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CMA Class of 2020 Graduates



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CMA Awards 2019-2020

Academic Awards

Band Director's Award: Theodore Marchand

E. Haines Gregg Runyan Award: Jarod Bernstein

Most Improved Player: William Paddock

Band Certificate of Achievement: Daniel Wolf-Larios, Michael Kelley, Robert Lowe

John Phillip SOUSA Award: Gregory Thornton

Junior Leadership: Ryan Seier, Bryan Williams, William Pitt, Kobe Hale, Bryan Branch, Marcus Kirschner

Highest Class Averages

12: Connor Hart; 11: Matthew Weaver; 10: Andrew Bimson; 9: Asa McClure; 8: John Simmons; 7: Robert Mora

Military Awards

General Douglas MacArthur Award: Justin Wilson, B/S Co.

Daughters of the American Revolution Award: Deven McKee, B/S Co.

Daughters of the American Revolution Youth Citizenship: Julian Bennett, B/S Co.

John D. Kennedy United Daughters of the Confederacy Chapter Award: Seth Long, B/S Co.

Sons of the American Revolution Award: George Miller, B/S Co.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Award: Aiden Haase, B/S Co.; Dustin George, B/S Co.

Commandant's Award: Dylan Leopold, C Co.

Cadet of the Year: Connor Hart, B Co.

CMA Cadets of the Semester Awards: Peyton Allen, A Co.; Connor Hart, B Co.

JROTC Superior Cadet Award:

LET I: - Samuel Shefsky & Daniel Wolf, A Co.

LET II: - Hunter Keltner, C Co.

LET III: - Baker Oliver, D Co.

LET III: - Jalen Dawkins, B Co.

LET IV: - Michael Hanlon, B/S Co.

CSM Martain Award:

Matthew Weaver D Co.

Daim Weaver D Co.

Alexander Sanchez A Co.

Jorge Gonzalez A Co.

Parker England A Co.

Joseph Decker A Co.

Ryan Seier B Co.

Brandon Ranka B Co.

Ryan Neel C Co.

Thomas Trent, Jr. C Co.

Sean Johnson B/S Co.

Ellis Ross B/S Co.

Henry Hart B/S Co.

The Order of the Daedalion: William Adams, B Co.

National Sojourners Award: William Laidlaw, D Co.

The American Legion Awards: Gold: Kevin Kim, D Co., Maxwell Green, A Co.

Bronze: Robert Luebken, B/S Co.; Connor Hart, B Co.; Wesley William Gotsch, A Co.;

Davis Long, D Co.; Andrew Bimson, C Co.

The Military Order of the World Wars Awards: Matthew Weaver, D Co.

United States Army Recruiting Command Award: Jacob Jucker, C Co.

United States Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award: Kyle McCaskill, C Co.

The Reserve Officers Association Award: Nicholas Furlow, B/S Co.

The Association of the United States Army Award: John Doggett, D.

Military Officers Association of America Award: Richard Colvin, C Co.

Marine Corps League Award: Mahamadou Diallo, A Co.; Dylan Leopold, C Co.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Award: Jake Jirsa, B Co.

Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of S.C. Award: Gregory Thornton, B/S Co.

2019 Fall Instagram Contest: 1st Place: Mark McGregor, C Co.

2nd Place: James Leland, D Co.

Most Improved Cadet Award

A Company: Garrett Carey

B Company: Christopher Nelson

C Company: Peter Shrader, III

D Company: Ethan Culver

B/S Company: Adrien Schroeder

Cadet Challenge Medals:

12th Grade - Theodore Marchand; 11th Grade - Ryan Seier; 10th Grade - Denzel Akafor;

9th Grade - Malachi Jeffries; 8th Grade - Josiah Watson; 7th Grade - Benjamin Kolp

National History Day Awards

Junior Group: Maddox Brown, John Simmons, Wendell Wojak, Andrew Tucker, Xavier Hudgins

Senior Group

Performance: Nikolai Pingston, Declan Sinnott, Cadence Tarbox, Malachi Hamilton

Junior Group Performance for National History Day advancing from State virtual

competition:

Maddox Brown, John Simmons, Wendell Wojak, Andrew Tucker, Xavier Hudgins

LTC Sonny Brown Yearbook Award: Ian Walter and Wesley Gotsch

National Society of High School Scholars Member and Award of Excellence for the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists: Jarod Bernstein

