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## Camden Military Academy Class of 2021 Graduates



**Lukas Nathaniel Barry**, Mint Hill, NC; **Julian Boor Bennett**, Columbus, OH; **Andrew Ted Bimson**, Davis, CA; **Alexxandr Clark Conklin**, Tampa, FL; **Ricky Thomas Cooper**, West Palm Beach, FL; **Ethan Chase Culver**, Summerville, SC; **Rence Patrick Davis**, Delmar, MD; **Jalen Curtis Dawkins**, Milledgeville, GA; **Joseph James Decker**, Champlin, MN; **Emmanuel Ghyllain Demba**, Cape Town, South Africa; **Alpha Amadou Aziz Diallo**, Lawrenceville, GA; **Donovan Joseph Dolan**, Fort Lauderdale, FL; **Aden Joseph Doscocil**, Silver Lake, OH; **Tobin Joseph Dreisbach**, Brentwood, TN; **Thomas Andrew Espinoza Santander**, Newnan, GA; **Matthew Cameron Slade Garrow**, Cranford, NJ; **Jorge Andres Gonzalez**, Miami, FL; **Jathan Michael Grant**, Waxhaw, NC; **Daniel Gurevich**, Brooklyn, NY; **Kobe Sebastian Hale**, Hopkins, SC; **Richard Luke Hamby**, Jefferson, NC; **Dylan Emmanuel Herard**, Naples, FL; **Patrick Alexander Honney**, Charleston, SC; **Caleb Joseph Hughes**, Greer, SC; **Sean Paul Johnson**, Seattle, WA; **Marcus Jordan Kirschner**, Charlotte, NC; **William Laidlaw**, Plano, TX; **James Mikell Leland**, Mt. Pleasant, SC; **Aidan Fredric Lisle**, Oakland, CA; **Robert Joseph Lowe III**, Grovetown, GA; **Robert Luebken**, Nahant, MA; **Aiden Tavish MacDonald**, Charlotte, NC; **Mason Philip Major**, Seminole, FL; **Michael William Masotti**, Charlotte, NC; **Jason Connor Mattice**, Columbia, TN; **Jack Francis Milillo**, Flower Mound, TX; **Robert Charles Mott**, Avondale, WA; **Callen Hamilton Nash**, Charleston, SC; **Baker Douglas Oliver**, Florence, SC; **Evan Michael O'Neil**, Saint Augustine, FL; **Tucker John Perry**, Virginia Beach, VA; **William Howard Pitt IV**, Wilmington, NC; **William Reid Powers**, Saint Johns, FL; **Nicholas Lee Ramirez**, Evans, GA; **Jarod Reese-Sherrill**, Dallas, TX; **Dominic Skyler Richards**, Palm Bay, FL; **Frank Collier Rowe**, Jacksonville, FL; **Peyton Cole Savoy**, Oakdale, LA; **Ryan Michael Seier**, East Amherst, NY; **Samuel Walter Shefsky**, Summerville, SC; **Nicholas Thatcher Swarts**, Charlotte, NC; **Hunter Andrew Thompson**, Marvin, NC; **Robert Andrey Vanderland**, Tampa, FL; **Tobias Warnock**, Scarsdale, NY; **Daim Daniel Weaver**, Greer, SC; **Matthew Ramon Chavez Weaver**, Hesperus, CO; **Bryn Balentine Williams**, Mt. Pleasant, SC; **Andrew William Wise**, Greer, SC; **Nicholas Wade Yearack**, Knoxville, TN

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## CMA Awards 2020-2021

### Academic Awards

Band Director's Award: Jason Mattice  
 E. Haines Gregg Runyan Award: Robert Lowe, III  
 Most Improved Player: Leyson Steele  
 Band Certificate of Achievement: Nathan Campbell, Owen Gallagher, Jeb Goodwin, William Ritchie, II, John Simmons, Andrew Wawak  
 John Phillip SOUSA Award: Tobias Warnock  
**Junior Leadership:** Samuel Fullwood, Declan Sinnott, Mark McGregor, Ashton Lawrence, Lon Callis, William Ritchie, Tanner Larkin, Denzel Okafor  
**Highest Class Averages**  
 12th: Andrew Bimson; 11th: Domenic Mancuso; 10th: Cadence Tarbox;  
 9th: Michael Manning; 8th: John Rivers; 7th: Elijah Weaver

### Military Awards

Daughters of the American Revolution Award: Julian Bennett, B/S Co.  
 Daughters of the American Revolution Youth Citizenship: Ethan Roland, B/S Co.  
 Hobkirk Hill Chapter \$1,000 Scholarship Awards: Marcus Kirschner, William Pitt IV, Matthew Weaver  
 John D. Kennedy United Daughters of the Confederacy Chapter Award: Robert Lowe, III, B/S Co.  
 Sons of the American Revolution Award: William Trenor, B/S Co.  
 The Veterans of Foreign Wars Award: Daim Weaver, B/S Co.; Samuel Shefsky, B/S Co.  
 Commandant's Award: Robert Luebken, B/S Co.  
 Cadet of the Year: William Ritchie, II, B/S Co.  
 CMA Cadets of the Semester Awards: Mark Aronov, B/S Co.; William Ritchie II B/S Co.

#### JROTC Superior Cadet Award:

LET I - Michael Manning, A Co.  
 LET II - Marcus Kirschner, B Co.  
 LET III - Mark McGregor, C Co.  
 LET III - Adefemi Dennis, D Co.  
 LET IV - Robert Luebken, B/S Co.

#### CSM Martain Award:

Rence Davis	D Co.
Triston Ellings	D Co.
Illya Komarov	A Co.
James Rheinheimer	A Co.
Bryan Branch	A Co.
Ethan Roberts	A Co.
Nicholas Swarts	B Co.
Matthew Garrow	B Co.
Andrew Bimson	C Co.
Eric Smith, Jr.	C Co.

The Order of the Daedalion: Jalen Dawkins, B Co.  
 National Sojourners Award: Joseph Lucey, D Co.  
 The American Legion Awards: Gold: Tucker Perry, B/S Co.; Dominic Richards, A Co.  
 Silver: Bryn Williams, B/S Co.; William Laidlaw, B/S Co.  
 Bronze: Tobias Warnock, B/S Co.; Spencer Ward, B Co.; Lucas Lagrange, A Co.; Hunter Keltner, C Co.  
 The Military Order of the World Wars Awards: Parker Ziobro, D Co.  
 United States Army Recruiting Command Award: Emmanuel Demba, C Co.  
 United States Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award: Dylan Herard, C Co.  
 The Reserve Officers Association Award: Lukas Barry, B/S Co.  
 The Association of the United States Army Award: Matthew Weaver, B/S Co.  
 Military Officers Association of America Award: Kobe Hale, C Co.  
 Marine Corps League Award: Chay Wilhelm, A Co.; Nicholas Yearack, C Co.  
 Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Award: William Darracott, B Co.  
 VFW Auxiliary Patriot's Pen Award: John Rivers, C Co., Logan Moore, D Co.  
 VFW Auxiliary Voice of Democracy Award: William Ritchie, II, B/S Co.; Sean Skaritanov, C Co.; Parker Ziobro, D Co.

#### Most Improved Cadet Award

A Company: Cole Juliano  
 B Company: Benjamin Sholtis  
 C Company: Conor McNamara  
 D Company: Iain Habina  
 B/S Company: Tavin Sawyer

#### Cadet Challenge Medals:

12th Grade - Frank Rowe; 11th Grade - Ethan Roberts; 10th Grade - Jason Sowell;  
 9th Grade - Tavin Sawyer; 8th Grade - Robert Mora; 7th Grade - Alistair Omdahl

#### National History Day Awards

**Junior Group:** Logan Moore, John Rivers, Isaac Moore, Jeffrey Stith, Jacob Weldon  
**Senior Group:** Maddox Brown, John Simmons, Wendell Wojak, Sean Skaritanov, Xavier Hudgins  
**National History Day Regional Award (Blue) for Advancing from State Virtual Competition: Senior Group:** Maddox Brown, John Simmons, Wendell Wojak, Sean Skaritanov, Xavier Hudgins

**LTC Sonny Brown Yearbook Award:** Mark McGregor and Maddox Brown  
**South Carolina Independent Athletic Association Junior Scholar Award of Merit:** Ben Kolp and John Rivers  
**SC Independent School Association Student Publication Winners:**  
 Layout/Design Yearbook Category & Copywriting (Honorable Mention): Mark McGregor and Maddox Brown

#### Blackjacks Drill Team

Senior Gold Awards: Julian Bennett, Joseph Decker, Aden Duskocil, Jorge Gonzalez, Robert Lowe, III, Tobias Warnock, Andrew Wise

#### Company Competition

Best Intramurals: Delta Company  
 Best Drill Award: Charlie Company  
 Best Athletics Award: Alpha Company  
 Best Academics Award: Band & Staff Company  
 Best Spirit Award: Bravo Company

#### Honor Company Award: Charlie Company

#### Scholar Athlete: Daim Weaver

#### James F. Risher Award: Kobe Hale

#### 2021 Valedictorian: Matthew Weaver

*Shown below top left:* LTC Brad Lawing awards Charlie Company the Honor Company Ribbon. On the right Robert Luebken receives the Commandant's Award. He will be returning to CMA for his post graduate year as Battalion Commander 2021-2022. Btm left: Dean of Students, LTC John Heflin presents the Valedictorian Award to Battalion Commander LTC Matthew Weaver; shown right: Cadet Koby Hale proudly displays his diploma along with his Colonel James R. Risher Award.



