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A Few Facts About CMA by Casey Robinson, Admissions Director

Having lived in the area most of my life, I am continually amazed at how very little people know about Camden Military Academy. However, I am even more amazed at the myths and stereotypes that people associate with CMA and its cadets. Also, people sometimes question the importance of our military program and if its teachings are antiquated. As I write this article, I hope that I can help you understand what CMA truly stands for as well as explain the value of our military program while simultaneously dismantling some of the "urban legends" that have perpetuated through our community for years.



First, we are NOT a reform school. Camden Military Academy is a college preparatory boarding school for young men. We are in the business of offering young men a chance to succeed in the classroom and in life. Our typical cadet is a student who has not been working up to his potential academically. Have you ever heard a teenager described as an underachiever, poor time manager, or lacking in self-confidence? Do you know any teenagers who miss classroom assignments or fail to turn in homework? More often than not parents always bring up "laziness" or lack of respect for authority on the part of their son.

CMA feels that a boarding school must provide more than just a quality education. Camden Military offers a unique blend of a high-quality education and military principles. Hence, Camden Military offers a young man structure, organization and self-discipline as well as a strong academic base. As graduation approaches, over 96% of our graduating cadets will attend prestigious colleges and universities across the nation and around the world. Trust me, not very many schools can boast that percentage.

We are NOT a boot camp. However, physical fitness is important. Camden has mandatory morning PT (Physical Training) and/or drill. Sports are also a large part of Camden Military Academy. We have 13 different interscholastic sports and also include intramural activities in our weekly schedules. All cadets must participate in some form of athletics.

CMA has found a unique niche which allows us to instill many military philosophies and principles without attempting to form soldiers. The military program at Camden Military Academy provides one of the most beneficial aspects of campus life. The student body is organized into a Corps of Cadets consisting of five companies. Cadets live in their company area within the dormitories. Assistant commanders, commonly known as a TAC officers, are assigned to each company and closely supervises the activities and life of the cadets within his company. These adult leaders monitor each cadet's academic progress, conduct, and overall development and is readily available to cadets seeking advice or counsel. These TAC officers often feel the father role while cadets are on campus and sometimes once they depart.

CMA values the military training because it instills neatness, precision, promptness and self-control. It teaches a young man to take pride in himself and his country. He learns to take orders before he is given the authority to give orders. Through this process, a cadet learns that he is responsible to his fellow students for his actions. As a cadet develops, he is given more responsibility. Cadets learn to respect authority and develop socially.

As part of the military program, the Academy requires that all high school cadets participate in the JROTC program and attend classes in leadership development. Camden Military Academy is designated as a Military Institute (MI) Junior Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) School and has consistently been rated as an Honor Unit with Distinction by the Department of the Army. The JROTC program requires students to participate in drill and ceremonies, and to attend two classes in leadership development per week. Seventh and eighth grade students, although not part of the JROTC program, are required to participate in all drill and ceremonies. The Cadet Challenge Program, the varsity rifle team, and the precision drill team are also supervised by the Military Department. Military training is unquestionably one of the great assets of Camden Military Academy.

REGISTRATION at CMA is a smooth process. The Admissions Department does all that is physically possible to notify



parents of all the requirements and paperwork that is necessary and vital to the initial registration process. We hear quite often how impressed the parents are that it is so organized.

As soon as the parents and new and returning cadets enter the Risher Administration Building, they are greeted and given instructions that takes them through the entire process. In this way, they can be assured that all is well by the time they enter the barracks for the final moments before their departure.

2018 Spartan Challenge begins with company designed shirts and flags.



The 10th annual Spartan Challenge took place in September when CMA's five companies took to the campus's various athletic fields, swimming pool, and library to test and to prove their ability to both lead, to work together as a team,



and to have fun in the process. As an integral part of this annual event, each company designs its own t-shirt and banner to wear and wave throughout the day and to be judged by the faculty and staff for awards. The day ends with a feast and awards ceremony. The Spartan Challenge is an event developed by LTC Armstrong, retired Commandant, to celebrate the spirit of the corps and the culmination of each Company receiving its certification.



- Company T-Shirt - Delta Co.
- Company Flag - Charlie Co.
- Brick Challenge - Delta Co.
- Soccer Challenge - Alpha Co.
- Lift Challenge - Bravo Co.
- Around the Diamond - Bravo Co.
- Rifle Shoot - Alpha Co.
- Relay - Charlie Co.
- Frisbee Golf - Alpha Co.
- Hillbilly Relay - Charlie Co.
- Glider Fly - Band & Staff Co.
- Rafting Challenge - Charlie Co.
- Academic Challenge - Bravo Co.
- Basketball Challenge - Delta Co.
- Beam Walk - Delta Co.
- Centipede Walk - Charlie Co.
- Volleyball Challenge - Delta Co.
- FCA Run for Your Life - Charlie Co.

The winning Delta Company Shirt reads:

BE WHERE YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO BE WHEN YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THERE.

DO WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO WHEN YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO IT.

CSM WILDER

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Shown below: Alpha Winner of Frisbee Contest; Delta Winner of Brick Challenge



The 2018 Winners Are:

- 1st - Delta
- 2nd - Charlie
- 3rd - Bravo
- 4th - Band & Staff
- 5th - Alpha

CMA blogs about some of the happenings around the school throughout the school year until the final weekend of graduation which can be found on the camdenmilitary.com website through blogs under the media link. Listed below are a few examples of the stories that can be found throughout the year.

COL. BOLAND IN MATH CLASS

As Col. Boland was walking through the academic buildings observing classes, he was recruited to join 7th grade math students in a multiplication review game, "Four's A Winner!" We are happy that Col. Boland is so interactive with the cadets, especially in the classroom! September 6, 2018

WEEK RECAP

This week at Camden Military Academy, the corps of cadets really got settled in and used to the classes and schedule at the academy. Sports also started, the Cross Country team had their first two meets of the season. On Friday this week, the CMA Varsity Football team will take on Hickory Grove Christian for the first away game of the season. Finally, on Saturday, the corps will get a relaxing day in which they can play sports, study, or just hang out in their room. But the fun's not over! The following day and to cap off the week, everyone in the corps who signed up will head to the U.S. National Whitewater Center for a day long experience in the rapids. September 7, 2018

THIS WEEK AT CMA

This week at Camden Military Academy, the Corps of Cadets has a pretty busy week! Monday through Wednesday the corps will primarily focus on academics and getting their uniforms ready for the end of certification. However, on Thursday the annual Spartan Challenge will take place. All 5 companies will be competing in both athletic and academic challenges for the majority of the day. Friday morning all juniors and seniors will meet in the chapel to discuss the college application/admission process. Later on Friday (1:30pm), the Corps will take to the CSM Martain Rosvelt Parade Field for the first parade of the year. After the parade, the cadets are dismissed for the first furlough of the school year! Cadets remaining on campus will have various activities over the weekend. Finally, the undefeated Spartan football team is scheduled to travel to Ware Shoals, SC on Friday night seeking their third victory of the year! September 11, 2018 -- Cadet 1LT Daniel O'Connor

CMA Chess Club

Make Your Move! The CMA chess club is up and running! Cadets are making their moves playing chess in the CMA library! Today Cadet Chen Wu, the president of the CMA chess club, played a chess match against Cadet Winslow Hobbs. Cadet Douglas Zhang played a chess match against Cadet Kevin Kim.

The CMA Chess Club will meet every Monday afternoon from 3:45pm - 5:00pm in the library. The Club members will be playing chess against each other and against Chess Clubs at other schools. Come join the Club! Check Mate! September 18, 2018

Rodrigo Villalobos 9th-12th

"My favorite memory from Camden Military Academy is from my freshman year. Every year, the drama class performs a Christmas play before we leave to go home. That particular year, there was a rumor that my TAC officer, First Sergeant Collins, was going to dance on the stage in front of everybody. When we cadets marched into the gym, we sat down and waited patiently for the play to start. The play was pretty funny, and for a small military school of around 300 students, it was well performed. After the Christmas play was over, I looked around and did not see First Sergeant Collins. He is a short but extremely scary man when he yells. I turned my head back around to the stage when I heard "can't touch this!". Never in my life would I have thought that I would see a retired First

CPR & AED TRAINING

Here at Camden Military Academy safety is always a priority. In the past few weeks several members of staff including instructors, coaches and tactical officers participated in a First Aid training course. Participants were instructed in the proper use of the AED (automated external defibrillator) as well as how to administer an epipen. Faculty and staff were also certified in Adult, Adolescent and infant CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). CMA now has over 25 Staff members certified in CPR. We would like to thank the American Red Cross for preparing the academy to respond in the event of emergency. September 20, 2018

NEW IPADS FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Today LTC Ferjani, the head of the foreign language department, received 15 new iPads to use for our Spanish and French classes. The iPads are ready to go with the newest iOS software and will be used in class for things like class projects.

"We are excited to have our language lab updated, the new equipment will be of a great advantage to our French and Spanish students." says LTC Ferjani. September 25, 2018 -- Leo Eckhardt

CLASS OF 2019 RING PRESENTATION

"You're a senior this year"

That has a nice ring to it, doesn't it? Here at CMA, it really does. I have been at Camden Military since the eighth grade. Every year since starting at Camden I have seen classes of seniors receive their rings and wear them proudly. This is my year and I can't wait for the ring. As November 16th inches closer, I get more and more excited, but I still don't feel like a senior. I wonder if that feeling will kick in once I have my ring. Part of me wishes I was still a Junior, with another year yet to come. I realize that all good things come to an end but that there are more good times ahead. I aim to make the most of my senior year and make this place better than how I found it. I have the hope that the next generation of senior graduates create an even better military academy than I did. September 29, 2018 -- Cadet 1st Lt. Eckhardt

THIS WEEK AT CMA

This week at CMA, the corps is getting ready for Thanksgiving Break! On Monday, Band Company traveled to Columbia in dress uniform with their instruments to play music for 50 or more veterans. Since this is an annual event, both the band and the veterans look forward to it each year. Next, on Wednesday, the senior class will have a rehearsal to get ready for the Senior Ring Ceremony on Friday! On Thursday, those who participated in Cross Country or Varsity Football will go to a local restaurant for the fall sports athletic banquet. This banquet welcomes all parents of cadets and honors those cadets either obtaining their first varsity letter or adding one more to their collection. Finally, on Friday at 11:00 A.M., we will host our Senior Ring Ceremony in the campus chapel. All parents are welcome to attend the ceremony because the corps is officially released for Thanksgiving break at the conclusion! Happy Thanksgiving! November 13, 2018

AND THE BLOGS CONTINUE ON THROUGHOUT THE YEAR FOR UPDATES ON WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND THE CAMPUS OR OFF CAMPUS.

Sergeant from the Army dance to MC Hammer music! The entire school was rolling in laughter, and some even laughed so hard they began to cry. To this day, I laugh when I remember seeing him dancing on that stage. I realized that even though the TAC officers yell at us for the things we do wrong, they still care about us and have our best interests at heart. They would go through an embarrassing moment like that just to see us laugh and smile. Also, with the recent passing of one of the Delta Company TAC officers, Command Sergeant Major Wilder, this memory shows me how short life is and that our TACs will not always be here to make sure that we are doing what we are supposed to be doing. I will cherish this memory for as long as I can and hope that I make many more before I graduate this year."

Carson Klaas 9th-12th

"My four years at Camden Military Academy have been the experience of a lifetime, and finding my best memory is probably the most difficult task. My time here has been great and full of amazing people who I will never forget. From decorating the barracks for Christmas with Command Sergeant Major Wilder to taking a six-mile hike through the woods with Colonel Jordan to train his dogs, this school and what I have done here is incredible. My greatest memory would probably be the 2018 Spartan Challenge where I saw everyone come together and achieve a common goal. That is something that really instills a sense of pride. Leading the centipede walk and participating in the various challenges alongside my brothers is something that I will never forget. The joy on everyone's face, the uplifting spirit in their voice, and the dedication shown through their actions exemplifies triumph through the desire to succeed. The Camden brotherhood gives us all everlasting support in times of need, and the ability to have someone to call on when you're down. This school has impacted me in ways that only a Camden Military boy can understand. Delta Dogs!"



