.

I can also recall two significant conversations I had in my 10th grade year at Camden Military Academy. The first was my tactical officers, SGM Green and ISG Irvin's, powerful words to me. After watching me quickly fit into the military lifestyle, they told me that my performance as a cadet was that of a future Battalion Commander. At the time, I thought that goal was completely over my head, but their encouragement and leadership training helped me get to where I am today.

The second significant conversation was over the phone with LTC Heflin towards the end of my 10th grade year and after CMA's atmosphere had rubbed off on me. I was thinking about continuing a military lifestyle because of how much I had thrived at CMA in such a short time. I began researching West Point, a place I never thought of before Camden, and I called Col Heflin to tell him that I was thinking about applying to West Point. The happiness I felt when he told me "you can do that" was an incredible feeling. The fact that my Dean of Students, who knew my situation, was that caring and supportive, helped me realize the key factor to self-success: have faith that I can do anything I set my mind to.

These are some of the main reasons as to why I'm the Battalion Commander, and why I will be attending the United States Military Academy at West Point in a few months. All of the selfless acts this school has done for me, and for so many other cadets, is why I can easily say we are forever grateful for all of your help and faith in this school.

However, it is not just the help and faith, but the strength of the leadership, the consistency in leading, and the leaders setting the right examples, no matter the circumstances, that make this institution like no other. As you all know, Colonel and Mrs. Boland's son, Matt Boland, passed on January 1st. Matt graduated from Camden Military Academy in 2003; and, even though I did not know him personally, he was and forever will be a brother from CMA. We held a service for Matt on campus shortly after the cadets returned from Christmas break. The fact that Col and Mrs. Boland continued working so quickly after their tragic loss not only shows their remarkable dedication and courage, but also illustrates their steadfast belief in Camden Military Academy and all it stands for.



Colonel and Mrs. Boland, we all thank you two for your unwavering commitment to this school during this incredibly tough time in your lives.

To conclude, I want to thank you all for your individual and combined efforts for making Camden Military Academy the amazing place it is today. From the good times of making the closest friends I have to the not-so-good times of drilling with my company because of a number of reasons, it all comes down to one thing -- Brotherhood. Everything at this school is done as a team. -- The team effort is what makes the cadet life a way of living, and one that changes cadets' lives for the better. My family and I are filled with gratitude for this school, and my family has never been more proud of me. Because of your collective faith and strength in this school, mine and so many other cadets' successes have been possible. For all of those reasons, I'm here tonight representing the entire Corps of Cadets, and we want to sincerely say thank you.

Susan Harrison, a liaison from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, presented Battalion Commander, Christopher Jacob Dean, the official certificate of appointment to the academy during the CMA Awards program on May 20th.



GOLD STARS FOR 2016-2017

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 February. The 2nd semester gold star recipients were announced during the graduation ceremony on May 21st. (Cadet names shown with asterisks were awarded the Gold Star for both semesters.)



McMillan Abernethy
 Tyler Ackerman
 Thomas Allen **
 Jovan Arbuckle
 Michael Arrindell**
 Kurosh Badii-Flores**
 Chance Ball
 Aaron Bataalka**
 John Beasley **
 D'angelo Bejarano
 Jackson Bell **
 James Blair
 John Branch Jr.
 Ryan Buchinger
 Octaveius Bunn
 Aaron Cann
 George Chestnut**
 Ricky Cooper **
 James Covington, Jr.
 Cameron Cowdrey **
 Jacob Cresswell **
 Henry Curran **
 Jonathan Cyrus **
 Justin Davidson
 Everett Davis
 Christopher Dean**
 Malachi DeSouza
 Tobin Dreisbach **
 Leo Eckhardt
 Logan Edgecomb
 Ilan Efraimovich **
 Graham England
 John Ferguson, Jr. **
 Charles Fields **
 Grant Finnie
 Colby Frederick**
 John Furlow **
 Nicholas Furlow**
 James Furtick
 Barrett Glasgow **
 Jake Grossman **
 Torsten Hemlin
 Samed Heydarov**

Christopher Howes**
 Mark Jackson **
 Grant Johnson **
 Jamesley Johnston
 Jacob Jucker **
 Kevin Kim **
 Carson Klaas**
 Kendal Kreide **
 William Larsen **
 Jonathan Leach **
 Ian Lehman **
 Connor Lentz **
 Dylan Leopold **
 Andrew Levine **
 Xiaori Liang **
 Xiao Liu
 Davis Long **
 Seth Long **
 Theodore Marchand **
 Austin Martin*
 Nicholas Martin **
 Ethan Marvin
 Hunter Masten **
 Hunter McClintock
 Eric McClure
 Alexander McGlone
 Erik McNicoll
 Liam McNulty
 James Meade
 Dorian Melinsky
 Egor Merunko
 Parker Miethbauer
 Connor Miles
 Benjamin Moore**
 William Murphy
 Shane Murray
 Timothy Napier
 Gage Noel
 Petar Obrenovic
 Cameron Offner
 Sebastien Offredo**
 Yohann Offredo **
 Sean Orcutt **

Diego Ortega
 Ryan Palumbo**
 Tanner Paul
 Clay Pflaging**
 Kevin Phillips
 Nicolo Pucciarelli**
 Andrew Pyles
 John Kirk Radin
 Alexander Ranft**
 Manson Riley
 Eric Rivera
 Evan Rosier
 Matthew Rush
 Dylan Schluter
 Luke Shannon
 Yizhi Shi
 Paul Sinadinos**
 Jake Smull
 Karson Stewart
 Barrett Sullivan
 Shan Sun **
 Vincent Talley
 Lokesh Tiwari
 Haden Tyler Tonomi
 Joel Underwood **
 Brandon Vancosky**
 David Vargo
 Danzan Vasilev
 Christhoff Verderber**
 Rodrigo Villalobos **
 Rolf Wallin
 Tianjun Wang
 Matthew Weaver**
 Zhaofeiayang Wei **
 Mitchell Wiesmore
 Justin Wilson **
 Nicholas Wilson
 William Wisenburg
 Jacob Wohleber **
 Qi Yang
 Dylon Zengerle
 Doudou Zhang

CMA'S Cadets with Highest Grade Averages



Left, Jake Dean - 12th Grade and right, Jack Furlow - 11th Grade



Left, Nicolo Pucciarelli - 10th Grade and right, Kendal Kreide - 9th Grade



Left, Tobin Dreisbach - 8th Grade and right, Chris Howe - 7th Grade

"I want this school to be the best preparatory school in S.C., if not in all the South." So declares Col. Lanning P. Risher when he speaks about Camden Military Academy, of which he is Headmaster. Quote from: *Excalibur Yearbook 1967*

GRADUATION WEEKEND...Seniors in the 2017 class look forward to their final weekend at CMA. Friday evening's Baccalaureate Service begins with the Color Guard posting colors as cadets sing "America the Beautiful." Pastor Javin Proctor of Bethel Worship Center gave the message to the seniors. Saturday was filled with awards and family, the Senior Swordwalk and pictures. Sunday's parade of the Corps of Cadets is their last of the year as they honor the seniors who march off the field to White Field House for graduation.