**GRADUATION DAY**



## CMA CLASS OF 2021 POST GRADUATION PLANS

Lukas Nathaniel Barry	Post Graduate at CMA
Julian Boor Bennett	University of Cincinnati
Andrew Ted Bimson	United States Marine Corps
Alexxandr Clark Conklin	Appalachian State University
Ricky Thomas Cooper	Culver-Stockton College
Ethan Chase Culver	University of South Carolina
Rence Patrick Davis	The Citadel
Jalen Curtis Dawkins	Culver-Stockton College
Joseph James Decker	University of North Georgia
Emmanuel Ghyllain Demba	Florida Atlantic University
Alpha Amadou Aziz Diallo	Marion Military Institute
Donovan Joseph Dolan	Florida Atlantic University
Aden Joseph Duskocil	Cleveland State University
Tobin Joseph Dreisbach	Ohio State University
Thomas Andrew Espinoza Santander	United States Army
Matthew Cameron Slade Garrow	Virginia Military Institute
Jorge Andres Gonzalez	Penn State Altoona
Jathan Michael Grant	New Mexico State
Daniel Gurevich	Borough of Manhattan College
Kobe Sebastian Hale	Benedict College
Richard Luke Hamby	Wilkes Community College
Dylan Emmanuel Herard	Virginia Tech University
Patrick Alexander Honney	Midlands Technical College
Caleb Joseph Hughes	The Citadel
Sean Paul Johnson	Washington State University
Marcus Jordan Kirschner	Miami University-Oxford
William Laidlaw	Texas A&M
James Mikell Leland	Coker College
Aidan Fredric Lisle	North Central College
Robert Joseph Lowe III	Covenant College
Robert Luebken	Post Graduate at CMA
Aiden Tavish MacDonald	Undecided
Mason Philip Major	St. Petersburg College
Michael William Masotti	Central Piedmont Community College
Jason Connor Mattice	Undecided
Jack Francis Milillo	United States Marines
Robert Charles Mott	Bethel University-St. Paul, MN
Callen Hamilton Nash	Trident Technical College
Baker Douglas Oliver	Flagler College
Evan Michael O'Neil	United States Army
Tucker John Perry	Undecided
William Howard Pitt IV	Appalachian State University
William Reid Powers	Tallahassee Community College
Nicholas Lee Ramirez	University of North Georgia
Jarod Reese-Sherrill	Savannah College of Art and Design
Dominic Skyler Richards	United States Navy
Frank Collier Rowe	Florida State University
Peyton Cole Savoy	Louisiana State University
Ryan Michael Seier	University of North Georgia
Samuel Walter Shefsky	Undecided
Nicholas Thatcher Swarts	University of South Carolina-Beaufort
Hunter Andrew Thompson	Carson Newman University
Robert Andrey Vanderland	Georgia Military College
Tobias Warnock	Seton Hall University
Daim Daniel Weaver	Texas A & M
Matthew Ramon Chavez Weaver	University of Colorado-Boulder
Bryn Balentine Williams	University of South Carolina-Aiken
Andrew William Wise	Greenville Tech
Nicholas Wade Yearack	University of Texas

*The Final Parade for the Class of 2021* was another first for the seniors. Typically on graduation day, it was held two days early since the underclassmen had to leave on Saturday after exams. Also, with the closed campus, parents were unable to see it except for the live-stream broadcast by the admissions department. Casey Robinson and his cadet ambassadors became the CMA "Live" crew members throughout the year. Parents were able to tune into parades, the senior ring presentation, and Gold Star presentation along with campus activities.

With all the firsts that came in this school year it was also the **FIRST** time that the South Carolina Flag was added to the CMA Color Guard. The wind was so strong for this last parade that all flags waved to the trees and out of the faces of the cadets.



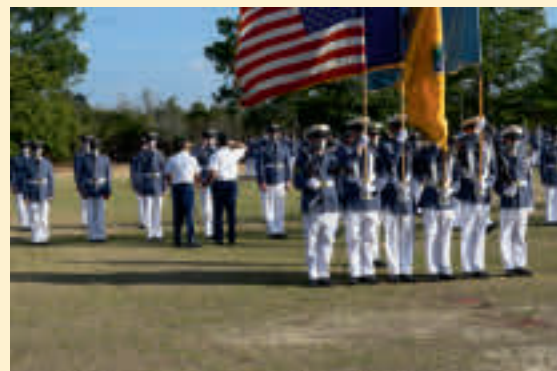
Cadet LTC Matthew Weaver prepares to leave the parade field for his last time as the battalion commander after marching with the 6th class to graduate since his time at CMA that began in 2015. One of the highlights of his tenure at CMA was watching the Dallas Barracks get started and then finished. He was in Delta Company throughout this time, before moving to Band & Staff Co. He remembers the joy he felt when moving into the new barracks and it was a moment shared with his friends.



## Gold Stars for 2020-2021

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

Abraham Aitzhanov*	Kal-El Hoxter	Alistair Omdahl*
Lucas Ambielli	Xavier Hudgins	Austin Parrish*
Mark Aronov*	Jackson Jolay	Landon Pavkovich*
Lukas Barry	Phillip Jones*	Michael Phillips
Afolabi Bello	Mason Kinder	William Pitt IV*
Julian Bennett*	Marcus Kirschner*	Ivan Polotko*
Isaac Berman*	Benjamin Kolp*	Nicholas Ramirez*
Oscar Bernard*	Illya Komarov*	James Rheinheimer*
Andrew Bimson*	Lucas Lagrange*	Benjamin Ritter*
Bryan Branch*	William Laidlaw*	John Rivers*
Maddox Brown*	Brodey Lane	Ethan Roberts
Nolan Burke	James Leland	Peyton Savoy*
Nathan Campbell	Christoph Lin*	Zachary Schwarz
Garrett Carey	Aidan Lisle*	Ryan Seier
Sean Clark*	Jack Lord	Benjamin Sholtis*
Ethan Culver*	Emory Lovdal	John Simmons*
Angus Currie*	Henry Lowden	Sean Skaritanov*
William Darracott	Robert Lowe III	Jeffrey Stith*
Rence Davis*	Robert Luebken*	Nicholas Swarts*
Vito DeMark*	Domenic Mancuso*	Cadence Tarbox*
Emmanuel Demba*	Michael Manning*	Lucas Thibodeau
Daniel Detwiler*	Peyton Mason	Micah Tompkins
Tobin Dreisbach*	Mark McGregor	William Trenor*
Nathaniel Francis*	Caleb McMahon	Zachariah Veith*
Elliot Fricker*	Conor McNamara*	Connor Ventura*
Owen Gallagher*	Coleton Messmer*	Ronald Wang
Matthew Garrow	Isaac Moore	Spencer Ward*
Jorge Gonzalez*	Kiefer Moore	Tobias Warnock
Grayson Gorton	Logan Moore*	Devin Watley*
Keegan Gravley	Robert Mora	Andrew Wawak*
Garrett Guffey	Robert Mott	Daim Weaver*
Daniel Gurevich	Katap Nale*	Elijah Weaver*
Daniel Hammons	Callen Nash	Matthew Weaver
Jackson Harrington	Joshua Nguyen*	Jacob Weldon
Dylan Herard	Hugo Nickoloff	Chay Wilhelm*
Patrick Honney	Maddox Novak*	Wendell Wojak*
Daniel Householder*	Baker Oliver	



Shown above are the first semester Gold Star recipients who were awarded their medals from Colonel Boland and LTC Heflin. The semester ended as the cadets departed for the Thanksgiving/Christmas break. It was their first trip back home since registration in August. The presentation of Gold Stars took place in February.

### Faculty Comments on Covid Masks

It has been quite a different experience teaching this year in the midst of Covid 19 but nonetheless, we have continued on our path to learning today in order to achieve a better tomorrow. Although Covid has affected the world as we know it, there is a sense of isolation here at CMA and although there are changes, things in my classes have remained the same. Our business class is currently finishing up our lesson on budgeting for life and has begun to delve into simple % equations. Pretty soon, we will be looking at mutual and stocks and see who is capable of maximizing profits on the NYSE. Our Spanish classes continue to

delve into new material, especially our Spanish 2 class where they are putting into practice all that they learned in Spanish 1. We will soon begin our country project where each cadet will be tasked with preparing a trip overseas and presenting to the class their findings. I look forward to what the year has in store for all of us.

*CPT Jason Grogan*  
(Spanish 1 & 2, Business)

What strange times we live in! It's been hard getting used to wearing masks. I've had to ask my students to take them off so I could see what they look like! Despite the wearing of the masks, I have learned how to "read eyes." I can tell if a cadet is smiling or frowning by looking at his eyes! I've been very proud of the boys for following the rules of wearing masks and social distancing. With this being said, I'll be glad

when I can see their faces. I like making my students smile.

*COL Jeff Jordan, SCSG*  
(Law Education, Psychology, Sociology)

**CMA RESPONDS TO THE COVID PANDEMIC WITH STRICT MEASURES IN PLACE FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

This year’s registration process differed greatly from years past due to COVID-19. For social-distancing purposes, each family arrived at their registered appointment time to have their son check in. Upon arrival, they had to report to the infirmary to be screened for the virus and to receive a wristband to wear while on campus. Once cleared, they ventured over to Academic Hall to meet with our registrar, Crystal Knight, and Dean of Students, LTC Heflin, to get their class schedule. The third stop was the White Field House (aka the gym) where Quartermaster Heather Brown outfitted each incoming cadet with several sets of “PTs” (athletic shorts and shirts), a jacket, undershirts, socks, a blanket, storage bin, and footlocker, among other items essential for daily life at CMA. And for the final stop . . . the cadet’s assigned barrack where cadets met their TAC Officers, unloaded their gear, and said goodbye to their family until Christmas Break. These partings were especially difficult this year because of the Academy’s “closed-campus” policy prohibiting cadets from leaving campus and restricting families from visiting their sons as a protective measure against the spread of the coronavirus. And yet, the sweet aspect of this bittersweet parting is that our cadets will benefit from and enjoy a level of camaraderie unavailable to students in public schools across the nation that have switched to the virtual world of distance-learning.

“Registration for me was a smooth and easy process. I got my picture taken and my class schedule. After that, I went to the gym to get my foot locker, uniforms, and other school supplies.



(Shown clockwise) Cadet 1SG Samuel Fullwood helps Cadet Bello with his trunk to Alpha Co. Cadet Tucker Perry receives his footlocker from the gym. Cadet Caleb Hughes holds his uniform in hand on his way into his company before his dad’s departure. All the cadets were restricted to campus until the Thanksgiving and Christmas break and unable to see parents, family members and friends.

It took less than 30 minutes before I was standing in front of Charlie Company.”

*Malte Dassler (Nashville, Tennessee)*

**Faculty Comments on Covid Masks**

“My favorite experience each year is meeting the new cadets but this year posed a small challenge because the cadets as well as faculty are wearing masks. It is a rare moment when either students or faculty get to see bright smiling faces because those faces are under wraps. An important part of this course is reading out loud, so breathing and reading through the mask is a hindrance for the cadets but nothing that they have not been able to overcome. My classroom is special because of the uniqueness of each of the cadets. They are from all walks of life and from all over the world and take part in literary works that, in many

circumstances, provide guidance on how to live in what seems like an increasingly complex world. My hope for the cadets attending my classes is that they explore the literature with critical thinking and learn how to make informed choices for their future endeavors.”

*SCPO Scott Shields*

*English 3, 4*



*Small classes, desks that are distanced, and cadets wearing masks were just a few of the many precautions taken throughout the year.*





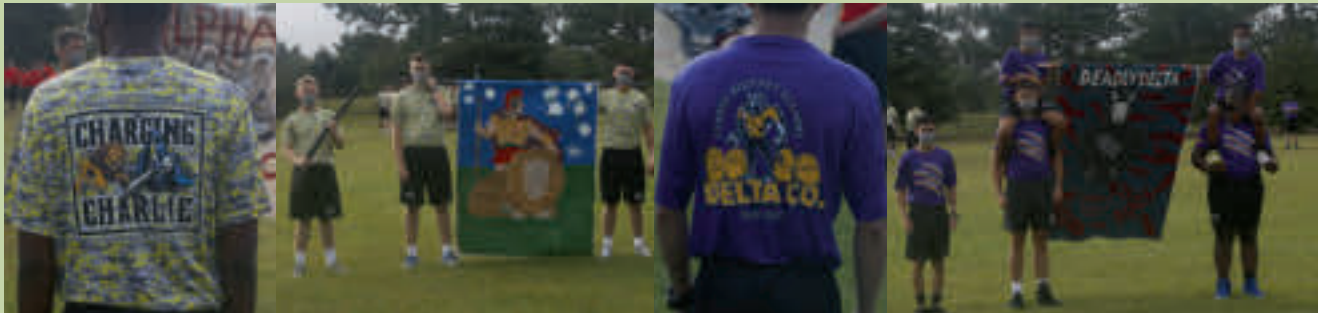
# 2020 SPARTAN CHALLENGE



The Spartan Challenge is the first event of the year and the students have the chance to participate in different activities with other cadets in their companies. It is a great time to bond and come together as a company and a chance for everybody to compete.