Camden Military Academy's David Venegas continued to rack up wins on the cross country course as the sophomore ran to victory in a 12-team meet hosted by Wilson Hall on Wednesday. Venegas ran a meet-best 17:37.57 while helping the Spartans to a third-place finish in the meet in Sumter. Heathwood Hall won team laurels with 37 points while CMA checked in with 94.

The next-fastest finisher for John Heflin's runners was Sam Lawing (19:41.52) in 20th place while teammate Steven Long (20:04.52) was two spots back in 22nd. Theodore Martin was the next Spartan finisher in 24th in a time of 20:13.72 while Joseph Barriere's clocking of 21:20.70 was good for 27th.

One day earlier, Venegas finished the 3.1-mile course at Darlington High School in a time of 18:50.36, which was good for fifth place, as the Spartans took third in a nine-team meet. West Florence edged fellow 5A rival South Florence, 67-68, to win the team title. CMA was next with 78 points while Camden High was fourth with 92. Camden High's Sam Messinides (19:40.12) was the top finisher for the Bulldogs as he came home in eighth place. CMA's Lawing (20:00.92) was 10th while teammates Long (20:48.14), Martin (21:02.02) and Barriere (21:52.13) finished in 18th, 20th and 25th places, respectively.

For those of you not familiar with cross country, it is a sport that requires participants to run a 5k (3.1 miles) while competing for the fastest time. Participants receive individual and team acknowledgements. This year our cross-country team had over 20 young men on the team. These cadets practiced several times a week and often competed in at least 3 cross country meets each week. The season itself was good but not outstanding. However, as the season progressed the Spartans trained harder and improved each meet. Finally, on Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Milliken Plant Course in Spartanburg, everything came together for CMA. The cadets ran as a team and more than doubled their closest competitor to capture the 2018 South Carolina Independent Cross-Country Championship.



Leaves are falling. We all just enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast. We are preparing for Christmas and the start of a new year. Fall sports are wrapping up and many schools are hosting their Fall Sports banquets. I love this time of year, especially this year! Camden Military Academy has enjoyed tremendous success in athletics this fall. CMA offers football, cross-country and tennis each fall and this year all three sports have brought home championship trophies!

CMA members of Kershaw Junior Leadership (L-R) Jackson Lewis, Jonathan Leach, Grant Finnie, Colonel Eric Boland, Rodrigo Villalobos,



Nicolo Pucciarelli, Deven McKee, Alice Thaxton, and LTC John Heflin.

The Junior Leadership organization that was founded in 1988 and consists of students from four schools in Kershaw County: Camden Military Academy, Camden High School, Lugoff-Elgin High School and North Central High School. The goal of the program is to develop the leadership ability of each student, as well as prepare them for college, their careers, and life beyond. During the monthly meetings, the group participated in various activities, such as team building exercises, rope courses, involvement in the community, government functions, dining etiquette, public speaking, resume building and job interviews.

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CMA Awards 2018-2019

Academic Awards

Band Director's Award: Daniel O'Connor

E. Haines Gregg Runyan Award: Landon Stillitano

Most Improved Player: Gregory Thornton

Band Certificate of Achievement: Douglas Zhang, Caleb Watson, Theodore Marchand, Patrick Brooks

John Phillip SOUSA Award: Jonathan Leach

Junior Leadership: Robert Luebken, Justin Wilson, Edgar Couture, Greg Volcy, Collin Kaehler, Ian Walter

Highest Class Averages

12: Nicolo Pucciarelli; 11: Nicholas Gore; 10: Robert Luebken & Matthew Weaver; 9: Domenic Mancuso & Roman Horn; 8: Patrick Stanley; 7: Caleb Deak

Military Awards

General Douglas MacArthur Award: Rodrigo Villalobos

West Point Leadership Award: Andrei Isaak-Sap

Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarships: Rodrigo Villalobos & Parker Miethbauer

Daughters of the American Revolution Award: Landon Stillitano

Daughters of the American Revolution Youth Citizenship: Aiden Haase

Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Certificate:

Rodrigo Villalobos

John D. Kennedy United Daughters of the Confederacy Chapter Award: Grant Johnson

Sons of the American Revolution Award: Edgar Couture

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Award: Robert Cianchetti & Seth Long

Commandant's Award: Grant Finnie

Cadets of the Semester:

1st Semester: Kevin Kim

2nd Semester: Brayden Parrish

JROTC Superior Cadet Award:

LET I: - Chaitanya Jagarlamudi & Wesley-William Gotsch - A Co.

LET II: - Aristidis Roubanis - C Co.

LET III: - Cameron Daniels - D Co.

LET III: - Chen Wu - B Co.

LET IV: - Nicolo Pucciarelli - B/S Co.

CSM Martain Award:

Ethan Robison D Co.

Carson Jarvis A Co.

Zhaofeyang Wei A Co.

Maxwell Green A Co.

Jalen Dawkins B Co.

William Adams B Co.

Ryan Seier B Co.

Mathieu Deprat C Co.

Dylan Leopold C Co.

The Order of the Daedalion: Parker Miethbauer

The American Legion Awards: Gold: Justin Wilson & William Murphy

Bronze: Jonathan Leach, Jake Jirsa, Jackson Lewis, Matthew Weaver, Daniel-Hunter Condon

The Military Order of the World Wars Awards: Carson Klaas

United States Army Recruiting Command Award: Michael Arrindell

United States Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award: Imani Bowie

The Reserve Officers Association Award: Leo Eckhardt

Order of the Purple Heart: Gregory Volcy

Military Officers Association of America Award: Patrick Brooks

Marine Corps League Award: James Meade & Jacob Macker

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Award: Tanner Paul

Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of S.C. Award: Evan Owens

VFW Auxiliary Patriot's Pen Award: Jelani Harris-Eades

VFW Auxiliary Voice of Democracy Award: Dustin George

National Academy of Future Physicians & Medical Scientists Award of Excellence: Jarod Bernstein

Camden Rotary Club Scholarship: \$1000-Rodrigo Villalobos; \$500-Jackson Lewis

Red Cross Scholarship for \$500: Rodrigo Villalobos

USC Lancaster Scholarship for \$750: Matthew Osborne, Jr.

4 Year JROTC Scholarship - Jonathan Cyrus

Distinguished Tennessean Award: Andrew Meade

Most Improved Cadet Award

A Company: Christian Perpignand

B Company: Hayden Mayfield

C Company: Jon Krenek

D Company: Oliver Au-Whitaker

B/S Company: Theodore Marchand

Cadet Challenge Medals:

12th Grade - Ethan Hobert; 11th Grade - Justin Wilson;

10th - Ryan Seier; Grade 9th - Timothy Dellinger;

8th Grade - Clarence Young; 7th Grade - Justin Lin

Best Individual Drill Award:

1st Place - Remington Mitchelle

2nd Place - JanCarlo (JC) Antonmattei

3rd Place - Dustin George

Blackjack Achievement Award:

Carson Klaas, Michael Arrindell, Patrick Brooks,

Jon Krenek, Remington Mitchelle, William Murphy,

Christian Perpignand, Mathieu Deprat

Regional History Day Awards

Junior Group: Dalton Montgomery, Patrick Tierney, Cooper Nagel

Senior Individual Performance: Dustin George

Senior Group Performance: Ian Walter, John

Branch, Nick Yearack, Michael Arrindell, Mitchell

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LTC Sonny Brown Yearbook Award: Editor: Nicolo

Pucciarelli

Athletic Awards

Varsity Football

Most Valuable Offense: Malcolm Hyppolite

Most Valuable Offensive Lineman: SIRR Green

Most Valuable Offensive Back: Justin Wilson

Most Valuable Defense: Davis Long

Most Valuable Defensive Lineman: Christian Perpignand

Most Valuable Defensive Back: Noah Edwards

Most Improved: Garhett Koethke, Zach Yucis

Spartan Award: James Meade

Coaches Award: Grant Johnson, Gage Noel

Practice Players of the Year: Edgar Couture, Ryan

Neel

Varsity Basketball

Most Valuable Players: Collin Kaehler, Garhett Koethke

Coaches Award: James Meade

Spartan Award: James Oribhabor, Gage Noel

Junior Varsity Basketball

MVP: Wesley Gotsch

Most Valuable Defense: Ben Halverson

Hustle Award: Sam Lawing

Coaches Award: Aiden McDonald

Junior High Basketball

Most Valuable Offense: Malachi Jeffries

Most Valuable Defense: Clarence Young

Coaches Award: Oliver Au-Whitaker

Most Improved: Ryan McMakin

Varsity Baseball

Most Valuable Player: Brice Griffin

Most Valuable Pitcher: Ted Martin

Most Valuable Defense: Dalton Williams

Coaches Award: Jackson Lewis

E. Haines Gregg Award: James Oribhabor

Most Improved: Kyler McCaskill

Varsity Soccer

Most Valuable Player: Rodrigo Villalobos

Most Goals Scored: Mitchell Tucci

Most Valuable Offense: Shean Soussana

Most Valuable Defense: Parker Miethbauer

Most Valuable Midfield: Sam Lawing

Coaches Award: Michael Arrindell

Junior Varsity Soccer:

Most Valuable Player: Timothy Dellinger

Most Valuable Offense: Dalton Montgomery

Most Valuable Defense: Dustin George

Coaches Award: Temi Fapetu

Lacrosse

Most Valuable Player: Imani Bowie

Most Valuable Offense: James Leland

Most Valuable Defense: Joe Barriere

Most Improved: Coale Thornton

Most Versatile Player: Michael Hanlon

Leadership Award: Landon Stillitano

Cross-Country

MVP: David Venegas

Gazelle Award: William Hyatt, Alex Harbaugh

Hustle Award: Theodore Martin, Joseph Barriere

One Heartbeat Award: Steven Long, Mitchell

Tucci

Most Improved: Nicolo Pucciarelli

Coaches Award: Niles Leach, Matt Healy, Sam

Lawing

Golf

MVP: Hunter Thompson

Most Improved: Cameron Daniels

Coaches Award: JC Antonmattei

Tennis

MVP: Domenic Mancuso

Spartan Award: Dylan Rotker

Most Improved: Isaac Berman

Coaches Award: Daniel O'Connor

Blackjacks Drill Team

Most Valuable Team Member: John Branch, Jr.

