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CMA Awards 2017-2018

Academic Awards

Band Director's Award: William Robinson
 E. Haines Gregg Runyan Award: Alejandro Lescano
 Most Improved Player: Landon Stillitano
 Band Certificate of Achievement: Kurosh Badii; Jonathan Leach; Daniel O'Connor
 John Phillip SOUSA Award: Dorian Melinsky
Junior Leadership: Niles Leach, Nicolo Pucciarelli, Rodrigo Villalobos, Deven Mckee, Grant Johnson, Jackson Lewis
Highest Class Averages
 12: Andrew Levine; 11: Jackson Lewis; 10: Nicholas Furlow; 9: Jonathan Tjahjadi; 8: Luke Cresswell; 7: Quentin Parish

Military Awards

General Douglas MacArthur Award: Yohann Offredo
 West Point Leadership Award: Nicolo Pucciarelli
 Daughters of the American Revolution Award: Matthew Rush
 Daughters of the American Revolution Youth Citizenship Award: Josiah Fredericks
 Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Certificate: Yohann Offredo
 Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarships: William Larsen; John Furlow
 John D. Kennedy United Daughters of the Confederacy Chapter Award: Christoff Verderber
 Sons of the American Revolution Award: John Furlow
 The Veterans of Foreign Wars Award: Amadou Diabate; William Larsen
 Commandant's Award: Matthew Rush
 The CMA Cadet of the Year: Jackson Lewis
Cadets of the Semester: 1st Semester: Aubrey Kendrick
 2nd Semester: Jackson Lewis

JROTC Superior Cadet Award:

LET I: Zachariah Yucis - A Co.
 LET II: Dylan Leopold - C Co.
 LET III: John Branch, Jr. - D Co.
 LET III: Ryan Seier - B Co.
 LET IV: Mikael Barker - B/S Co.

CSM Martain Award:

Jordan McCurrach D Co.
 Christopher Espinosa A Co.
 Gregory Volcy A Co.
 Parker Miethbauer B Co.
 Chin Wu B Co.
 Alexander McGlone B Co.
 Mikael Barker B/S Co.
 Grant Finnie C Co.
 Elliott Madden C Co.
 The Order of the Daedalion: Jake Grossman
 The National Sojourners Award: Carson Klaas
 The American Legion Awards: Gold: Edward Benitez; JaVaughn White
 Bronze: Jonathan Leach; Grant Johnson; Nicholas Martin; James Blair; Tianjun Wang
 The Military Order of the World Wars Awards: Daylen Clark
 United States Army Recruiting Command Award: Doudou Zhang
 JROTC Scholarship: John Furlow; William Larsen; Elliott Madden
 Order of the Purple Heart: William Murphy
 Purple Heart Scholarship: Brandon Harbaugh
 Military Officers Association of America Award: Christian Sanchez
 Marine Corps League Award: Nicholas Martin
 Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Award: Kolton Buxton
 Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of S.C. Award: Chad Palmer
 VFW Auxiliary Patriot's Pen Award: Luke Cresswell; Donavan Lee
 Camden Rotary Club Scholarship: William Larsen

Most Improved Cadet Award:

A Company: Jonathan Frost
 B Company: Aubrey Kendrick, IV
 C Company: William Smith
 D Company: Clarence Young
 B/S Company: Peyden Su

Cadet Challenge Medals:

12th Grade - Yohann Offredo; 11th Grade - Maxwell Herrick; 10th - Khai Tyson; Grade 9th - Ryan Seier; 8th Grade - Alex Renken; 7th Grade - Quentin Parish

Best Individual Drill Award:

1st Place - William Murphy
 2nd Place - Remington Mitchell
 3rd Place - Gregory Volcy/Andrew Duncan
 Blackjack Achievement Award: Christian Sanchez

Regional History Day Awards

Junior Group: Colin Clay, David Fliehr, Jordan Hastings, Dylan Rotker, Jacob Cresswell
Junior Individual Documentary: Luke Cresswell
Senior Group Performance: (2nd Place): John Birner, Nick Wilson, Nick Yearack, Peyden Su; (3rd Place): Justin Hall, Thomas Mills, Wyatt Hart, Aubrey Kendrick, Garrett Koethke

LTC Sonny Brown Yearbook Award: Editor: Jack Furlow; Co-Staff Awards: Devan McKee & Leo Eckhardt

Athletic Awards

Varsity Football

Most Valuable Player: Woodson Alexander
 Most Valuable Offense: James Sampson
 Most Valuable Offensive Lineman: Riley Cunningham
 Most Valuable Defense: Elliott Madden
 Most Valuable Defensive Back: JaVaughn White
 Special Teams Award: Kyle Rhodes
 Most Improved: Liam McNulty
 Spartan Award: Nick Montgomery
 Practice Player of the Year: Brian Delucca

Junior Varsity Football

Most Valuable Player: Cole Price
 Most Valuable Offense: CJ Comrie
 Most Valuable Offensive Lineman: Jalen Dawkins
 Most Valuable Defense: Will Ince
 Most Valuable Defensive Lineman: Garhett Koethke
 Most Improved: Tobin Dreisbach
 Coaches Award: Thomas Mills
 Practice Player of the Year: Cody Mathieu

Varsity Basketball

Senior Spartans 2017-2018
 Russell Adu
 Kemanyi Nix
 JaVaughn White

Junior Varsity Basketball

Most Valuable Player: Jalen Dawkins
 MV Offense: Dylan McCurdy
 Most Improved: SIRR Greene
 Spartan Award: James Oribhabor, Ja'marien Taylor-Jones
 Hustle Award: Sam Lawing

Junior High Basketball

Most Valuable Offense: Zane Nicholson
 Most Valuable Defense: Ryan Buchinger
 Coaches Award: Corbin Whitney, Jake Jordan-Sullivan
 Most Improved: Jovan Arbuckle

Varsity Baseball

Most Valuable Offense: Brett McEwen
 Most Valuable Pitcher: Kruz Bednar
 Most Valuable Defense: Thomas Mills
 Coaches Award: Hunter Gross
 E. Haines Gregg Award: Jackson Lewis
 Most Improved: Davis Long

JV Baseball

Most Valuable Offense: Jake Jordan Sullivan
 Most Valuable Pitcher: Drake Dickemann
 Most Valuable Defense: Donovan Dolan
 Coaches Award: Kyler McCaskill
 Most Improved: Jonathan Leach

Varsity Soccer

Most Valuable Player: Rodrigo Villalobos
 Most Valuable Offense: Kyle Rhodes
 Most Valuable Defense: Parker Miethbauer
 Most Improved: Sam Lawing
 Coaches Award: Aiden Haase

Junior Varsity Soccer:

Most Valuable Offense: Sam Forslid
 Most Valuable Defense: Sam Lawing
 Most Improved Award: Corbin Whitney
 Coaches Award: Jackson Campbell

Rifle Team

Most Valuable Shooter: Sam Sun
 Most Improved: Chris Espinosa
 Spartan Award: Sayanaa Dashzeveg

Lacrosse

Most Valuable Player: Henry Curran
 Most Valuable Offense: Michael Hanlon
 Most Valuable Defense: Landon Stillitano
 Most Improved: Imani Bowie
 Spartan Award: Jonathan Frost
 Spirit Award: Nicholas Montgomery

Cross-Country

MVP: Sam Lawing
 Gazelle Award: Jack Furlow
 Hustle Award: Jackson Campbell, Yohann Offredo
 One Heartbeat Award: Mikael Barker
 Coaches Award: Nicolo Pucciarelli; Austin King, Philip Dine

Golf

MVP: Zane Nicholson
 Most Improved: Brandon Hollingsworth
 Coaches Award: Shane Smithwick

Tennis

MVP: Alex Tapper
 Spartan Award: Andrew Levine
 Most Improved: Eric McNicoll
 Sportsmanship Award: Justin Davidson
 Coaches Award: Daniel O'Connor
Blackjacks Drill Team
 Most Valuable Team Member: Carson Klaas
 Most Improved Exhibition Drill: Jon Krenek
 Most Improved Regulation Drill: Christian Sanchez

Most Improved: Michael Arrindell
 Coaches Award: Patrick Brooks

Most Proficient Exhibition Drill: John Branch
 Most Proficient Regulation Drill: Ian Walter

Wrestling

Best Wrestling Record: Andrei Issak-Sap
 Spartan Award: Nicholas Coates
 Most Improved: John Dagrinn
 Coaches Award: Mikael Barker

Track and Field

Most Valuable Player: Yohann Offredo
 MVP Field Events: Judson Dekle
 Coaches Award: Mikael Barker

Company Competition

Best Intramurals: B/S Company
 Best Drill Award: B Company
 Best Athletics Award: C Company
 Best Academics Award: D Company
 Best Spirit Award: A Company
Honor Company Award: B/S Company
Scholar Athlete: Yohann Offredo
Athlete of the Year: Nick Montgomery
2018 Salutatorian: William Larsen
2018 Valedictorian: Andrew Levine

James F. Risher Award: Matthew Rush

**CAMDEN MILITARY ACADEMY
2018 College Choices & Post Graduation Plans**

Daniel Linn Adamson	Full Sail University
Brooks Montgomery Alexander	The Citadel
Kurosh Badii-Flores	Valdosta State University
Mikael Dylan Barker	Mira Costa College
Jared Ethan Beatty	The Citadel
Kruz Caleb Bednar	The Citadel
Edward Andre Benitez	The Citadel
James Seaborn Blair	Appalachian State University
Cole Maurice Childers	The Citadel
Daylen Eslinger Clark	University of Texas, San Antonio
Henry Benford Curran	University of New Orleans (UNO)
Sayannyambuu Dashzeveg	University of Manchester
Amadou Avners Diabate	Georgia State University
Philip Steven Dine	Florida International University
Andrew Joseph Duncan	The Citadel
Joshua Gary Eakin	U.S. Air Force
Christopher Robin Espinosa	Miami-Dade College
Jonathan Decker Frost	Trident Tech
John Allen Furlow	University of South Florida (USF)
Marco Alejandro Gamero	Amsterdam University
Jake Edward Grossman	U.S. Navy
Nathan Robert Hoersting	Savannah Tech
Brandon Lee Hollingsworth	Maui Community College
Kyle Bazin Irving	Westfield State University
Austin Lynn King	The Citadel
William David Larsen	University of Florida
Alejandro Manuel Lescano	Broward Community College
Andrew Dimitry Levine	SUNY Geneseo
Elliott Stoughton Madden	Virginia Military Institute (VMI)
Nicholas Paul Martin	University of Tennessee
Eric Douglas McClure	Midlands Technical College
Alexander David McGlone	U.S. Navy
Austin Vaughn McMurtrie	University of Utah
Nauj Mac Montenegro	Miami-Dade College
Nicklas Alexandria Montgomery	U.S. Army
Kemanyi Joshua Nix	Full Sail University
Camilo Nunez	The Citadel
Yohann Bernard Xavier Offredo	Stoney Brook University
Andrew James Ostrander	CMA Post-Graduate Program
Chad Michael Palmer	Texas A&M, Corpus Christi
Donato Jose Pena Abreu	Universidad Iberoamericana DB
Eric Ashton Rivera	University of Louisiana, Lafayette
William David Robinson	The Citadel
Matthew Randall Rush	The Citadel
Christian Umangay Sanchez	Norwich University
Mason Michael Scott	The Citadel
Joseph Shane Smithwick, II	East Carolina University
Alexander Cole Tapper	Texas Tech University
Christhoff Lowell Verderber	Winthrop University
Tianjun Wang	Washington State University
Ja Vaughn Denzell White	Georgia State University
Nolan Frazier Williams	U.S. Navy
Doudou Zhang	Washington State University

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



Shown right top to bottom (l-r) LTC Lawing and Yohann Offredo with the General Douglas MacArthur Award; Michael Shaw and cadet William Murphy with the Order of the Purple Heart; Ashby Rhame and Edward Benitez and JaVaughn White for the American Legion Gold Awards; Captain Kelvin Ladson presenting the Army JROTC scholarship from the University of SC to John Furlow, William Larsen, and Elliott Madden. The bottom picture is of LTC Lawing with the Honor Company Award to Band and Staff, for the second consecutive year, company commander, CAPT Amadou Diabate.