It's a really big morale booster and a celebration of each company completing the certification process. Each company gets to create their own t-shirts and banner/flag. The t-shirt and company flag for each company are shown below (top l-r) Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, Band & Staff and Battalion Staff (t-shirt only). The t-shirt and banner contests are super cool because all get invested in those projects and create awesome results. At the end of the day, a huge steak dinner cookout was provided by the faculty and staff. The day ends with an awards ceremony with

the results of the best banner, best t-shirt, and the overall Spartan Challenge winner. **Bravo was the 2020 Spartan Challenge winner** followed by Charlie who came in second and Delta in third. The Spartan Challenge is an event that was originated by LTC Armstrong, a retired CMA Commandant, and US Army, (Ret.) to commemorate the spirit of the corps and to recognize each Company's having earned its certification. This year's events included Tent Building Challenge, Watermelon Challenge, Glass Pyramid, Soccer Juggling, Playball, Ruck Sack Relay, River Crossing, Basketball Arcade, Tricycle 24, Academic Challenge, and the Lift Challenge. The Spartan Challenge has been named the "most fun day of the year" by returning cadets, and this year's event certainly lived up to its name!



All companies gather on the parade field at the beginning of the Spartan Challenge. The majority of the cadets have said "it is the best day of the year." "My favorite thing had to be the competition and comaraderie. At this point it is the first time that the entire company was on the same



page and wanted to work together towards a common goal: Win!" Another cadet's favorite part was having the day off from school and that they will cherish the memories of teamwork.

### Spartan Challenge Event Winners:

Company T-Shirt	D
Company Flag	C
Tent Assembly	A
Soccer Juggling	A
Lift Challenge	D
Rifle Shoot	B/S
Tennis Challenge	B
Great Pyramid	D
Ruck Sack Relay	C
PT Fun	B
Crossing River Planks	B/S
Academic Challenge	B
Basketball Arcade	B
Tricycle 24	C
River Crossing	B
Wild Watermelon	B/S
FCA Run for Your Life	B



# CADET LIFE

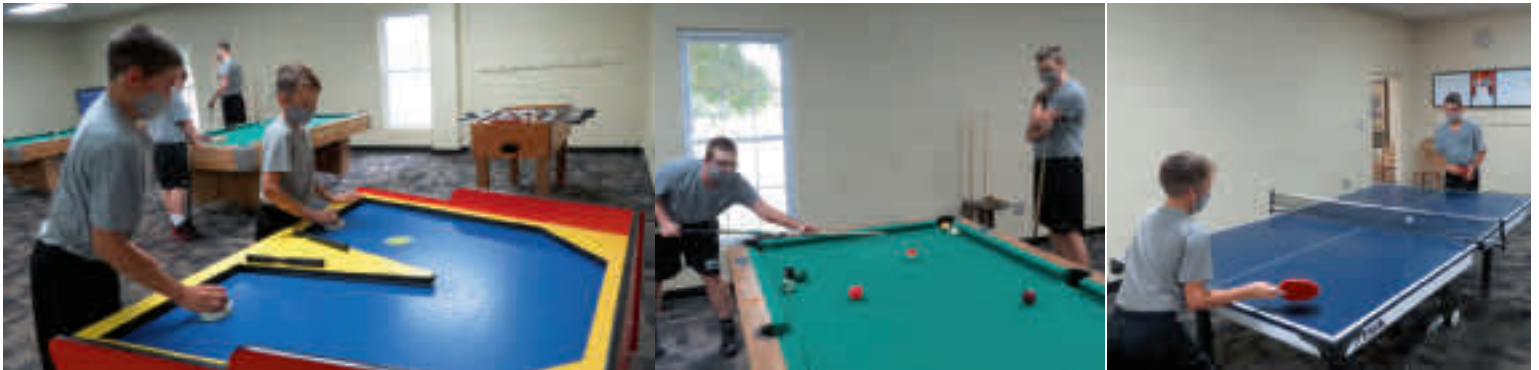
Once the bell rings at 3:15, cadets rush back to their barracks from the academic buildings. On the weekdays from around 3:30 to 5:30 and on weekends from 1:05 to 5:30, cadets are designated several hours of free time in which they are free to do a number of on campus activities. They can shoot hoops at the basketball court with their friends, get a bite to eat or watch TV at the Carlisle House, get some exercise in the weight room, or run

the track. In their barracks, they can play video games on their personal electronics, call home, chat with friends, or even just take a nap.

“My favorite part of cadet life would have to be intramurals. This is because of the competitiveness in it. If you have beef with someone, you can talk your trash and be competitive, but after the game you can chill and be sportsmanlike with that same person.”

The Carlisle House is a favorite place to visit during the cadets’ free time. Below you see the various table games, UNO card game, swimming, and the favorite snack bar.

During this school year, the snacks were paid for with a cashless system of a personal card reader which was charged to the cadet’s allowance account.



During the school year CMA strives to provide entertainment from the start of school until the end. Along with the free time of activities as shown at the Carlisle House, classes such as Fine Arts provided plays for some cadets to participate in and the rest of the corps enjoy. There were also times that the staff provided outdoor screenings of movies, such as on Halloween night.



## National Honor Society

On Friday, February 19th, 2021, Camden Military Academy held its inaugural National Honor Society induction ceremony. Cadets were chosen based on their skills in academics, their service to their communities, their leadership, and their outstanding character. Cadets received a virtual address from guest speaker Mr. Robert Caslen, a retired Lieutenant General in the United States Army, former Superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point, and current President of the University of South Carolina. The cadets then took the oath of the National Honor Society, and were presented with their membership cards and cords for their parade uniforms by Captain Paramore and Headmaster Colonel Boland respectively.

"The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) officially established NHS in 1921. Though many local and regional honor societies existed prior to 1921, no nationwide organization had been founded. Under the leadership of Dr. Edward Rynearson, principal of the Fifth Avenue High School in Pittsburgh, the organization grew from the original Alpha Chapter at the Fifth Avenue School to more than 1,000 chapters by 1930. Equipped with a constitution, an emblem and motto, and a group of dedicated principals as coordinators, the new NHS organization quickly developed into one of the country's leading educational groups."

"I felt great personal pride in being accepted into the National Honor Society. I felt really proud to be recognized for my grades and other activities I have participated in. I'm honored to be accepted on the centennial anniversary of the National Honor Society. I couldn't have done it if I was in public school, without the support of my teachers, Tacs, and study hall."

Austin Parrish (Irving, Texas)



2021 NHS INDUCTEES

"I am very proud of myself for being inducted into the National Honor Society. When many of my peers at my old school were applying for NHS in the 10th grade, I was unable to due to my low GPA. Making the decision to come to CMA did wonders for me. I got motivated on campus, in the classroom, in the barracks, and on the field. I couldn't be more grateful for the help I've received along the way from my coaches, teachers, family members, and friends. This is only the beginning, as I am now the 4th generation of my family to be inducted into the NHS."

Marcus Kirschner (Charlotte, North Carolina)

### 2021 NHS INDUCTEES

Isaac Berman	Ivan Polotko
Nathan Campbell	James Rheinheimer
Garrett Carey	Ethan Roland
Sean Clark	Benjamin Sholtis
Ethan Culver	Declan Sinnott
Daniel Detwiler	Sean Skaritanov
Owen Gallagher	Cadence Tarbox
Marcus Kirschner	Braden Thomas
Brodey Lane	William Trenor
Ashton Lawrence	Tobias Warnock
Domenic Mancuso	Devin Watley
Mark McGregor	Chay Wilhelm
Austin Parrish	



Due to the closed campus guidelines during the school year, cadets were zooming with potential career appointments. Senior Daniel Gurevich of Brooklyn, NY is shown at a virtual meeting with a recruiter from the US Marine Corps.



## National History Day

"The National Contest is the final stage of a series of contests at local and state affiliated levels. Students begin their journey by presenting their projects in classrooms, schools, and districts around the world. Top entries are invited to the state/affiliate level contests. The top two entries in every category at the state/affiliate level are then invited to the National Contest. The 2021 National Contest will be held in June 2021. Each year nearly 3,000 students with their families and teachers gather at the University of Maryland, College Park for the week-long event. These enthusiastic groups come from all fifty United States, Washington, D.C., Guam, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, and international schools in China, Korea, and South Asia. The excitement can be felt across the campus. After spending months on project research and preparation, and competing at local and affiliate contests, these students are eager to show their hard work at the National Contest."

"My experience with the 2021 National History Day has been great. I have done NHD in the past years but this

"National History Day is a yearly country wide competition where students come together and work on a paper, exhibit, website, documentary, or performance. Every year, there is a different prompt about history for students to build their projects off of. This year the prompt was "communications in history". My group decided to make a performance based off of how spies in the Cold War communicated with each other and their intelligence agencies. We would go after school for many days to work and research. Once we found our characters, we started to figure out our script and how the performance itself would be choreographed. We then had to write our process paper which is a paper describing our research and its relation to the theme of the project. We also had to paint a backdrop for our performance which has to relate to our performance and serve as a background throughout the whole video. We then gathered our costumes and performed our video in the chapel to send in to the NHD judges."

Sean Skaritanov (10th Grade)  
(Needham, Massachusetts)

"During National History Day I learned how to work really hard to accomplish something. Also during this process I learned all about the troubles that slaves had to go through to get to freedom, and many slaves tried but failed. In the beginning, it was a hard process and we thought we might not be able to get it done. As we went along though, it became more and more like fun than just an assignment. Doing National History Day was definitely an opportunity I'm glad I took."

Jeffrey Stith (8th Grade)  
(Mableton, Georgia)

"I don't know what National History Day was like before Covid, but even during Covid it was a fun experience. National History Day was easy but you have to put in a lot of work. The topic we chose was 'How Slaves Used Spirituals to Communicate Coded Messages'. We chose this topic because the theme of NHD this year was 'Communications in History', and we thought it was important to learn about this part of history.

year was one I'll never forget because of the hard work that we put into the project. Our group chose to focus on the communication among spies and double agents during the Cold War. We wanted to incorporate the metaphor that relates the Cold War to a game of chess. The Group and myself tried to get into contact with turned agents like Aldrich Ames and Robert Hanssen, but were unfortunately unsuccessful. Due to COVID-19 we haven't had the opportunity to go off campus and gather more information from different places like museums and war historians. This pushed me to work harder and stay dedicated to the project because I wanted to prove that even with very limited resources success is always an option. We stayed late and worked on weekends to gather information. Our group didn't just obtain information and learn new things, but we learned that with hard work, dedication, and consistency comes great rewards."