Most Improved Exhibition Drill: Christian

Perpignand

Most Improved Regulation Drill: Kevin Kim

Most Improved: Tyler Fratus

Coaches Award: John Krenek

Most Proficient Exhibition Drill: Ian Walter

Most Proficient Regulation Drill: Aaron Bataalka

Wrestling

Best Win/Loss Record: Matthew Healy

Spartan Award: Andre Isaak-Sap

Most Improved: Imani Bowie

Coaches Award: Nicholas Gore

Biggest Heart Award: Andres Arrillaga

Track and Field

Most Valuable Player: David Venegas

Most Improved: Jake Jirsa

Coaches Award: Nicolo Pucciarelli, Timothy

Johnson

Practice Player of the Year: Parker England

Company Competition

Best Intramurals: Alpha Company

Best Drill Award: Bravo Company

Best Athletics Award: Delta Company

Best Academics Award: Delta Company

Best Spirit Award: Band & Staff Company

Honor Company Award: C Company

Scholar Athlete: Nicolo Pucciarelli

Athlete of the Year: Imani Bowie

2019 Salutatorian: Jackson Lewis

2019 Valedictorian: Nicolo Pucciarelli

James F. Risher Award: Nicolo Pucciarelli

2019 Seniors Future Plans

Michael Angelo Arrindell – Wingate University
 Joseph Daniel Barriere – Paul Smith’s College
 Aaron Caleb Bataka – The Citadel
 Imani Tyrese Bowie – The Citadel
 John Steiner Branch, Jr. – Augusta University
 Patrick Kenneth Brooks – New Mexico Military Institute
 Kolton Trey Buxton – Undecided
 Robert Henry Cianchetti – Marine Corps
 Nicholas Hopkins Coates – Georgia State University
 Luke Andrew Collins – Georgia Military College
 Arthur Hallam Cottingham – ETSU East Tennessee State University
 Jonathan Dwayne Cyrus – The Citadel
 Mathieu Minh Sheng Deprat – Singapore Military Army
 Leo Ernesto-Bachir Eckhardt – The Citadel (2020)
 James Noah Edwards – Coastal Carolina University
 Grant James Finnie – Wingate University
 Alexander Ray Harbaugh – United States Army
 Jacob Lee Hebbard – The Union – Augusta, Georgia
 Ethan Amado Hobert – Black Hills State University – Rapid City
 James Million Hyder- East Tennessee State University
 Carson James Jarvis – Georgia Southern-Armstrong Campus
 Stacy Eugene Jeffcoat – Florence-Darlington Tech
 Grant Keeton Johnson - University of North Georgia
 Noah Edward Johnson – CDA Technical Institute
 Aubrey Earl Kendrick, IV – Coast Guard
 Carson William Klaas – Georgia Southern University
 Jon Cooper Krenek – Marion Military Institute
 Jonathan Andre Le – University of Minnesota
 Jonathan Niles Leach – Air Force Academy
 Jackson Murley Lewis – The Ohio State University
 Jacob Joshua Macker - Marion Military Institute
 Theodore Kent Martin – Marion Military Institute
 James Andrew Meade – University of Memphis
 Parker Christian Miethbauer – Francis Marion University
 Remington Dean Michelle – United States Navy
 Brendan Nicholas Morgan – United States Navy
 William David Murphy – Marion Military Institute
 Arlington Alexander Musgrove – Francis Marion University
 Petar Obrenovic – Palm Beach State
 Daniel Elliott O’Connor – The Citadel
 James Stewart Oribhabor – Francis Marion University
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At the end of EVERY school year, Graduation weekend includes a Friday night Baccalaureate Service in the Cline Chapel. Saturday’s activities always include the Awards Presentation at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel; Dance and Sword Walk Saturday evening at 7:30; and the final parade on Sunday morning at 9:30 followed by the commencement in the White Field House. All cadets must attend all activities.

2019 Awards Presentation

CMA had numerous awards presented for achievements in academics, band, military, and athletics. Some of them were given during the school year, however, below are pictured some of the many recipients that were given Saturday, May 18.

L-R - David Fuller presents the American Legion Gold Award to Justin Wilson and William Murphy. Ron Stroud presents Gregory Volcy the Order of the Purple Heart. In the 2nd row, LTC Lawing presents Jonathan Leach the John



Phillip Sousa Award; Will Rice and Nicolo Pucciarelli with the Scholar Athlete, and Imani Bowie receiving the Athlete of the Year Award. 3rd Row - SFC Ray



Brown with Patrick Brooks with the Senior Blackjacks Award and Christian Per-



pignand receiving Most Improved Drill Exhibition and Charlie Co. Capt. Grant Finnie marching after receiving the Honor Company Award. Below the Sword Drill Team marches in before the first Senior is honored for the Sword Walk.

This year, the drill team made an excellent performance before lifting their swords in honor of all the seniors. Participants included cadets William Adams, JanCarlo Antonnmattei, Edgar Couture, Cameron Daniels, Maxwell Green, Aiden Haase, Andrei Isaak-Sap, Chaitanya Jagarlamudi, Collin Kaehler, Dominic Lombardo, Seth Long, Robert Luebken, Kyler McCaskill, Brayden Parrish, Ethan Robison, Gregory Thornton, Thomas Trent, and Gregory Volcy. Bravo Company TAC, HMI Long said that the team learned their drill in 14 days, 2 hours per day.



The members of senior Imani Bowie’s family walk through the swords lined up in their honor. It is with great pride that he has chosen The Citadel to continue to further his education.



THE EXCALIBUR SOCIETY 2019

The 32nd annual meeting and dinner of the Society of Excalibur was held on Friday, March 1st at Springdale Hall Club in Camden. It is a celebration of accomplishments by our society, by our school, and by the young men we serve.

The Society of Excalibur event is a special time each year for us. It is reserved for our most dedicated donors. It is through our fellowship together that we renew our commitment to Camden Military Academy. Our mission is to help young men by preparing them for college and adult life.

It is composed of the group that has demonstrated with their donations that they care deeply for Camden Military Academy. They have supported the academy for special projects around the campus, as well as for tuition assistance for many families who would not be able to send their sons or grandsons to Camden...a growing need that requires growth of generosity.

Our cadets greet the guests at the door and the valet cadets park their cars, as they enter for all of the amenities of the evening...from the name tags, "Oscar Night" pictures of all the guests, and entertainment by the drum and fife corps and members of the CMA jazz band.

After the five course meal and entertainment, Colonel Eric

Boland, headmaster, introduced the Battalion Commander, LTC Rodrigo Villalobos, who spoke about his Camden Experience at CMA. Cadet Villalobos followed in the footsteps of his brother, Santiago, who graduated as the battalion commander in 2016.

After his remarks, the guests gave him a standing ovation as he left the podium and shook hands of the guests who were in his path.

Colonel Boland then announced that we had another great year for CMA with its membership in the Excalibur Society. "We have 8 new members, who have donated a minimum of \$1,000 in the fiscal school year. We also have 6 new Knight Members who have given a total of \$10,000 or more through their lifetime membership; and we have 1 new Bronze Knight with a lifetime gift of \$25,000 or more," he said. Awards were then given out to the new members who were in attendance by Cam Walters, chairman of the Board of Trustees. Colonel Boland also announced that one of our new Knights has pledged to match \$10,000 for anyone who donates that amount for the new bus project. (Please note that CMA received more new member donations during February, who will be invited to next year's dinner.)

New Excalibur Knight Members



Shown above are the New Knights who have a lifetime giving of at least \$10,000. (L-R) Dr. Don and Joy Chamberlain of Salem, SC, grandson is Chris (CMA'15); Craig and Lisa Edmonston of Bakersfield, CA, son is Alex (CMA'11); Bob Ingram (CMS'50) of Greensboro, NC; Mindy and Ron Player of Camden, SC, son is Davis Outlaw (CMA'11); and Kirk Turner and Tonya Woods of Mooresville, NC, son is Matthew Colvin, a rising senior of the class of 2020.



New Excalibur Members

Shown above are the New Members of the Society who have donated \$1,000 during the fiscal year. From L-R are representatives of Cogsdill Tool Company in Lugoff, SC. They are Kate and Nate Cannon of Blythewood, SC; Brandi and Karl Kakadelis (CMA'03); Capt. Gerry Gudgel, faculty member and lacrosse coach; and Lisa MacKenzie, parent of Ian Walter in Delta Co. In order to join and receive the yearly invitation, the donation of \$1,000 must continue until the Knight status is met.

Battalion Commander Cadet LTC Rodrigo Villalobos Addresses the Excalibur Society Members

Good evening, my name is Rodrigo Villalobos and I am the Battalion Commander for the school year of 2018-2019. I first want to express my gratitude to the Society of the Excalibur and their contributions. The Society of Excalibur has impacted my life at Camden Military Academy ever since my first year. Before Camden my life was not heading in the right direction, my grades were not something to be proud of, and my friends were not going to lead me into a successful future. I believe that my biggest problem was the lack of a father figure in my life. I lived with my mother and my stepfather, and they are so nice that I don't deserve them. I realized at a young age that my mom was too overprotective of me, and I took advantage of that. My mom could not say no to me because she loved me too much. My real father was yelling at me over the phone almost every day, telling me that if I didn't wake up, my decisions would choose for me what I would become: homeless. My father would tell me how good my brother was doing at CMA and that he would be the battalion commander next year and that I should go as well. My father did not force me to come to Camden. He told me that if I truly cared about my life, I would make the decision myself. Choosing to come to Camden Military was the boldest choice I have made so far in my life and by far the smartest, because so far, I am not homeless.

When I chose to come to Camden my father told me that this would be my last chance. If I got bad grades or got in trouble, he would withdraw me from the school and then I would truly become homeless. I still remember my first day like it was yesterday. When I first walked into my barracks, there was my Tactical Officer, First Sergeant Collins. A very serious 60 year old man, but the scariest person I will ever meet. He quickly showed me his intimidating presence with his loud voice and giant arms. I quickly learned that I should do what I am told, and to always think before I speak.

I lived in the old barracks that was replaced two years ago, and it certainly wasn't the model building to look at on campus, but living in there had its charms. To this day, I do not regret living in that building, because I have so many precious memories of lasting friendships and unforgettable times. That year was the most fun year that I have ever had at Camden. We did so many things together as a company, such as playing flag football, the Spartan Challenge at the beginning of the year, the tug-of-war tournament after the Cadet Challenge and so forth. Admittedly, what made it so fun was that I didn't have to be in charge of it. Leadership does have its own rewards, but it mostly has its responsibilities. My leadership responsibilities started my second year at Camden as a Platoon Sergeant.

I went from being a scared ninth grader to achieving the highest rank possible in the tenth grade. First Sergeant Collins put his money on me to become the Battalion Commander since the beginning, and I am very happy that he did. My second year is the year that I worked the hardest. Being a Sergeant First Class is not the most fun job in the world. Roaming the hallways of the barracks, yelling at kids older and younger than me, and forcing them to clean their rooms to the standard were some of the responsibilities. I am glad that I had First Sergeant Collins to mentor me along the way, because without him, I would have been lost. Being a Platoon Sergeant gave me the maturity that I so desperately needed. The more First Sergeant Collins taught me about being a leader, the wiser I became. He became the father figure that I needed. First Sergeant Collins taught me how to shave, to say "yes, sir" or "yes, ma'am," to look at people in the eyes when they are talking to me, to respect others, and most importantly, how to be a gentleman. I grew up at Camden and First Sergeant Collins taught me what it means to be a man. He was there every step of the way, and every time that I needed him to be.

In the middle of my second year, moving day came. Everyone was happy until they noticed that we were the ones

moving our stuff. After we moved to the new building, there was a rumor that bricks from the old barracks were being sold for one hundred dollars to alumni. During free time, kids would see if they could find a whole brick, but no one ever got that lucky. So if anyone wants to buy broken bricks, just come see me at the parking lot.

Jokes aside, I was again awarded the highest possible rank an eleventh grader can achieve, First Lieutenant.

Usually a junior is not supposed to be an officer, but he made the exception for me because he believed that I deserved it. When I first arrived on campus from summer vacation, First Sergeant Collins sat me down and told me that he was going to help me as much as he could in order for me to become the Battalion Commander. Ever since then, almost everybody knew who I was. Random cadets would walk up to me and act like we were best friends. I didn't just get attention from the cadets; the Tac Officers and teachers had their eyes on me too. I felt eyes on me from every corner of the campus, watching me and waiting to see what I would become. I did many things that year, such as leading the Veterans' Day parade, where I sat on the stage next to the Mayor of Camden. What people mostly remember from that year about me is that the Commandant caught me sleeping in class. I never heard the end of it from my friends, and I heard it mostly from First Sergeant Collins.

Now that I have reached the culmination of my high school career, I look back at everything that I have done with nostalgia, hoping that those times will last a little longer. First Sergeant Collins' funny sayings, Coach Thomley's arrest stories and Lieutenant Colonel Heflin's speeches about how we should treasure the past and hope for a brighter future come to mind. All those things and more have given me the best foundation possible for me to start building my life, and that is something that I will carry with me no matter where I go. I would like to give special thanks to Captain Paramore, Lieutenant Colonel Heflin, First Sergeant Collins, First Sergeant Jackson, Coach Thomley and a special shout out to Casey Robinson for helping me get into Clemson even though he hates Clemson, and to Captain Wang for being such a math wizard. Thanks to Camden Military Academy and the Excalibur Society, I will always have a second home.

Shown below is the CMA band director, CWO2 Robert Slade preparing the jazz band to perform. They entertain the guests as they finish their dinner and before the battalion commander speaks to the members of the Excalibur Society.



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THE ANNUAL FUND CLUBS have been established to encourage support of Camden Military Academy and to acknowledge the gifts of the many alumni, parents, friends, and foundations who have contributed to the Academy within the past year. Gifts to the Annual Fund help to support Camden's financial aid program, scholarships, athletics programs, and other activities for cadets.