Seniors escort family and friends during the Swordwalk at the dance, as their names are announced. Family members pose for the photographer during the night's festivities. (All photos available through photos.legacystudios.com)



Shown left (clockwise), guest speaker Perry Tuttle, former Clemson and professional football player, speaks to the seniors about their accomplishments in the military school atmosphere. LTC Heflin and LTC Lawing assist in presenting diplomas. CMA class of 1997 graduate, Robert Grantham, presents the diploma to his son, Nathan Grantham. Colonel Boland congratulates Aaron Pratt; and Cam Walters conveys the recommendation of the Board of Trustees that the seniors receive their diplomas for all work accomplished.



Shown (rt) Alexander Ranft, salutatorian, proudly displays his diploma off stage.

2017 Excalibur Yearbook Feature Section

Camden Military Academy's "Old Boys" are seniors who have been here since the 9th grade or earlier. This year, eleven of these cadets will be graduating with the Class of 2017. They all started as Privates and are now some of the highest ranking leaders in the Corps of Cadets. We asked each of them what their favorite Camden memory was throughout the many years they lived on campus.

Austin James Martin 7th-12th



The experience I am most fond of while attending Camden Military Academy is when my friends and family saw me with a high rank on my uniform for the first time. Seeing how proud they all were that I made a difference in myself for the better made all of the things I went through to actually make a change worth it. I have this school to thank for helping me succeed in ways I didn't think were possible. Your experience is what you make it, you determine whether or not you will succeed. You decide if you want to let this academy shape you. I did, and I thank God I was given the opportunity to do so.

Andre Pascal Russoniello 7th-12th



I remember when I first got to Camden Military Academy, I was scared thinking it was going to be a lot worse than it really was. Though we were not doing push ups everyday, it still was strict and very different than being at home. I never wanted to be at this school, but with the respect I have for my parents I stayed. I cannot lie and say this school did not change me for the better. Some of my most memorable moments were the "lessons" I learned from the kids in my company my first two years. They taught me to not be a spoiled brat, or to be disrespectful to my seniors. I remember that I joined the wrestling team just to prove my worth and had gained the respect of my peers for going through 'til the end. Though I was not happy when I first got to this school, I am thankful to my parents for sending me here, making me into a respectful man and to be able to be part of this brotherhood.

Andrew Matthew Miller 8th-12th



There were many ups and downs in all my five years at Camden Military Academy. I started out in the eighth grade so I have many memories that will always be with me. It was a lot tougher back in my earlier years, but gaining rank made things much easier. I am now the Commander of Charlie Company. Out of all my years here, I'd say my most memorable moment here was when my mother came to a football game my junior year to surprise me. I was the back up QB and the team we played was bad enough that coach actually let me get a few reps. I ended up handing off a 45-yard touchdown to my "brother from another mother," Ian Benton, and I looked to the sidelines at coach and my mother was in the bleachers. She's never looked more worried, and I was laughing.

Zachary Michael Irtenkauf 8th-12th



My favorite memory at Camden Military Academy happened this year. My TAC Officer SGM Green came into my room and needed help setting up the Wi-Fi for the barracks. We climbed into the attic of Band Company together and set it up by running a long black ethernet cord through the ceiling. While we were up there, we waddled around to avoid stepping through the insulation or else one of us would fall into a cadet's room! I noticed there was an opening to the storage room, so I shimmed down a pipe and found a lot of old items. There were old pictures of my grandpa, CSM Irtenkauf, in the filing cabinets! SGM Green made me clean up the storage room afterwards and gave me 50 merits. I hope I can go again with ISG Irvin before I graduate — or else I'll have to post-grad!

Colby Lynn Johnson 8th-12th



I've had plenty of good experiences at Camden Military Academy. My best one by far actually took place during my senior year. It was when the Battalion Staff and I were preparing for the JROTC inspection. Even though I always talk about how much time it took away, it was still a real eye opener that one day I'm going to be giving these types of presentations. What really made it great was that I was doing it with my friends and we all knew that our hard work and dedication would pay off. When we were getting ready for the inspection we got to know each other more and who we actually are. We all made our friendships and bonded as a Staff closer. Even though I had so many other good times at CMA, I'll always remember this. Being able to make friendships better and just being able to talk to more people is what I will always remember about this school. If I did not come to this school I know I would've been a high school drop out. I am very thankful for all the faculty members at this school and the students I have met. This school will always be on my mind. Thank you for all the memories.

Alexander Stephen Ranft 9th-12th



One of my favorite experiences since I've been at Camden Military Academy is the Spartan Challenge, specifically my sophomore year. We had a "don't tread on me" style flag and milky-gray Spartan Challenge PT shirts. Most of the activities were really fun! I remember doing the brick stack; I'd be on top of my platoon sergeant's shoulders placing each brick really carefully. There was also a balloon launching contest. Me and 4 other people worked like a machine, filling water balloons, passing them and launching them on a slingshot. One of the different points of that Spartan Challenge compared to recent ones is big-ball was still an activity. Big ball was a huge inflatable ball that was probably around 8 feet tall. In a soccer-like game we pushed the ball trying to get in the other team's end zone.

Bailey Harrison Ezell 9th-12th



I have spent the last few years at CMA improving my future. I came to CMA my 9th grade year with bad grades, and an even worse attitude. I remember my first day at CMA, I arrived at the Dallas Barracks, Delta Company, on March 24, 2014. I remember meeting CSM Wilder, and after settling into my room, I thought to myself, "Man, what have I gotten myself into?" I spent the next few years in Delta Company, a majority of my ninth and tenth grade year in trouble for various shenanigans, then I slowly turned myself around, making Battalion Staff my senior year and now will be headed to The Citadel in August. I don't know where I would be today without the help of CSM Wilder, ISG Pearson, SGM Green, ISG Irvin, COL Boland, LTC Lawing, LTC Armstrong, LTC Heflin, Gene McCaskill, LTC Thorp, and the rest of the staff at CMA. Thank you all for taking time to help me realize my full potential.

Eric Fitzgerald Emery 9th-12th



Every year I have worked on the company flag and every year it was a new and fun challenge to make. I always like to go paintballing, that is always fun. I remember when we dressed a cadet up as a bull and put him in a barrel for the Spartan Challenge.

Mason James Van Loan 9th-12th



My most memorable time out of my 3½ years was the first time ever playing big ball. Big ball was a game we used to play at the end of Spartan Challenge. The game consisted of two companies lining up on opposite sides of the PAD, and a huge 12ft ball in the middle. At the sound of the whistle the two companies ran ferociously towards the ball. What most kids didn't realize was the fact that if you ran up to hit the ball first and there was no one helping you, it was the ball that hit you. The object of the game was to work as a team and push the ball to your touchdown, and whoever's team had the most points at the end of three minutes won. I felt like I got a lot out of big ball; as crazy as it seems, it brought together not only teamwork but also brotherhood. This place really introduces you to some amazing friends that will last you a lifetime.

Logan Dax Edgecomb 9th-12th

My best moment at Camden Military was in my second year when I had Cooper Halabi as my roommate. I talked with him, I laughed with him, and played games with him. We had a generally good time. He was probably my favorite roommate. The next year we were roommates again and yes, sometimes we argued and sometimes I got mad at him, but that's all part of the experience. Later during the year, he was talking about joining the Marines. He graduated from MEPS and then went off to boot camp. The next year I got Joseph Degenhart as a roommate. All we do is talk about pirates and about better ways to change this school. We ask "what is wrong with this campus?" and what can we do to make a change that could positively impact this campus.