Maddox Brown  
(Erie, Colorado)



I will definitely do National History Day next year because I made some really good friends through it."

Isaac Moore (8th Grade)  
(Fayetteville, North Carolina)

Shown above (top l-r) are Xavier Hudgins, Sean Skaritanov, Maddox Brown, John Simmons, and Wendell Wojak; second picture John Rivers, Jeffrey Stith, Logan Moore, and Isaac Moore.

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## THREE SPARTANS SIGN TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS

The Spartan athletic department is proud to announce that three Spartans have signed letters of intent to play college sports. Seniors Ricky Cooper, Jalen Dawkins, and James Leland will have the opportunity to continue their playing careers at the next level.

Jalen Dawkins who is from Milledgeville, Georgia, and Ricky Cooper from West Palm Beach, Florida will attend Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Missouri. James Leland who is from Mt. Pleasant, will attend Coker College in Hartsville.

Jalen, who is a 3 time letter winner on the CMA football and basketball teams, is going to continue his football career. He anchored an offensive line that rushed for more than 2,000 yards each of the last 2 seasons. Though this season got cut short Jalen played a big role in keeping the team together and showed strong leadership when adversity hit the team.

Ricky is a 2 year letter winner on the football team. He was a leader along our defensive line and had a really good junior year. He was a backup offensive lineman as well. Ricky was a force to be reckoned with. Ricky led the Spartans in tackles for loss.

James is a 3 time letter winner and 2 time captain on the lacrosse team. He is not only an outstanding offensive



player, but a great leader. James' leadership has been instrumental in maintaining a positive attitude for the team during last year's abbreviated season and this challenging season due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

We are proud of these young men for all of their hard work, and dedication. They have earned their opportunity to continue playing in college. As they continue their education beyond the athletic fields and halls of Camden Military Academy, they will always be known as Spartans.

by LTC Coach Will Rice  
Athletic Director



### *Boy Scouts Work on Eagle Projects*

Shown left are Boy Scouts Troop 38 with the end results of Brody Lane's Eagle project (l-r) Cadets Lagrange, Campbell, Lane, Graff, Hoxter, Martin, and Muzura. The four benches were delivered to the Historic Camden Revolutionary War Site in time for use on the weekend of the Historic Revolutionary War Field day on November 7th 2020! Troop 38 also worked on directional way signs for the park to finish Eagle scout candidate Lane's project, while also working on custom musical instrument shelving for the CMA band room managed by Chief Robert Slade. The shelving project is Cadet and Eagle candidate Will Laidlaw's ticket to the Eagle rank. The troop is still operating a program, working on advancement, and at least camping, if only on campus.

### *In The Classroom...*

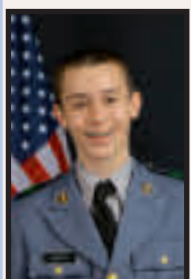
In the bottom pictures are cadets in LTC Greg Simonson's Biology 110 Classes. The dissection of a cow's heart appears to be of interest to (far left picture l-r) cadets Demba, Trenor, Aranov, Richards, Lunsford, Dawkins and Espinoza. The three cadets conducting an experiment in another class are cadets Garrow, Milillo, and Yearack.

Camden Military Academy's "old boys" are seniors who have attended CMA since their 9th grade year or earlier. This year we have 10 young gentlemen who have written only one small aspect of their idea of the "Camden Experience."

*Sitting (l-r)*  
 Nicholas Yearack  
 Matthew Weaver  
 Donovan Dolan  
 Robert Vanderland  
*Standing (l-r)*  
 Dominic Richards  
 Sean Johnson  
 Lukas Barry  
 Tobin Dreisbach  
 Jalen Dawkins  
 Ryan Seier



### Lukas Barry (9th-12th)



Growing up being an only child was difficult because I was never able to have a brother to play with, teach me right from wrong, and grow up with. Growing up without a brother made me feel alone in the world. That all changed in 2017 when I arrived at CMA. When our car pulled up in front of the Band and Staff barracks for the very first time, I was greeted by so many guys that helped me unpack all of my belongings to put in my little 12x10 room. Little did I know, those same guys would end up helping me get through my first year at CMA--which felt like it would

never end. I can still remember XO Larsen coming into my room and teaching me how to properly make a hospital corner on my bed, or when Captain Diabate took me out to the front porch and tore into me because I cost our company a gig during honor company grading. Even though it may have seemed like those guys were picking on me at the time, when I look back I realize that they were looking out for me. Instead of letting me fail and allowing me to go down the wrong path, they corrected me on my mistakes and guided me to not only be a better cadet, but a better person. Those kinds of friends aren't common at a regular high school. Thanks to Camden, I'll never feel alone again because I have my Camden brothers for life.

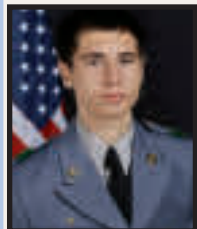
### Jalen Dawkins (9th-12th)



When I first came to Camden Military Academy four years ago I was nervous, mostly because I was young. Walking into Bravo Company, the first person I saw was First Sergeant Jackson. He told me that he doesn't tolerate anything and for me to get ready, because I'm not home anymore. I knew then that I had to take this seriously. The first cadet I talked to was Justin Hall, who told me everything would be alright. From then on, I knew

this school was a brotherhood. I met Dreisbach, Cooper, Price, and Comrie--and we became best friends. We all played basketball together from then on. As I look back at my time here, I remember all the people I met on the way. One of the first was Coach Darby, who pushed me everyday to improve my basketball game. He's become a father figure to me, and I thank him every time I see him. I thank all the coaches: Coach Thomley, Coach Cooke, Coach Johnson, Coach Rice, Coach Beckham, and Coach Boland. I also thank Chief Petty Officer Long and Command Sergeant Major Irtenkauf. They both have been role models for me, and I love them for it.

### Donovan Dolan (8th-12th)



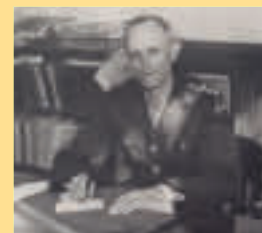
Camden Military has played a very important role in my life. My Dad and I knew high school was the most important part for my college options, so we decided on CMA. CMA has provided life-lasting effects and discipline. I was given the opportunity for leadership,

brotherhood, character development, and mentoring. This school has proven to be the best environment for my success. I've been given many offers to great colleges. I think CMA is a great environment to grow and make long lasting bonds with people from all around the world. I thank the CMA faculty and teachers for guiding me onto the correct path to become successful and disciplined for the future.

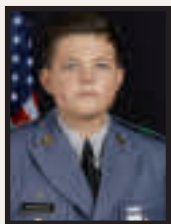
## YOUNG GENTLEMEN,

Live each day as if it were your last. Put aside selfishness and greed, and remember that he is greatest who serves best.

**JAMES F. RISHER**  
 Colonel-Headmaster  
 Carlisle Military School

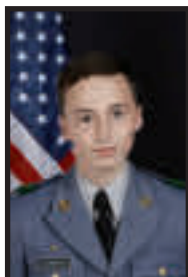


## Old Boys Continued

**Tobin Dreisbach (8th-12th)**

One of my favorite memories at CMA was of Bravo Company winning last year's kickball tournament. Afterwards, we all signed the ball, and it is still in Bravo Company today. Another great memory I have is of playing basketball in 8th grade with Dawkins and Cooper. I can't believe that

I am already a senior about to graduate. Time really has flown by here at CMA. It's been a long ride, and I owe a lot to this school. I thank Chief Petty Officer Long, Lieutenant Colonel Hartley, Coach Cooke, Coach Darby, Senior Chief Petty Officer Shields, Captain Paramore, Captain Yeatts, and so many other faculty members for everything they've done for me in my time at CMA.

**Sean Johnson (9th-12th)**

Coming to Camden Military Academy in the 9th grade, though scary for most, actually wasn't that bad for me. I didn't mind the fighting, cursing, or spitting- I was used to it. When I had first stepped foot onto campus, I immediately felt like I had been thrown fifty years in the past. I have seen many losers and a select few winners emerge from this school and however you choose to look at it, the select few that made it studied the losers. When

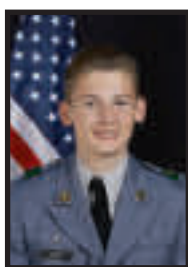
you've seen year after year an almost perfect technique for failure, you master the art of avoiding it with great skill, and for these valuable life lessons, I am thankful. I'd like to thank Sergeant Major Green for giving me a second chance when he found a wild cat in my room, this was of course, after he keyed my door and it ran right between his legs and out the door. I'd like to thank First Sergeant

Irvin for forcing me into leadership positions that at the time I was uncomfortable with, but soon learned to serve with pride. I'd like to thank Lieutenant Colonel Lawing for calling me skinny in the 10th grade--seriously, without those words coming out of his mouth, I would have never truly self-examined or had the motivation I have now to pump iron every day. I want to thank Captain Paramore for putting in all the work, time, and effort to help me. If it wasn't for this man and this man alone I may not have attended college. I want to thank my roommate of three years, Theodore Marchand, for all the shenanigans we used to get into, no matter how stupid or foolish they were. Lastly, I'd like to thank my father, Peter Johnson. If it wasn't for such a strong, disciplined, clever, ambitious, competent, dependable, just, determined, and dedicated role model and father, I would have never believed in my ability to make it this far. Dad, I love you, and your work and deeds have not gone unnoticed.

**Dominic Richards (9th-12th)**

My most memorable moment as a CMA cadet was when I first arrived on campus and thought to myself, "This is where I will spend the next four years of my life." I was excited, wanting to be here knowing how this school would benefit me. I was assigned to Charlie Company with

First Sergeant Collins and First Sergeant Jackson who I've ever since turned to for guidance. I thank First Sergeant Collins, First Sergeant Jackson, Lieutenant Colonel Hartley, Lieutenant Colonel Lawing, First Sergeant Hunter, Sergeant First Class Perry, Chaplain Hunter and the teachers who have had me. I am grateful to be part of the CMA Brotherhood, and I will forever hold it with pride.

**Ryan Seier (9th-12th)**

It would be unfair for me to give just one Camden Military Academy memory the title of "my favorite" memory. Camden Military has molded me into the person I am today by exposing me to great leadership on every level imaginable, and I will be forever grateful. I've made lasting bonds with the kids in Bravo Company, woke up with the 3:45 AM crew to

lift weights, and worked out everyday with members of Weightroom Staff. This place is truly what you make of it. It wouldn't be the same without great people like Chief Petty Officer Long, Command Sergeant Major Irtenkauf, Major Eckhardt, Captain Tidwell, First Sergeant Collins, Master Sergeant McKennie, Lieutenant Colonel Lawing, Major Thomley, and Mrs. Thaxton. I am so grateful for this school, all the opportunities it has brought my way, and for the lasting friendships I've made that I will carry with me throughout my life.