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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.

Online donations are now available on the camdenmilitary.com website under the alumni link, annual fund. Please check it out! You can designate to any project or for a memorial gift to CMA.

(Shown below) Receiving awards from the DAR (L-R) are cadets Landon Stillitano, Rodrigo Villalobos, Parker Miethbauer, and Aiden Haase.

Please note that all donations listed are for the period from June 1, 2018-May 31, 2019. 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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The Drum and Fife also performs at Excalibur, as well as other off campus places around Kershaw County and other historic events throughout S.C.



In Memoriam

In Memory of Cadet Wayne K. Blackburn

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Colonel Eric Boland, headmaster, is presenting diplomas to (top left) Christian Perpignand and (bottom left) James Andrew Meade. Above are pictured graduates of the Class of 2019 James Oribhabor and Arlington Musgrove showing off their hard earned diplomas.

GOLD STARS FOR 2018-2019

The tradition continues from the days of Carlisle Military School as cadets receive Gold Stars for first semester that ended in January and for those who had them for two semesters, the names below are marked with asterisks. These cadets had (90) or above Semester grades, averaged academic classes only excluding AJROTC and no grade below 3.0 (80/B) and no rounding. They must have 4.0 semester GPA or higher.

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HIGHEST GRADE AVERAGES FOR 2018-2019



Top Left are LTC John Heflin with Nicolò Pucciarelli, valedictorian, and on the right Jackson Lewis, salutatorian.



Top Left is Nicolò Pucciarelli, 12th grade high average, and the 11th grade award goes to Nicholas Gore.



Top Left is Robert Luebken and (rt) is Matthew Weaver. Both cadets tied for the highest average for the 10th grade. On the left are cadets Caleb Deak, 7th grade highest average; Patrick Stanley had the highest average for the 8th grade. Another tie, but for the 9th grade highest average are Roman Horn (third picture) and Domenic Mancuso right.



National Flight Academy moving to Kershaw County

Shown below is Class 42B at parade rest in front of the Southern Aviation School's administration building at Woodward Field during World War II. For the first time since 1944, what is now known as the Kershaw County Airport will see the return of cadets -- this time trained by the Civil Air Patrol -- to its skies this summer. (Photo provided)

The National Flight Academy, a training event designed to teach Civil Air Patrol (CAP) cadets about powered flight, will be held outside Camden at the Kershaw County Airport for the 2019 Summer session.

According to a CAP press release, while the event has been held in Blackstone, Va., for the past 21 years, this will be a new experience for the Kershaw County Airport and Camden Military Academy (CMA), which will provide housing, meals, and classroom accommodations for participants. The close proximity of the airport to CMA means CAP cadets will experience lodging, dining, and flight training within walking distance.

Twenty-four CAP cadets ages 16 to 21 are being selected from among hundreds of applicants nationwide to receive a full week of initial flight and ground instruction from qualified CAP instructors using CAP Cessna 172 aircraft. Cadets will fly early in the day, receive ground training during the heat of the day and fly again after an early dinner.

CMA Director of Admissions Casey Robinson said the 24 cadets will be on campus June 29 through July 7.

"It is truly an honor to host the CAP's National Flight School, especially given CMA's shared history with the Southern Aviation School," Robinson said. The exposure for Camden and Camden Military Academy is incredible given the number of applicants to this program each year."

The training of cadets through CAP's National Flight Academy will return the airfield to its historic roots as a primary flight training airfield. Woodward Field, as the airport is also known, was used from 1941 to 1944 for training of the 64th Flying Training Detachment in Fairchild PT-19s, PT-17 Stearmans and P-40 Warhawks. After WWII ended, the land and barracks used by the aviation students became CMA. The academy, an all-male 7th through 12th grade academy, is also the home to the South Carolina Wing's Camden Military Academy Cadet Squadron.

CMA Headmaster Col. Eric Boland said the school is "very excited" to host the national event.

"Being chosen to host the cadets was a natural fit given our close proximity to Woodward Field. We are looking forward to working with the CAP to make this the most successful CAP flight school ever," Boland said.

S.C. Wing Commander Col. Lee Safley echoed that sentiment.

"The crisis of WWII was met with grit and determination by pilots training at Camden's Woodward Field. A different homeland challenge exists now with a profound shortage of pilots for our Air Forces and for civilian aviation," Safley said. "I am excited that Kershaw County Airport and Camden Military Academy are working with the Civil Air Patrol to help many young cadets prepare for aviation careers in the military and civilian sectors here in South Carolina."

CAP Lt. Col. Mark Bailey, who serves as director of operations for CAP's South Carolina Wing, has been closely involved with this training event for the past 21 years, and will serve as director of the event. He and his support staff are looking forward to the great facilities provided in Camden between the airport and CMA.

"National Flight Academy is one of the avenues CAP is using in response to the present and impending world-wide pilot shortage," Bailey said. "Students graduating from the program will have the opportunity to train for a private pilot certificate at CAP cost under the new Cadet Wings program, thereby jump-starting an aviation career. In many ways, this is like a reincarnation of the former Civilian Pilot Training Program pre-dating WWII."

About CAP

Civil Air Patrol, the longtime all-volunteer U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is the newest member of the Air Force's Total Force. In this role, CAP operates a fleet of 560 aircraft, performs about 90 percent of continental U.S. in-land search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, which credits CAP with saving an average of 80 lives annually. CAP's 60,000 members also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. In addition, CAP plays a leading role in aerospace/STEM education, and its members serve as mentors to over 25,000 young people participating in CAP's Cadet Programs. Visit www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com for more information.

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The James F. Risher Award



Cadet Nicolò Pucciarelli was called to the stage for the third time at the beginning of the diploma presentations to receive the COL James F. Risher Award that is voted upon by the corps of cadets and the faculty and staff for being the best all around cadet. LTC Brad Lawing, commandant, is shown above with the presentation.

The Military Appointments

Nicolo Pucciarelli, Lakeland, Tennessee

"I have been very fortunate to be offered appointments to both the United States Military Academy at West Point and the United States Merchant Marine Academy. The application process was long and thorough, but it has been worth it. I am in the best shape of my life, and I am prepared to begin a career in the Armed Forces. I would like to thank the people who have helped me along the way, because without them, I would not be where I am today. Firstly and most importantly, I would like to send my appreciation to my family for their love and support since I first made the decision to pursue admission to the academies. I would like to thank all of the teachers who have provided me with recommendations and evaluations, which includes Lieutenant Colonel Lawing, Colonel Jordan, Lieutenant Colonel Melberg, Captain Paramore, Captain Thomley, Captain Wang, Captain Marshall, Captain Gudgel, Captain Grogan, and Captain Torres. I would also like to give thanks to Lieutenant Colonel Heflin and Crystal Knight for handling my transcripts and professional paperwork. I am very grateful to have the opportunity to attend one of these great institutions, and I plan to make the best of it. I have already accepted my appointment to West Point, and I will report to New York in early July for Cadet Basic Training. I plan to major in history and minor in pre-law studies at West Point, and I would like to branch military police when I graduate. This blessing that I have received is a great honor. GO ARMY, BEAT NAVY!"



Niles Leach, Tonasket, Washington

"For as long as I can remember, I knew I wanted to fly, and for the past three years, it has been my dream to be accepted to the Air Force Academy. Through God's grace and the monumental support I have received from my family and teachers, I have been accepted. The countless hours I spent were all completely worth it, as I can now finally see where my future is leading. I am going to do fantastic things, and it never could have happened without some amazing people in my life. First and foremost, I would like to thank my mother and father. Throughout the years, I know I have been ungrateful and sometimes a bit rude, but without their love, support, and commitment to making sure I finished what needed to be done, this could never have happened. Secondly, I need to thank all of the teachers that helped me whenever I asked. Chief Slade, Captain Wang, Chaplain Hunter, Lieutenant Colonel Simonson, Captain Marshall, Captain Paramore, First Sergeant Irvin, Sergeant Major Green and of course, Lieutenant Colonel Heflin have always been supportive and willing to aid me in any paperwork or letter of recommendation I needed for the Academy, as well as Crystal Knight for all the transcripts I am sure she had to send. I am beyond excited and absolutely ready for this next chapter in my life. My first day begins at the end of June, and my goals before that day are to keep myself in shape and out of trouble. While in school at the best of the military academies, I plan to study aeronautical engineering, but truly focus on learning how to fly. After graduating, I will become a pilot, and I cannot wait for that day. I am incredibly lucky to have this experience, and I truly thank God for putting this opportunity in my life."



Leo Ernesto-Bashir Eckhardt 8th-12th



"My favorite moment from Camden Military Academy is not a moment at all. It is the time I have spent in Bravo company. It's been growing up there, it's been waking up with the 3:45 a.m. weightlifting crew to dance to Katy Perry music and lift with them. It's been training with Cadet McGlone for Special Operations, and laughing until I have a stomach cramp with Cadets Larsen, Wagner, Sagesse, Rush, and Bachman. It's been hearing Wicker yell, "yo, lemme

get some gummy worms!" It's also hearing Command Sergeant Major Irtenkauf go on a rant about his "stankin" Executive Officer. It's been watching Cadet Figlow part a banana with his sword, and living in rooms with Cadets Grossman and Cyrus. My favorite moment at Camden has been being here. I love this school, all the opportunities it has afforded me, and the brothers I've found here. There is no place I would rather grow up. This place wouldn't be what it is without people like Casey Robinson, Marshall Sheorn, Lieutenant Colonel Heflin, Lieutenant Colonel Armstrong, Colonel Boland, Staff Sergeant Smith, Staff Sergeant Clinite, First Sergeant Jackson, Petty Officer Second Class Long, Captain Tidwell, or Captain Kerney. So to them, I give eternal thanks."

Christian Isaiah Perpignand 9th-12th "The most memorable moment I have had at Camden Military Academy has been the I.H.S.A.A championship. That really meant a lot to me, because we had not won a title in a long time. My teammates and I wanted to prove to the people who doubted us wrong, and we did just that. Another memorable moment I have is having been a part of the Blackjack Drill Team. I loved going to the drill meets, the National Convention, hanging out with my friends on the team, and cracking jokes with Command Sergeant Major Terrell and Sergeant First Class Brown. Thank you for all the great memories, Camden Military Academy!" (See picture on page 11.)

The Camden Experience is seen in various ways throughout these pages of this newsletter. Some by this year's graduates and some of those from the past.

Price Osteen (Class of 1981)

Without a doubt, Camden Military Academy has played a vital role in my life. My dad died when I was five, and my beautician mom had limited resources to save for my college tuition. Knowing that my high school years would be very important for my college options and given my desire to attend a service academy, we decided CMA may be a "good" choice. A "good" choice is a vast understatement! My Camden experience provided for life lasting effects. Not only was I afforded opportunities for followership, leadership, sports participation, character development, and mentoring from a dedicated faculty and staff; but I also met my future wife, Mary Risher! CMA allowed me to realize my goal of having multiple opportunities for college, ultimately choosing to attend the US Air Force Academy. Thirty years later, our son chose to attend CMA. After all of these years, the Camden experience provided the same principled opportunities for our son, as it did for me. Likewise, our son had multiple opportunities to pursue his dream of becoming an attorney in the music and entertainment industry. He now attends Belmont University College of Law, having graduated from Wofford College on a valorem ROTC scholarship. It is apparent to me that: CMA's core values; the dedicated faculty and staff; and the opportunities for growth, are more important for today's young men than they have ever been. As a current member of the Board of Trustees, it is a privilege to give back to the institution which has played, on so many levels, a vital role in my life.



James Bakker (Class of 2001)

I came to Camden in February of 1999 after getting into trouble at home. I needed a change in my life, and CMA offered that. My first year was a big adjustment, but I started to make friends and started to play soccer again. By my second year, my grades started to vastly improve and my fitness had also improved dramatically. My senior year, I became the executive officer of Alpha company and that year I learned a lot about leadership and influencing my peers. That experience helped me mature and prepare myself for college. The experience I had at Camden was very different from my friends in normal schools, but I noticed that their friendships were not as close as the ones that I had at Camden. To this day, I am still friends with people from 17 years ago. One of my fondest memories is playing soccer my senior year. We had a great season and the times we spent on the bus traveling to away games were good times. They helped the team bond and play hard. Overall, Camden was a great experience and I learned a lot about people and leadership.