Nathan Earl Grantham 9th-12th

I started my first year at Camden Military Academy my freshman year. Out of the four years I've been here, I've made many friends and I've had an abundance of memories and experiences. Too many in fact to just name one. From my first day meeting my former platoon leader Ryan Figlow, to right now as a graduating senior, it seems like the best memories have come from being with some of my true friends. Even if it was just ordering food and watching movies all day on a Saturday, going to church together on Sunday and even going to the weight room throughout the week to workout, I've made many memories that I will never ever forget and I couldn't have made those memories without the help of my many life long friends. So thank you Dyson, Fields, Rush, Nunez, and all of my other friends for making my Camden Experience one I will never ever forget.



The Military Mission

The mission of CMA's Department of Tactics is to develop within the Corps those qualities and attributes of leadership with emphasis on duty, integrity, morality, and self-discipline. Through the use of a strict military regimen, cadets develop a deep sense of duty and obligation that motivates them and teaches them the responsibility necessary to meet future challenges. The process of developing a sense of duty comes from creating an environment that makes it clear to cadets what is expected of them, fosters progressive growth and maturity, and exposes them to role models who demonstrate exemplary and mature commitment. Our goal is to build better Americans and in the process create a nurturing environment in which all cadets can grow and develop into outstanding young men.

1997 Excalibur, LTC Thomas A. Austin, IV, Commandant, U.S. Army (Ret.)

"The Importance of Student Leadership"

By Sébastien Offredo

Good evening ladies and gentlemen of the Kershaw County Board, the graduating class of Junior Leadership, and other guests. Growing up, we have all wanted to be like our older role models, from our parents to celebrities. But at some point, we want to back away. As teenage students, it's in our mind to rebel. Why should we listen and respect these older folks if they don't understand us? Instead, we look to our peers to help mold us, for better or worse.

Before coming to Kershaw County, I've spent most of my life confined to the coastal town of Westport, Connecticut. My time in public high school is a story of a lack of peer leadership. In the 9th grade, I started dating a girl who lived on the complete other side of town. I'd avoid my bus, wouldn't pick up my phone, and skip class to see her, ignoring my parents and slipping grades. None of my friends told me I was doing something wrong. Around this time a few of my friends began experimenting with drugs, but it wasn't until my sophomore year that it became a regular activity. From marijuana to alcohol, some tried even worse. And even then, I didn't tell any of my friends they were doing something wrong.

On May 11, 2015, I saw how my silence brought upon the worst day of my life. I was called out of my Biology class by my Assistant Principal and he told me my brother was in the nurse's office. As I was trying to sort out this confusion, I saw my brother - pale, strapped in a stretcher - being carried out by medical personnel through the front of the school. I spent that afternoon in my room, asking so many questions and thinking only about my brother. Why didn't any of my friends stop him? Why didn't I tell him earlier that he was doing something wrong? My brother was only 14 years old at the time. He was my best friend. And here I was wondering if I'd ever hug him again.

My brother is in the audience as my only family member for this graduation today. I learned from this experience the importance of student leadership. We, as students, have a responsibility to make our class the best we can. At Camden Military Academy, we call this esprit de corps. Though everybody knows what it means to them, it can be hard to define. A cadet last year told me that it was that feeling after winning a sports game with the team. A TAC officer told me it was the brotherhood bond built serving together. For us seniors, it can also be shown by the blue ring we wear on our fingers.

Our class rings show that together, all 61 seniors accomplished what most people our age can't: military school. No high schooler volunteers to wake up at 6:00 every morning, clean their bathroom, blow the hallway, drill with rifles, and march to breakfast. Last year, cadet Thomas Azrelyant gave a speech here and described this rewarding sacrifice of our time, saying "you can't make an omelette without breaking a few eggs." Indeed, we seniors know that in our leadership positions we've inspired not just future officers and sergeants at Camden, but future leaders for the world tomorrow. And I believe that this graduating class of Junior Leadership has done the same at their high schools.

Just last week, a sophomore cadet asked if we could talk after class. He has asked me for advice before about his future career, so I was expecting a check-up on the matter. Upon meeting him by my barracks, he told me he saw a recent military movie of this great Company Commander who cared for all his soldiers and put their interests ahead of his own. He also read a book about counter-terrorism recently and described all these qualities a leader must have. He ended by saying that all these things reminded him of me, and that I needed to know this before graduating. I believe that's student leadership: the idea that this underclassman aspired to be like me, that though there was only a two year difference, I could actually be his role model.

Student leadership is doing the right thing when everyone's doing the wrong thing. Student leadership is not being afraid to tell your friend when they've made a fault. Student leadership is bringing your class together, not letting any other students trail behind. Our Junior Leadership class was picked for these qualities, and the best I can hope for is that we continue to spread these morals to everybody else.



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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.

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Colonel and Mrs. Boland Thanks CMA Community

On January 1, we lost our son, Matthew Boland, in a tragic car accident. Matt was a wonderful son, a loving husband and a doting father to his daughter, Charlotte. We continue every day to remember him and cherish the many memories that we created with him.

In the wake of this tragedy, the outpouring of love, kindness, and support from our friends and family and the entire CMA community has been a special blessing. Words cannot describe how much the heartfelt acts of love and comfort from so many people in our CMA family have aided us in this most difficult time.

It is impossible to adequately express our gratitude to all of you. We are so blessed to be a part of this brotherhood with those who have visited, comforted, prayed, provided for and reminisced with us. Please know that all of your prayers, gifts and acts of kindness have been invaluable to us as we mourn for Matthew. Thank you all so much.

Call your family and friends just to stay in touch. Don't ever hold back in expressing love or kindness. Share adventures, conversations and memories, because these will be the things that comfort us here on Earth before we see our loved ones again in Eternity. So please, in honor of Matt, give each other "Matt hugs," hug your loved ones stronger, longer and more often.

Colonel Eric Boland and Celia Boland

For those of you who haven't known about Camden Military Academy's earlier years, Colonel and Mrs. Boland have lived on our campus since their tenure here...since 1982. Matt was raised on our campus and every part of it will forever bear a special memory for them.

It also brings to mind the former faculty members and alumni who watched him grow throughout their years here. Calls have come into our office reminiscing that they remembered when Matt would be riding around the campus in a stroller, bike, or cars. He loved to tinker with computers and loved history.

Matt graduated from CMA in the Class of 2003. If you haven't read the battalion commander speech on page 5, please turn to it and read the words of cadet LTC Jake Dean, as he reveals the true belief of love and loyalty and brotherhood that Colonel and Mrs. Boland exhibited during this very difficult start to a new year.

A special thank you to our former commandant, LTC Pat Armstrong and his wife, Mary Jane, who came down from Virginia to help the CMA family in every way possible for several weeks. Also, our great admiration to Colonel and Mrs. Lanning Risher for their unwavering faith, invaluable presence, and their prayers for Colonel Eric, Celia, Matt's wife, Lauren, and their daughter, Charlotte Boland.

Diane Robinson, CMA Family Member

CMA Parade for Governor McMaster



On Sunday, April 9, 2017 the Camden Military Academy Corps of Cadets held a parade in honor of S.C. Governor Henry McMaster. Pictured are Cadets Bailey Ezell, Sebastien Offredo, Alex Ranft, Jake Dean, Governor McMaster, Alex Beasley, Austin Martin, and Ryan Palumbo.