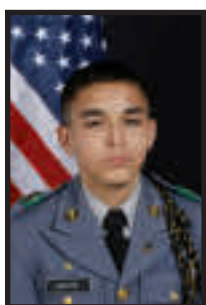
*"To the parents, guardians, and young men of CMA, I believe you will find the academy's investment in an outstanding staff and faculty one of the biggest strengths of the school. As you work your way through the academic year, I believe you will find a staff that is dedicated to the development of the students and that is responsive to the challenges and issues that boarding school students and parents face."*

*LTC Pat Armstrong, U.S. Army (Retired)  
(Former CMA Commandant of Cadets)*

*Old Boys Continued***Robert Vanderland (9th-12th)**

My Camden Experience has been really crazy--I have to say that there have been too many Camden memories to have a favorite one. Some of them are bad; for example, one weekend our Tac Officer made us PT for 4 hours and drill with weapons for 3 hours because we got 15 write ups in 1 day, or the time that a cadet got sick because he got food poisoning from a muffin and I had to clean it up. But then there are the good ones, like when our Tac

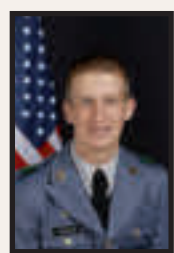
took us out to a Chinese buffet and a movie because we won honor company for the month. Then there was my first day of my first year. I had to go to the barber and he gave me a zero buzzcut. I thought to myself that it was gonna be a long 4 years. The Tac always says to not lock your knees or you'll pass out. Last year during the very first morning hallway formation, a cadet did exactly that and then fell straight on his face. There was also that time when a cadet locked his knees during parade practice and fell straight on his face, as well, but this time in front of the entire battalion.

**Matthew Weaver (7th-12th)**

I came to Camden Military Academy the summer before my 7th grade year and remember being a little nervous at first but, truth be told, I felt at home by the time I returned for the school year. At the end of summer camp, I found out that I would be in Delta Company with Sergeant Major Wilder and First Sergeant Pearson whom I met that summer. I hadn't known that these amazing men would soon become important figures in

my life. When I arrived for my 7th grade year I was not scared or nervous in the slightest but was ready and excited to start my journey. Sergeant Major Wilder became

a father figure to me, and the day I heard of his passing away was my hardest day ever at CMA. He decided to make me the Guidon Bearer, and I was so proud to do it. Now, six years later, I am the Captain of Delta Company. It has been my home since I first arrived. This school has helped me meet so many great people and faculty members who I hope to stay in touch with for the rest of my life. They have taught me discipline, time management, structure, integrity, and what it's like to be brothers, not bound by blood but bound by love. I think that my hardest moment will be graduation day when we will all go our separate ways. Members of my graduating class have helped me create my fondest memories of this place.

**Nicholas Yearack (9th-12th)**

My favorite memory from Camden Military Academy is of my sophomore year when the football team won the championship. That day I was thinking to myself that if I had never decided to come to CMA, I would never have been able to be a part of this great team nor part of a greater brotherhood. During the next year, the football

team ended up winning again, but that year I had gotten hurt and was not able to play in the last game. However, I helped the team managers get the team ready to play and that was enough for me. I started my journey at Camden my Freshman year; now I am a Second Lieutenant in Charlie Company, which I have been in since the beginning. There have certainly been ups and downs here, but in the long run this school has shaped me into a man that I and my family can be proud of.

**ADVANTAGES OF SMALL CLASSES**

Small class size is a key ingredient at CMA. The ability of our teachers to focus on us individually is priceless. I believe it is the single most important factor to the quality of education and the success of our students. The most significant difference between my old public school and Camden is the quality of education and the teachers' engagement.

The difference between public and private schools is usually the quality of education, and CMA is no exception. The beauty of this place doesn't come from the campus or the cadets but from the faculty. The dedication of the teachers here affects every aspect of this campus and its cadets. **Patrick Honney, Senior, Charleston, SC**

**HOW CMA GOT ME ON TRACK FOR HOMEWORK AND ACADEMICS**

When I was attending public high school, I never did my homework. I lacked the effort to focus on my studies and did not seek the help that I needed from my teachers. I constantly missed homework due dates and did not turn in papers or projects on time. I was apathetic when it came to my schooling habits.

When I came to CMA, it all changed for me. I began to do my homework during the mandatory study hall. Teachers monitor the study hall to make sure that I stayed on track and actually worked on assignments. The teachers at CMA always make sure that I understand the material and encourage me to ace their class. Since being at CMA, my grades have improved dramatically, and I feel prepared for college. **Robert Lowe, Senior, Grovetown, GA**

## Battalion Commander Matt Weaver Addresses the Class of 2021

In my Camden Experience, I have seen many Battalion Commanders come up here and give their speeches, and I did not believe I was going to be one of them, but I am glad I was given this opportunity so I can tell you about my experience. It started shortly before my seventh grade year when I came here for summer school. It was just a little taste those six weeks, but it made me excited to come back for the regular school year starting in August. When my parents first told me I would be going to CMA, I was angry and sad at the same time. Angry because I didn't want to go to a boarding school, but sad I was leaving my friends behind. The relationships I have built and made here are ones I will never be able to find anywhere else. The graduating class sitting before me are more than my friends, they are my brothers, not bound by blood but by love.



As we leave here today and step into the world, it will be very different because we are no longer boys. We have learned to love the little things in life outside of CMA that others are able to do on a daily basis, such as going out to eat, going to the movies, and even going to the bathroom without asking permission to do so. But once we step foot off this campus, there will no longer be someone telling us to do our work, to make our beds, or to act right. During these past six years there have been a number of people who pushed me to do better because they wanted what was best for me.

One person who inspired me above all, Command Sergeant Major Wilder. He was a father figure and always saw the best in me. Even when I was in seventh grade he knew I would be on Chain of Command. He would always tell us, "Be where you're

supposed to be, when you're supposed to be there, and do what you're supposed to do, when you're supposed to do it." These past six years, I have done my best to live by those words, and I have accomplished much, but there is still more to do. I will carry those words with me and I will do my best to accomplish my dreams, and I hope my brothers sitting before me succeed in all they will do.

I will soon be going to college, and this is thanks to many people. I would first like to thank some of my brothers. I give thanks to Tobin Driesbach for being my competition inside of the classroom. I thank William Pitt for becoming an unexpected friend. I thank Justin Wilson for being a brother since seventh grade. I thank the rest of my Delta boys and staff, especially Weaver for being my first roommate this year. Some faculty members I would like to thank are Colonel and Mrs. Boland, Lieutenant Colonel Heflin, Lieutenant Colonel Simonson, Lieutenant Colonel Simpson, Captain Davis, Captain Trapp, Senior Chief Petty Officer Shields, and Coach Cooke. I especially want to thank First Sergeant Fletcher, First Sergeant Collins, First Sergeant Hester, First Sergeant Pearson and Sergeant Perry for always being there for me.

My speech and time here are coming to an end. I am both sad and happy at this thought, as I am sure many of my brothers are. I am sad that I am leaving my brothers behind and the relationships I have built with the faculty, but I am happy I am taking the next step forward in my life and into adulthood. Every bird leaves the nest at some point, and shortly we will be leaving ours. I am proud of the graduating class of 2021. I hope we all leave this place with the lessons we have learned and use them. I may not see many of you for years to come, but I love you all and I leave with a heavy heart. I could not thank everyone because the list could go on and on. But I thank all of you for making this a great six years.

LTC Matt Weaver 2021



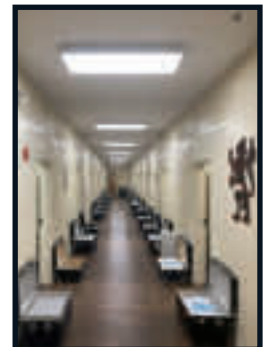
*On November 20th, 2020, the Senior Ring Ceremony* took place--just another achievement for the Camden Military Class of 2021. Right before the start of the Winter Break, the seniors dressed in their parade uniforms and headed to the Cline Chapel for the ceremony. Seniors were presented with their class rings, continuing decades of Camden tradition. Cadets will wear their rings with the "CMA" facing inwards. Upon graduation, the ring will be turned to show the world of their accomplishment.



Shown above are seniors Kobe Hale, Nicholas Yearack, Emmanuel Demba and Dylan Herard. On the left are (top to btm l-r) seniors Rence Davis, Jack Milillo, Bryn Williams, Callen Nash, and James Leland



"My favorite part of an SMI is the opportunity to find things I've lost in my room. I also really like reorganizing my room. It's something I've always enjoyed." Landon Pavkovich





## Major General Julian Burns Addresses the Class of 2021

It's a great day in Kershaw County!  
It is a great day to be in Kershaw County and to be a graduate of Camden Military Academy!

Thank you, Chaplain Hunter, for that wonderful blessing: surely the Lord Himself is here, and He will be glorified. And today is Mother's Day. What a great way to celebrate all those wonderful mothers. Class of 2021, can I get an "Ahmen!?"

Headmaster COL and Mrs. Eric Boland, Commandant COL Brad Lawing, Chairman Cam Walters, and of course COL and Mrs Lanning Risher.

Thanks for having me here: here on this field, with parents and friends and family all packed & ready...all anxious to begin the long journey home. And on Mother's Day, of all days, as well.

On such a day the best advice in giving speeches is the same advice in giving a sermon: the three "b's".....be brief, be gone, and be appreciated. As Abe Lincoln said: no souls are saved after the first 10 minutes.

Nevertheless, I will borrow a few seconds and begin by first saying "thanks....."

... thanks to your families, who have been your long distance admirers and supporters.

... thanks to your teachers, cadre and coaches and the hard-working support staff -- all are heroes, with flawless support to the Cadets, especially in the tumult of this COVID year we all endured.

They all did so because they believed in you..... and it is a good time to thank them all.

....to the Graduating Class of 2021, join with me in a round of applause.

CMA is a special place. As Chairman of Kershaw County Council, I can tell you cadets that Camden Military Academy is a welcome and essential part of life in this County. You bring delight to the citizens of Camden when you appear in your bright uniforms and with your sharp demeanor. My Grandfather after WW II helped found this institution. My Dad was on your first Board of Directors, a few short years after he fought in Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge. And it is my honor to stand in their places to address this wonderful graduation.

My message today is brief -- "...that he who would be first must first be the servant of all." When given the chance,... be kind -- regardless of race, creed, color or gender; be thoughtful, be the best at what you chose to do; but, above all else, be a servant. You can change very little in this world, but you can serve others, every day; and that is plenty enough.

It is very much as you learned at the kitchen table, or in kindergarten. It is what I call "an American playground sense of justice," summed up as the Reverend John Wesley did 200 years ago. Wesley said.....

Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.

Let me tell you a story, in fact... two stories:

The first story is a story of a wonderful country unlike any other in the history of the world. It is a story about us, the USA.

America was built over the centuries and sustained to this day by selfless, hard-working folks: Businesses, public servants, police, firemen and Veterans. In their tens of thousands they have given of their liberties, and some even of their very lives, so that "We the People" of this nation might enjoy those freedoms in full.

Americans are generous, and even in our wars, Americans sought no conquered territory but only a spot of land sufficient in which to bury our honored dead. Our wars in this and the last century



are marked by far away cemeteries the world over, and in places you can't even find on a map. (The only land we won). And wherever stood the American fighting man or woman, as with our own police or sheriff, there was peace and liberty and prosperity.