Athletic Awards

Varsity Football

Most Valuable Player: Justin Wilson

Most Valuable Offensive Lineman: SIRR Green

Most Valuable Offensive Back: Desmond Brown

Most Valuable Defense: Davis Long

Most Improved: Ashton Lawrence

Spartan Award: Gage Noel, Garhett Koethke

Coaches Award: Jathan Grant

Practice Player of the Year: Ricky Cooper

Junior Varsity Football

Most Valuable Offense: Luke McJunkin

Most Valuable Defense: Asa McClure

Most Improved: Sheldon Mitchell

Coaches Award: Nathan Ferrazzani, Cannen Hancock

Practice Player of the Year: Jeb Goodwin

Varsity Basketball

Most Valuable Player: Jalen Dawkins

Coaches Award: SIRR Green

Spartan Award: William Adams, Brendan Jackson, Collin Kaehler, Garhett Koethke

Junior Varsity Basketball

MVP: Michael McKeever

Hustle Award: Bryan Branch

Most Improved: Malik Williams

Coaches Award: Denzel Okafor, Nick Nabedrick

Cross-Country

MVP: Caleb Thompson

Gazelle Award: William Burke

Hustle Award: Leyson Steele

One Heartbeat Award: Ethan Roland

Coaches Award: Matthew Healy and Robert Luebken

Blackjacks Drill Team

Senior Gold Awards:

Chaitanya Jagarlamudi

Ethan Robison

Gregory Thornton

Andre Isaak-Sap

Kevin Kim

Wrestling

Best Record: Matthew Healy

Spartan Award: Matthew Weaver

Most Improved: Declan Sinnott

Coaches Award: Nicholas Gore, Maxwell Green

Lion Heart Award: Rence Davis

Company Competition

Best Intramurals: A Company

Best Drill Award: B Company

Best Athletics Award: D Company

Best Academics Award: D Company

Best Spirit Award: B/S Company

Honor Company Award: C Company

Scholar Athlete: Davis Long

Athlete of the Year: Justin Wilson

James F. Risher Award:

Dustin George

2020 Valedictorian: Kevin Kim (Shown left)

2020 Salutatorian: Connor Hart (Shown right)



CMA Class of 2020 Post Graduation Plans

William James Adams	Lake Superior State University
Luciano Anthony Barone	Midlands Technical College
Jarod Michael Bernstein	American University
John Walter Blaine	Texas Tech University
Alexander James Boer	UNC-Greensboro
Tradd McKinley Burn, Jr.	East Carolina University
Cameron Castleberry	Flagler College
Richard Matthew Colvin	Citadel/USC
Edgar James Couture	St. Leo University
Cameron Michael Daniels	Florida Atlantic University
Judson Alexander Dekle	Augusta Technical College
Mahamadou Habib Diallo	Undecided
Patrick Ribeiro Dias	Undecided
John Cabell Doggett	Appalachian State University
Parker Poole England	Brevard College
Nicholas Edward Furlow	The University of Central Florida
Dustin Anthony George	The United States Navy
Dibamshu Ghimire	Herkimer College
Nicholas McAggia Gore	Ohio State University
Wesley-William Otar Gaylord Gotsch	The Citadel
Maxwell Bernhardt Green	The Citadel
Sirr Jelani Green	Undecided
Brice Theron Griffin	Appalachian State University
Aiden Peter Haase	Winthrop University
Michael Patrick Hanlon	Jacksonville University
Connor Doyle Hart	Virginia Tech
Henry Wyatt Hart	University of Kentucky
Matthew Steven Healy	The Citadel
Andrei Isaak-Sap	West Point Prep School
Brendan William Jackson	Herkimer County College
Chaitanya Jagarlamudi	Undecided
Terran Anthony Jenkins	Georgia Southern University
Jake Robert Jirsa	Lake Superior State University
Jacob Dylan Jucker	The Citadel
Collin Kerr Kaehler	Clemson University
Kevin Minwoo Kim	The United States Merchant Marine Academy
Garhett Joseph Koethke	Newberry/The Citadel/York College (PA)
Dylan Starker Leopold	The United States Army
Clark Anglim Lindros	The University of North Florida
Davis Bartow Long	Clemson University
Seth Patrick Long	The Citadel
Jonathan McKenzie Lowery	New Mexico Technical
Theodore Olivier Marchand	Virginia Military Institute
Max Robert Marsden	The Citadel
Kyler Owen McCaskill	The United States Army
Deven Brian McKee	The University of South Carolina
George August Miller	The Citadel
Efrain Hernandez Montero	The Citadel
Ryan Victor Neel	East Carolina University
Christopher Mateja Nelson	Northeastern Maritime Institute
Brendan Edward O'Connor	Rowan College
Brandon William Ranka	Albion College
Connor Nikolaus Rey	Midlands Technical College
Ethan Gabriel Robison	Texas A&M Commerce
Ellis Barry Ross Jr.	The University of South Carolina
Alexander Daniel Sanchez	AB Technical College
Antonio Miguel Teixeira	Florida Atlanta University
Gregory Coale Thornton	The Citadel/Mesa University
Thomas Joseph Trent, Jr.	The Army National Guard
Gregory Anthony Volcy	Morehouse College
Ian MacKenzie Walter	Clemson University
Justin Tyler Wilson	West Virginia University
Li An Yew	Illinois State University