McENTIRE JOINT BASE'S AIR SHOW



The first weekend in May our squadron participated in the McEntire Joint Base's Air Show. The Air Force gave the SC Wing V.I.P. passes for the event on Saturday and Sunday. Our squadron was able to go on Saturday and help promote CAP to the general public. Our cadets were able to meet and talk with pilots in the Air Force and Army. The cadets were also able to go inside an Air Force C-17 Globemaster, the largest plane in the Air Force! We were able to watch the F-16, F-18, and F-22 fighter jets perform aerial combat moves and fly byes that deafened the crowd. It was a great experience for the cadets and fun time for everyone!

Lt Nicholas Paramore, CAP
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Did you know?

Camden Academy offered *"Life-Building Activities"* which provided hobbies and hobby courses with a wide range of appeal for the boys. Each required a few hours or up to several weeks for completion. The most popular included fishing, model building, hunting in season, mechanical drawing, informal surveying, drawing, handicrafts, blue print making and reading, and automotive and aviation mechanics.

Camden Academy (1951-1952 catalogue)

Camden Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford Addresses the Corps of Cadets

On Martin Luther King Day (January 16, 2017) the CMA Corps of Cadets were privileged to host Camden's first African American female Mayor as the guest speaker. She began her remarks by recognizing the presence of the CMA cadets at several functions throughout the city and thanking Camden Military Academy for their community service.



Mayor Drakeford held their attention as she spoke about her personal experiences of growing up in the 1950's-1960's in Kershaw County. A few of the examples that were relayed to her audience included the unsegregated schools, no new textbooks, and no entry to hotels and restaurants, to name a few.

Drakeford grew up on a farm outside Camden in the county, learning about hard work early in life, she said. When she graduated high school, she had no means to go to college; so she went to cosmetology school instead, working for several years as a beautician before taking a job with DuPont. She started as a wage worker and was promoted to supervisor.

Camden's mayor described her first day at DuPont as she completely shocked her orientation class. Because her first name is Alfred, they naturally assumed she was a man, but then they realized she was a female and she was African American. She was even told at one point by one supervisor that he never wanted to see a female, especially a female of color, get promoted.

Instead of settling for that, however, she enrolled at USC and earned her bachelors' degree – earning it in three and a half years and while raising a family and working full time. She would not only get promoted several times, she would finish out her career as the head of a department.

She spoke about Martin Luther King Jr., a Baptist minister and social activist, who led the Civil Rights Movement in the United States from the mid-1950s until his death by assassination in 1968.

Mayor Drakeford reiterated that the "movement" to correct the injustice to blacks had begun with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. However, it did not change society. King continued to work with the injustice and discrimination and bigotry and she personally witnessed changes that were slow to develop. King continued to stand up to the challenges and the controversy.

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 is a landmark piece of federal legislation in the United States that prohibits racial discrimination in voting. It was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson during the height of the Civil Rights Movement on August 6, 1965, and Congress later amended the Act five times to expand its protections. Designed to enforce the voting rights guaranteed by the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, the Act secured voting rights for racial minorities throughout the country, especially in the South. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, the Act is considered to be the most effective piece of civil rights legislation ever enacted in the country. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 enacted July 2, 1964 is a landmark civil rights and US labor law in the United States that outlaws discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. It prohibited unequal application of voter registration requirements, racial segregation in schools, employment, and public accommodations.

Kershaw County Special Olympics held Friday, April 21



Over 200 athletes from across Kershaw County participated in Special Olympics Friday, April 21 at Camden Military Academy (CMA). Participants represented 24 Kershaw County School District (KCSO) classes and the Kershaw County Board of Special Disabilities.

A police escort led the buses of athletes to the event starting from the Chick-fil-A parking lot in Camden at 8:30 a.m. A Flame of Hope torch carried by athletes from KCSO high schools and law enforcement officials joined the procession at the Camden IGA at 8:45 a.m. and took a lap around the CMA track as part of the opening ceremony, which also included the athletes reciting the Special Olympics oath, "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

Student athletes participated in a variety of sporting events throughout the day including a walk/run, tennis ball throw, softball throw, standing long jump and wheelchair race. Other activities included bocce ball, bounce houses and a dance.

Lugoff-Elgin High art students painted faces. LEAPS (Lugoff-Elgin Athletes Providing Service) students hosted a variety of games for younger students in the gym. Target volunteers provided free bottled water and temporary airbrush tattoos. Camden Clinic of Chiropractic offered free screenings and helpful information for athletes and families.

The event ended with an awards ceremony at 12:30 p.m. in the CMA White Field House.

"I always look forward to Special Olympics," said KCSO Superintendent Frank Morgan. "The day is full of smiles and hugs. I especially appreciate the work of the planning committee and give a special 'thank you' to Camden Military Academy for serving as the host."

SEVENTH GRADE DINNER AND MOVIE

Seventh grade cadets were recently treated to dinner and a movie. Col. and Mrs. Boland previewed the movie, "Hidden Figures," and enjoyed the movie so much, they decided to take an entire bus of cadets. Students learned math, science, history, racial and gender discrimination and how to be gentlemen. Most all students said it was one of the best movies they had ever seen. Seventh graders had a follow up lesson, "Mind Mapping" the movie. Mrs. Boland now wants a sliding ladder in front of her whiteboard so she can start solving equations from the top of the ceiling to the floor, just like Katherine Johnson did in the movie.



MRS. BOLAND'S 7TH GRADE MATH CLASS GETTING A SNEAK PEAK

Seventh grade math students designed their "Dream Room" and "Dream Barracks." First, students listed all the essentials, then all the "frills" with having an unlimited budget. Students then designed their barracks on drafting graph paper and created 3D models using Autodesk Homestyler software. The highlight of the project was getting a sneak peak of the new barracks. The contractor, Mr. Ross Aho, met with cadets as they measured the entire barracks to compute the cost per square foot. The bathrooms were the favorite of all cadets. Pictured are Gab Graff and Christopher Howes taking a quick shower.



Pictured below Austin McMurtrie shown with a great catfish catch. It went into a fish fry thanks to Scoutmaster Norm Gullard out of Troop 777!



SCOUT TRIP

During the week of 11-17 June 2017, Greg Simonson, Scoutmaster and Steve Miles, new Assistant Scoutmaster, took Scouts Conner Miles, Niles Leach, Austin McMurtrie, and Eugene Dumka for an adventure at Camp Barstow. It's the Indian Waters Council Camp at the western edge of Lake Murray. Kudos to Austin McMurtrie for leading the youth to Honor Troop for the week, and Niles Leach for being the Top Youth Shot on the rifle range.

Shown below is Niles Leach, on the far left, being recognized for his top rifle score recognition during the Friday night campfire ceremony.



Another CMA cadet to get West Point 'experience'

Jack Furlow inspired by family's military history

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Cadet Staff Sgt. Jack Furlow, pictured here in front of Camden Military Academy's (CMA) Cline Chapel, will become the second consecutive junior from CMA to attend the U.S. Military Academy's Summer Leadership Experience at West Point. The week-long series of seminars will take place June 3-9. Jack hopes to -- as fellow cadet Jake Dean will this fall -- attend West Point after graduating with CMA's class of 2018.

For the second year in a row, a Camden Military Academy (CMA) cadet will attend the U.S. Military Academy's Summer Leadership Experience (SLE) at West Point in New York. Cadet Staff Sgt. Jack Allen Furlow, 17, will attend the SLE June 3-9, just as fellow CMA cadet Jake Dean did in 2016.

Jack hopes to follow in Jake's footsteps. Jake received an appointment to West Point earlier this school year and will attend the academy this fall. Both cadets are from the Charlotte, N.C. area.