Yet, you hear it said in the "dumpster fire" which rages in national politics these days that we are flawed. "Flawed," perhaps; but, there is nothing wrong with America that cannot be fixed by what is right about America. And what is right about America is assembled right here on this field: in your families here today, who love America and love you; and in you as graduates; and in this school. Americans have always had "servants' hearts," and in their day did and will do all the good that humans could ever possibly achieve, from these pine forests here in Kershaw County to the far reaches of Mars. And you graduates likewise, whether in or out of uniform...you can, too, as graduates, when the time comes.

Let me tell you another story.

It is in the Bible. In Matthew 20:28 Jesus said that "for even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve...." And on the very last night of His life in this world, Jesus took off His tunic, and on His hands and knees washed His disciples' feet. He was showing by example that, "He who would be first must first be the servant of all."

In like manner, in the American Army, Generals and Sergeants lead best when they endure the same privations of the soldiers; and, every Lieutenant in America's Armed Forces today is first taught that lesson: a simple thing, to eat only after the last soldier has been fed.

Leadership is foremost being a servant. A servant to those you lead, to those you stand alongside, to those you work for and with, and to your family. The highest duty and honor are also the greatest privilege: to be a "leader-servant." "Do all the good you can:" as a son, a father, a brother, and as a friend; as a teacher, preacher, banker, soldier, shift worker, mechanic or welder.

Going out from here, you leave this school where everything had been set in place for you: meals and bugle calls and formations and uniforms. You even had to make your beds every day. The cadre here prescribed the right way and time of doing everything.

Such order and precision will not be the case as you leave here today: indeed, you will find the opposite. You join a world of chaos and choices. Confused, contrary, conflicting, and sometime violent choices...you will see anger and angst in virtually every news-cast on the TV. So, the thought may have crossed your minds: has all this discipline and structure at CMA been irrelevant? "...out of step with the times?" Is CMA an anachronism?

Not at all. As the great Greek philosopher Aristotle said thousands of years ago, seek the virtuous life; pursue virtue, which he defines as a habit, a habit of right choice... Habits that you learned right here. In chapel, in class, in sports or in drill or even when walking off demerits in aimless circles around the parade field. You learned respect, regardless of race, creed, color, and national origin...you learned the habits of right choice.

Such choice is now all up to you alone. Up to you in a world where life ain't fair, where first prize is not always in your grasp, and where diversity is matched with disunity, and, sadly, where disagreement is met with disrespect. It is a world with entrenched and warring opinions. A world starved for virtue. A world starved for the leadership such as you as former cadets can provide.

In a moment you will recite the Cadet Prayer, and for the last time as cadets. That prayer is likewise my prayer for you as Chairman of Kershaw County. We are sad to see you go. But we know the Heavenly Father will be with you, and that you go with pride in your grand accomplishments here, now sealed at last with Diploma in hand on this field, and with your families and friends to witness your achievement today.

On behalf of Kershaw County, go with our best wishes; and may God bless you and your families, may God bless this Academy in future years, and may God bless the USA.

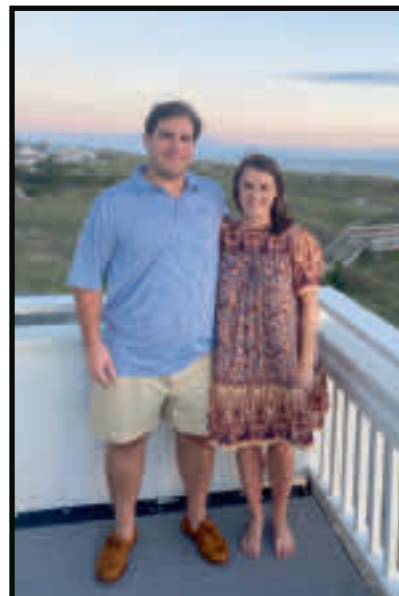
## Past Graduates Reflect on their “Camden Experience”

### Lucius H. Bullock

#### Class of 2010 - Alpha Company

As I'm sure is the case with most new cadets, I was not thrilled about my enrollment at Camden Military Academy. I felt as though I was not the “typical” cadet. I hadn't been in any significant trouble, and I really didn't cause any. My issue was my lackluster academic performance. I never truly realized the extent my time at CMA would take the person I was and mold me into the person I am today. In fact, my time at CMA continues to influence me and improve upon the foundation it laid 10 years ago. For some, the potential is there. As I grow older and my responsibilities increase, I look at friends from childhood and realize who have utilized their potential to establish themselves with early success and increasing drive where that success has arisen. Alternatively, I also see people, still friends, whose parents would have never dreamed of sending them to a military academy, flounder and reel at the thought of any real responsibility as if they are scared of the hard work that is required for success in this world. For these friends, both those who have strived for success and those who have no drive for it, the main difference is their recognition of potential. I can confidently say that I was in the latter group, I had no drive for anything other than what was right in front of me, a good time. I had the benefit when I enrolled of having experience with my Tac Officer, CSM Brooks, from spending a summer school session in his barracks. CSM Brooks, on my first night in the barracks as a cadet, called me into his office and told me that he had requested that I be placed in Alpha company. CSM Brooks saw potential in me that nobody else had. I had just been pulled from a school where I had been consistently reminded that I had poor grades and that I didn't care about long term success, I had been given up on. CSM Brooks changed my narrative. Someone who I thought never noticed me beyond a name on a sheet of paper for accountability and who didn't know my past beyond a couple of months under his watch was telling me that he saw potential in me. That was the original difference that Camden Military made in my life. I look back now and realize that while most may believe that you go to Camden Military to get straightened out or to get pulled out of a bad situation, that couldn't be further from the truth. You go to CMA because they know how to identify the potential in the young men they mold into successful adults through laying that foundation, and recognizing potential independently of what happened outside of those gates. After CSM Brooks and I had this conversation, my subconscious confidence grew, next thing I knew I was promoted to 1LT as Alpha Company's Executive Officer. This promotion was not the only thing that benefited me. CSM Brooks didn't just recognize untapped potential in me, but he recognized it in everyone who was a part of the chain of command that year. He had carefully picked and tailored each of

us to work best where we were placed, and those in Band and Staff may take this disagreement to the grave, but Alpha was the best company on campus that year. Our chain of command worked so well together that I could feel CSM Brooks' stress relax as the year progressed. Boys will be boys, but as CSM Brooks' confidence in us increased and he took a more hands-off approach, there wasn't a thing in the world I couldn't go to him to ask him about, good or bad. I still talk to CSM Brooks on a regular basis today, along with John Heflin, who through different avenues recognized in me in the academic building what had been recognized in the barracks. In the interest of the reader and allotted space, I simply can't go into the detail I gave to what CSM Brooks did for me for Lt. Col Heflin, but take my word for it that if not for both of them, I wouldn't be where I am today. Without the help from all of the teachers, who genuinely know how to inspire young men to learn, I don't know that I would be able to say that I recently graduated from law school, and am currently serving as a law clerk to a SC Circuit Court Judge. Soon, I will be taking what I've learned the last 3 years in law school and with the Judge as it builds off the foundation CMA laid to practice law in South Carolina. If I was too long-winded, and you lost the point of my recollection, I'd like for you to remember one thing that I've written: Camden Military doesn't fix problems, nor does it break you down to build you back up. Camden finds what's already there and what's always been there and recognizes it. What each cadet does with this invaluable characteristic is their own decision but as cadets, if you channel that knowledge, no matter where you were before you will be in a better place when you leave. Camden Military and the entire staff hold a special place in my heart and influence my decisions today for the better. I can even say some of the most troublesome cadets do the same, and if it weren't for them, I wouldn't have the thick skin I developed. CMA is a special place, and I hope if you're there now you recognize that, and don't take it for granted.



### Christopher Gratton

#### Class of 2011 - Alpha Company

Some may be hesitant to expound on their 'military school' experience. With the fruit and blessings that have come from Camden Military Academy, I gladly rejoice in what the Lord has provided for myself, and others. The consistent days of guided structure allowed young men to learn what it meant to be disciplined and orderly. We were taught to be slow to anger and quick to listen. We were encouraged to push beyond preexisting barriers to reevaluate our strengths and weaknesses. We learned of

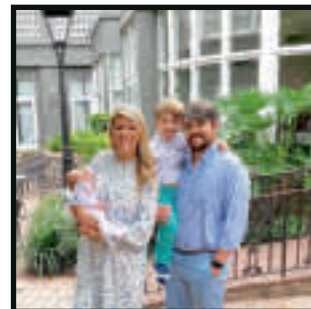
our flaws; the areas we tried to cover with numerous habits. But in the end, if you were willing to die to yourself and receive Grace, only then would you be able to see the beauty in attending a fully male, military structured, academic, and athletic environment. Being one of these changed men, I have learned amazing disciplines I still hold dear to this day.



**Anthony Groover**  
**Class of 2004 - Charlie Company**

When I think back on my time at CMA, it includes two phases. I wasn't excited when I first arrived on campus. I had a negative attitude which led to negative results. My father called it "preventive maintenance." I chose not to try and not to understand what he meant! Once I realized that CMA and its staff were all trying to help me to improve my life and to build my future, everything changed. This is when what I call "Phase 2" began, a positive phase. I knew that my father, CSM Terrell, and other CMA staff were on my side. I wanted to excel and make myself and everyone proud. I was growing up! I met a lot of great guys from all over the world (and we still keep in touch). I was now part of a true brotherhood.

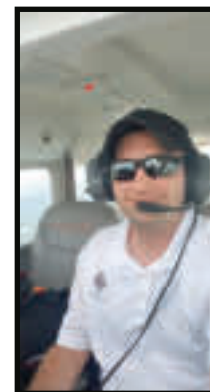
As graduation loomed ahead, I felt very different about this same campus that I had once pushed away from. I knew then that the discipline put in place here had molded me into a better person, a man who could go out into the world and lead a successful, positive life. At 35, I'm happily married with 2 beautiful children. I'm a tug captain on the Savannah River. CMA had a huge impact on my life that I'll always be grateful for. (And, don't ever doubt your father.)



**Craig Barker**  
**Class of 2007 - Band & Staff Co.**

Camden will always carry long lasting memories. Looking back on my time I had at Camden was some of the best years I ever had and made lifelong friends while I was there. The impact Camden made on my life was significant. I learned more than I could have possibly imagined about becoming a good leader. CSM Greene was one of the most influential people while I was there. The leadership traits he taught me carried on to my time in the Army where I served as a Staff Sergeant on Brigade Staff. I had 30 soldiers I was responsible for making sure they stayed trained and mission ready. CSM Greene's influence was heavily instilled in the mission readiness I ex-

pected of my soldiers. He also gave me guidance on how to not only lead but how to teach. I use those same principles even now working as a civilian Flight Instructor since leaving the military. My parents told me on graduation day that some of the younger cadets I mentored came up to them saying that I helped them make it through their time at Camden. That in itself made me who I am today in my career. Always lead by example, because you never know the impact you can make on a person's life.