THE EXCALIBUR SOCIETY 2018

The Excalibur Society Annual Dinner was held on Friday, March 2, 2018 at the historic Springdale Hall Club in Camden, S.C. Camden Military Academy has been hosting this event for 31 years, at which time, donor appreciation is recognized. For the new members, as well as all members, they are recognized in the program brochure and presented a plaque with their names engraved.

Although not all members can attend when the event takes place, appreciation is given to the members who continue their support of CMA by donating \$1,000 each year. When the \$10,000 Knight Member level is attained, they are automatically lifetime members who receive the invitations. However, there are other levels, \$25,000 (Bronze Knight); \$50,000 (Silver Knight); and \$100,000 (Gold Knight).

Our valet cadets greet guests as they enter the home and are given name tags and asked to pose for a picture, which is later mailed to them. After the five course dinner, they are entertained by the CMA jazz band for a few selections chosen by the director, CWO2 Robert Slade. The battalion commander for the school year, cadet LTC Yohann Offredo, then speaks to the donors about his Camden Experience and the importance of their role to Camden. Award recipients are then recognized as shown below for this year.

The Board of Trustees Chairman, Cam Walters (CMA'73), and CMA Headmaster, Colonel Eric Boland, welcomes all to join the Excalibur Society. For more information, please contact Glenda Porter or Diane Robinson at the office.



Participating in this year's event are: (Left) BC Yohann Offredo, (Color Guard) Shean Soussana, Ibrahim Diabate, Aiden Haase, Andrew Levine, Michael Hanlon, and Chad Palmer; (Right) Yohann Offredo, with Valet members Jack Furlow, Mike Barker, Matt Rush, Chris Verderber, Amadou Diabate, Chad Palmer, Gage Noel, and Robert Cianchetti.



New Excalibur Bronze Knight Members

(Left) Former admissions director Gene McCaskill received his Bronze Knight Plaque. Gene currently works with the state government and with the CMA Key Club. On the right is Price Osteen, CMA'81 Battalion Commander and current Board of Trustees member. His wife, Mary (Risher, daughter of Col Lanning and Deane Risher) was unable to attend this year. His son, Tripp graduated from CMA in 2013 and The Citadel in 2017. Price and Mary are moving from Waxhaw, NC to Georgetown, SC.



New Excalibur Knight Members

Shown on the left are new Knight Members Colonel Katherine Brown and husband, Colonel (and Dr.) Bruce Brown, both are USAF, Ret. Katherine is a member of the Advisory Board and supports the academy in numerous countywide events. On the right are Dave Jeffries (CMA'70) and his wife, Debbie. Dave is also a member of the Advisory Board and he and Debbie have supported CMA in various projects around the campus.



They enjoy the Excalibur event each year and live in Winston-Salem, N.C.

New Excalibur Members

Shown below on the left are new members and proud parents, Susan and Randall Rush with their senior son, Matthew. They live in Lexington, S.C. Matt has been a cadet at CMA since 2014 and is in Band and Staff Company. On the right are new members, David and Gwen O'Neal from Concord, N.C. David graduated from Carlisle Military School in 1969 and was a reporter for the school newsletter, "The Bugle" and business manager for the "Rebel Yearbook."



The CMA Fife and Drum Corps welcome the guests as they walk to their seats at the beginning of the evening. As the guests finish their dinner, the CMA Jazz Band plays several selections to entertain the guests. At the end of the performance, the Battalion Commander speaks to the members.



Battalion Commander Cadet LTC Yohann Offredo Addresses the Excalibur Society Members

Colonel Boland and Mrs. Boland, Chairman Walters and Mrs. Walters, thank you for allowing me to speak this evening. I am Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Yohann Bernard Xavier Offredo, and on behalf of Camden Military Academy I thank all members of the Excalibur Society for your contributions to CMA because, without you, this academy would not be the same. Many of the friends I have made at CMA were able to attend this academy thanks only to your generous donations. I also thank you for your contributions toward improving my favorite place on campus--the track--where I have spent hours with Captain Thomley and the track team. So many young men today want to have a second chance, just as I had. Whether they had a choice or not to attend this school, Cadets by the end all agree that Camden Military Academy is a great school that fosters success among such young men. Without a second chance, I don't know whether or not I would be blessed enough even to be alive today.

I moved to Westport, Connecticut when I was just turning five years old; it was the town I resided in until I came to CMA my sophomore year. Going to high school changed my personality, and I didn't want to get left behind. I got involved with a group of people that pressured me to do the wrong thing. At first I thought I was in control; however, I was not in the right place to determine that. I would ignore my parents', siblings', and friends' warnings about what I was getting into. I needed help. My parents learned about Camden Military Academy one year prior because they considered sending my brother, Sébastien, here due to his poor grades. In April 2015, neither my brother nor I were improving. We went to the New York open house where Casey Robinson had a presentation that explained all we needed to know about CMA. After his presentation, I knew that CMA was right for me. However, school wasn't out until the end of June, which led me to continue getting involved with bad influences. On Monday, May 11th, 2015, I made an unforgettable mistake. I was in school and my so called "friends" told me to try something new. Overlooking all previous warnings about what I was doing, I decided to do it anyway. Three quarters of an hour later I was on a stretcher. My family, friends, and the medics thought I was not going to survive that ambulance ride. That afternoon my best friend and brother, Sébastien, was sitting in his room wondering if he would ever get the chance to hug me again. This moment changed my life, and it is difficult to talk about, but I have to mention it because it was the last step in my old life and the first step toward my new.

My brother and I enrolled at the CMA summer school program during the summer of 2015. "Get to know the campus" is what my parents told me before we got sent off for the next six weeks. Going to summer school couldn't have been better: I met CMA cadets, and they gave me the 101 on things I

would need to know. After the summer program was over, there wasn't much time until the school year would start. I didn't get the chance to return to my hometown because my parents wanted to shut out my past and allow me to focus on starting a new life.

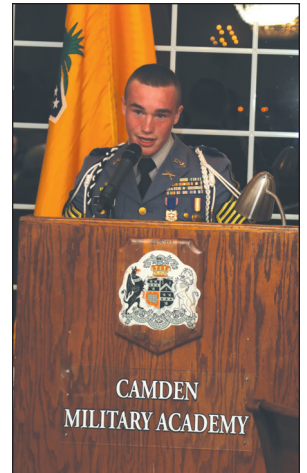
Camden Military Academy is a culture shock when cadets arrive on their first day. Giving up your phone for two weeks? How can that be possible!? I was put into Band & Staff Company and my Platoon Leader, 2LT Woodfield, introduced himself by telling me how he was going to put me on P.A.D. if I didn't listen to him. Woodfield saw potential in me, and he told me to always be prepared for the question, "what makes you a better leader than others?" I was prepared during my sophomore year for this question but, ironically, I was never asked. However, my preparation for this question made me look for what the good qualities of being a leader are. Lieutenant Colonel Lawing taught me that all good leaders were good followers first, and First Sergeant Jackson taught me to lead by example.

Abiding by those words, I began my first day at the school as a follower and a cadet private; however, I wasn't so for long. I was given the opportunity to become a sergeant squad leader, but the catch was that I had to supervise the substandard cadets. Without taking this opportunity, I would not have gotten recognition for my leadership potential.

SGM Green and 1SG Irvin are the best TAC Officers I could have asked for. They helped me get accustomed to the school and enabled my leadership skills to grow. I learned that everyone makes mistakes, and that mistakes should be seen as lessons on how to better yourself. I did not fully understand this concept until this year, but I know that without SGM Green's and 1SG Irvin's guidance, my mistakes would be continuously holding me back today.

All of my achievements that I have accomplished at CMA have been made possible by the faculty who molded me since my first day. Without the Excalibur Society, Camden Military Academy wouldn't be the same, so I am truly grateful. In the future, I plan to repay the school just as how some of you in the audience have done and are doing.

I am Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Yohann Bernard Xavier Offredo, and I am truly representing the Corps of Cadets by thanking everyone here tonight.



At the end of the Excalibur Society evening, two more former Battalion Commanders were recognized for their attendance to the dinner, after Price Osteen had been recognized as a new Bronze Knight. Shown below from the left are Ed Cottingham, Class of 1976, and Nick White, Class of 2011.

Also, Gene Callaway, CMA Class of 1984, stood before the members and asked that recognition be



given to headmaster Colonel Eric Boland for his recent 60th birthday celebration and all sang "Happy Birthday." Having reached one of the milestones that are recognized, it was noted that he and his wife, Celia, have spent over half of their lives on the campus at Camden Military Academy and they have been performing an excellent service to the school.



GOLD STARS FOR 2017-2018

The first Gold Stars were originally given at Carlisle Military School for students earning a 90+ average for the semester. The tradition continues for Camden Military Academy's cadets who received their Gold Stars for the 1st semester in February. The 2nd semester gold star recipients were announced during the graduation ceremony on May 20th. (Cadet names shown with asterisks were awarded the Gold Star for both semesters.) The Corps of Cadets march onto the CSM Rosvelt Martain



Parade Field as they do for all parades. The recipients then line up as pictured left and below. Cadets then receive their first semester Gold Stars from Colonel Boland with the assistance of LTC John Heflin.