Collins Gundling (Class of 2010)

Camden Military was the foundation of my development as a man. Looking back on my experience, I couldn't be more thankful and proud to be a part of this institution. Camden Military offered an educational experience that was disciplined and competitive. The relationships I encountered there with fellow cadets were productive relationships, most of which I will cherish forever. Military and academic leadership was very much available to offer guidance and advice. Lieutenant Colonel John Heflin played a large part in my motivation to develop myself. With his help, I was able to make the next level of my education a reality. Sergeant Major Melvin Brooks was my Tac Officer from Alpha Company, by far one of the most distinguished and knowledgeable advisors I have ever known. He was my father away from home.



Austin Marvin (Class of 2011)

I'll start this off by stating that this is a completely honest testament of the impact that Camden Military Academy has had on my life. If I had not gone to Camden, I have absolutely no idea what I would be doing in life; I truly believe I would be at a substantial disadvantage for the rest of my life. For that I am eternally grateful. Prior to Camden, I attended a public high school in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. To be frank, prior to Camden I had very little work ethic, or motivation to excel in the class room. I had innate intelligence, but I did not find the desire to exert myself. When I got to Camden, and most importantly I wanted to make my parents proud of me; I wanted to show them that I meant business and I was serious about my success in school. This motivation came largely in part because of two faculty members at CMA, Lieutenant Colonel John Heflin, and Command Sergeant Major Brooks (my TAC officer in Alpha Company). In my last two years of high school at Camden, I maintained a 3.8 GPA (out of 4.0; old-school I know). However, I graduated in the top 10 percent of my class and continued on to get my bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Florida State University. The high school years are fundamentally the most crucial years of pre-adulthood. Through the skills I learned through my mentors and peers at Camden, I cannot stress how influential those personal connections can be. Camden is a community that exists for the sole purpose of creating success in the students that attend this school. I opine that this school is a huge catalyst for my success today. Currently, I am finishing up my first year of law school at Stetson Law, in St. Petersburg, FL. I am going to be working for a prestigious Class Action and Personal Injury law firm in Tampa this summer as a legal clerk; making enough money this summer to pay half of my student debt. I am forever grateful to be fortunate enough to attend Camden Military Academy. It has made the largest, unexplainable, and profound impact on my life.



Joshua Peed (Class of 2011)

My Camden experience truly changed the course of my life and blessed me with some of the greatest friends and memories that one can have. While often hilarious, Command Sergeant Major Irtenkauf's life lessons still stay with me to this day. If it were not for the support of John Heflin, I would never have made it to college and would currently be doing God knows what. When I had arrived at CMA, my grades were dismal, my motivation was lacking, and my future was dim. Nobody could believe it when I returned back to Camden after my first year at the Citadel to share the news of my 4.0 GPA with my former instructors and TACs. Punitive night marches with Bravo Company in the freezing cold, long, entertaining bus trips across the state, and barracks shenanigans all helped to create a better man out of me, and for that I am eternally grateful.



Bach Davis (Class of 2015)

My journey which led me to Camden Military Academy is not something that I am proud of. I was on the verge of dropping out of high school, and I had no aspirations for my future. When I first arrived at CMA in January of 2014, I remember Headmaster Colonel Boland asking me what I wished to change about myself, which I could not answer. During my two years at CMA, I discovered a brotherhood that is not comparable to anywhere else. Through all of my struggles and hardships, I was always able to overcome them with the support of my classmates. I wasn't happy with myself before I went to Camden, but I arrived there with the incentive to change myself and leave with higher ambitions for my future. The lessons I learned at CMA were self-discipline, time management and leadership. It is now four years later, and I am a senior at The Citadel, majoring in Business Administration and Management. Upon graduation, I will be commissioning into the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant and beginning my business career as a logistics supervisor. I owe it to the consistent encouragements from my TAC officers and Lieutenant Colonel John Heflin, along with my parents for their guidance which brought me to Camden Military Academy, and the memories with my classmates that I will cherish forever.



3 DECADES AND COUNTING

Camden Military Academy started its 1st year in the fall of 1958 and the 60th class to graduate was this year's class. A celebration with some alumni that were nearby and members of as many faculty, staff, and family members gathered together for a parade on April 28 and a catered dinner at the local American Legion Post 17 followed.

It was an informal setting with music and a video was playing during the dinner of past events throughout the CMA history. With John Heflin, Dean of Students and History Teacher, at the helm of the planning, T-shirts were available in long and short sleeves.

At the end of the dinner, Colonel Risher spoke briefly to the alumni, faculty, and friends in attendance about CMA's early years and how he and Deane had so many things to take care of to start the school on September 8, 1958.

From the "Carlisle & Camden - A Centennial History" book it states the following:

"Preparing the campus was a different matter. It absorbed all of the spare time and energy that everyone working that summer could give it. Lanning remembers crawling out from underneath the barracks, where he had been repairing the plumbing, to meet parents and enroll a student, and then crawling back underneath the barracks again. Replacing the burnt-out dining hall and kitchen was the major project and the one that kept the Rishers awake at night wondering if the work would be finished in time. They had chosen the middle of the three empty barracks on the south side of the campus to become the new dining facility. The building had not been used since the Southern Aviation days, and under the



pressure of time, the remodeling job took on the aspect of a nightmare. The rest of the campus, after a year of disuse and several years of deferred maintenance, needed more work than the staff that summer could possibly give it, but they did their best. The parade field was grown up in broomstraw, the buildings were dotted with broken windows, and inside, dirt and mildew had accumulated everywhere. Zellie, with help from anyone available—including Deane's two brothers, who on one occasion came up from the farm to haul away a truckload of debris—worked steadily through the summer to get the facility ready for fall."



Showing left - right are Robert Lucas, '88, Celia Boland, Jonathan Morningstar, '87, Justin Campbell, '89, and Will Rice '89 reminiscing about the good old days...30 years ago.



Shown right are more recent graduates (left - right) Alejandro Lescano, '18, Mauj Montenegro '88, Brooks Alexander, '18, Christoff Verderber '18, Camilo Nunez '18, Bailey Ezell '17, Nathaniel Hanlon '16, and Welfare Wang '13 and faculty member.

60 Years

"I was a young teacher at Carlisle Military School in Bamberg, SC, when the old Camden Academy closed in June of 1957. Within a year of that closing, the city leaders of Camden had persuaded my father, who owned and operated Carlisle, to buy the Camden Academy property and reopen an extension of Carlisle in Camden. He sent me and my wife, Deane, up here to accomplish that mission. The buildings were in extensive disrepair; there was no Dining Hall, for it had burned; the weeds had not been cut in months; and, in general, the physical plant was in very bad condition. And we had only three months to get things ready for school to open in September of 1958. This presented quite a challenge, but as young twenty-six-year-olds, Deane and I welcomed the challenge with great enthusiasm. We had three great advantages. First, we did not have to worry about getting students. Carlisle turned away literally hundreds of students each year, many of whom were happy to come to Camden in spite of the lack of adequate facilities here. Secondly, we brought to Camden all the rules, regulations, schedules and operational procedures from Carlisle which had been proven effective over many years.



Camden literally became a "Carlisle" in Camden. Thirdly, we had the welcoming support of a grateful Camden community who very much wanted a school reopened in Camden. We opened in September with ninety-five students and seven faculty members. From that early beginning the Academy grew rapidly. I recall that the first year, May of 1959, we graduated nine seniors, and then in May of 1961, only two years later, we had sixty-one graduates. The Academy continued to grow and improve, and by 1970, I had come to own Camden, and my brother, William, owned Carlisle. In 1973 I was able to make the Academy non-profit. Camden Military Academy was well on its way and continued to improve through the years. I retired in 1995, and William Orris served as Headmaster until 2003. Then, Eric Boland, who had joined the faculty as teacher and coach in 1982, became Headmaster. Under his capable and wise leadership, the Academy has continued to grow and prosper, becoming the outstanding School it is today. None of this could have happened without the help of capable and dedicated faculty and staff over the years and the blessing and guidance of our Almighty God and Father."

-Colonel Lanning Risher (Headmaster Emeritus)



MEMORIES FROM THE EARLY DAYS OF CMA

The truth is that when we came to Camden to prepare a place to open Camden Military Academy, I had no idea of what this would look like. We had two little girls, one two years old and one nine months old. We moved into an apartment on Campus in the present Henry House and lived there for eight years. In 1965, with a family then of five girls, we built our house next to the Campus, and that became our home. My two brothers came up and stayed several days to help us "clean out" some of the buildings. I remember it took a whole week to clear the Dining Hall, which was formerly used as a barracks when the Flight School, which preceded Camden Academy, was operating here. We received a lot of support from Carlisle in Bamberg, SC. Mrs. Carrie T. Rice, the librarian, came up and helped us set-up a beginning library. Mrs. Emma Jane Risher, my mother-in-law, and the dietician at Carlisle, schooled me on all aspects of running a Dining Hall, from menu suggestions to guides in buying the food items. I supervised the operation of the Dining Hall for a number of those first years, assisted by some excellent helpers. The Campus was in very bad shape; the only plantings we had were the crape myrtles, many of which are now over 80 years old and are still adding beauty to our Campus. I became very interested in improving the landscape, planting the magnolias along the driveway into the Campus the first year. Mrs. Emma Jane Risher sent us 50 dogwood seedlings. One of the local plant nurseries gave us a number of junipers, which still survive at the ends of some of the buildings. In addition, we planted many pine tree seedlings, some of which still grace

the front of the Campus along Highway One. We continued to add plants through the years. In fact, my interest in the beauty of plants on Campus continues to this day, as I still add plants from time to time. My interests were not only in the food and Campus landscaping, but also in student life. As time went by, I became responsible for the operation of the original "School Canteen," and later I helped with the planning and operation of the Student Activities Building, the Carlisle House, built in 1980 and named to honor our roots in Carlisle, which closed in 1977. Early on, several faculty wives and I organized the Fine Arts Club. Our goal was to enrich the educational experience of the cadets by providing monthly meetings with speakers from the Camden Community on a wide range of interesting subjects. We also planned field trips to historical sites, plays, and art shows. Of course, the lemonade and homemade cookies we provided at the meetings was a big draw. Later on, several faculty wives and I learned about the "Quest" program, a "Skills for Living" course developed for 7th and 8th graders. After attending the training, we offered the sessions several days a week to that age group. We learned a lot in the process, and we also got to know a number of cadets much better, always hoping our efforts would prove helpful to the students. Over the years, we gradually upgraded each building, and we were able to completely renovate the Old Classroom Building after a damaging fire in the summer of 1983. I worked with the plans and interior designs of the faculty apartments in the Henry House, McCorkle Infirmary, and the three new faculty homes. It has been a source of great satisfaction to me to have had a part in building the Academy. Some of our graduates are now 78 years old, and we continue to enjoy our contacts with them.

Deane Risher

"I have lived on campus at Camden Military Academy for thirty-six years. My husband taught, coached, and was Athletic Director at CMA. He even finished out the year as a TAC officer on two separate occasions before he became Headmaster sixteen years ago.

Our son Matt was born here, lived here, played here, graduated from here and his funeral service was held here on January 4, 2017. The outpouring of faith, love, comfort, support, and kindness shown to us by the Camden Military family gave me and my husband the strength to continue on with our daily lives. Everyone at Camden Military Academy has those special people that helped them through troubled times, and they became better people because of the CMA family.

Our son was academically talented but motivationally challenged. Camden Military Academy was the perfect place for him to attend school. Over Thanksgiving of 1998, we gave him the ultimatum. Second semester of 8th grade Matt enrolled at Camden Military Academy assigned to Charlie Company. My husband and I are both educators, and we knew that Matt would never have graduated from high school had it not been for the many people that loved and supported him all the way to his graduation in 2003.