**Chad Myers**  
**Class of 2001 - Band & Staff Co.**

I had no idea the life long lessons and skills that I would carry to this day from attending Camden Military Academy as a Senior. My goal when I stepped on campus at CMA was to work hard to earn a college scholarship to play basketball and improve my academics, but the impact my year at Camden has had on my life extends far beyond that initial goal.

CMA instilled time management skills, the importance of setting schedules, presenting myself in a professional manner, and taking in pride in everything I was a part of on campus. Initially I joined the color guard as a way to earn extra time in the gym, but I quickly learned, practiced, and took pride in my role carrying the flag in the parades.

From cleaning with my roommate, Jason Horne, to Sergeant

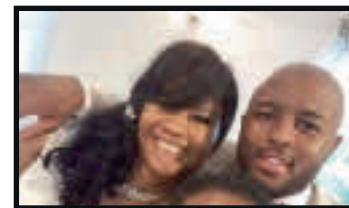
Major Greene's room inspections and making sure I was always on time to breakfast formation for my grits and biscuits at family meal, I will always credit CMA for providing me a solid foundation. I know without my year at Camden I would not have been able to reach my goal of earning a basketball scholarship which has ultimately led me to coach at the prep school and Division 1 level. Enjoy your time at CMA and don't take for granted the daily lessons that will help prepare you for success for the rest of your life.



**Joe Miller**  
**Class of 2003 - Delta Company**

When I first stepped foot on campus I did not know what to expect. Now I can say attending Camden Military was one of the best decisions I made in my life. My grades improved tremendously because of the small class sizes. I had cool teachers making sure I understood what was going on. Everyday I was surrounded by great men (TAC officers, teachers, coaches) who set great examples of how men should carry themselves and lead by example. The best part about Camden Military for me was laughing and having fun with my football and basketball teammates and coaches. Everyday I built friendships with cadets who I still talk with to this day. Winning a championship

ring in football with my teammates and coaches was a great experience. That's something I will remember forever. One thing I will not miss about Camden Military is walking the PAD for long hours. Camden Military taught me time management, discipline, self-respect, and how to carry yourself as a man. I was lucky to have an opportunity to attend a school like Camden Military and thankful for the people there.



## MEMORIES FROM CARLISLE

### Clinard Rawls Carlisle Class of 1958

The year of 1952, when I had finished Elementary School, I really looked forward to being in the seventh grade at the newest High School in town. My sister was a senior and I thought I would cruise by. But after the first semester I got the worst report card of my life. My parents asked what the trouble was and I could only explain that I could not understand what the teachers were saying. After the second semester I did a little better, but the subject of English was more than I could handle. My parents asked me to get help from the teachers, but the answers from some of them was that I was only there for what the school allowed. It did not get any better, so on February 8th, 1953, we all went to visit Carlisle. That day happened to be Boy Scout Day so I dressed in my scout uniform and away we went to Bamberg. My dad talked to someone, and after the talk we were invited to attend the Dress Parade. I had no idea what they were talking about. We did see the parade, I thought it was very good and we started home. A few weeks later my mother said we had to go shopping for some items and, of course, I

had no idea what she was talking about, but it was not long before I knew it was for me. I arrived at Carlisle a couple of weeks later and was surprised to learn I was assigned to Risher Barracks because Memorial Barracks was under construction. Then I found out I was a RAT.

You Alumni know all about this. I made it through the next semester with good grades and my parents were very proud. It was because of the time we had to study and the time the teachers spent helping the students. I would have never dreamed I would graduate with a Scientific Diploma. The time at Carlisle- all five and a half years -I never took a final English Exam. It was because of the teachers we had and the time they spent with us that changed my attitude. That is what Carlisle Military School meant to me.



Col. James F. Risher, Major James M. Grimes,  
Headmaster Office of the Headmaster Commandant  
**CARLISLE MILITARY SCHOOL**  
**Bamberg, S.C.**  
**Mar. 22, 1943**

Dear Patron:

We have decided to hold commencement exercises on May 17th instead of May 31st. Almost all of the senior class and a good part of the junior class will have to enter military service shortly after the 1st of June, they having been deferred until after May 31st. If commencement were held on the original date, these boys would have practically no time at home and a number of parents have requested us to push graduation up, if possible.

Another thing, the recent destruction of Brabham Hall by fire has made it necessary for us to use the gymnasium as quarters for cadets. Naturally, recreation is curtailed to an unusual degree. Extra curricular activities are therefore necessarily limited. It is our experience that boys must be kept busy in order to keep them happy and contented. We are, therefore, cutting out the usual spring holiday and having classes six days per week. This will give us ample time to complete every phase of scholastic work by the middle of May. In fact, they will have more actual schooldays than if we followed the original schedule. No part of class or military work for the year will be omitted. It will simply mean that week-end furloughs will have to be cut out and the spring holidays eliminated. We are advising you of this change so that if you are planning to attend commencement exercises, you may have plenty of time to complete your arrangements.

Trusting that this will meet with your approval, I am

Sincerely yours,  
Jas. F. Risher,  
Headmaster

JFR:D

*(The above letter was found and mailed to us by Sammy Flake, Carlisle class of 1943. Also previously in 2008 Winter Bugle.)*

### NCO'S: THE BACKBONE OF LEADERSHIP Hayne Rawls, CMS 1962

I've been asked a few times what it was like to be the Battalion Commander at Carlisle and how it affected my life. It was certainly one of the highest honors anyone could receive at such a young age. Could you possibly ever obtain higher in your lifetime? I don't know if I did, but I'm very satisfied with the way my life turned out.

During my senior year, I was in command of 360 cadets who did most of the work. My title and my other commissioned officers were mainly figureheads. They certainly did their jobs as officers, but it was the PFCs, corporals and sergeants who did most of the work.

Please understand that before the commissioned officers were officers, they were the PFCs, corporals and sergeants. At a reunion years ago, someone mentioned to me that he was sorry his rank was only that of a sergeant when he graduated from Carlisle.

I told him, "Do not be sorry because your job was very important. The NCOs are the ones who trained the 'rats' how to drill, teaches the Rifle Manual, and how to shine shoes, clean rooms, and how to be a cadet. So don't be disappointed because in reality, you were the backbone who truly made Carlisle what it was. Be proud of yourself because I am proud of you and thank you for all the hard work."

Did being the Battalion Commander change my life? No. But did being a Carlisle cadet? Yes!



*From a compilation of stories gathered by the Carlisle Classes of 1961, 1962, and 1963, a handful of alumni wrote the stories that were put in a notebook for the alumni office at CMA.*

***CMA Loses A Loyal  
Friend ISG David Green  
(CMA Years 1976-2021)***

*In his own words:*

"I was Band Director at Chester High School in Chester, South Carolina from 1973-1976. We were having a SACS evaluation in May of 1976. A gentleman on the committee was spending a lot of time in the band room--more than the other members of the team. I asked the principal who he was, and found that he was Colonel Lanning Risher--Headmaster at Camden Military Academy in Camden, South Carolina.

He said, "I do not have a permanent band director, would you be interested in coming to Camden?" I said, "Yes, I will come to see the school." They were having a dress parade practice, and the band played the same march for the entire parade. The National Anthem was not very good.

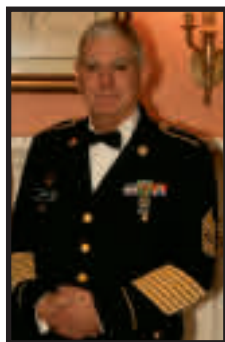
I talked with Lieutenant Colonel Ray White and Colonel Risher, and signed a contract to report on the first of August 1976.

The only time the band could practice was during the drill period. I started night practices during study hall, and was later able to schedule band class for two periods: elementary and intermediate.

My first out of town trip with the band was to the Newberry Christmas Parade. On the way, I looked around and did not see the drum major. I asked where he was, and someone casually said, "He has OD duty today." So I was the drum major for the parade.

I have enjoyed the years at CMA and working with Colonel Risher and Colonel Boland. The improvements to the campus are outstanding--it looks like a well-maintained college campus.

I look forward to working here as long as possible--I have too many great memories to retire..."  
ISG David Green



***Colonel James W. Bradin, of the Camden-Carlisle  
Alumni Association Joins the Long Grey Line in 2020***

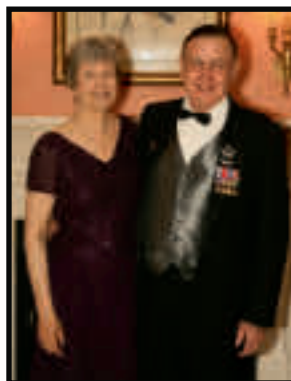
The past president of the Camden-Carlisle Alumni Association and former member of the Camden Military Academy Board of Trustees passed away September 14, 2020 in Sun City Center, FL. Colonel Bradin was honored in April 2012 on its campus in Camden, SC. Colonel James Watson Bradin, U. S. Army (Ret.) of Beaufort, SC, had resigned from his duties at the end of the 2011 school year, having served since 2004.

After graduating from Carlisle Military School in 1954, Colonel Bradin earned his bachelors degree in history in 1958 at The Citadel. He later earned his masters in Political Science from Auburn University in 1977.

As president of the Alumni Association, Colonel Bradin persistently worked to inspire the graduates and alumni of Carlisle Military School, Camden Academy, and Camden Military Academy to visit Camden and stay in touch.

Colonel Bradin was a highly successful Army Aviator and active in aviation training and attack helicopter battle doctrine for aviation combat techniques and tactics on the battlefields both in Vietnam and Europe. His U.S. awards include The Silver Star (three Oak Clusters), The Distinguished Flying Cross, and The Bronze Star with "Valor Device," Bronze Star - Service (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), The Legion of Merit (Oak Leaf Cluster), The Meritorious Service Medal, The South Carolina National Guard Meritorious Service Medal, The Purple Heart, The Air Medal (Twenty Oak Leaf Clusters) and The Army Commendation Medal (two Oak Leaf Clusters). Throughout his illustrious career from 1958-1998 he held numerous military jobs and titles. To name a few of these assignments, he was Platoon Leader and Chief Instructor; Commander, Air Cavalry Troop; Executive Officer, 3d Brigade, 2d Armored Division; Executive Officer to the Commanding General, US Army Training and Doctrine Command; Professor of Military Science at The Citadel, as well as the Commandant of Cadets at The Citadel. Colonel Bradin has written five military texts, including "From Hot Air to Hellfire: The History of Army Attack Aviation" 1994. In October 2002 Colonel Bradin received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Camden Military Academy for his achievements.

Colonel Bradin and his wife, Jervey, were on the campus quite often as he would attend meetings of the Board of Trustees and the Alumni Association, as well as reunions and homecomings. They were also members of the Excalibur Society and are pictured at one of the annual dinners. He would often come to Camden for another reason besides his dedication to CMA. His parents, LTC Benjamin M. Bradin and Anna Margaret Bower Bradin, are buried in Camden's historic Quaker Cemetery.