Michael Agasi**
 Jovan Arbuckle**
 Michael Arrindell**
 Oliver Au-Whitaker**
 Kurosh Badii-Flores**
 Aaron Bataлка**
 Jared Beatty
 Edward Benitez**
 Jarod Bernstein**
 James Blair**
 John Branch, Jr.**
 Aaron Brooks
 Daniel Broydo**
 Jackson Campbell**
 Cole Childers**
 Robert Cianchetti**
 Daylen Clark
 Nicholas Coates
 Caleb Cresswell**
 Jacob Cresswell**
 Luke Cresswell**
 Henry Curran**
 Jonathan Cyrus**
 William Darracott**
 Everett Davis**
 Philip Dine**
 Tobin Dreisbach**
 Leo Eckhardt**
 Matthew Ferguson
 Saumel Frosliđ
 John Furlow**
 Nicholas Furlow**
 John Gibbs, III**
 Brice Griffin**
 Jake Grossman**
 Aiden Haase**
 Alexander Harbaugh
 Samed Heydarov**
 William Ince
 Andrei Isaak-Sap**
 Jake Jirsa

Kevin Kim**
 Austin King**
 Carson Klaas**
 Garhett Koethke**
 William Larsen**
 Jonathan Leach**
 Donovan Lee
 Dylan Leopold
 Andrew Levine**
 Jackson Lewis**
 Davis Long**
 Steven Long**
 Elliott Madden**
 Domenic Mancuso
 Theodore Marchand
 Max Marsden**
 Nicholas Martin**
 Hunter Masten
 Eric McClure
 Jordan McCurrach**
 Deven McKee**
 Ryan McMakin**
 Erik McNicoll
 James Meade**
 Ethen Metellus
 Parker Miethbauer**
 Connor Miles**
 Nicholas Misleh**
 Christian Monteforte**
 Nathan Monti**
 Benjamin Moore
 William Moore**
 Gregory Nicholson**
 Gage Noel
 Daniel O'Connor**
 Cameron Offner**
 Yohann Offredo**
 Matthew Osborne, Jr.**
 Evan Owens**
 Chad Palmer
 Michael Palmer**

Quentin Parish
 Tanner Paul
 Donato Pena Abreu
 William Pitt, IV**
 Nicolo Pucciarelli**
 Andrew Pyles**
 Alex Renken
 Eric Rivera
 Ethan Robison**
 Ellis Ross
 Dylan Rotker
 Matthew Rush
 James Sampson
 Christian Sanchez**
 Ryan Seier**
 Ian Shaw**
 Declan Sinnott**
 Landon Stillitano**
 Peyden Su**
 Shan Sun**
 Alexander Tapper**
 Ja'marien Taylor-Jones**
 Hunter Thompson
 William Ting
 Jonathan Tjahjadi**
 Christhoff Verderber**
 Rodrigo Villalobos**
 Gregory Volcy
 Ian Walter**
 Caleb Watson
 Matthew Weaver**
 Zhaofei yang Wei
 Corbin Whitney**
 Cameron Widmar**
 Nolan Williams
 Justin Wilson**
 Qi Yang**
 Clarence Young**
 Zachariah Yucis**
 Gabriel Ziemer**

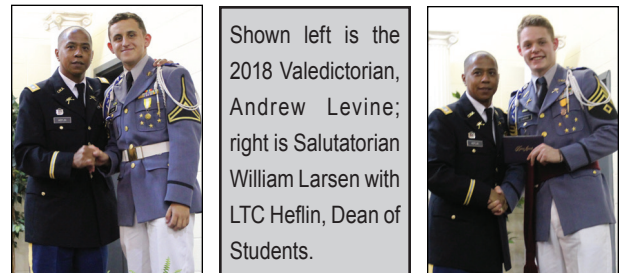


CMA'S Cadets with Highest Grade Averages

L-R - 12th Grade-Andrew Levine; 11th Grade-Jackson Lewis; 10th Grade-Nicholas Furlow



L-R: 9th Grade-Jonathan Tjahjadi; 8th Grade-Luke Cresswell; 7th Grade-Quentin Parish



A Cut Above in Military - Steeped in a hundred years of Carlisle-Camden tradition, Camden Military Academy marches at the fore among secondary military schools. We are proud of our past. For over twenty years the JROTC Unit has been accorded the designation "Honor Unit with Distinction." We look forward to our future and will always remain committed to the basic values of honor, duty, and service to family, state and nation. Military Training is a valuable complement to the classroom, instilling discipline, order, teamwork, and self-respect. It is the ingredient that completes the molding of the whole man. (From the 1995 Excalibur, "A Cut Above")

Shown left is the 2018 Valedictorian, Andrew Levine; right is Salutatorian William Larsen with LTC Heflin, Dean of Students.

Camden Military Academy Weekend of Graduation

Camden Military Academy held its graduation activities throughout the weekend of May 18-20, 2018. On Friday night, the Baccalaureate Service was held in the Cline Chapel on campus. The guest speaker was LTC Thomas A. Austin, IV, the former CMA commandant of cadets and a teacher from 1995-2002.

On Saturday afternoon, the Awards Ceremony was held in the Cline Chapel and seniors and underclassmen were recognized for their academic, military, and athletics awards. Also announced during the presentation were company awards for the year as follows: Honor Company – Band & Staff Company; Intramurals – Band & Staff Company; Best Spirit Award – Alpha Company; Best Drill Award – Bravo Company; Best Athletics Award – Charlie Company; Best Academics Award – Delta Company.

On Saturday night, the graduation dance was held in White Field House on campus. The junior class swordsmen marched into the gym and stood with swords held high as each senior and their escort(s), who ranged from girlfriends to family members, were announced and recognized while the cameras captured their special moments. Also, the underclassmen of the corps of cadets were allowed to participate in the evening activities, as well as their parents and family members, if they chose to do so.

Sunday morning, May 20th, the rains held off for the final parade of the year so that the seniors were recognized and honored by their fellow classmates. They all then walked to White

Field House for the commencement exercises. This year's guest speaker was Buddy Shelton, Carlisle Military School Class of 1961. Mr. Shelton is a professional golf player and inspirational speaker who has visited Camden during its annual Headmaster's Charity Golf Tournament, and entertained the corps of cadets with his golf trick shots using a variety of "special" clubs. Mr. Shelton stressed to the cadets that they should always strive to do their best and love what they do. As long as they realize that they can go to *The Bible* for the answers to whatever they face, the answers will be found in "That Book." That is why it is the best-selling book of all time.

Colonel Eric Boland, headmaster, addressed the audience and stated that this 2018 class of seniors had earned over \$500,000 in scholarships. The first awards were then presented for the highest averages for 7th grade: Quentin Parish; 8th grade: Luke Cresswell; 9th grade: Jonathan Tjahjadi; 10th grade: Nicholas Furlow; 11th grade: Jackson Lewis; 12th grade – Andrew Levine; the James F. Risher Award – Matthew Rush; the Salutatorian – William Larsen and Valedictorian – Andrew Levine awards. Colonel Boland then presented the diplomas to 53 young men who crossed the stage that day. After the ceremony, they all shared their last day's moments on campus with each other, reminding each other to do all they could to stay in touch and remember the brotherhood that they have at Camden Military Academy, as so many others have done throughout the years.



Shown in the photos (clockwise l-r) are LTC Thomas Austin, the keynote speaker at the 2018 Baccalaureate service. Austin was the former commandant. The graduation dance Swordwalk featuring the Furlow family; the reviewing stand with Colonel Eric Boland, Cam Walters, Buddy Shelton, and LTC Brad Lawing; the seniors lined up to see their 2018 corps of cadets for the last time; Buddy Shelton, featured speaker; Matthew Rush receiving the James F. Risher award; Col Boland congratulates Camilo Nunez with his diploma and handshake; and the two seniors from Hawaii, Alexander McGlone and Brandon Hollingsworth showing their diplomas.



GOOGLE Expedition AR Pioneer Team at CMA

"Google is beta testing the company's new Google Expeditions Augmented Reality technology. Camden Military Academy was fortunate to be one of the schools selected from across the country to be a part of the Google Expeditions AR Pioneer Program. All of the teachers were trained by the the Google Expedition AR Pioneer Team on Monday, March 19. CMA teachers and students had a daylong sneak peak of the unreleased Google Expeditions AR app. It's touted as a new learning tool for teachers where the images students view are controlled through the teacher's guide phone. Camden Military Academy teachers then conducted sixteen AR Expedition sessions with cadets throughout the day. The app teaches students using 3D technology by bringing the solar system, volcanoes, earthquakes, World War I and World War II, Ancient Rome, DNA and RNA strands, organic chemistry and Da Vinci's inventions to life in the classroom. The app has the potential to take the educational experience through history, geography, physical science, biology, chemistry and math and make it three dimensional. The Google Team brought their own router, sixty phones and selfie sticks to provide the AR technology. The CMA teachers taught the AR curriculum related lessons to cadets. With Google equipment, cadets and teachers immersed themselves into augmented reality experiences. The teacher programmed the guide phone and students followed the AR Expedition on their own phones. Cadets took turns moving and pointing the phones around the room. Three dimensional images were displayed on their phone screens making the image appear real and right in front of them. Cadets walked around the objects, got closer to see details and stepped back to see the full "picture." LTC Will Rice taught the students about the 1950's "Space Race"



between the United States and Soviet Union. Students viewed Saturn V, Vostok I, Apollo 11, the Command and Lunar Modules and then experienced the actual landing on the moon. "It was one of the best teaching experiences in my career. The students were enthusiastic and actively engaged for the entire lesson," Rice stated after the seventh graders' Expedition. LTC W.C. Mobley conducted an Expedition on World War II Warfare as students held German U-boats and the Higgins boat in their hands. With Expedition AR, Mobley's students reached out, trying to touch the Republic P-47 Thunderbolt as it flew through the air and sat in the front seat of the original Jeep. The students were able to walk around and view the different 3D images from every side and angle. Google's 3D technology maps a physical location and places a 3D image in that location. Students were in the eye of a category 5 hurricane, got up close in a strand of DNA and RNA, gathered around the statue of David, and followed a drop of blood throughout the circulatory system with a 3D heart on their desks. Rice said, "It was great to see students walking out of a classroom in awe." Google will gather extensive feedback from students and teachers to create new expeditions and consider changes throughout the school year. Currently, there are about thirty AR Expeditions with Google, adding new expeditions based on feedback from teachers as they beta test AR technology. Col. Eric Boland said, "We are very honored that we were selected to participate in Google's AR Expedition Pioneer Program. It was an excellent opportunity for our students and faculty to learn from experts in the field of technology. Our teachers were excited to field test Google's cutting edge technology and especially to use it to enhance their curriculum." (Contributed by Mrs. Celia Boland)



The CMA Experience: A small school that prepares you for life.

by Cadet Staff Sergeant Kurosh Badii-Flores, with William G Rozier published in KC Current June 2018

How I Got Here

Before I came to Camden Military Academy (CMA), I was like at lot of people. I was very inattentive in class and lacked motivation. I did not expect to graduate.