Seniors Display Their Future Plans



Top-Btm
L-R
John
(Jack)
Blaine,
Theodore
Marchand,
Ellis Ross,
Matthew
Healy,
Kyler Mc-
Caskill,
Dustin
George,
Max
Green, Ian
Walter,
and Justin
Wilson

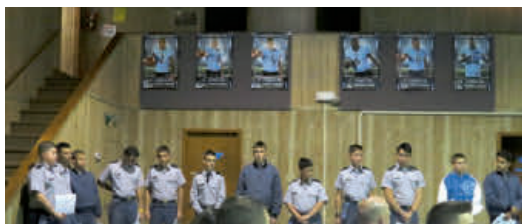
GOLD STARS FOR 2019-2020

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

William Adams	Matthew Horton	Joshua Nguyen
Peyton Allen **	Kal Hoxter	Gage Noel
Lucas Ambielli **	Xavier Hudgins **	Jason Okafor
Lucas Amevo	Andrei Isaak-Sap	Nikolai Pingston
Dylan Barkley	Brendan Jackson	William Pitt IV **
Lukas Barry	Chaitanya Jagarlamudi **	Adam Quintana **
Julian Bennett	Terran Jenkins	Tyler Rambusch
Isaac Berman **	Jake Jirsa **	Nicholas Ramirez **
Oscar Bernard **	Jacob Jucker **	Jasper Reimers
Jarod Bernstein	Collin Kaehler **	James Rheinheimer
Andrew Bimson**	Patrick Kamp	Dominic Richards
John Blaine **	Hunter Keltner	Ethan Robison
Alexander Boer	Kevin Kim **	Ellis Ross Jr. **
Bryan Branch **	Marcus Kirschner	Adrien Schroeder
Colin Brown**	Benjamin Kolp	Joshua Sears **
Maddox Brown	Lucas Lagrange **	Ryan Seier
Victor Hugo Capra **	William Laidlaw **	John Simmons **
Garrett Carey	Brodey Lane	Declan Sinnott
Isaiah Chavarria Mac Con-	Ashton Lawrence **	Patrick Stanley
nell	Dylan Leopold **	Robert Steel, III
Colton Churchwell	Adam Levin	Cadence Tarbox **
Jose Coca Bacardi	Christopher Lincoln **	Antonio Teixeira
Edgar Couture **	Clark Lindros **	Edison Thao **
Ethan Culver	Davis Long	Caleb Thompson **
Angus Currie	Jack Lord	Theodore Toea **
William Darracott	Robert Luebken **	Connor Ventura
Timothy Dellinger **	Oliver Ma **	Ian Walter
Tobin Dreisbach **	Domenic Mancuso	Spencer Ward
Nicholas Furlow	Theodore Marchand	Tobias Warnock **
Owen Gallagher **	Max Marsden	Devin Watley
Bryan Garcia **	Kyler McCaskill	Daim Weaver **
Matthew Garrow **	Asa McClure **	Matthew Weaver **
Dustin George **	Neil McClure	Chay Wilhelm **
Nicholas Gore **	Mark McGregor **	Bryn Williams **
Wesley-William Gotsch**	Deven McKee	Malik Williams **
Sirr Green	Efrain Montero **	Justin Wilson
Brice Griffin **	Robert Mora **	Wendell Wojak
Aiden Haase	Robert Mott	Joseph Zullo
Connor Hart **	Nick Nabedrik **	
Henry Hart	Callen Nash	
Matthew Healy	Korbin Nelson **	



Shown above are the first semester Gold Star recipients who were awarded their medals from Colonel Boland and LTC Heflin. Below Colonel Boland congratulates W.C. Mobley, coach of the JV Football team, Golf Coach, as well as an outstanding teacher for 30 years. He retired at the end of this school year. Also shown are cadets who received awards at the Fall and Winter Sports Banquets for 2019 Football and Cross Country teams and the 2019-2020 Basketball and Wrestling teams.