As in my son's case, it is the relationships cadets have with teachers, TACs, coaches and adults on campus that make them successful in life. For four decades of attending reunions, former cadets always reminisce about relationships they developed with each other and with the adult mentors on campus. Rarely do former cadets talk about the Pythagorean theorem, geometry proofs, balancing chemical equations, who were the Admirals that won the Battle of Midway or how

to correct a subordinate clause. But they talk instead about their friendships, conversations, relationships and the positive influence the adults on campus had on their successes in life.

I believe there are no coincidences in life. God places people together for a reason and a specific purpose. God places cadets in the hands of certain mentors. It may be a certain scripture from a sermon in the Cline Chapel, fatherly advice from a TAC, motivation on the football field or simple encouragement from a teacher that ends up defining a young man's life. It really does not matter how many "friends" you have on Facebook, the number of "likes" on Instagram, how many times your tweet is retweeted or even how many "snaps" you post in a day. What really matters most are the life lessons learned by cadets at CMA. These lessons, time and time again, are invaluable throughout cadets' lives.

Camden Military Academy's facilities and grounds continue to improve year after year. The Academy is full with a waiting list. There are approximately one hundred people on the payroll. The academy continues to receive honors, awards and accolades locally, statewide, regionally and nationally. All of these are tremendous feats.

But most importantly, at a reunion sixty years from now, it will be the real relationships at Camden Military Academy mentioned that will still define and guide future cadets, as those in the past, through life."

Mrs. Celia Boland
Shown right are Mrs. Boland and Mrs. Maxine White, wife of former Asst. Headmaster, LTC Ray White.



"My first experience with CMA came when I was in the sixth grade in 1959, which was the first year that CMA was opened by the Risher family. I was the bat boy for the baseball team and it was a cool job, because I got to take all of the broken wooden bats home. I would tape them and hit balls, pine cones, and rocks. My favorite broken bat had a picture of Gil Hodges when he was a Brooklyn Dodger. My father, Bill Beckham, began working at CMA when it opened, and so even though I was never a cadet, although threatened quite often, my memories are mostly from the outside and cover several decades. They are a rather hodge-podge collection. In the first years, CMA did not have a football team but Colonel Risher would take me to see the brother school, Carlisle Military School, play. When the academy developed its athletic program it was always fun to watch the spirited rivalry between Carlisle and Camden. I can remember attending CMA basketball games at the Midway High gym and football games at Zemp Stadium before the football field and gym were built. I worked at the school on several occasions and one of those jobs was working with Coach Clifton Price on building the field. Several coaches such as Terry Dukes, Harold Bullard, and Henry Team were always helpful and encouraging. Jim Dallas, Joe Parsons, and Zellie Williams were top notch people who worked at the school. Zellie was the head maintenance man, and what I learned from him concerning carpentry and building construction still remains with me today. "Measure twice, cut once." Jim and Anne Dallas were as fine as people you could ever be associated. I can recall it was always nice



when the cadets left for the summer because we would have access to the pool. Another summer memory is that I would get to meet the foreign students who would stay the year round. During the early 1960s, there were big military mock war games in Kershaw County between the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions. The exercise was called Swift Strike and the Camden Airport became an important tactical objective. It was quite often one could witness an air strike or watch soldiers shoot at each other around the campus. When I was in high school we would scrimmage against the academy football and basketball teams. I knew several of the players and it was good competition. When I was in high school and even later, I would often umpire CMA's baseball games. Over the years, I have crossed paths with many of the former cadets. I always enjoy hearing their stories. Even though some of them may not have enjoyed all their time at a military school, they all believe that their experiences have helped them in life. CMA has always been a good neighbor and contributor to Camden. The Risher family have been solid citizens and the local business community has a deep appreciation for such a thriving business. When I was in Vietnam, Deane Risher would be so kind as to send me boxes of books. CMA is the best and most respected military school in the country due to its first class leadership and faculty. My family has been proud to have been associated with Camden Military Academy for most of its existence, and we wish the school continued success."

-Mr. Buster Beckham - Son of the late LTC Bill Beckham
(Also the father of our current assistant athletics director, coach, and faculty member, LTC Griff Beckham.)

"Camden Military Academy has been a part of my life for 31 years. Six years as a cadet and 25 years as a faculty member. I have been at CMA for more than half my life. The school was a life raft to a teenager that was unfocused and struggling academically. As a cadet, Camden provided discipline, structure, and accountability. My teachers: Major Dillinger, Major Gale, and LTC Watson challenged me academically. My Commandant, LTC Riley encouraged me to develop my leadership skills.

Camden Military shaped me into the man I am today. It is no exaggeration that without attending CMA my life would be extremely different. The friends that I had before Camden struggle with life. Their circumstances today give me a glimpse into what life may have been like if my grandparents did not have the foresight to send me to CMA.

After graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, there was only one place I wanted to work. I desired to be a teacher and a coach. I needed the opportunity to give back to the school that had made such a difference in my life. I looked forward to being the one that provided guidance to cadets in both the classroom and the athletic field. I could think of no better calling than to mold young men and make a difference in their lives. The two men that mentored me once I returned to Camden were LTC Schrader and Coach Boland. LTC Schrader provided instruction on how to be an effective teacher in the classroom. Coach Boland coached me when I played football and baseball. When he was my coach I learned to never quit

and always give 100%. When I came back to CMA Coach Boland took me under his wing and gave me his advice and wisdom on many fronts. His guidance regarding coaching, management of players and coaches, and professionalism has been the key to my success. But his direction in personal matters through the years has been the most valued advice I have ever received. Coach Boland's wise counsel has guided me through good times and bad. He was the best man at my wedding and was there to offer words of encouragement when my beloved grandmother, my mother, and my father passed away. In 2003 when Colonel Boland became Headmaster he promoted me to Athletic Director and Head Football Coach. I was both excited and apprehensive. Excited to start a new chapter at Camden. Apprehensive to try and fill Colonel Boland's shoes as A.D. and Football Coach. He built an outstanding athletic program and won many conference championships, including an undefeated season. However, I realized I could always count on his leadership and lean on his experience.

Camden Military Academy is my home. Camden took an unfocused, undisciplined boy, and turned him into a man. CMA provided the education and the tools to deal with life's many challenges. Camden offered me a chance to help young men become the best they can possibly be. I look forward to what the future holds for me and my career at CMA. Our academy is the finest military academy in the nation, and I am blessed to be a part of the long gray line."

LTC Will Rice
CMA'89



From the Excalibur 1988 yearbook, the James F. Risher Guard is shown with front cadet flagman, Chris Bishop, (L-R) Lamar Shaw, Jerry Sheally, Lee Shaw, Todd Corley, Will Rice, Rob Baker, Trevor Fuson, Mike Aaron, Chris Hendrick, Greg Baxter, Bob Whitmire, and Rusty Burgess.

Will Rice - 7th Grade 1985



LTC Kelly Schrader (May 2, 1949 - April 28, 2019)

"When I came to CMA in 1980, one of the duties of the OC was to turn off the street lights on the street in front of the Mess Hall. All 16 faculty members were on the OC roster; study hall was run by the cadet chain of command (no TAC officers!). Study hall was interesting in 1980, with all 7th and 8th graders and all cadets who had failed two or more subjects meeting in a classroom with 50 desks and a connected room from 7 to 10 P.M. The OC supervised, but fortunately this was changed the next year. Making the Honors List was a big deal in hot months, since the classrooms and barracks were not air conditioned. The library was cool! Beckham Hall (then called Colonial Hall) was air conditioned in 1981 or 1982, thanks to a cadet parent who was in the HVAC business. The New classroom building (then known as the old classroom building) burned down in the summer of 1983, and was air conditioned when it was replaced. The barracks were air conditioned a bit later, when we began AOC duty by the faculty. My first extra duty was to "follow LTC Dallas around", to learn about all the things for which he was responsible. It seemed that he did just about everything. He was technically the Commandant (at least that is what the sign on his door stated). LTC Dallas was accomplished at all that he did, from being the registrar to teaching French (LTC Ferjani is only our second French teacher). I used to help with records, working on one corner of LTC Dallas' desk. From there I learned most of what I needed to know as Academic Dean from 1986 to 2003. In 1980 senior cadet Lee Goza asked me to restart the Debate team. That first year we literally didn't know what we were doing, but we made strides. The team gave me a plaque of appreciation, which I still have as a treasure. In the next few years we won three Class A State Championships, and I had the pleasure of "coaching" a great group of young men. We had a streak of always winning at least one first place trophy in some event at

every tournament, sometimes winning all the trophies at a tournament in Lincoln-Douglas debate. These cadets created special memories for me, and have gone on to accomplish great things individually. As Assistant Commandant in 1983, I wrote the not so famous pamphlet "How to be a Great Company Clerk" (I'll bet LTC Thorp has a copy). When we had to redo the merit-demerit system. I took care of that duty, as well as taking charge of the furlough system and daily briefings. LTC Trotti Riley was the Commandant, and with one Army NCO we were the inside outside team until we started the TAC officer system. At first the TACs had an office in one of two office trailers, not in the barracks, but it evolved to the present system quickly. In 1986 I followed Major Burton Gale as the third Academic Dean (Colonel Bart Hayward) was the first). My tenure as Dean was a full workload. From hiring faculty, supervising professional development, to scheduling students, college advising, SAT registration and transportation to tests, the days were busy. The responsibility of maintaining SACS accreditation, developing long range plans, as well as for some time overseeing the infirmary operation, asbestos abatement, and teaching driver education were parts of the routine. Back in the classroom in 2003, I have been pleased to teach dual enrollment classes. This has been a great addition to our academic program and a great opportunity for cadets. I have been teaching on a part time basis (3 classes) since 2013 and after 39 years, next year I will be teaching on a more limited basis for USC at CMA."



- Lieutenant Colonel Kelly Schrader

As CMA planned a celebration of the 60th presentation of diplomas at the upcoming graduation, a number of staff members, current and past, were asked to write their thoughts of their



time at the academy for the 2019 Excalibur Yearbook. No one would have thought that we would lose LTC Schrader the day before the celebration. He wrote the article that was published above for the 2019 yearbook with every intention that his 40th year would be one that he looked forward to as he would be teaching the college classes only.

LTC Schrader served in the USAF dur-

ing the Vietnam era and earned the rank of Sergeant. He also served at McEntire ANG Base near Columbia, SC, earning his BA in History and Master's Degree from USC. While teaching at CMA, he and his wife, Sharon lived on campus until the last few years. As quoted in his obituary (Caughman-Harman Funeral Home, Lexington) "LTC Schrader was a true legend at CMA and embodied what it means to be a teacher and a mentor, as well as role model for many cadets during the 39 year career as well as a loving, involved, fun, and hands-on father to his 2 children and grandchildren, especially to his oldest grandson, Caden Crowe." If you would like to send a card to Mrs. Schrader, the address is 154 Hunters Ridge Dr., Lexington, SC 29072. Donations in his memory were requested to be sent to Camden Military Academy.