During sixth grade, my parents suggested I enroll here. They had been looking for options, and CMA had sent them some material. Initially, I paid no attention to the idea. But when my grades began to plummet, I realized that CMA might be best for me. I came here in the middle of eighth grade.

The Adjustment

The transition was difficult. Discipline was stressed. The consequences for failing to do homework were beyond those in public school. By starting in the middle of the year, I found my peers had all settled into being here. But soon, I began to enjoy life at CMA. I made friends,

I learned leadership skills. I became responsible for the welfare of others. I joined the Wrestling, Track, and Cross Country teams. I learned how to play a new instrument - the Fife. My grades improved, but they needed to become better. In my Sophomore year, I focused on grades. By my Junior year, my grades were way up. I had the friendship and respect of loads of cadets and teachers. I had become comfortable with the demands of leadership.

The Teachers

The teachers here are great. You can sit down and talk with them. They really understand you. They know many cadets did not want to come to CMA. They work hard to make being here the best for the cadets that they can. Of all my instructors, I would say that SGM Curtis Green of the JROTC Department has been my best mentor. He motivated me to become a better person. He helped me become more responsible and more confident. My self-esteem grew as a result of his efforts. Dr. Steve Spratt made English

enjoyable. He is a transcendentalist. He broadened my perspective. I feel more "wise" due to his instruction. Mr. Welfare Wang was my Calculus teacher. He graduated from CMA and The Citadel. I could really relate to him because he has experienced the same things I have. He was in tune with how I think.

The Benefits

I have thrived in this small school. There are fewer distractions, it's more contained. Class sizes are so much smaller than at a public school. You can grow here. They teach you how to lead, how to be more confident and outspoken. You become better prepared for college. This year, I took part in the Kershaw County Junior Leadership program. Students from the three public high schools and CMA met once a month to participate in team building, community service, and personal growth activities. I was also a Fifer in Revolutionary War battle reenactments at Historic Camden.

The Future is Bright

Before CMA, I had never dreamed of college, I was failing Algebra. But at CMA I found myself taking college courses like Calculus! When I took a course in Psychology, that made me realize I wanted to be involved in Science. I plan to major in Biology when I go Valdosta State University in Georgia. It's a small campus, like CMA.

Advice to Others

Coming to CMA has been life changing for me. The initial experience was hard. It was difficult to adjust. But the staff helped me get through it. But now I can say with confidence that coming here was the best thing for me. I will recommend CMA to anyone who wants to make their life better.

Colonel Eric Boland's

Assessment

Cadet Badii is a fine young man and great example of what a CMA cadet should be. He is a young man that will most certainly contribute to making the future of America brighter.

CMA cadet receives Sheheen Junior Leadership award

Martin L. Cahn/C-I

Camden Military Academy cadet Johann Offredo (left) accepts the Robert J. Sheheen Junior Leadership Outstanding Student Award from Junior Leadership steering committee member Laurie Parks and former S.C. Speaker of the House Bob Sheheen, for whom the award is named. Offredo's fellow Junior Leadership students voted for him to win the award. Parks and Sheheen presented it to him during the program's graduation banquet Thursday night.



Johann Offredo, a Camden Military Academy (CMA) senior cadet, is this year's recipient of the Robert J. Sheheen Junior Leadership Outstanding Student Award. Former S.C. Speaker of the House Bob Sheheen, for whom the award is named, and Junior Leadership Chair Laurie Parks presented Johann with the award during the program's 30th annual graduation banquet Thursday night at the Robert Mills Courthouse.

Parks said Johann received a record-setting 12 nominations before being voted on to become this year's winner.

Johann, a self-proclaimed extrovert, was also one of the evening's four student speakers. Each group of students participating in this year's Junior Leadership sessions from the district's public high schools -- Camden, Lugoff-Elgin and North Central -- and CMA chose a speaker for the evening from within their ranks.

During his speech, Johann said Junior Leadership gave him information and skills with which to grow in addition to the "different high school experience" he has had at CMA.

"Leadership is observed daily in our lives, whether it's from our parents, friends or celebrities. We all know it's crucial and powerful," he said. "Student leaders have the most influence on teens because student leaders are relatable."

Johann mentioned the "esprit de corps" at CMA that leads cadets to do the next required task.

"Esprit de corps is something greater than us that can be defined in many different ways," he said, explaining that it brings the cadets together -- regardless of background -- to work toward a common goal.

He went on to relate how his first day of school was a shock after having been in public school.

"I gave up my electronics and I was constantly being yelled at by my classmates," he said. "It did not take me long to understand why I was being yelled at for every small mistake I made, but I realized that they didn't do it because they liked yelling at me -- they did it because they cared."

Johann said CMA student leaders like himself are like big brothers to the other cadets to be sought out for guidance.

"We are in our positions to motivate others to improve, not to turn them into soldiers," he said. "The rank I'm wearing today means nothing outside of the school. 'Cadet Lt. Col. Johann' ... who cares? I'm wearing (this uniform) because it's important to me. It shows that, even though I had a rough past, I am still going to make it and that's all thanks to student leadership."

He said he and his fellow Junior Leadership students were picked for their leadership skills in their community.

"I know that all of us will continue to be leaders no matter where we are because we are truly important to the people we are surrounded by. Junior Leadership and Camden Military Academy gave me the building bricks for my foundation. Now I'm off to college and I've gathered the bricks around me so, one day, I will soar," Johann concluded.

The evening's other student speakers included Camden High School's Sarah Heming, Lugoff-Elgin High School's (L-EHS) Jacob Whisenhunt and North Central High School's Laken Gross. Like Johann, each student's speech focused on "The Importance of Student Leadership."

Two humorous moments came one after the other when Parks inadvertently skipped introducing Jacob in favor of Laken and had

to be reminded to include the L-EHS student. Then, only a few moments into his speech, the power went out due to a storm. Parks used her cell phone to give Jacob light enough to read his speech. Almost as soon as he was done, the lights came back on.

Johann, Sarah, Jacob and Laken also thanked Parks and fellow Junior Leadership steering committee member Ed Garrison for their 18 and 30 years, respectively, of service. At the beginning of the program, Kershaw County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Amy Kinard, who also serves on the steering committee, announced Parks and Garrison are stepping off the committee and presented them with plaques of appreciation. Thursday's graduation banquet served as their final Junior Leadership function.

S.C. State Guard Commander Maj. Gen. Tom Mullikin, who is a Camden attorney, served as the evening's keynote speaker, giving a short, but enthusiastic speech.

"We sit only a few feet from where our freedom was won in this country," Mullikin said, "where a group of militiamen gathered to take on the greatest army of the world. We live around greatness."

Mullikin used those words as a bridge to thank his own mentors, including Sheheen, and then acknowledged that the students are what he called "young world leaders."

"The one thing I can say is that ... we need our young people to understand that they can be the best in the world. You do not get big by thinking small. 'Big' will not land in your lap by accident. Success is a steady climb," Mullikin said.

He then revealed that he was born with a deformity of his feet -- at one point being told he might not ever walk -- and yet he has, literally, climbed some of the world's highest mountains, scuba-dived and visited every continent, including Antarctica.

Mullikin also recalled graduation at Camden High School in 1978 and being told, "You can be the best, but you're going to have to work for it."

"You can be the next Andrew Jackson," he encouraged the students. "You can be the next Francis Marion. You can be the next Bernard Baruch. And you can be the next Billy Graham. And you can do it coming from right here in Kershaw County. We have the best in the world."

He then encouraged the students to find a mentor, like he had in Sheheen.

"I remember well the time when Bob was speaker -- the best speaker we've ever had -- when he was having difficulty with the attorney general. People would ask him, 'What are you going to do, Mr. Speaker?' And he would say, 'Well, I'm going to go talk to him.' 'You're not really going to go into his office?' Imagine if we lived in a world, today, where people were bold enough to talk to people who felt differently. Imagine how much better things would be."

Mullikin left the students with four characteristics he wanted them to develop in pursuit of being happy and successful: Be bold, be strong, be kind and be thoughtful.

The evening also included a video presentation of some of the activities in which this year's class participated, including sessions on job market strategies, youth court, social and formal dining etiquette, personal finance, social issues and state government (which included a visit to the S.C. State House). Junior Leadership students also went on a showcase of schools, visiting each of the four high schools, and assisted with this year's Special Olympics at CMA.



(Shown to the left are representatives from CMA who participated in the program: (L-R) Daylen Clark, Kurosh Badii-Flores; Nicholas Martin, Johann Offredo, and Leo Eckhardt.)

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Reflections

We all had that special teacher or coach that inspired us to believe and achieve while we were in school. Take a minute and think about it. Who was yours? Recently, at Camden Military, we have experienced two occasions that has caused us to pause and reflect on this very question and I wanted to share those with you as well as share my most influential teacher during my school days.

First, I would like to share my favorite teacher during my high school career. I am a proud 1990 graduate of Camden High School. In my days at CHS, we did not have air condition in the school and that was a cause of great concern for the students. However, there was one teacher who defied the odds (and I think the administration) and had a window unit placed in her room. This lady was Dr. Jean Pruett. That led to kids clamoring to get into her class, but not so fast. Dr. Pruett had a reputation for being very strict and hard on students regarding discipline and English grammar. I heard the urban legends of how no one would ever make an A in her class, but I was spoiled and wanted AC! I had Dr. Pruett for two years and I honestly learned more in her class than any other. She had a unique way of connecting with her students and making learning fun as well as weaving life lessons and words of wisdom into her lessons. She developed my love of writing and taught me all about the "comma splice." She also genuinely cared for her students regardless of gender, race or socio-economic status. Dr. Pruett empowered her students making them believe in themselves, no matter what their personal circumstances. I was fortunate enough to thank her many times over after graduating from CHS. Once, my wife and I bumped into her years after I graduated and she still remembered me. I introduced her to my wife who was pregnant at the time. I bet we spoke for 15 minutes in Food Lion that day. Several weeks later, I received a call from Dr. Pruett asking if she could come by my house. Of course, I agreed. I wasn't about to tell Dr. Pruett "no" about anything! She arrived a short time later with a handmade baby blue pillow for my son. My son is 20 years old but I still cherish that pillow. Dr. Pruett passed away a couple of years ago and it was evident of her impact on many students by the attendance at her services. I will always be grateful to Dr. Pruett and remember her each time I hear someone mention a "comma splice!"

At CMA, our headmaster, Eric Boland, recently celebrated his 60th birthday (I hope the boss doesn't mind me putting that in print)! Anyway, a surprise party was planned for him. We were careful not to let him have any idea, but we attempted to reach past students and players that Col./Coach/Dr. Boland had impacted over the years. The response was amazing! Former cadets and students flocked back to CMA to celebrate his milestone birthday. There were a number of stories shared that day from Col Boland and former cadets. I heard numerous stories of the positive influence Col. Boland had on so many young men during his 34 years at the academy. He actually still communicates with many of them to this day. Occasionally, we may be in a meeting and Col. Boland will receive a call from a former student asking for advice, inviting him to a graduation or a wedding or even sharing the birth of their children. It is amazing to see the admiration so many former cadets from all across the world has for this mentor at our academy.