Headmaster Colonel Eric Boland Addresses the Class of 2020 Seniors in Virtual Presentation

Welcome to Camden Military Academy's Commencement for the year 2020. Through our heritage with Carlisle Military School in Bamberg, S.C., our first graduation occurred in the year 1892.

For Camden Military Academy this marks our 61st graduation.

This 61st graduation is surely like no other. This graduating class has not only had the normal challenges that come to seniors in their last year of school, they have also been given the added burden of coping with a worldwide pandemic. But this graduation ceremony is not about the COVID-19 Virus or its challenges, but about the 62 members of the 2020 graduating class of Camden Military Academy.

Due to the Covid-19 Virus, you seniors missed out on hearing a retired Army General who is a University President speak to you for your commencement.

So now you have me. I have been at a Camden Military Graduation in May for 38 years in a row, but this will be the first time that I have been the commencement speaker!

I want to talk to you today about the things that some of you have heard me say for six years, some for five years, some for four years, some for three years, some for two years, and the lucky ones of you for only one year.

Let's start with what I have told you is the world's biggest lie – you can be anything that you want to be or do anything that you want to do if you try hard enough. No you can't. We all have limitations as to what we can do whether we like it or not. We have physical limitations, mental limitations, geographical limitations and cultural limitations just to name a few.

But for everything you cannot do there are a hundred things that you can do. Focus on the things you can do.

Never let what you can't do determine what you can do! I've told you guys this a hundred times.

And what else have I told you to do? To always do your best! Do whatever you do to the best of your ability. Don't settle for mediocrity, do not take the easy road, have pride in what you do and pursue excellence.

I've told you before that I never heard a man in his last years say I wish I would have done less. Do all you can now, learn all you can now. Do your best when it's hard—especially when it's hard. Those of you that I coached have heard me say – leave it all on the field.

We've talked a lot this year about character. What is character – character is what you do when no one is watching.

Character is developed and it comes from within. It is developed from knowing what is right and acting on it. You have all

learned what is right through your TAC officers, teachers, Bible studies, assemblies, coaches, chapel services, and your interactions with your fellow cadets.

How many times have you heard me say – watch your thoughts because your thoughts become your words.

Watch your words because your words become your actions.

Watch your actions because your actions determine your character.

The only thing in the world that you can control is yourself. Do not let yourself down. Be of good character. What do you do when no one is watching?

Remember – the measure of a man is not where he stands in times of comfort and convenience, but where he stands in times of challenge and strife.

The final thing that I want to revisit today is to remind you that you must have a strong relationship with God. Your relationship with God is a two way street. Just like with your character you must develop your relationship with God. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said that the belief that God will do everything for you is as untenable as the belief that you can do everything for yourself. God helps those who help themselves.

You have to ask God for help which leads me to the Bible verse I always read to you guys –

Philippians 4:4-8

New King James Version

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

5 Let your [a]gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

Young men – and, yes, you are now men – whatever path you choose after graduation -- whether it be college, technical school, the military, or joining the work force, it is my prayer for you that you will remember some of what I have said to you over the time that we have spent together.

Don't limit what you can do. Always do your best and pursue excellence. Be of good character, and walk side by side with God.

Thank you.

Farewell from Battalion Commander Justin Wilson

I am sad but happy to be graduating from CMA. I am sad that I will be leaving all of my brothers and faculty members, who made many memories with me that will forever be in my heart. The good part about this graduation is that the Class of 2020 is ready for the next chapter in our lives. No matter what challenges we all may face I feel as if the Class of 2020 will be ready to face this challenge. This senior class is like no other, most of us were born either the year of, or the year after a horrible crisis occurred in the U.S. We will be graduating during a pandemic that has given us many adversities. This pandemic stripped the Class of 2020 from one of everyone's most memorable moments, walking across the stage during graduation. This pandemic has made us become more responsible for ourselves than ever before. Giving us the ability to go into college or the workforce ready to take on more responsibilities. If I leave the Class of 2020 with anything before they go into life I want them to remember being successful in life isn't going to be easy. You will face challenges you never dreamed about, but if you have the drive and determination to push through these challenges you will be rewarded in ways never thought possible.