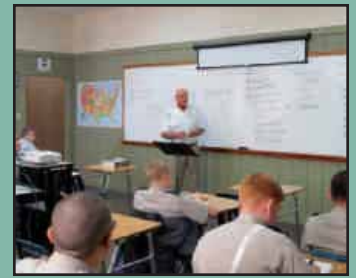
"Having your class for the past two years has been the best part of my academic experience at Camden Military. You are one of the best teachers I have ever had the pleasure of encountering, and in doing so have made me look forward to coming to class every day. You always made a point to educate your students in an entertaining manner, and always found the right words to make us laugh. I hate that we never got to talk about that last test I took, and that I was never able to tell you about the "Lebensborn" program the Nazis ran as a part of their "Lebensraum" project. I really hope that you really did have a good day. I will sorely miss you forever." -Leo Eckhardt (Vienna, Austria)

"Thank you for being one of the most amazing teachers I have ever had. You are one of the most intelligent men I have ever met and know everything about everything, it's truly unbelievable. It has been a gift to know you, even for less than a whole year, and such an amazing gift to be able to speak to you on a daily basis in class. Sir, I wish you all the best- you are loved in this community and your legacy is one that will live on. Maybe someday the next dual-enrollment teacher will have known you and be able to live up to the status that you've created here." -Daniel Condon (Nashua, New Hampshire)

"To hear about what a quick, tragic death LTC Schrader suffered just days ago still has me in shock. As a tribute, I'm writing to reflect some of the memories I was lucky enough to share with him. For this whole school year (my junior year) I've been taking all 3 of LTC Schrader's college classes - Psychology/Criminal Justice, US History 111/112, and History of Western Civilizations 101/102. With these classes, I not only learned about the incredible stories of our nation, as well as hundreds of other people and nations, but they also assisted in my appreciation of the world which could not have been done without him. As the year went on, I was able to catch a glimpse of LTC Schrader's life outside of CMA. LTC Schrader was a rare type of instructor, if not his own. He was not the kind of instructor to give a lecture, homework, and a test guide. He truly did care about us and loved what he did. As a college instructor, lenience on tests and assignments wasn't always the easiest thing for him to manage, so being the incredibly optimistic person he is, he went out of his way to work around it. I remember a time in late January, the week of midterms, when I contracted Mononucleosis. Not only was he able to excuse some homework he had handed out to the classes, but he sat with me and gave me all the information I needed for my tests. After a 9 day absence to get better, I returned to the copies of lecture notes he had done for me, as well as a paper noted with textbook pages to help with my homework for the whole week. Every day, the classes used his jokes to help get through the day. He would have the whole class laughing and still he was able to have us all retain a high level of interest in the topics of our studies. It always lit up my days back in November and December to see how much he enjoyed the many discussions about the American Civil War,

and I'll never forget the talks we had about the changes of our country, as well as how he lived his life in such a rapidly changing world. In Western Civ, the whole class would be laughing on our days that he would dedicate to videos about Rick Steves touring Greece or Italy, or everyone's favorite, (I believe is his son) Randy and his films made over a decade ago like "Straight Toastin." These were sides of LTC Schrader that not everyone was lucky enough to see, yet still everyone treasured him as a part of CMA. Taking these college classes with LTC Schrader has undoubtedly boosted my intellectual capabilities generously. It also most definitely took credit to optimizing how I perceive the history of the world. He gave a new meaning to history, as well as learning, teaching, and understanding what I'm studying. It felt so fulfilling to leave class every day with new knowledge and even the topics or jokes from class would be the conversation my classmates and I would talk about on the way back to the barracks. He was a self made man, true to his work, which is a rare form these days. He believed in working to be successful and he, of course, made true to that. I have thought many times that without the guidance and care of LTC Schrader, I would give no near amount of care to my academics, and how I plan to be successful in my future and I could never thank him enough for that. I pray that not a day goes by that his wisdom does not cross our minds and lead us in the right direction."

-Ian Walter (Durham, North Carolina)



Coach Dozier By Cam Walters (CMA 73)

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit my old CMA coach and teacher, Jim Dozier, at his home in Bishopville, SC. My friend and fellow alumni, Bob Ingram (CMA '71), had contacted me about the possibility of visiting Coach. We wanted to see how he was getting along since his retirement from teaching and coaching for many years in South Carolina. For most of his career, Jim Dozier was the headmaster of Robert E. Lee Academy in Bishopville, SC. Before that, Coach Dozier, or as many cadets knew him, Captain Dozier, served CMA as a teacher and coach from 1968 until 1981. As Bob and I turned into his driveway, it occurred to us that we had not seen him in over 45 years! After we were warmly greeted by Coach Dozier's lovely wife, Mary Inda, we proceeded to the living room to catch up and discuss football, football, and even more football with our coach from so many years ago. As a postgraduate cadet in the fall of '70, Bob Ingram was the star running back for the Spartans, who compiled a winning season, ending with a 28-6 victory over Carlisle that featured 165 rushing yards from Bob. One of the big victories that season was over

Cowpens High School, a team that would go on to the semi-finals in the state championship later that year. In contrast, the toughest loss that year was to 3A powerhouse Boiling Springs in a defensive struggle that the Spartans lost 8-0. Regarding that game, Coach Dozier's memory had not failed him, as he reminded Bob of his fumble just before entering the end zone for a TD after a 90 yard run! I think Coach Dozier did a great job for us at CMA as a coach and teacher. He was a great motivator and pushed us to do better with all that we had regardless of the challenge before us. As for Bob, he played 2 years of college football at Lees-McRae before transferring to USC. Unfortunately, Bob suffered a career ending knee injury during winter workouts with the Gamecocks. After graduation from USC, Bob also had a long career teaching and coaching in South Carolina. His biggest claim to fame these days is the fact that he has not missed a Gamecock home football game since 1976! Wow!

I wonder how that is even possible, but then again I wonder how 165 yards rushing is possible.



Since starting a new school year for the class of 2020 we will see more activities and updates about CMA through our website. Take time to follow the social media links.

Under the alumni link, annual fund, you can donate if you would like using a credit or debit card and designate it if you prefer. If you happen to work for a company that matches your donation, it would be greatly appreciated. Also, CMA can always use your help in updating records for all of our alumni from Carlisle Military School, Camden

Academy, and Camden Military Academy. Perhaps you could send me an email with all your updated information so that I can check my database. It would be greatly appreciated.

Upcoming events for CMA athletics and clubs are also posted on the website so if you happen to be in the area of one of the activities going on, you could consider taking a family member or friend to check out the cadets.

Diane Robinson - diane@camdenmilitary.com

Back in 1995, Colonel Lanning P. Risher retired after 37 years in the position of Headmaster. He addressed his message, "Young Gentlemen of the Corps of Cadets."

"... I have decided it is now time to pass the mantle of leadership to shoulders younger than mine. In Colonel William K. Orris, the Board of Trustees has chosen an able successor. Mrs. Risher and I shall continue to live in our home and be involved with the Academy as time and circumstances permit.

It has been my privilege to work with fine young men like you for many years. I have been supported over these years by an outstanding and dedicated faculty and staff. And I am

grateful that through these years a benevolent God has seen fit to bless our work here, for without His blessing nothing truly succeeds.

As I leave, I charge you and the administration faculty, staff, and alumni to be sure that Camden Military Academy remains true to its purpose, to send forth strong, well-educated young men who seek to know and to follow God's will.



Boys Will Be Boys

This incident was remembered by Coy Kelley Johnston in a 1994 letter to Lanning Risher. Coy Kelley was about 13 years old and his brother Hooks, 11.

Hooks and I had registered 'sick' one morning, and headed for the infirmary. We never got there – instead we went south of Bamberg, about two miles, down the B.E.&W Railroad (Bamberg, Ehrhardt & Walterboro, known better as Better Eat & Walk). We went fishing and swimming from the railroad trestle over the main stream in Lemon Swamp. While dressing to go home, Hooks dropped a shoe in




between the crossties. We made several dives into the creek but were unable to recover the shoe. We made it back to the campus, Hooks barefooted. Upon showering in the shower room in the rear of

Guilts Hall, old Duncan discovered us. He yelled to us to come out. It was plain he was not in a sublime mood. I yelled back, 'If you want us, come and get us!' and turned on the other shower heads – two or three of them. He came in, striking at us with a strap from his Sam Brown belt, disregarding the showers and getting soaked. As Dunk would swing, Hooks or I would jump and scream. Mrs. Beach heard us and rushed into the outer room of the shower, ordering him out and saying that if he didn't come out that instant she was coming in to get him. He did, thoroughly watered down, like a wet rat. Hooks and I weren't badly damaged. Dunk didn't hit us many times – I guess it's hard to make an accurate hit at a jumping target with a full-pressured water spray in your face. After his temperature declined, he confined us to our dormitory room.

Bless the memory of Mrs. Beach! (Mrs. Josephine Beach was 'Mother to Carlisle boys for 20 years.' Without question, the most beloved person on the Carlisle staff during the early years of the school. She was the matron of the boys' dormitories from 1905-1925.)

For those of you who attended the Carlisle Military School Reunion in Bamberg, SC in April 2018, you heard the plans announced at that time for the Veterans Memorial walkway and brick pavement in that area. The forms can be seen below and are available at the Bamberg County Administration Office through their website: <http://www.bambergcountysc.gov/brick-paver-order-forms-1> and the cost is \$50 each. They will be placed around the Carlisle Flag Pole and stand proudly with the flags of all branches of our nation's military. If you would like more detailed



PAVE HISTORY



Bamberg County invites you to pave a portion of history by purchasing a memorial brick on the Veterans Memorial Trail. Purchase one to honor a Carlisle Military School Alumni or family member. Each brick will commemorate Carlisle Military School and the many cadets, teachers, and family members who passed through its gates.

Each \$50 brick includes three lines of engraving with 18 characters, including spaces and punctuation. The bricks will be installed at the Carlisle Monument on the Memorial Veterans Trail.

Please submit this form and payment to Bamberg County. Checks should be made payable to Bamberg County and mailed to:

Bamberg County
Attention: Veterans Memorial Brick Project
PO Box 149
Bamberg, SC 29003
Please include contact information with your order.

Line 1

Line 2

Line 3


Please include a contact information for the order:

Name: Phone Number:


Address:

information, you can contact their office for Mary Tilton at 803-245-7970, ext. 2 or the following email tiltonmk@bambergcounty.sc.gov.

We always welcome our Carlisle alumni to the campus for a visit or to join us for our homecoming activities in October. This year it falls on Saturday, October 19. We will serve lunch in the dining hall, then have a parade of the corps of cadets, who will then march to the football field to cheer on the Spartans for the game. Afterwards, we will have a picnic for all alumni, family and friends who would like to stay. There is NO charge for the homecoming activities.



PAVE HISTORY with VETERANS MEMORIAL BRICKS



Bamberg County invites you to pave history by purchasing a memorial brick on the state's first Veterans Memorial Trail. Purchase one to honor an Active Service member, Veteran or family member.

Each \$50 brick, includes three lines of engraving, with 18 characters per line, including spaces and punctuation. The bricks will be installed on the Bamberg County Veterans Trail in the chosen Branch of Service. You do not have to be a Veteran or service member to purchase a brick.

Please submit this form with \$50 payment. Checks should be made payable to Bamberg County and mailed to: Bamberg County
Attn: Veterans Memorial Trail
PO Box 149
Bamberg, SC 29003
Please include a phone number with your form.

Branch of Service—please check one:

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 Navy
 Air Force
 Marine Corps
 Coast Guard
 National Guard
 Carlisle Military School

Line 1

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Line 3

Please include a contact name and phone number for the order:

Name: Phone Number:

Address:

Quod Petis?

Colonel James F. Risher
(The Carlisle Bugle
Graduation Edition 1938)



Young Gentlemen of the graduating class, you are leaving this institution with diplomas in your hands representing success as far as your work here is concerned. The little parchment which carries our stamp of approval is to most of you the realization of a dream which you have had for many years. It tells the world that you have been dreaming and that you have in some measure made your dreams come true. As you leave the halls of this institution with its training still stamped upon your personality, and its traditions indelibly printed in your heart, you are still dreaming. Dreaming of that thing of which all men in every walk of life and in every period of life dream. The thing which we call success. When we speak of Success, it's a rather elusive thing, a word which is many sided in its meaning and which to every person has an interpretation of its own. However, it is the thing which we seek from the cradle to the grave. I have sometimes even wondered if one of the supreme joys of eternity will not be the continuation of the search for it.