More recently, there has been a reflection of a different sort at CMA. CSM Vertis Wilder succumbed to cancer after a nearly year-long battle. This was a very different situation as he had worked with the young men at CMA up until the Christmas break of 2017. When the cadets were notified of his passing, there were very few dry eyes on campus. CSM Wilder was more than a TAC officer to many of these young men. Oftentimes, he was a father figure, a spiritual influence, a friend. CSM Wilder was tough but he was also quick to pat the young cadets on their back when they experienced success and speak with them regarding any issues they may be experiencing at home or in their personal life. Aside from the obvious grief of our current cadets, his impact was articulated through emails, calls and social media. There was an outpouring of emotion with many young men as well as parents of students who attended the academy or graduated stating that he had "saved" them and that he was the most influential man in their lives. During his sickness, many former cadets visited him and vocalized their gratitude. He was a very humble man and accepted their appreciation, but CMA will surely miss his smiling face on campus.

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Camden Military Academy "Old Boys" are seniors who have been here since the 9th grade or earlier. This year seven of these cadets will be graduating with the Class of 2018. They all began their journey here at CMA as Privates and now are some of the highest ranked leaders in the Corps of Cadets. We asked each cadet their favorite memory while being here at Camden.



Kurosh Badii-Flores (8th-12th)

Camden Military Academy has been a life changing experience. Since my arrival in 2013, I have noticed a significant improvement within myself academically and mentally. Although my first year was quite rough, I carried myself with a positive attitude in hopes of improvement, and this came to be true. For the next several years, it became more enjoyable to attend the school for several reasons, since I made multiple friends and gained several leadership positions. I was also involved in wrestling, cross country and track and I would have to say that I enjoyed running cross country the most. Overall, Camden was the best alternative I could've ever chosen. If I were in a public school, I would not have achieved such great accomplishments because of the environment.



James Seaborn Blair (9th-12th)

My favorite memory of CMA was all the great people I have met and all that I have experienced, like the time I went to DC and saw the Pentagon, Smithsonian Museum. We even went to see the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and walked around Arlington Cemetery with LTC Brad Lawing who had guarded the Tomb. He knew Arlington like the back of his hand, and that is something I won't forget.



Amadou Avners Diabate (9th-12th)

My experience at Camden Military Academy has changed me a lot. I have become more mature over these past 4 years, and I am very proud of how I have grown up. I would like to thank SGM Green and 1SG Irvin for supporting me over the course of my time here. Without them I would not be the Commander I am today. My best moment at CMA was every year during Thanksgiving break when the other International Cadets and I would go on a cruise with COL Boland, Coach Thomley, and his wife. Lastly I want to thank COL Boland and his wife for supporting me throughout these 4 years. I couldn't have done it without them.



Andrew Joseph Duncan (8th-12th)

My Camden experience, to this day is one I will always remember. October 7th, 2013 was the first day I arrived at CMA. Man, was that an influential day for me, but at the time I didn't notice what Camden had planned for me. Although I came here a little boy, this place put Respect, Discipline, and Work Ethic into my life, and has taught me so much in what seems to have been such a short time. This place has opened doors for me that I am ever so grateful for. I am so thankful for my parents who helped me back on my feet and sent me to this "Eye-Opener" of a school.

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Remember, at the beginning of the article, I asked you to recall that special teacher or coach in your own life. Take a moment very soon, to let that teacher or coach know how much they meant to you. You could call, send a text, post on their social media or even write a good old-fashioned letter! In closing, I have been in education for nearly 20 years and I pray that I can impact just one student the way these three-tremendous people have impacted so many! Thank you to Dr. Jean Pruet, Col. Eric Boland and CSM Vertis Wilder for making this world a better place for youth and leaving your lasting legacy in this world.

By Casey Robinson, Admissions Director



Nauj Mac Montenegro (9th-12th)

Camden Military Academy and my fellow cadets have molded me into the person I am today. I still remember my first day. I was completely terrified because this was a new environment for me, and it was too much to handle. If it wasn't for my chain of command my first year, I don't think I would have come back to CMA. I thank the Lord that I have these good friends graduating with me this year.



Matthew Randall Rush (9th-12th)

My fondest memory at Camden Military Academy was my first year when my whole chain of command came into my room, after getting everything unpacked and they asked me, "Are you anything like your brother?" I had already encountered this question a good four or five times that day already but this time it felt different and boy was it different. If I had said yes then I would definitely not have been given the opportunity to get as far as I did during my time here at CMA. After the first two weeks though, my Captain came up to me, shook my hand and said, "Thank God you aren't like your brother!" I had finally left my brother's shadow and started to make my own reputation.



Joseph Shane Smithwick, II (9th-12th)

My first day at CMA was the most dynamic experience of my entire life. When my mom hugged me and left, and I watched that car pull off, I thought I was on my own. A "New Boy" at a military school sounded like a horror movie, but when I saw all the people that were going through the same thing as I was, I was overcome with happiness. These past few years I've made a group of life-long friends... My family. Being here has taught me that no matter what you go through in life, you're never alone.

Did you know?

Our Leadership Procedures (Excerpt from Camden Academy Catalog 1952-1953)

In our leadership military procedure, mastery in "shifting rifle from shoulder to shoulder" and in mechanical drills--repeated over and over for days and months at a time to the point of stark character determines discipline, whatever "rules and rod" may temporarily do.

Neither parents nor teachers can *make* true discipline; it springs from character through what parents and teachers believe and do about character and discipline in their own daily activities.

Each boy's character is the result of two primary forces: the nature he is born with, the power of the environment he lives in.

What forces inspire or direct a boy's nature to grow in power, faith, loyalty; in self-assertion and yet in sympathy for others? What develops in a boy the qualities of the fighter along with those of the lover of peace? What force in his environment builds in him the ambition to forge ahead and the will to do it honorably?

The answer is really very simple. Soil and its cultivation make seeds sprout and grow. The kind of school environment a boy has, together with his inborn nature, is his soil. The examples boredom-is subordinated *rightly* to the *rotation of our boys in the experience both of obedience, performance, and the leading of others.*

Kershaw County Special Olympics held at CMA

Camden Military Academy hosted the Kershaw County Special Olympics on Friday, April 20, 2018. Approximately 300 athletes from all schools in Kershaw County descended on to CMA's campus for a day of sport and fun! After a morning full of athletic competition, lunch was served in the CMA dining facility. Following lunch, there was a "dance off" in CMA's gymnasium. All of the athletes and volunteers were invited on to the dance floor to have a good time and celebrate this very special day.

Volunteers from all over Kershaw County assisted 50 CMA cadets in duties ranging from parking cars to becoming a "buddy" for a special athlete. Luckily, the weather cooperated, and a great time was had by all. We can't wait to host the 2019 Special Olympics!



"The FCA weekend at Garden City Beach, SC was something I needed . . . it really changed my perspective on Jesus; before I saw him as an Idea, but now I see Him as an actual person and someone I can talk to and trust. During the second night, I recommitted myself to God, I saw his presence in that chapel--through others around me and myself. This trip exceeded my expectations from a spiritual, emotional, and physical aspect."

- Sam Frosolid, West Chicago, Illinois

(Shown below are the FCA group members.)



Lane Boone (Class of 2009)

There have been many experiences in my life that I will cherish, and the four years I attended CMA are one of those. I had come to CMA with a chip on my shoulder and it reflected in my character and my attitude towards basic daily tasks. Not that I was a major problem in my company, but anyone could tell I did not want to be there, and I only cooperated in hopes of being able to go home. After excelling in academics my first year and going into my second, I pleaded with my grandmother to let me come home permanently while I was on Christmas break. This changed after having a talk with my mentor, Rob Miller, who challenged me to make the most of my experience and hold to the end of the school year to decide to leave or stay. After coming back from break and continuing my sophomore year, I embraced everything the academy had to offer. Upon completing my sophomore year I was promoted to 2nd lieutenant for my upcoming junior year. Then, everything came to fruition after I interviewed for the Battalion Commander position, even though I decided Company Commander of Alpha Company was best suited for me going into my senior year. LTC Armstrong, Coach Horn, and CSM Brooks



are individuals who I have immense respect for because they saw past my faults and gave me invaluable insight into how I might thrive not only at CMA but for the rest of my life. A memory that sticks out is when I tried out for the JV basketball team in 9th grade and I didn't make it because of grades. There happened to be another Boone whose grades were mistaken for mine, and subsequently after seeing his mistake Coach Horn told me to be at the first practice. Who knows what I would be doing right now if Coach had not allowed me to play after that mishap because sports helped me get through tough times and to accept the fact that I was there to stay. Unfortunately, it wasn't until after I graduated that I realized Coach Heflin and I both had similar backgrounds, a fact which brought about an appreciation for him. CMA taught me patience, humility, and respect for those from different backgrounds, and I formed friendships that have gone beyond my cadet days at the academy. After those first two tough years, it finally paid off once I truly bought into the system and gave this institution a chance. I do not have one single moment that stands out because there were multiple moments that had helped me grow as an individual and into a man now with a family of my own. I would like to thank CMA for all of the ups and downs because these lessons helped cultivate me into the person that I am now.

Annual Senior Supper

On the night of May 15, 2018, COL Boland and Staff treated the Class of 2018 to a special evening. The seniors were treated to a dinner at Jasmine's Buffet and followed up with watching "Breaking In" at the Sandhills movie theater.

"Getting the opportunity to go off campus with all of the seniors was a great way for us to enjoy our last few days at CMA. It gave some of the seniors from different companies a chance to bond one last time before we go our separate ways. I am sure I speak for all seniors when I say that I am very grateful for the trip and for what this school has done for our class."

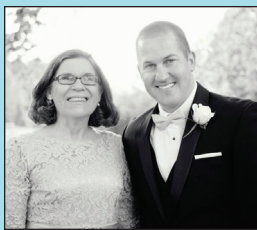
Elliott Madden (Elizabethtown, North Carolina)

"Jasmine's Chinese Restaurant was delicious, and giving the seniors almost an hour to eat gave us a great time to sit and socialize over good food and a movie while nearing graduation. Overall, the trip was a great time to hang out and see everyone in a civilian environment one last time before graduation day, where we may never see one another again."

Chris Verderber, (Efland, North Carolina)



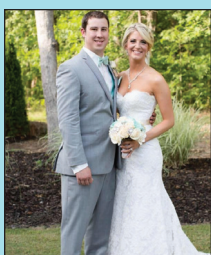
Shown left, LTC Offredo, members of his staff and the band prepare to welcome the Special Olympics participants onto the football field from all of the Kershaw County schools.