Jack becomes one of only 1,000 out of more than 5,000 applicants to be allowed on the academy's campus for the week in June. He will live in the cadet barracks, eat in the cadet mess hall and participate in various workshops. The seminar is designed to help juniors like Jack not only with their college-selection process, but to give them an idea of how important leadership and decision-making is to their education, careers and lives.

Like many student cadets who attend CMA, Jack never thought about attending a military academy. Since arriving at the school last summer, however, he's found himself inspired by fellow cadets, his teachers and his own family's military history.

According to his father, Brian Furlow, Jack's great-grandfather, Allen John Furlow, served overseas during World War I as a pilot in the Army's aviation branch and was promoted to first lieutenant. In 1926, 1st Lt. Furlow was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. During his term, he introduced House Joint Resolution 185, which called for a military guard to be posted at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Meanwhile, Jack's great-great uncle, George Willard Furlow, served as a World War I flying ace, who was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for "extraordinary heroism" in action near Charev, France. George Furlow was posted to the 103rd Aero Squadron on July 25, 1918, as a SPAD XIII pilot and credited with five aerial victories.

Jack's grandfather, John Allen Furlow, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and was stationed on the USS Yorktown, currently docked at Patriot's Point in Charleston.

Finally, Jack has two aunts who he said both retired from the U.S. Air Force, one as a lieutenant colonel, the other as a major.

Despite the various branches of service his family has been involved with, Jack is firmly focused on the Army -- and West Point.

"I've never been there, and all the academies are attractive, but I've heard people say West Point is like Hogwarts on the Hudson," Jack said.

He said he is especially interested in firearms, Army aircraft, and military science and technology -- things like M240 machine guns and launchers. But he's also interested in meeting other cadets like himself, people who might be members of his squad one day.

"I'm interested in being a field specialist," Jack said. "If I'm accepted to West Point, after graduation, I'd serve for eight years. After that, if I stay with the Army, I'd like to be managing companies and working with my commanders."

That could be a natural outgrowth of the leadership abilities Jack is already showing after being at CMA for less than a year. As a cadet staff sergeant, he is the leader of the 2nd Squad in CMA's 1st Platoon. He is also a Band and Staff Company flag bearer and public affairs battalion cadet ambassador.

The school's summer session -- which Jack said isn't structured quite the same way as the regular school year -- helped him get a head start after spending 9th and 10th grades at Myers Park High School in Charlotte.

"When I came here, it was a culture shock. I wasn't applying myself (in Charlotte). I wasn't getting in trouble or anything, but I thought hanging out with my friends was more important than studying. Coming here showed me how important academics are," Jack said.

He said his mother, Diane, was always impressed by military academies and, as he began struggling in school, spoke to one of her friends. That friend had a son who went to CMA and Jack's mother began the process of getting him enrolled. He didn't want to be at CMA the first two weeks.

"I didn't want to listen to kids my age telling me what to do, but then I started meeting new kids and once I got in the rhythm and started connecting with people, it got much easier," he said.

Even so, when asked if he wanted to come back for the full CMA experience last fall, his answer was more along the lines of "I guess" than "Sure!"

"But two weeks into the regular year and I fell in love with this place," Jack said.

Since then, he has been named to the Dean's List, ranking in the top 4 percent of his class in terms of grade point average; is a four-time Academic Gold Star Award winner; a Junior Sword Drill nominee; and has won the West Point Leadership award, USC Upstate Junior, Lt. Col. Sonny Brown Yearbook award and Varsity Cross Country Coach's awards.

In addition to leading his squad, Jack is the captain of the school's varsity cross-country team. Although the season ended in December -- "we were never first, but we were never dead last." Jack said CMA Dean of Students, John Heflin, who served as coach, continued to take care of the team.

Jack is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, plans to be part of the 2017-18 class of Junior Leadership of Kershaw County and will also help out with CMA's hosting of the Special Olympics today. He also has associations with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Jack was CMA's winner of the DAR's "Voices of Democracy" essay contest with his essay, "My Responsibility to America." He also works with Heflin on the CMA yearbook, "Excalibur."

CMA Headmaster Col. Eric Boland called Jack "an outstanding young man."

"We look forward to him being a senior leader next school year," Boland said. "If selected to attend, he would be a great addition to the U.S. Military Academy."

Heflin said Jake helped Jack through the process of applying to attend June's SLE at West Point.

"We recently went to a West Point presentation at Furman University, and Jake was there letting Jack know what to pay attention to," Heflin said.

He also said Jack has already taken nine hours of dual-enrollment courses with the University of South Carolina.

"He's definitely a go-getter. This has totally been his idea to go through the process," Heflin said of Jack's desire to attend the SLE session. "We're just giving all the support we can."

"I'm excited to go," Jack said. "I hope it pushes me -- fires me up and boosts my morale -- to drive me towards attending West Point itself."

Carlisle's Class of 1943

Documents from Carlisle Military School in 1943 are part of history that very few alumni know about their school. This class was the only one in Carlisle history to graduate off campus. They graduated at Bamberg First Baptist Church on Monday, May 17th, 1943.

War shortages made doubly serious the loss by fire of Brabham Hall in March 1943. On the afternoon of March 3, a blaze broke out at the bottom of the empty elevator shaft that had been built into the building but had never been equipped with an elevator. Cadets, and perhaps janitors as well, were accustomed to using the shaft as a convenient multi-floor trash receptacle, and somehow the accumulated pile in the basement ignited. One cadet, taking an afternoon nap, woke up thinking he had died and gone to hell. He jumped from his second story window to escape. Though he—and every-one else—escaped injury, the building was totally destroyed. The immediate needs of the displaced cadets were met by the hospitality of townspeople and by the quick reactions of the Colonel and his staff, who set up a temporary barracks for 125 boys in the old gymnasium, using cadets to help building wooden bunks with tightly stretched rope in place of springs. The arrangements were adequate for the rest of the year, but the big question was how to get the necessary materials to construct a new barracks. Colonel Risher, as he had done earlier, set cadets to work cleaning and stacking the salvageable bricks from the burned building while he negotiated with the government for the additional construction materials he would need. The replacement, Risher Barracks, was ready for occupancy when school opened the following year. (Carlisle & Camden – A Centennial History – Researched and Written by Lachicotte Zemp)

Carlisle graduate, Jeff Gregorie, Class of 1963, found the documents on EBAY and donated them to CMA. They are the diploma and athletic certificate of Charles Russell Laverty, Jr., along with a copy of the graduation program.

Alumnus, Charles Russell Laverty, Jr. (1925-1999), was a retired Control System Engineer, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.

These documents are currently framed and can be seen in the Risher Administration Memorabilia Room.

DOGS

(Excerpt from "At Ease" by Waddy Thompson)

I think every military installation in the world has dogs—or at least one dog—hanging around. Carlisle had several over the years. When a dog came to the school, the cadets would pet it and give it food from the Mess hall.

There was a very faithful, large, black dog that stayed at Carlisle for many years. He got into a fight one time and came out of it with a badly torn eye. The cadets named him "Rot Eye," but if a stranger was around they called him "Blackie." Blackie was the king of the campus, and the only dogs that could come on campus were the ones he allowed. Blackie would run off any strange dog he didn't like.

Every time the bugle blew drill call, Blackie would be there. He went out to the drill field and stayed until drill was over. He also attended all parades. He would disappear in the summer and would be back on campus on the first day of school. He was never late for the opening of school.