In seeking success there are two mistakes which are common to men. First, it is difficult for us to know just what success will mean to each individual life. In other words, most of us are puzzled to know just exactly what it is we are looking for when we are looking for success. Most people feel that it means the accumulation of wealth of the extent that they may at some time in life enjoy ease and luxury. To others it means fame, or popularity, or the possession of power. These definitions of success bring it back within the realm of the gratification of selfish desires alone. It has a deeper and more significant meaning, for although these things may result from the living of a successful life, they are not success within themselves. They are ends which, if striven for alone, will result in failure for the life seeking them. Someone has well said, "Out of the surge of the inconceivable came the creation of worlds." Eternity split apart to give man the priceless thing which we call time. He opened his eyes to understand and went in search of opportunity and he found that success lay in the part of service. Analyzing

this saying, we are forced to a realization of the fact that the Master of men laid down the fundamental definition of this word in his saying that he who would seek his life will lose it, and he who would lose his life for His sake, would find it. Success then, it seems, is not an end within itself, but is rather the result of a purpose to serve. Wealth and fame may come as by-products of the really successful life, but they do not constitute success within themselves. The man who makes a success of his life is the man who makes service the purpose of his life. If we would be successful in any line of business or in any vocation of life, we do so just in proportion as we make the purpose of our activity that of service to others. Then if you, young men, would be successful, and I know each of you would be, let your first impulse, first purpose and first activities be along those lines which will bring a smile of happiness to someone else, or help to lighten the burden of a comrade by your side.

There is another common mistake made in the search after success and that is the method by which we would attain it. There are many people in the world today who have perhaps caught a real vision of what success ultimately is and yet, they stand idle, seeking the way to take the first step along the path that leads to it. Many stand waiting for the way to open, looking at the changing, shifting scenes of human life, trying to see where they will fit into its pattern. Young men and women leaving schools and colleges today and facing life are puzzled as to what they ought to do. They are at a loss to know whether they should attempt to be doctors or lawyers, or teachers, or ministers, or what? They spend hours, days and weeks wracking their brain and nervous system. Parents are often worried and fretted because their boy or girl seems not to know what he wants to do. Why all this worry? Why all this anxiety? We say we believe that there is a supreme power which rules the destinies of men. Why not make this professed faith a living reality in life? Why not act upon it? Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow may never come. Today may be the only day which you or I have given to us to make a success or a failure of this thing we call life. There is no time to waste, if we would be successful we must work today. Oh, many will say there is nothing for me to do! Is that true? Look around you young men. In your home, in your community, there is some task your hands can find to do today. It may be a simple one, but no one else can do it quite as well as you. Find it today, no matter how simple it may seem and do it with a will and a determination. If you do it and do it well, you may wake up even at the end of the day and find that you have secured, by the accomplishment of a simple task, that priceless thing which men in all ages have sought, the thing we call success.

"I first learned of Carlisle when an aunt moved to Bamberg. I was 10 years old. I was fascinated by uniforms, parades, and the band. I wanted to attend from then on to age 13. As an only child, I enjoyed the company of many other boys, some almost like brothers. The faculty was superior and stable. All were involved in our education and daily lives and development. Col. James F. Risher, Headmaster, knew all of us by name. He remembered me for many years. Maj. James Grimes, the Commandant, as well as a fine teacher, had that special quality of encouraging maturity in young boys, teaching them responsibility and integrity by example and gentle discipline. His lessons remain with me all these 75 years later. Captain Rodney Padgett was an inspiring and effective teacher and band director who also became my friend for the rest of his life. He opened the world of music to me

as a performer and appreciator of swing orchestras and jazz. This has been an important part of my life ever since. Captain Padgett is second only to my father and mother in influence on my life. My only son bears his name, Rodney. My Carlisle diploma ranks to me above my BA degree from USC and numerous other educational certificates earned at UNC, LSU and Harvard. Carlisle featured a fast feedback of academic accomplishment and acceptance of mature responsibility. This remains operative at CMA to this day. In short, when I reminisce about the good things of my past and those things I would like to do again, Carlisle and my four years there are foremost in my mind."

Banks Scarborough
CMS Class of 1945

PASS IN REVIEW

Dr. Henry J. Stuckey, CMS'53, contacted us that he had moved to Daniel Island, SC. He is in an Assisted Living Home that was necessary for his wife.

Sam Calloway, CMS'57, regrets that he missed the 2018 Carlisle reunion in Bamberg. He had several medical issues that prevented his attendance. He is currently in physical therapy and has a positive attitude and a lot of that comes from his years at CARLISLE. It is true what is said about these two schools: "They change your personality, view of life, and the way you conduct yourself throughout your life. At least it did for me. I never thought the above would happen to me."

Jim Vaughn, CMA'60, emails that he was a cadet captain in 1960. His father graduated from Carlisle in 1936 and Colonel James F. Risher gave him his diploma and he graduated from CMA in 1960 and Colonel James F. Risher gave him his diploma. Colonel James Risher would come to Camden periodically and speak to the cadet corps in the dining room after lunch. He inspired all of us to be a man and said that all he wanted on his tombstone was "Here Lies a Man." I am told that he got that wish. I went to Newberry College, then was an Air Force Medical Corpsman followed by the Physical Assistant Medical school at Duke. He practiced family and Urgent Care medicine in N.C. for 43 years. He is now retired and living happily with his wife of 47 years in Hampstead, NC. "I was honored to be able to give guidance and advice about lessons of Camden to Cadet 1st LT James Blair who graduated from Camden last year before he enrolled and during his stay there. God bless the work that you do."

Ken Childress, CMA'63, lives in Hemet, CA. He spent 20 years in the U.S. Navy and another in public service. He's playing golf and living the good life...and suffering all of its age related ailments, "Oh Boy!"

Ronald James Ford, CMA'68, stopped by the office this year to update his information and look for some former classmates. He is now known for his talent of taming horses like a "horse whisperer." He quotes that "He is the best horse trainer you've never heard of...yet." Horse owners who have a difficult time with their horses contact him. He's in Daytona Beach, FL.

Erik Lamar Dove, CMA'93, called about the 60th celebration of CMA. Since his 3rd grade son had a baseball game in Charlotte, he couldn't attend. He is looking forward to bringing his wife and son to the campus in the future. He is currently a teacher and baseball coach.

Micah Lynn, CMA'96, emails that since graduating from The Citadel in 2000 (BS/BA) and Averett University (MBA) 3 years later, he is a strong believer in the Camden experience. He tries to recommend CMA to those with the same challenges he faced as a teenager, lack of discipline in an environment that isn't conducive for him to become the exceptional young man that they can be. (Colonel Boland says Micah was one of the best football players that played for him.)

Eric Land, CMA'06, is at NC State teaching and earning his PHD in Medical Genetics. He is also contracting work with Boeing, NASA, and the European Space program.

Joel Land, CMA'06 is in Columbia and starting medical school. He bought a house there and is on a very busy schedule.

Matthew T. Land, CMA'07, served in the Navy on the USS Harry Truman. He is currently working on starting his own business in irrigation systems.

SCHOOL RINGS AND DIPLOMAS

The office has often received calls about information on ordering class rings or diplomas. The rings for all three schools, Carlisle Military School, Camden Academy, and Camden Military Academy can be ordered through Jostens. You can contact them at the Summerton, SC office at 803-485-4503. They will need ring size, choice of metals, and credit card information. They will call Camden Military Academy to verify the year of graduation.

Some graduates think they need a copy of their diploma in order to apply for jobs and prove they graduated. However, all they need is a sealed copy of the transcript, which serves as proof of graduation. However, it is possible to order a duplicate of diplomas for each school, but signatures of the headmaster or dean of students might be stamped on them.

If you have any questions, call Diane Robinson at CMA or email alumni@camdenmilitary.com or diane@camdenmilitary.com.

PASSED AWAY

Claude Alpherd Lessig, Jr., Lexington, KY, CMS'51
 Ralph E. Davis, Savannah, GA, CMS'52
 James Rhuel Edwards, Clarkesville, GA, CA'56
 Barton W. Chabot, Glenville, NY, CMS'57
 John Harold Morgan, Jacksonville, FL, CMS'57
 Rev. H. Thomas Swilley, Myrtle Beach, SC, CMS'57
 Gerald Edward Storey, Aiken, SC, CMS'58
 Ross Martin Fox, Tryon, SC, CMA'61
 Theodore Carl Wilson, Wilmington, DE, CMS'61
 Rodney Talbert Tumbleston, James Island, SC, CMS'63
 James Power Rogers, N. Myrtle Beach, SC, CMA'64
 Cecil Eugene Lollis, Greenville, SC, CMA'67
 Joseph Anthony Lopez, Orlando, FL, CMA'68
 John Richard Miles, Cayce, SC, CMS'68
 TSgt George Lynn "Sarge" Vickery, Birmingham, AL, CMS'68
 Lance Noel Anderson, Greenwood, SC, CMA'69
 James Baron Cooper, Jr., Georgetown, SC, CMA'69
 Floyd A. Chassereau, Catawba, SC, CMS'70
 Gary Lee Saunders, Asheboro, NC, CMA'72
 Joseph Richard Floyd, Cross Hill, SC, CMA'73
 LaRue Merida Medlin, Jr., Sumter, SC, CMA'75
 Jefferson Davis Johnson, Jr., Irmo, SC, CMA'76
 Judge Tony Miller Jones, Rock Hill, SC, CMA'76
 Latta Michel Baucom, Mooresville, NC, CMA'83
 Walter William Santos, Irmo, SC, CMA'87
 Daron Bradley Doolittle, Irmo, SC, CMA'93
 Brentt Ashley Calloway, Pageland, SC, CMA'94
 Justin Kenneth Chandler, Piedmont, SC, CMA'01
 Ali-John Paksoy, Shelby, SC, CMA'04
 Colton Jeffrey Rogers, Cary, NC, CMA'14
 Brian Harris Baucom, Charlotte, NC, CMA'15



Shown left are headmaster, Colonel Eric Boland, CMA Board of Trustees Chairman and CMA'73 graduate, Cam Walters, and Colonel Lanning Risher, the first headmaster of CMA and CMS'48 graduate. Colonel Risher was the guest speaker at this 60th graduation. He spoke about the early beginnings of the academy and said that as long as the Lord Almighty God is first in the lives of these young men, He will help guide them through any difficulties or obstructions that they might face in their future. Shown right are members of Larry Blair's (CMA'03) family who attended homecoming and the 60th celebration of CMA in April.



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THE 2019 HOMECOMING DATE IS OCTOBER 19 WHAT TO EXPECT IS SIMILAR TO THE ACTIVITIES FROM LAST YEAR'S 2018 HOMECOMING AT CMA

Camden Military Academy celebrated its 2018 Homecoming on Saturday, October 20th with a lot of activities throughout the day. The Admissions Department held an "Open House" as a dozen families signed up and attended the morning event that included a campus tour with cadet guides and personal appointments afterwards with Casey Robinson (director), Marshall Sheorn (associate director), and Kathy Sherrill (office administrator) at which time the CMA personnel answered any and all questions the family members had about the CMA program.

Cadets' family members and friends also arrived and were able to join the cadets in the dining hall for lunch (which included fried chicken) that is served family style. Colonel Eric Boland welcomed the guests, as the room was bustling with conversations among the parents, as a majority of them had registered in the Risher Administration Building and obtained name tags that included their names, as well as the names and company of the young men that they were visiting. Although some did not actually sign in, we have a list of at least 50 families and alumni who attended from the Carolinas, Florida, Tennessee and Georgia and even as far as Colorado, Minnesota, and Nevada.

After lunch, the corps of cadets marched onto the CSM Rosvelt Martain Parade Field and lined up in front of the reviewing stand and the crowd of parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other family members, as well as alumni. They performed rifle drills and were quite impressive throughout their routine. After the parade they turned in their rifles to the armory and headed to the football field for what is called the "March On." They march around the track to the area that the football players descend onto the field as they run under the goal post and between the two lines of cadets.

Awaiting their arrival on the field, the Color Guard posted the flags of the United States, Camden Military Academy, and Carlisle Military School and the band played the National Anthem. The new stadium stands were filled with guests and cadets as the game began and CMA defeated the Carolina Gladiators, of Asheville, NC. Also, during the halftime period, the Blackjacks Drill team performed and looked quite awesome, especially since they had attended a drill competition during the morning hours.

After the game, CMA hosted a picnic of hamburgers and hotdogs to all who attended, along with the corps of cadets.

Although there was a slight sprinkle of raindrops at the beginning of the parade, it didn't deter the crowd and the day ended with sunshine and a good time was had by all. Some of the cadets were able to go off campus with their parents for a few hours, if approved by their company TAC officers.