Zack Butler (Class of 2003)

The years of 2001-2003 are ones that I will forever remember when I was a cadet at Camden Military Academy. We had some top recruits for athletics come to the academy. I was a short junior at the time and a runner on the cross country team, not weighing more than 170 lbs. and standing just 5'10", but I wanted to play on the basketball team. I will never forget after classes in October going into Coach Heflin's room and bringing up the conversation about my wanting to join the team. I told him ahead of time that I did not feel like I would ever have a shot at making the team with players of the likes of Larry Blair, Xavier Littleberry, and Vance Carraway. Coach Priester (Head Coach) and Coach Heflin (Assistant Coach) had a long conversation with me about how I was good enough and could make the team. I went for it! I remember getting into the gym for tryouts and standing in the layup line as the shortest and skinniest guy on the court and completely air balling my first shot. Those two years playing on the team were incredible. We traveled all over playing some of the top high school teams on the East Coast, like Oak Hill Academy.

Two years playing on the Varsity basketball team taught me some valuable lessons about how there is no "I" in "team". We had a mantra on the team of "One Heartbeat", meaning that we were nothing without each other, and if one person messed up during practice or in the game we all would have to pay the price. A heart is very similar to a team in that you need all of the parts to function as one; if one part fails, then the heart will not function correctly. I didn't make much out of my basketball career, but was fortunate enough--thanks to the help of Coach Heflin and Coach Priester--to get a scholarship to Wingate University for Cross Country. To this day I reflect back on the years at Camden and the valuable lessons I learned playing on the basketball team those two years.



Andrew Andrew Moore (Class of 2007)

When I first got to Camden, I was coming in as a senior. I didn't know anyone, had no idea how Camden operated, or how I landed in the Band Company (I can't play a single instrument or even carry a tune). SGM Greene was my TAC; he was firm yet understanding, and as the year went on he became more of a role model and someone I could talk to about anything. Don't think he took it easy on me, though. He made sure I stayed in line (my parents still appreciate everything he did for me to this day--as do I.). I played football and baseball that year and met cadets and coaches that I still talk to 11 years later. The academics, structure, teachers and staff were second to none. They taught me life lessons and, particularly, how to own up to my mistakes. Furthermore, if it weren't for Coach Heflin, I wouldn't have gone to college. He stayed on top of me in applying to colleges. I ended up graduating with honors and lettered in two sports. Thanks Hef! Outside of the class room, Coach Roberts, Beckham, and Rice showed me how to push myself past what I thought were my limits, what good sportsmanship is all about, and how to be a leader. Without them, I wouldn't be half the man I am today. Now, I am married with a son, and I am a full-time Firefighter/EMT. I would say to anyone considering Camden Military Academy and to those who resent being there, "You will appreciate it when you are older. Take in the lessons taught. They will mean more to you than you will ever know." And I now say to EVERYONE who helped me at Camden Military Academy, THANK YOU!

David Duncan (Class of 2011)

Camden Military Academy was the best thing that ever happened to me. I met guys who I can call brothers today. During my senior year, we won the state championship in lacrosse and the conference title in football--one of the best experiences of my life. Camden gave me the discipline that I needed and that my mother could not provide. It was not easy leaving all of my friends back home and moving to the middle of nowhere. Before I went to Camden I was heading down the wrong path. My father passed away and I started hanging with the wrong crowd. I was getting into a good bit of trouble, so my mom took me on a visit where I met LTC John Heflin. I did not want to attend this school by any means, but I remember what Heflin said to me that swayed me. He said "what would your father want you to do." I will never forget that. If I had never attended Camden Military Academy, I would have been locked up, or even worse. I would have never attended and graduated from The Citadel. I would have never landed a job with a fortune 200 company. I owe all of my success to the men who molded me at Camden, specifically CSM Brooks, the tac officer of Alpha Company, and LTC John Heflin. Camden was the stepping stone to my success.



Nicholas White (Class of 2011)

As the youngest of five siblings, I had become accustomed to following the crowd. Easily influenced by others' decisions, I often times found it difficult to make the choices that were best for me. My constant need to feel accepted and to fit in drove me down a spiraling path that was almost irreversible. A few minor altercations with law enforcement and a 1.8 GPA during my freshman year of high school led me to CMA. Ironically, my first day at CMA was the most memorable. On that day I met Elijah Kitts, a long-time student at CMA and who just so happened to be the battalion commander. I thought to myself, here is a man in complete control of his life and his decisions. He had passion, work ethic, exuded leadership, and spoke articulately. I thought to myself, this is what I have been missing my entire life. I want what he has, I want purpose. So, I made it my mission at CMA to do anything it would take to reach my goal. I wanted to be the Battalion Commander. However, this path was not as clear as I had anticipated. Often times I would ask teachers, upperclassmen, and TAC officers how I might reach my goal. And their answers were always the same: you follow the rules, work hard, and you give 100% to everything you do, and even still there are no guarantees. So, for the next three years I spent every waking moment trying to improve myself, learning how to make my bed just a little tighter, march in formations a little straighter, or studying just a little longer. I constantly looked for ways to improve every single thing I was doing in an attempt to separate myself from my peers. Days turned into weeks, which turned into months, which turned into years. At the end of my time, I was looking in the mirror at the best version of myself. It was the first time in my life I worked tirelessly day and night to achieve something I cared about. Through all of the late-night football games or early Saturday morning inspections, the moments of happiness and the tears of sadness, I had finally done it. I had found that feeling I wanted so badly my entire life. Without CMA, I would have never learned what it feels like to achieve something you've worked your hands to the bone to obtain. CMA gave me a taste of what this world can be, and what it feels like when you achieve something by following the rules, working hard, and giving 100% to everything you do. I am former Cadet Battalion Commander Nicholas White, and CMA saved my life.





CSM Vertis Wilder

JANUARY 30, 1955 ~ FEBRUARY 10, 2018
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"Be where you're supposed to be, when you're supposed to be there, do what you're supposed to do, when you're supposed to do it."

For I am ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand; I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

II Timothy 4: 6-7

If you would like to donate to the memorial bench for CSM Vertis Wilder, please send your check to CMA, 520 Hwy 1 N, Camden, SC

29020 and designate it for CSM Wilder Bench.

Vertis Wilder, was born January 30, 1955, to the parents of the late Harry Beamon and Roberta Bailey Kitchen in Chicago, Illinois. He departed this life on February 10, 2018, at home in Columbia, South Carolina.

He attended Chicago public schools an early high school graduate from Tilden High School in Chicago, Illinois, a year later at the age of 17 he entered the United States Army, and retired as a Command Sergeant Major after 30 years of service. He then went on to further his education and graduated with a Bachelor Degree in Business. He later joined forces with Camden Military Academy, in Camden, South Carolina as a tactical officer, from October 2003 -January 2018.

Vertis married his childhood sweetheart Patricia Harris Wilder on August 18, 1979. To this union one son was born. They have been married 38 years.

Heaven had a huge gain on February 10, 2018 - one of the most amazing, kind, generous, patient, intuitive and gentle souls ever known was called home. Command Sergeant Major Vertis Wilder passed away and his death has left a huge hole in the hearts of many. This man impacted and improved so many lives in his not-long-enough years on this earth. After serving our country for many years in the United States Army, he chose a second career at Camden Military Academy in which he could shape and mentor young men in the most turbulent years of their lives. CSM has had a profound impact on the lives of many young men throughout his tenure which began October 9, 2003 at CMA and the relationships that they shared reached into the depths of the hearts of them and their parents, grandparents, or guardians. As one of our parents said, "I feel the most immense gratitude for this man who has done more to help my son grow and learn than anyone else in the world since he became part of the Company for which CSM was responsible. When CSM and I communicated about my son, we referred to him as "our young cadet" because it truly felt as though we were raising him together."

"CSM Wilder taught my son to shave. He taught him how to use his strengths for good. He entrusted my son with leadership and responsibility for others in his company, creating confidence and motivation in him. He allowed him to make mistakes while holding the safety net close enough that no damage would be

done...my son commented that "Wilder was the closest person in my life to being the father that I never had." What a profound statement for my almost 16 year old son."

"As for me, having been a single mother for the better part of both of my children's lives, having someone to support me, strategize with me, make suggestions to me, take some of the weight off my shoulders, know how to handle things that were beyond my ability and CARE for my child as much as I do was one of the most remarkable gifts I could imagine being given. I couldn't possibly be more grateful for this.

The cadets here at the academy, as well as all of the faculty and staff could hardly describe our feelings about CSM Wilder as did the parent shown above. For those of us who knew him, our hearts continue to hurt and our memories will always be filled with the outstanding man who was working endlessly around campus, not only in the regular school year, but also the summer school program with the young campers.

We are so appreciative to his family that they shared his life with ours and the many, many young men whose lives he has touched over the years. We know that he has moved into a peaceful place and is free of pain.

We salute you, CSM Vertis Wilder, for your life of dedication to our country and our academy and we can think of no one more deserving of dedication of this 2018 Excalibur Yearbook.

Carlisle Reunion by Cadet Coale Thornton

"I enjoyed the Carlisle reunion. It gave me a look into these former cadets' lives and how they had gone through many strifes just as I do at our military academy. While I was wearing their old uniforms, I was told by many of the former cadets that I should wear it with pride, explaining to me how it changed their lives and that of many other cadets. In my opinion, it was a very kind thing to do to honor the people who were molded by the campus, its rules, and its regulations, enforced by men they would soon come to respect. Wearing that uniform changed the way I saw Camden Military. I was extremely glad to be able to participate in this reunion, and I think it was a very kind thing to do."

"My time at Carlisle Military School allowed me to have experiences I could never replace. I met classmates with whom I am still in contact with and they are my band of brothers. I also met a man, Colonel Waddy Thompson, who though no longer here, still had a significant impact on my life. By simply believing in me. Carlisle was integral to forming me into the man I am today."

Dewayne Lee, CMS Class of 1976

"Carlisle Military School taught me to be responsible for my own actions, conduct myself in a military manner and be courteous to subordinates and superiors. These are positives to becoming successful in life."

Atward Eugene Cone, CMS Class of 1976

"Camden Military Academy transformed me from a boy to a man by giving me the life skills I needed and wouldn't have received anywhere else. As an added bonus, I learned about a brotherhood that gave me lifelong friends with bonds nothing can break. I owe who I am today to my mother for sending me to CMA."

Kyle Gillman, CMA Class of 2005

"There was a fortitude within myself yet needing to be discovered til I attended Camden Military. The people at this great institution welded the structure I needed to harness my potential with the courage to frequently test its limits. Thanks to CMA I can now reliably feel confident in the man I have become."

Ryan Hobby, CMA Class of 2000



1970's Group got together in Charlotte: (l-r) Norm Gilliam, Ken Johnstone, Dennis Bivins, Arnie Levine, Jerry Dula, Steve Harris, Cam Walters, Danny Bledsoe, and Mickey Faile (the Bull Ring King).