One spring when we were having the government inspection, we assembled on the drill field for a review for the visiting officers who had come to inspect the school. Colonel James F. Risher, Colonel Bill Risher, and the two inspectors were all lined up in front of and facing the battalion. They were all standing at attention and saluting as the band played the *National Anthem*. In the middle of the anthem, when I couldn't move, Blackie urinated on my leg! Only a few people saw him, and I acted as if nothing had happened.

Saturday, October 28, 2017 is the date for CMA's Homecoming football game. All alumni, parents, and friends are invited for the day's events. **This includes alumni from Carlisle and Camden!** It is a great day to spend on our campus with family members and reminisce about the days you (our alumni) were here; or **for our parents** to meet your son's classmates or faculty members. Please see the following schedule and if you plan to attend, please contact our office so that we can get a count for lunch in the dining hall and for the picnic that will be held after the football game. There is no cost to attend, but if you would like to give a donation to the annual fund, it is tax-deductible and you will receive a letter of appreciation acknowledging your gift.

Saturday, October 28, 2017 Homecoming at CMA

10:30 a.m. - Campus Tours available (Meet at Risher Administration Building)

12:00 Noon – Lunch in Dining Hall

1:00 p.m. – Parade of Corps of Cadets

2:30 p.m. – Football Game

4:00 p.m. – Cookout (after game)

If weather causes any delays or postponements, please check out the Camden website for updates or the CMA Facebook page, or call the office at 800-948-6291. Hope to see you soon.

40 Years Ago ...Perhaps the world finally just passed Carlisle by, not because its mission was no longer relevant or valid—the success of Camden belies that idea—but because it was no longer able to promote and carry out that mission with the vitality necessary to attract sufficient numbers of a new and different generation of parents and students.

Colonel James F. Risher did not live to see the closing of Carlisle. For several years after his retirement as headmaster, he remained a familiar figure at both schools, driving himself about the Carlisle campus in his golf cart and flying up to Camden once or twice a week to check on the school's operation and to talk with cadets after the noon meal. But as the painful and debilitating symptoms of his disease grew steadily worse, he was forced to withdraw more and more from the daily lives of the two schools. After an extended final illness he died on April 28, 1973. Eight Carlisle and Camden cadets served as his pall bearers, and on the stone in the Bamberg cemetery that marks his grave were carved the words he had told cadets he hoped to be remembered by: *"Here lies a man."* There was no doubt in the hearts of those who knew the Colonel, including the many former cadets who took the time to remind family members of his wishes, that he had earned his epitaph.

At a public meeting in the Carlisle dining hall on the evening of March 21, 1977, Colonel William R. Risher announced to an assembly of Bamberg townspeople, including the members of both the city and county councils, that Carlisle would not reopen the following year...

An Excerpt from "Carlisle & Camden – A Centennial History" Camden Military Academy invites all Carlisle alumni to share all homecoming festivities this year and all in the future.

Carlisle's beginnings from 1892 makes this year a celebration of 125 years for Camden Military Academy.

Rocky Pasut Class of 2004, Bravo Company

Late in my junior year after an 'altercation' with another cadet, I was reprimanded by LTC Armstrong, harshly. He told me something that I didn't take lightly nor believed he said often to other cadets; he told me that I am a leader and possess a God-Given gift that can't be taught, but I am failing to use that for the greater good.



He gave me examples of great leaders in history, one being Hitler – that possessed tremendous leadership ability but used it for terrible purposes. He challenged me to never misuse or ignore the talent I had, because it can't be taught nor do many people naturally possess it. He moved me from Alpha company to Bravo company with about three months left of the school year. Already being demoted back down to Private, I had no stripes nor favor from my new TAC officer, CSM Irtenkauf. He made it very clear that he wasn't fond of me, nor liked things he had heard about me and suggested that I stay far down under the radar because I have no room on my leash. Humbled, I listened to him and started to become a better influence moving forward and strayed away from nonsense and trouble. As the remainder of the year passed, SGM and I had begun to grow a better and respected foundation with one another. We shared passions for working out, and enjoyed talking about our strategies in fitness. At the very end of the year, SGM asked if I would like to be a Sergeant First Class for his company, my senior year? Of course I said I would, I was highly honored but also very shocked... I was still a private and didn't ever think a promotion in rank this high was ever in the cards. During the seniors graduation, the announcement of next year's rank for returning cadets began. When Bravo company started, they announced "Company Commander, Captain Alessandro Pasut." Many of my peers around me were confused, but I was baffled the most in that room. I already thought promoting me from private to Sergeant First Class was beyond crazy, but I've just been given the keys to Bravo company's car. I will always remember that time period, from the brutal tough but rewarding conversation with LTC Armstrong to the promotion from CSM Irtenkauf who went from despising me to believing in me. I realized the potential I had in life could be put to good measures as long as I was willing to 'get on board' and strengthen my character as one with discipline and good will. I'll never forget the opportunity given and potential seen by others of a reckless and lawless troublemaker. My heart was forever turned because of that, and still follows their words and memories.

Brian Czech, Class of 2004, Band & Staff Company

Having to pick a moment about my time at CMA is hard. So many moments were memorable and I wish I could go back to the days when I didn't have bills or mortgages and life was simple. Something that still impacts me to this day is something that happened to someone else. It was the middle of summer between my junior and senior year when I had a voicemail on my landline (ya no cell phone for me in 2003). It was my good friend Dave, in tears and sobbing and all I was able to make out was that someone was killed. Calling him back, I find out that one of my close friends, Wayne Blackburn, was killed in a drunk driving incident. I myself was also brought to tears. That moment has forever lived with me and I have never allowed another friend, nor myself, to get behind the wheel if intoxicated. Even after only one beer or glass of wine. Life is too short, and too many people love you to make decisions like that which can end your life or someone else's. Although this was not a direct result of something CMA did, I would have never made the close friends I have, or have lost, if it wasn't for this school. CMA is a place I will never forget. The friends I made there over 13 years ago are still some of my good friends. Enjoy your time there. You'll miss it when it's gone.

**HEADMASTER'S GOLF TOURNAMENT 2017****Camden Country Club****By Glenda Porter**

I know I am a bit prejudiced, but I think we have one of the best annual charity golf tournaments in the country. During the registration period, there's the continental breakfast; and we work very hard to organize the day with grilled meals on the green where everyone can have a choice of hotdogs, hamburgers, chips and soft drinks. At the end of this tournament we served grilled ribs and chicken for an early evening meal around 4:30. And many thanks to ISG David Green who stood under his canopy at the club house and served wonderfully refreshing drinks. We also have the best Corporate and Hole Sponsors who are always willing to give freely and generously to our academy in order to help deserving cadets receive financial assistance. And I cannot say enough about all those who donated items to the raffle drawing. We had Yeti coolers, a barbeque grill, restaurant gift certificates, golf bags and golf gear, shirts, hats, cargo bags, and many other items that made the winners' day.

This year we had a total of 32 teams of four, driving 64 golf carts, looking to win the prized First-Place honors. The winners this year for First Place was The Mobley Team (and W.C. Mobley happens to be the CMA golf team coach): W.C. Mobley, Ben Karnes, Larry Lott, and Andy Karnes. Second Place was the Papa John's Team: Chris Edge, Karl Benzies, Kyle Kogler, and Will Berry. Third Place, the Hanover Uniform Team: Mark Symmes, Andy Symmes, Jim Symmes and Brian Symmes. Fourth Place went to the Bohannon Team: Pat Neel, Nadine Neel, Dee Dee Bohannon, and Gary Bohannon. Congratulations to all of you!