"David was the first faculty member I met when I started teaching here in 1982. We became instant friends. He showed me the ropes at school, how to wear my uniform, as well as who and what I needed to know around town. Over the years our friendship grew, and David became family. He helped Celia and me by babysitting our son, Matt, feed and walk my family's dogs, and look after the house. Friends like David do not come along in life often. My family and all the CMA family were lucky to have him for all the years that we did. I am sure that David is still looking after our son and taking care of our dogs while they are all in heaven."

Colonel Eric Boland, Headmaster

**Update from The Citadel:**

Our school, like many other military academies, has the distinct function of turning boys into men. Two prime examples would be alumni Leo Eckhardt (CMA '19) and Wesley-William Gotsch (CMA '20). Their time at Camden Military Academy led these two young men to the military college of South Carolina, The Citadel. While at Camden, Leo and Wesley both held cadet officer positions, Leo as a Battalion Public Affairs Officer (S-5) and Wesley as a Platoon Leader in Alpha Company. The leadership skills experienced at Camden gave them an edge at The Citadel, as well. Wesley said of his time at Camden, "I cannot thank Camden Military and its staff enough for the valuable leadership traits, lifetime bonds, and academic prowess gained during my cadetship. Camden Military Academy gave me a chance to lead both in and out of the classroom. My time spent as a platoon leader at Camden Military provided me invaluable time to develop my leadership abilities. In addition, I took every dual enrollment college course available, so I arrived at the Citadel as an academic sophomore. As a result, I came to the Citadel with a leg up on my classmates academically, athletically, and in a capacity to lead. This advantage allowed me to secure Regimental Clerk, the highest rank possible as an upcoming sophomore. My Camden Experience was packed full of fond memories, experienced TAC Officers (SGM Stokes and 1SG Pearson), great teachers (MAJ Horn, LTC Schrader, and LTC Heflin), and life lessons that have enabled me to thrive in all walks of life and have shaped me into the man I am today."

Leo, now in his sophomore year, has had a similar experience--saying "Camden prepared me for the Citadel in many ways, not least of which was the college preparatory education it offered me. I entered the Citadel with 27 credit hours that I

accumulated throughout my time at Camden. This allowed me to start college out at 24% of my degree while most of my classmates were still at 0%. Thanks to this, I chose the path Camden and the undying effort and dedication of LTC John Heflin, and LTC Kelly Schrader prepared me to take, the one less traveled. I am now quadruple majoring in Intelligence Analysis & Security Studies with a concentration in Counterterrorism, Social Studies Education, Modern Languages, and Criminal Justice as well as quadruple minoring in War Studies, German, Cyber Interdisciplinary Studies, and International Relations. Militarily I did not experience the same level of culture shock my classmates did. Being intimately familiar with the military hierarchy systems, structures, and procedures, I stayed ahead. Instead of needing to concern myself with things like a drill, I focused on college's academic rigors. The training I received from CSM Irtenkauf, 1SGs Irvin, Collins, and Jackson, as well as LTC Armstrong prepared me better than I thought it would. I got to the Citadel surprised with how well prepared I was, and how much better my situational overview was. Lastly, the preparation in all these fields and having already experienced leadership at various levels of command from the squad to battalion presented me with the opportunity to take my desire to put these skills into practice. I founded the Russian Club at the Citadel and was elected as a club officer for the German club. I am very grateful to find myself so fortunate, but not in a thousand years would I have been able to do these things had it not been for the great leaders, mentors, and, most importantly, friends I was blessed with throughout my five years at Camden Military. I will be forever grateful for the experiences I had there, the forged bonds, and the lessons learned."

**Headmaster Remarks to the 2021 Senior Class**

Following the presentation of the diplomas on graduation day, Colonel Eric Boland addressed the seniors.

"This is the first senior class at Camden Military Academy – and Colonel Risher is here and can confirm this – that never went on a furlough (and some of you may not even know what a furlough is), didn't ride in a car for three months, and wore a mask every single day. This is also the first senior class that nobody got the flu. Nobody got Covid. We were so fortunate with everything we did – and it was not because of what we did – it was because of what you did.

I want you guys to be successful in life the way that

you've been successful here. Remember -- to do that you must keep God first and you have got to perform. Daycare is over.

I want you to know how proud I am of you seniors. When we went to play paintball the other night it was great to see how you all got along, had fun, and had camaraderie with each other the way you were able to do all year. While many students were stuck at home in front of computers or televisions, playing video games, you guys always got to get out and roam, play, have a little bit of fun. Some of you were able to roam freely and some of you might have had to roam on the pad most of the time, but that's alright. That's all over with and now you are ready to go.

I just want to tell you how much I love all of you guys, and I wish you the best.

**CMA's 2021 Seniors in Front of Academic Hall for the Last Time**

### Colonel Risher Addresses the Senior Class of 1958

Young Gentlemen:

I want to congratulate each of you on having successfully completed your course of study at Carlisle. As you go out of this institution, I am not going to give you a long list of admonitions. You have probably heard enough of, "Do this" and "Don't do that" from me and others during your stay here at Carlisle. There are just one or two things of which I would like to call to your attention. First, you are going out into a world of men who have power enough in their hands to bring about the realities of our highest hopes and aspirations, or to destroy humanity. They also have available to them a greater force than any produced by technical science. That is the force of moral and ethical thinking. Knowledge has made the world a dangerous place to live in, only wisdom can make it safe.



I believe we can safely conclude that the most important phase of education today is the development of human character. Character based on a simple faith in ourselves, our fellowman and our Creator. Faith in ourselves which will inspire us to hope and work for the best in life. It will keep us from expecting something for nothing, or more for less and less. Faith in ourselves will make us realize that the function of government is to hold the scales of justice equally among men, and not to support them.

We need faith in our fellowman in order that we may contribute to the solving of the most dangerous and perplexing problem that faces the world, and that is the problem of human relations. Upon man's ability to solve the relationship of one with another depends on the peace of the world, and perhaps the fate of humanity itself. There can be no real peace among men until we learn to understand and appreciate the hopes and fears, the strength and weaknesses of each other, regardless of where we may live in this world. We need faith in God to enable us to steer our course along the path of simple duty. We will find in this the source of our strength in the hour of heart-break and disappointment. It will give us courage when danger faces us, and will enable us to be good citizens of our country in peace and in war.

Since you have been here it has been our purpose, and our efforts have been directed, to the developing in you, this type of character. Whether we have succeeded or not you will be able to show as you go on your way to either college or into the business world. May God bless you. James F. Risher



This Carlisle bench can be seen at Veterans Memorial Trail in Bamberg. The Carlisle flag flies among all branches of the military and bricks have been purchased for the walkway.

### The Carlisle Ring

The following was sent in by Sam Calloway, Carlisle Class of 1957. He lives in Ocala, Florida.

The ring that we wear has the following symbols on it representing several explanations why they are there. This is my interpretation of those :



**The Ruby Stone:** This represents the blood sacrificed by Americans in conflicts foreign and domestic. I know of one personality who was killed in Vietnam, Ivers Lama, CMS class of '57, and was a Second Lt. in the USMC during that conflict. I am sure there are others. Lest We Forget.

**The Eagle:** The Eagle that you see on both sides of the ring represents the symbol of the United States Of America and all that it stands for. Even though, in troubled times, the Eagle stands tall.

**The Crest below the Eagle:** This crest indicates the year in which you graduated from Carlisle.

The Circular history of when Carlisle was established, and the future establishment of Carlisle Military School by Col. James Risher.

The next time you look at the ring on your finger remember THE RING represents many things that determined how you lived your life, affected others, and those things that we take for granted.

### PASSED AWAY

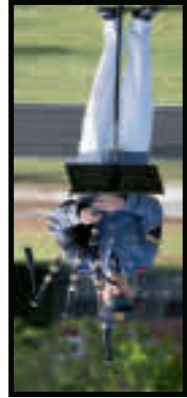
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**Van Gregory Hibberts, Pensacola, FL, CMS'73**  
**Harold Vernon Packer, III, Frisco, TX, CMA'73**  
**Ricardo Roger Charley, New York, NY, CMA'75**  
**Michael C. Watford, Lexington, SC, CMA'75**  
**George William Arnot, III, Hilton Head, SC, CMA'84**  
**Eugene Lewis Callaway, Decatur, GA, CMA'84**  
**Jamie Lee Walker, Midland, NC, CMA'02**  
**John A. Rankin, Yemassee, SC, CMA'06**  
**Alexander Nathaniel Hendry, Mt. Pleasant, SC, CMA'13**  
**Matthew Jordan McCrory, Charlotte, NC, CMA'13**  
**CMA Faculty: Bob Clithero, 1SG David Green,**  
**& Maj David A. LePage**



CMA was also honored to have the presence of the 208th Army Band from Concord, NC, under the direction of CMA Band Director, CW2 Robert Slade, to provide the music for the graduation ceremony. The 208th Army Band falls under the 81st Readiness Division headquartered at Fort Jackson, SC.

Due to the early departure of CMA cadets on Saturday before graduation, the band was not available during this Covid year of "firsts."

Also first this year was the addition of the bagpipes to the CMA band played by cadet William Ritchie of Vero Beach, Florida. He stayed an extra day to participate in the graduation music.



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## CMA Holds 1st Graduation on the Spartan Football Field

**Camden Military Academy's Class of 2021** graduated on Sunday, May 9th at 10:00 a.m. Due to the Covid protocols that were set in place, the cadets in the 7th – 11th grades were dismissed at noon on Saturday. This procedure allowed the seniors to invite more family and friends to the commencement ceremony. The Baccalaureate Service took place, as usual, on Friday evening. The Saturday afternoon Awards Presentation was moved to Thursday afternoon, along with the senior sword walk and senior supper that evening. The final parade of the year to honor the seniors was also moved from Sunday morning to Friday afternoon.

For the first time, graduation was held on the Spartan Football Field. The featured Staff members on stage were Colonel Eric Boland, Headmaster, LTC Brad Lawing, Commandant of the Corps of Cadets, LTC John Heflin, Dean of Students, CMA Chaplain Timothy Hunter, and the Chairman of the CMA Board of Trustees, Cam Walters, CMA Class of 1973. The guest speaker was the current chairman of the Kershaw County Council, Major General Julian Burns, of Camden.

In addition to the 59 diplomas that were presented, the following awards were announced: Valedictorian was Cadet Matthew Ramon Chavez Weaver, Hesperus, Colorado and the Salutatorian was Cadet Andrew Ted Bimson, Davis, California. Also honored at this time was the recipient of the Colonel James F. Risher Award which was presented to Cadet Kobe Sebastian Hale of Hopkins, SC. This award recipient was selected by the cadet corps and faculty, who they feel represents the ideal cadet and is named in honor of Colonel James F. Risher, who was the President of Carlisle Military School and founder of Camden Military Academy. The announcement of the second semester Gold Star cadets was made for 92 young men who maintained a semester grade average of 90 or higher, and the cadets who had the highest average for grades 7-12.

It was a beautiful Mother's Day for all who attended and a graduation day to remember! Shown below leading the procession are headmaster, Colonel

Eric Boland, and Board of Trustees chairman, Cam Walters. On the right, Colonel Bolland welcomes the families to CMA's 2021 graduation.