Remarks by Col Lanning P. Risher, Headmaster Emeritus of Camden Military Academy, made at the "We Are Carlisle" Commemoration and Reunion Program held on the former Campus of Carlisle Military School on April 14, 2018, Bamberg, SC.

Good Morning!

This indeed is a great occasion. I am amazed at what this committee has done here with the help and support of this wonderful town of Bamberg. On behalf of all of us here, "Thank you," for a job well done.

Last year, 2017, was not only the 40th anniversary of Carlisle's closing in 1977, but, on a happier note, it was also the 125th anniversary of the founding of Carlisle in 1892. At that time, the forward-looking and wise leadership of this special town saw the need for a school, raised the money, and provided the support for Carlisle. It was to be run by the Methodist Church through Wofford College in Spartanburg. In fact, Carlisle was named for the president of Wofford, Dr. James H. Carlisle.

In 1992, when we celebrated Carlisle's Centennial, the Alumni Centennial Committee commissioned a history of the first 100 years of Carlisle and Camden. Lachicotte Zemp, the author, wrote an excellent history that covers this period very well. Copies of that book may still be available from our Alumni Office. Just call Diane should you want one.

Before I continue with my remarks, I would like to say that my family had a connection with Carlisle that began with its founding. My mother finished Carlisle in the Class of 1911, following in the footsteps of an older sister and four older brothers. Her uncle, H.C. Folk, was a member of one of the first Boards, and two of his sons-in-law, Guilds and Gault, served as Headmasters. And my widowed grandmother was matron of the girl's dorm for several years, probably when Mother was a student. And on my father's side, one of his cousins was on the committee which originally organized the School in 1892.

Those early years of Carlisle can be summed up in this way: The same community leaders who founded the School, kept the struggling Carlisle School going. Private school survival is a very tenuous thing, but in every crisis—and there were many—these citizens of Bamberg stepped forward with the necessary money and effort to keep the school open. That is, until the Great Depression. In the summer of 1932, the Methodist Conference, which was ultimately responsible for the School said, "No more." They would no longer operate Carlisle. My father, who by then had already been Headmaster for three years during the depth of the Depression, seeing the great need for a school like Carlisle, leased the facility here and began operating the School as a privately-owned business or corporation. He bought the property from the Methodist Conference in 1937. Then began the "golden years of Carlisle."

There were setbacks—the Main Building, containing classrooms and auditorium, burned in December 1936, and Brabham Hall, a three story barracks, burned in March of 1943, but Carlisle grew and prospered. These were the years all of us here remember—the Thirties, the Forties, Fifties, Sixties, the Seventies.

As I was writing this talk, I realized that I was probably the one person living who had the longest span of memories of Carlisle. Most of us here have three, four, five or perhaps six years. I had twenty-six years of memories here before I went to Camden in 1958. Believe me, it was the best of all worlds. As a little boy, I looked up to all the Cadets. They were my ideals, and were always kind to me. Most of my friends from town came to "my house" so that we could play at Carlisle. There was no better place to grow up than right here on this Campus.

Then came my cadet days, beginning at age 13. I lived in the barracks like everybody else. Only once in my four years was I sick, but on that one occasion I didn't "go home to Mama," just across the street, but went to the Infirmary and was cared for by



Mrs. Dial, the School Nurse. Those were four wonderful years with many fond memories. I learned leadership and responsibility, and I made friendships that have lasted a lifetime. I received an excellent education, and these four years influenced my life most profoundly. I graduated in May of 1948.

After I returned from active duty during the Korean War, I had many job options, but I wanted to try life as a faculty member at Carlisle. Being on Carlisle's Faculty involved far more than just teaching. In a sense, Carlisle became your life. After only a few weeks, I knew I had found my life's work. I loved it. In choosing to teach at Carlisle, I truly followed the Colonel's advice to us. How many times did he say, "Young gentlemen, enjoy your work. Never make money your goal. Money is the by-product of a successful life; choose to work at something worthwhile that you can enjoy, and the money will take care of itself."

Then after three years at Carlisle, some of the leading citizens of Camden asked my father to reopen Camden Academy, which had failed and was closed. Dad wasn't interested at all. He was 69 years old. Carlisle was doing great, and he had two sons here to help, with grandchildren living next door, I might add. He wasn't enthusiastic about any change. However, he was eventually convinced to embrace this opportunity. So, in the Spring of 1958, Carlisle bought Camden Academy, and reopened it as Camden Military Academy in September of that year. It was decided that Deane and I would go to Camden. I would be Headmaster and James Dallas, also a Carlisle teacher, would be Commandant. My father became President of both Schools, and Bill became the Headmaster of Carlisle.

We had a lot of work to do to get things ready at Camden, so we were very busy that summer. But make no mistake about it, all the foundational things were provided by Carlisle. Most importantly, the students came from the Carlisle waiting list. Carlisle reached full enrollment every year by May or early June. Hundreds of applicants had to be turned away. This overflow, in part, went to Camden and comprised its first student body. All the rules, regulations, schedules, and operational procedures were taken to Camden virtually without change. It literally became Carlisle in Camden. One of our Camden cadets from that first year, when he returned later as a teacher, jokingly said he got reported for "missing the church bus to Denmark." In every sense of the word Camden was the extension of Carlisle.

Those were the halcyon days. Camden grew and Carlisle continued to be filled each year. But in the Seventies, during the anti-military and anti-Vietnam era, things changed. Nationally the number of Military Schools dropped from 150 to 50. This was a tough time for all Military Schools, including both Carlisle and Camden. By then, Bill owned Carlisle. I had owned Camden, but I had made it non-profit in 1973, receiving final IRS 501c3 approval in April 1974. So the two schools had no financial connection.

Carlisle struggled, especially after 1973, and eventually closed in 1977. It was a difficult time for everyone, most especially for my brother, Bill.

But isn't it beautiful how our God can bring good from even the darkest of times? Look around us. This Job Corps has been providing education and a better opportunity for success in life to these young people for nearly four decades now. Also, I am sure its economic benefit to this community is very significant, as was Carlisle's in its day. So the Campus here is still being used to serve young people and benefit the community.

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Shown right is Colonel Risher next to his Carlisle Military School Class of 1948 picture that was one of many alumni photos on exhibition during the reunion.



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And believe me, Carlisle still lives on at Camden Military Academy. The Carlisle flag flies in Camden's Color Guard, in the place of honor, to the right of Camden's own flag. Carlisle's school colors were officially combined with Camden's colors, changing them from blue and white to blue and gold. Our Board of Trustees, even today, has more graduates of Carlisle than of Camden. Thanks to a dedicated alumnus of Carlisle, who went through great difficulty to have the flag pole moved, the National Colors on the Camden parade field fly each day on the old Carlisle flag pole. On our Campus is Dallas Barracks, named for LTC James Dallas who served on the faculties of both schools. Grimes Barracks is named for LTC James M. Grimes, Carlisle's Commandant for many years. Thompson Barracks is named in honor of LTC Waddy Thompson, Commandant at Carlisle after LTC Grimes. Scarborough Barracks, is named in honor of Banks Scarborough, Carlisle Class of 1945 and Chairman of the Camden Board for over 25 years. Yes, and there is the Risher Administration Building named in honor of all members of the Risher Family, men and women, who have served Carlisle and Camden over the years. My mother at Carlisle and my wife at Camden were absolutely essential parts of the Team. Our Student Center, containing the canteen, visitor's lounge, and recreation area is named the Carlisle House in honor of Carlisle. And Camden's Academic Dean ensures that all Camden Cadets hear about the history of Carlisle and Camden.

The official South Carolina historical marker you see on the corner of Carlisle and Midway Streets was funded and placed there some years ago by Camden, with the approval of the State government.

So you can see it is very evident that Carlisle truly lives on today! On another Campus, true, but she is still vitally alive. Without Carlisle there could never have been a Camden Military Academy.

It is very appropriate, I think, that this day coincides with the ground breaking for a memorial to those who served our country, so many of whom paid the ultimate price. I understand there will be a plaque there honoring the young men of Carlisle who served. Though not citizens of Bamberg, they spent much of their youth here, and due to the wonderful hospitality always shown them by the people of Bamberg, they felt that they were a part of the town.

There were many who served and some died. The Carlisle Yearbook of 1944 was dedicated to "the more than 200 "Sons of Carlisle," cadets and faculty members, who have gone to fight in WW II." Graduates also fought in WW I, Korea, Vietnam, and the more recent wars in the Middle East. There are so many stories of their service and acts of heroism!

Here are several interesting ones:

America Vespucio Cabral Jr., from Brazil, was probably Carlisle's first foreign student. He came to Carlisle in 1913 and left at the end of the 1917 school year to join the Army and fight as a US soldier in Europe. He was badly wounded but lived to have a long and successful life in Brazil. He is one of two Brazilians known to have fought in the US Army in WW I.

Another Carlisle man, 2nd Lt. Bill Hamilton, Class of 1940, in the last days of WW II in Europe, was sent with his platoon to capture and secure an Austrian castle in which two former French presidents, Daladier and Reynaud, two of France's highest ranking generals, Gamelin and Weygand, and about ten other very important French officials were imprisoned. The German Army detachment guarding the castle surrendered, but unknown to Bill, a large unit of German SS troops had been sent to take these high ranking French captives to be used to Germany's advantage in final surrender negotiations, or perhaps to be killed.

The Major in charge of the captured German Army detachment was persuaded to help defeat the attacking German SS troops. Quite a feat, I'd say, getting Germans to fight Germans.

In fact, historian Stephen Harding has written a book about this battle which is being made into a movie to be released later this year. Both the book and movie are entitled "The Last Battle." This may be the second movie made about this event, for I think there was another some years ago.

Bill was awarded the Bronze Star for his valor there. In 1995 he presented this medal with the citation to the Camden Military Academy Archives.

And one other interesting story. Shortly after WW II ended, the United States installed a Directional Radio Beacon, a VOR as we pilots call it, at Bamberg, Germany. Guess what it is named? Carlisle. Some Carlisle graduate was obviously responsible for that.

Yes, many Carlisle men have served and died for our country. I am so grateful that they will be honored in this memorial for which ground will be broken this afternoon.

As we reflect on our years at Carlisle, probably the one we first think of is my father, James F. Risher. Over and over, he admonished us to be a man in all circumstances and to stand for what is right, and we knew he was sincere because he lived that way himself. And when he spoke to us in the dining hall, it was as if he were speaking to each one of us directly.

Now I can't repeat any of his talks, but in closing, I would like to recall a few of his oft-repeated quotes that we all remember.

DUTY—by James F. Risher

"The path of Duty is a rough and rugged one. It leads through valleys of disappointment, up hills of difficulty, through deserts of doubt and self-denial, and sometimes into the darkness of an unknown tomb. But it does not end there. It leads on into the glorious sunlight of an eternal resurrection; to joy and true success."