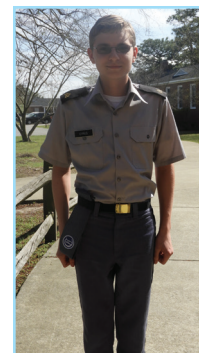


Thanks to all of you who contributed to the success of the day. And special appreciation goes to our Corporate Sponsors: Gold Level: Van Horn Insurance; Silver Level: Sysco; Bronze Level: Bimbo Bakeries USA, Coca Cola Consolidated, Dusty Rhodes, First Palmetto Bank, Hanover Uniform, Papa John's Pizza, Puraqua Products; and Hole Sponsor: Vanguard Industries East. We had a great time!

Shown above are members of the Color Guard and band as they await to start off the tournament with the National Anthem.

"My favorite memory at Camden was my first parade. At first I was somewhat anxious. Afraid of messing up or marching out of step. Scared of flinching during the cannon fire, or worst of all, the fear of locking your knees and passing out. But there's a certain feeling I get when they start to play the National Anthem. It makes me feel proud to be at Camden and to wear this uniform. That's my most memorable moment."

Jonathan Cyrus, Rising Junior
(Charleston, West Virginia)



"My favorite teaching experience has been listening to Chestnut and Vargo argue about politics in my Political Science class." (*Excalibur 2017*)

MAJ Ron Horn
Political Science/Economics/Math

Wrong Way Barnes and Walters By Cam Walters (CMA'73)

I have to say that for the most part, my experience at CMA was very positive and certainly good for this kid from Monroe, NC. As I look back on those days I mostly remember the cadet friendships, life in the barracks, the CMA staff, and playing sports for the Spartans.

Occasionally, I also remember the times that were not so great, the times when I learned powerful lessons, and became aware of the consequences of some of my activities. One of those activities occurred on Sunday, January 7th, 1973. It was my senior year, we had recently returned from Christmas break and I was really missing my girlfriend, Katherine Billingsley, from Monroe. My roommate, Stephan "Snorter" Barnes, from Charlotte, was also a senior and a student pilot at CMA, training with a handful of cadets, including the future drummer for *Alabama*, Mark Herndon. Earlier that week, I had noticed Snorter in our room studying plans and charts for his upcoming solo cross country to take place on Sunday. I knew at the time it was totally wrong, but I said, "Hey Snorter, why don't we fly that bird to Monroe and I'll line up a date for you. It will be Sunday morning, I will skip church, and we will really impress those girls when we pull up at the Monroe airport in that Cessna 150. How cool is that?? Besides, Katherine has this really nice, and good looking friend, Donna Yandle, that would love to meet you." Although I put quite a sales job on Snorter, it didn't take long to close him on my plan, as I had also shown him a picture of Donna. The plan was set when I called Katherine and she assured me that she and Donna would be waiting for us at Monroe's airport.

Camden to Monroe is only about 50 miles as the crow flies, so I knew we would have a good bit of time for our double date. It was cold and clear that Sunday morning as Snorter and I made our way to the hanger right after breakfast. We originally thought that I would need to hide in the tall grass adjacent to the runway, then jump in when no one was looking, as student pilots are not allowed to take up anyone other than their instructor. There was not a soul at the airport and Mr. Grant, the airport owner and manager, had given Snorter the keys to the hanger, as well as the gas pump the day before.

We behaved like we owned the place as we rolled N60578 out of the hanger and filled her up. We hopped in right then and there and taxied over to runway 24 for our departure. All was going as planned and we would be in Monroe in no time! Once we had altitude, Snorter informed me that he had forgotten to set the directional gyro for proper navigation to Monroe. Not good, but we didn't want to land again and start over for fear of getting exposed. We immediately started looking for ground references. "Isn't that the DuPont plant? Is that Hwy 601?" Everything looks different from the air in a small plane, but we would not give up. "Is that Kershaw or Pageland?" We flew and we flew. At times I would take the yoke and try to hold steady flight as Snorter scanned his charts. Time was moving on and we were not getting to Monroe. The landscape seemed very rural with farms and small crossroads, as we passed our first hour airborne. We were desperate as we noticed a large water tower in one community. "Let's buzz that water tower and see if they have the name of the town written on it." We did just that, and discovered we were flying over the town of Clio, SC, practically at the beach!!! Wow, we had really messed up big time, but I knew that Hwy 9 passed through Clio on the way to the beach for folks from Monroe.

We landed briefly at the small airport in Marlboro County, and decided we would fly over the cars heading north on Hwy 9 to Pageland and then pick up Hwy 601 to Monroe. Finally, we arrived! Sadly, as we touched down in Monroe after being in the air over two hours, I did not spot Katherine's small Opel Kadett, but noticed my father's green Pontiac Bonneville parked near the tower. Katherine and Donna had gotten nervous as we had far surpassed our ETA. Thinking we may have crashed, Katherine called my parents, who in turn called CMA to speak with Col. Risher. Col. Risher immediately contacted Mr. Grant from the airport. We were in deep trouble! My father was not angry as he exited his car while my mother stayed in the passenger seat, smiling sweetly with relief through the front windshield. Dad, having been in the service during WWII, knew that I was part of the CMA chain of command, and that CMA would deal with us accordingly. His first words were: "Gentlemen, I have orders from Col. Risher. Snorter, you are to get in that plane and fly it directly back

to Camden. Cam you are to get in the car with us, and we are to drive you back to CMA immediately."

As we watched Snorter fire up the Cessna, weather started to become a factor as it began to sleet in Monroe. I thought that there was no way he could make it with this weather coming in, especially after what we had just experienced. We literally watched him take off and fly into the sleet and what I was sure was oblivion! The ride back to CMA for me was extremely stressful, not because of my folks, who were very quiet, but because I was sure I had killed poor Snorter, all because I wanted to see my girlfriend! What a selfish terrible roommate he had!

Mom and Dad dropped me off at the end of A Company barracks, which were, at that time, the closest to the airport and wished me luck. As I walked through the door to our room, I saw one of the greatest sights to behold. There was my roommate, laying in his bunk with just a pair of BVDs on, reading an airplane magazine. "Well," he said, "we're busted, we got 1000 hours each, and you are to go to the office and see Col. Risher right away." Major Beckham had met Snorter at the airport and had exclaimed, "You're in big trouble Bo!"

I love spending time with Col. Risher these days, but back then he was the last guy I wanted to encounter. As he has told me several times over the years, that was one of the most stressful and worrisome days he had as headmaster. Snorter and I took those 1000 hours and were grateful they were not TBWs (tours to be walked). I was frankly glad we were not kicked out of CMA for this unauthorized sortie. Even better news was the fact that Snorter was shortly able to start flight training again.

In short, we both were blessed not to have been kicked out of CMA, not to mention, potentially losing our lives! Although grounded, we were both model cadets for the remainder of our CMA experience.

Members of the 1973 Flight Club shown above (l-r) Stephan Barnes (Snorter), Mark Herndon (former Alabama drummer), and Don Adams.



PASS IN REVIEW

Henry Mocus Moore, CMS'42, phoned in for updates on CMA. He had an accident in January and broke his hip so was staying with his daughter. He is looking forward to attending homecoming in October.