CHARACTER—James F. Risher

"Character is what really counts in life. What you do speaks so loudly that people seldom hear what you say."

ECCLESIASTES 12:1

"Remember now Thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

ROMANS 12:1

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

When he quoted from the Bible, he usually quoted the whole chapter. In the interest of time, I quoted only the first verse of each chapter. But when he used other quotes he used just the lines that made his point or contained the gist of the quote.

From THE RUBAIYAT OF OMAR KHAYYAM

"There is a moving finger that writes
And having writ moves on,
Neither all your piety nor wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line
Nor all your tears wash out a word of it."

From Robert W. Ingersoll's eulogy to his brother:

"Life is a narrow vale between the dark and barren peaks of two eternities. We strive in vain to look beyond the heights. We cry aloud and the only answer is the echo of our wailing cry. From the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead there comes no word. But in the night of death, hope sees a star and, listening, love can hear the rustle of a wing."

Ingersoll was an agnostic. I trust that before he died, he came to realize that the star seen by hope was the star of Bethlehem, and that the love he spoke of was the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

From THE SALUTATION TO THE DAWN—Persian Sanskrit

"Yesterday is but a dream and tomorrow is only a vision; But each today well-lived will make each yesterday a dream of happiness and each tomorrow a vision of hope."

From THE CHAMBERED NAUTILUS---Oliver Wendell Holmes

"Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low-vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea!"

This truly is a great day for celebration of fond memories. Let us all enjoy it. Again, I would like to thank all those who have made this day, honoring our Carlisle heritage, possible.



PASS IN REVIEW

Henry Mocus Moore, CMS'42, is believed to be the oldest alumnus at the April 14, 2018 Carlisle Reunion. One of the pictures is shown on the right with Mocus speaking to Colonel Risher, one of many alumni that memorable day. Some of the pictures from that day are available at the following.

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(To the Reunion Committee posted on Carlisle Facebook Page)

Please pass my deepest thanks and appreciation to Jerry and the rest of the organizing committee for that outstanding reunion. Let me say once again how deeply honored I was to serve as Grand Marshall. It must have been very hard, with so few resources, to gather, prepare for and direct that crowd of nostalgic old men -- which is what we have all become. But you all put together an extraordinary group of volunteers and did it all with great success and panache. Participation by Senator Graham, the freedom group from Columbia and state, county and city officials truly memorialized the school and the legacy of Col. Risher.



The seminal formative contributions he and Carlisle made to thousands of young men over the years should never be forgotten. Speaking for myself, the core elements of my character, for good or ill, I owe to him and to the five years I spent in Carlisle, learning to be a man -- I hope a good man. As you know, this was my first Carlisle reunion. Of course I knew that many of the old buildings were gone but seeing the campus again, remembering what it once was and fully comprehending what it has become, was a very emotional experience for me. I prefer to remember it as it was but perhaps there is some of the old Colonel's goodness left in the land itself since much of it has been turned into a Job Corps Center which works to help today's young men and women.

I have to say that I had forgotten how warm and welcoming the people of the South Carolina Low Country can be. The folks in Bamberg, many of whom had not yet been born when Carlisle closed down, were honestly enthusiastic about our parade and came out of their houses in goodly number to wave and cheer us on. And the staff at the motel in Orangeburg where Jaye and I stayed as well as other diners at the restaurant where we had dinner were fantastically friendly. Of course, that is how it was sixty years ago but I have been living in other, more competitive and less friendly cultures for decades and once again experiencing what I guess should be called "Southern Hospitality" was a welcome remembrance.

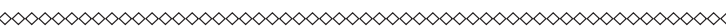
Incidentally, today Jaye and I discovered that our Ambassador to the United Nations and former Governor, Nikki Haley, was born to an immigrant Sikh Indian family in Bamberg in 1972. No way she could have been impacted by Carlisle or the Colonel but I like to think that the benign developmental influences of our school and its philosophy somehow helped her on her road to success.

Once again Jaye and I really appreciate everything you and your team did to make the reunion happen. Should any of you ever find yourselves in Daytona, for a race, the beach or whatever, please know that you have a comfortable place to stay. We have plenty of room and will do our best to match the hospitality we enjoyed so much this weekend in Bamberg.

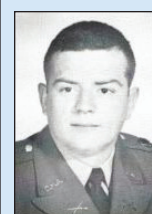
All the best,
Stan Escudero



The Carlisle Reunion Committee was well prepared with golf carts on hand for the unbelievable and well-planned occasion.



CMA Class members from the 1980's are (l-r) Patrick Langley, Rusty Burgess, Jon Faulkner, Ed Hessert, Paul Tamburrino, Jeremy Altman, Bucky Holling, and Chad Ayers. They met at Folly Beach, SC in June.



Joseph Hugh Parsons, CMA Class of 1960, passed away May 29, 2018. Originally from Newark, NJ, he received his bachelor's degree from East Stroudsburg State College. He moved to Camden in 1966 and started as a teacher at Camden Military Academy. He was among the superlatives as "Best Student" in his class. In 1966 he taught chemistry and physical science, as well as advanced algebra. He was the TAC of Band company's Drum & Bugle Corps and later became Assistant Commandant in 1973 and continued until 1982. He remained in Camden and worked for the City of Camden and later served as superintendent for the east Richland County Public Service District until his retirement. After that, he worked for the Cassatt Water Company. He served as a volunteer for the Camden Fire Department and played the trumpet as a member of the Camden Community Band.

Colonel Lanning Risher said that he was a wonderful man with a great sense of humor.

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PASSED AWAY

- Mr. James Braxton Lovett, Indiantown, SC, CMS'44
- Charles Hodgins Henderson, Denver, NC, CMS'50
- LTC Joseph Hugh Parsons, Camden, SC, CMA'60
- Mr. William Parker Morris, Jr., Yemassee, SC, CMS'62
- Terry Joe Weavil, Winston-Salem, NC, CMS'62
- Mr. Herbert John Horton, Riverside, RI, CMS'63
- Mr. Turney Henderson McDowell, Midway, GA, CMS'69
- Mr. Samuel Dixcon Tyson, Jr., Myrtle Beach, SC, CMA'84
- Mr. John Glover Wofford, Jr., Spartanburg, SC, CMA'85
- Mr. Christopher Patrick Cook, Wilmington, NC, CMA'09

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CARLISLE REUNION IN BAMBERG, SOUTH CAROLINA - A GREAT SUCCESS

The "We Are Carlisle" Commemoration and Reunion of Carlisle Military School was held in Bamberg, SC, on April 14, 2018, and was attended by over 400 Carlisle Alumni and their guests. The County and City of Bamberg, as well as the Federal Job Corps Center (which now occupies the former Carlisle site), hosted the event to commemorate the history of Carlisle.

A morning reception with food and refreshments was held at the Bamberg County Annex Building - where U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham met with attendees - before the parade. The Grand Marshal of the parade was former U.S. Ambassador Stanley Escudero, CMS Class of 1960. Various bands, floats, and military units, passed the reviewing stands set up for Carlisle men and their guests. The highlight of the parade was the Camden Military Academy Band, Color Guard, and drill team - which paused at the reviewing stands for Carlisle men and their guests to "fall-in" and join the parade that concluded at the Job Corps Center. As the CMA performed, all the Carlisle men then marched in through the former gates of Carlisle behind the Carlisle flag - for the first time since 1977.

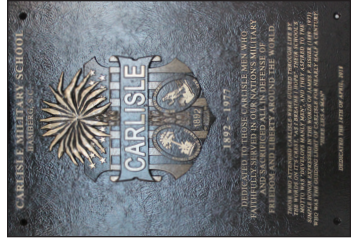
A formal commemoration program was held in the Job Corps gym with Colonel Lanning Risher, Headmaster Emeritus of CMA and CMS '48 Alumnus, giving the keynote speech. S.C. Representative Justin Bamberg presented a proclamation from the S.C. State House making April 14th "Carlisle Military School Day." A beautiful bronze plaque to commemorate Carlisle was unveiled and dedicated that will be placed in the Bamberg Veterans Memorial Walkway. After the program, a delicious lunch was provided - nearly on the very site where food was served for the original Carlisle groundbreaking in 1892.

Alumni and their guests were allowed to wander around those Carlisle buildings still remaining and to reminisce about their Carlisle experiences. At the conclusion of the day, a formation of all Carlisle men was held - and for many it had been over 60 years since they performed a "dress-right-dress." They sang the Carlisle Alma Mater, and listened in reverence to the playing of "Taps" by CMA buglers in honor of all who had ever attended Carlisle. A procession was then made to lay a wreath on the grave of Colonel James F. Risher, who was the guiding light of both Carlisle Military School and Camden Military Academy.

It was a memorable event for all who attended, and done in honor of all who ever attended Carlisle - as well as CMA who share in its heritage today. Much appreciation to the City and County of Bamberg, the Federal Job Corps Center, Camden Military Academy, and all the volunteers who contributed to make this event a grand success. Recognition should also be given to the event planning committee consisting of Danny Anderson (Ridgeville, SC, CMS '72), George Benton (Bamberg, SC, CMS '65), Jerry Counihan (Savannah, GA, CMS '66), and Robert Humphries (Puyallup, WA, CMS '72).

Written by Robert Humphries (CMS '72) Shown below is the plaque referenced above:

CARLISLE MILITARY SCHOOL
BAMBERG, S.C.
1892 - 1977



DEDICATED TO THOSE CARLISLE MEN WHO FAITHFULLY SERVED IN OUR NATION'S MILITARY AND SACRIFICED ALL IN DEFENSE OF FREEDOM AND LIBERTY AROUND THE WORLD.
THOSE WHO ATTENDED CARLISLE WERE GUIDED THROUGH LIFE BY THE WORDS OF ITS CREST, "AS I BREATHE I HOPE." THEIR SCHOOL'S MOTTO WAS "DEVELOPS MANLY MEN" AND THEY ASPIRED TO THE SIMPLE HONOR EXPRESSED IN THE WORDS OF JAMES F. RISHER (1889-1973) WHO WAS THE GUIDING LIGHT OF CARLISLE FOR NEARLY HALF A CENTURY.
"HERE LIES A MAN"

DEDICATED THE 14TH OF APRIL, 2018

BROTHERHOOD - That is the word so many young men use so often when it comes to describing their experience at Camden or Carlisle. The last weekend of the school year shows these two groups, one after the awards presentation and the other after the diplomas were in hand. Pictured left (-r) are seniors, Eric Rivera, Will Larsen, Andrew Levine, Jack Furlow, Yohann Offredo, Chris Verderber, and Matthew Rush. Shown right (-r) top to bottom, Mikael Barker, Deven Mckee, Wyatt Hart, Michael Hanlon, Josiah Fredericks, Luke Barry, and Aiden Haas.



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