Thomas Willis, CMS'58, writes to his classmates in an email back in January 2017. "The "Departed" list continues growing which is to be expected. I remember a conversation on a pleasant evening in 1956 outside "B" Company Barracks between three young and all knowing cadets and how we intended to pass from this earth, thinking full well that we actually controlled such an event. Anyway, I still choose to go out the way we all agreed that evening smoking our Winston Cigarettes. So I have 23 years left before I am shot by a jealous lover at age 98.

Among some comments on the Carlisle Military School Bamberg SC Facebook page:

Fred Parsons, CMS'73, "We went to the cotton gin on the other side of the parade field when it was shut down, and there were several wagons still loaded. We dug a fort in one; you could (also) bury some cold beer and it would stay cold for the next day."

Bill North, CMS'76, "The funniest things that I have ever heard came from Carlisle. I share with coworkers the stories that I was directly involved in and they want to hear more. I kind of kept to myself mostly, so would partners in crime please share the funny or unbelievable stories that you remember? I have noticed that these stories don't go over very well here. Maybe we should have a group called Carlisle after hours? I never grew up and don't plan to. I do like to laugh and I would like to laugh even more."

Rip Rhyne, CMS'77, talks about a certain trip, but also "the underground fort we had out in the woods that shut down the whole school to look for it. Took weeks to find it. If I remember, someone stepped into the door opening and fell in it. The Real Army guys really liked what we did. Said it was the nicest fox hole they had ever seen."

Robert Gray Windsor, Jr., CMA'78, emailed about his first company commander, Jerry Rhodes, who graduated in 1977 and had passed away in March.... "He had a great company and was well respected by all the cadets. Jerry was a minister at Belmont Congregational Holiness Church in Gastonia and he left behind a wife and two sons. They had just reconnected in the last couple weeks for the first time since 1977. I'm sure he will be missed. Signed, Rob Windsor, 1st LT Company Commander of Band Company 1978."

James L. Dunn, CMA'94, stopped by the campus driving a stretch limo. He and his brother have a limo and transit company. He wanted the information about ordering a new class ring from Jostens. He was shown how to use the CMA website, Alumni link, to look at yearbooks from 1959 to 2016.

Chad Myers, CMA'01, is the Post Graduate Head Basketball Coach at Massanutten Military Academy. "My record now is 136-32 after 5 years as a head coach. I have coached 44 Division 1 players between Massanutten and Elev8 in 5 years as a head coach. We have gone to 5 national tournaments during that time. I coached Frank Mason during this time who was national college basketball player of the year at Kansas." Congratulations from CMA!!

Erich M. Weber, CMA'02, is in Germany. However, expects to leave in October 2017 to go to CA. He has had some awesome photos/videos on his FB page. Apparently he had a camera strapped to his helmet and has been doing rescue training from a helicopter training event in Switzerland, landing on ice with cleats on his shoes and rappelling into deep crevasses in the ice to pluck out some unfortunate (staged) soul; while in the US Navy, he is a deep sea diver and advanced medical corpsman hanging out with a special operations group. (Thanks to his mom, Marie Weber, and Advisory Board member for the update!)

Andrew Headen Thomas, CMA'04, stopped by the campus to visit with John Heflin and see all the changes since he was a cadet in D Company. He is in real estate.

Mike Evans, CMA'82, Sends follow-up update: "I haven't sent a pass in review in years and had a significant life change so I thought it was time.

In December 2016, I retired from the FBI as a Special Agent after 21 years with 24 years of Government service. It is strange how quickly the time has passed. I still remember my first day at the FBI academy and my days at CMA. I am proud of how CMA helped shape me into the man I became. Through the power of social media, I have reunited with several of my fellow bellhops who I knew while at the academy. I am now looking forward to new challenges in the future!

Should you have questions, feel free to call at 352-207-5308.



Dr. Francis McCorkle, Jr., (1926-2017) was the Camden Academy physician in 1950 and continued with Camden Military Academy from 1958 until December 2016. Dr. Mac, as he was so fondly called by all his patients and friends, is still sorely missed by all of his patients today. He had a life-long passion for reading, for acquiring medical knowledge, and an impeccable memory. He faithfully served generations of many local families up until December 2016. As a young man, he played trumpet with a jazz band and was gifted at playing the piano by ear. All who knew him experienced his unique brand of wit and humor. Dr. Mac was an avid fisherman, and perhaps the only fisherman who consistently wore a necktie. He is and will always be sorely missed by the community. The picture above was in the first CMA Excalibur yearbook in 1959.

PASSED AWAY

Roy Dale Arn, Jr., St. Louis, MO, CMS'52
 K. Lewis Dellinger, Kings Mountain, NC, CA'52
 George William Escue, Columbia, SC, CMS'53
 Dr. Speir N. Ramsey, Savannah, GA, CMS'53
 Travis Kelton Hill, Avon Park, FL, CA'55
 Frank Joseph Marino, Ripley, WV, CA'56
 Chadrick Archie Perry, Elizabethton, TN, CMS'56
 Bobby R. Smith, Winnsboro, SC, CA'56
 James H. Mcgee, Ocean City, MD, CMS'57
 Joel Murray Snyder, Savannah, GA, CMS'57
 Wendell G. Fetzer, Okatie, SC, CMS'58
 Jose M. Serralta, San Juan, PR, CMA'60
 James Larry West, Gainesville, FL, CMA'63
 William James Tindal, Jr., Charleston, SC, CMS'68
 Jerry Lee Raynovic, Peoria, AZ, CMA'70
 Gary Lee King, Easley, SC, CMA'72
 David Owen Maddox, Ft. Smith, AR, CMS'74
 Jerry Neil Rhodes, Gastonia, NC, CMA'77
 Matthew Tate Boland, Camden, SC, CMA'03
 Christopher Scott Hopkins, Tallahassee, FL, CMA'10

Dr. Francis McCorkle, Jr., Camden, SC
 (School Physician for CA & CMA)

The Color Guard is a respectable part of the corps of cadets. The members are especially important in parades away from school. They deserve the respect and admiration of all that know and see them perform. This was the last year of Carlisle. Shown are cadets Montgomery, Murray, Altstaeter, and Brodie



Epilogue as forward.
 Another school year. And now it is all gone, like an insubstantial pageant faded. Seniors will not come to us again next year, and our imaginations can but feebly penetrate to them. Only along the aisles of commencement, only as we gaze upon their silent figures some openly tearful -- some crying within, some jubilant -- faint conceptions form of what these men were and what they will become, what we are and may be. *1984 Excalibur*

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THE NEW DALLAS BARRACKS



The flat two-story brick barracks that housed Charlie and Delta Companies were retired in 2017 in place of a newly-finished building. The original two-story wooden building, known as the Carolina Barracks, was built in 1941 as part of the Southern Aviation School. It stood where the Cline Library is today until an electrical fire burnt it down on February 15, 1962. Luckily, all cadets were in the Dining Hall so nobody was injured. Construction on the two-story brick barracks, the Dallas Barracks we've all known for decades, started in April 1962. During the summer, Colonel Lanning Risher also made sure to install sprinklers in all other wooden buildings on campus.

Plans for the new Dallas Barracks were announced in the spring 2014 edition of "The Bugle" newsletter. The new barracks could now house up to 120 cadets. Many contributions and donations helped make these new barracks possible. After many delays (which the cadets had gotten used to over the past three years), the new Dallas Barracks were finally opened to Charlie and Delta cadets on March 19, 2017.

Shown below (left) is one of the last pictures taken of the old Dallas Barracks before its demolition, shown on the right, with the new barracks standing tall.