Waiting for their assigned place to lead the CMA Corps of Cadets for the 2019 Christmas parade are (l-r) Justin Wilson, Aiden Haase, Nick Furlow, Ethan Robison and Andrei Isaak-Sap.

NEW AT CMA THIS YEAR

Skeet Shooting

"The mission of the South Carolina Youth Shooting Foundation is to support all youth shooting disciplines within the state of South Carolina. Our focus is to provide a safe environment in which youth may participate in the sport of sporting clays. In addition, it is our desire to instill life skills such as commitment, focus, respect, sportsmanship, teamwork and a positive work ethic so that our youth will become productive, contributing members of society."

(Left to Right) Drew Paddock, Cadence Tarbox, Hunter Moree, and Michael Dummer. Not Pictured: Christian Randall

"Skeet shooting was a terrific experience because it was my first time shooting a firearm. There's no skeet shooting team at the school, so this was a great off-campus opportunity. I bonded with the others who attended, and I truly had a blast." Ridge Modika (Frederick, MD)



Pershing Rifles, who are the "big brothers" of the Blackjacks, is a military-oriented, national honor society, with fraternal origins. Pershing Rifles was founded in 1894 as a drill unit at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. It is the oldest continuously operating U.S. college organization dedicated to military drill.

"My fondest memory of the Blackjacks occurred when Cadet Harrison threw a wrist breaker which means he threw the rifle, spun it 7 times, and caught it effortlessly. The whole team was in awe because it's rare to spin a rifle that many times and then catch it. Blackjacks taught me the seven traits of leadership, which I abide by daily: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage." Jorge Gonzalez (Miami, Florida)



"My time with Blackjacks means a lot to me; it is the first sport with which I felt truly part of a team and in the place I ought to be. They have accepted me for me, including all my attributes. As a Blackjack, I feel that my self-worth is now limitless. Theodore Thao (Corvallis, Oregon)

"My favorite memory of Blackjacks was of getting to call cadence when we were practicing for the Christmas Parade. Another fond memory of mine is when I learned how to spin a wristbreaker." Sam Moniz (Charlotte, NC)

(Front to back, Left to Right) Chaitanya Jagarlamudi, CSM Terrell, Andrei Issak-Sap, Gregory Thornton, Ethan Robison, CSM Greene, Jorge Gonzalez, Chay Wilhelm, Hunter Keltner

N.C. Pecan Harvest Festival

Since 1993, a festival celebrating the "Superior Nut" has been held in Whiteville, NC. From a celebrity queen, Camden Cadets and Pecan Belles, to showing off Whiteville's most distinguished houses, the festival offers something for everyone. On Saturday, the festival began with a fantastic parade and then a free street fair for sights, tastes and entertainment. Food and craft vendors from all over NC/SC, a fun Kids Block, a spectacular Car Show and live entertainment throughout the day. There was also a wildlife exhibition at the NC Forestry Museum for folks of all ages. And best of all, there were pecans galore, from pies to pecan ice cream to whole pecans to take home or share. Participating this year were Ethan Roland, Chris Lincoln, Giovanni Crosswhite, Matt Weaver, Lon Callis, Gage Gaines, Malachi Hamilton, Chay Wilhelm, and Nick Furlow.



MLK Day at CMA 2020

“Of my six years attending Camden Military Academy, I have never had a more heart-to-heart experience at a Martin Luther King, Jr. ceremony than I did this past week. Our speaker, General Milford H. Beagle, Jr., was not only inspiring to all of those in attendance, but he relayed a message that we can all utilize in the future. My favorite quote by Katherine Paterson was revisited in his speech and it goes as so, “A dream without a plan is just a wish.” This quote reminds me daily to attack every day with a strategy for overcoming the obstacles that stand in my way. Miss Tiffany Fields did an amazing job with the opening and closing remarks, and she introduced our guest singers. General Beagle passed a mirror around to everyone in the audience and told them to look at themselves for a moment and then said, “the only person in life that will and can ever stop you is yourself.” I believe that this occasion reminded us that we are each truly special and are all put on earth to do something amazing.” *Aiden Haase, (Fort Mill, South Carolina)*



Shown above (L-R) Robert Luebken, Connor Rey, Robert Lowe, General Milford Beagle, Jr., Michael Hanlon, Isaiah Chavarria, and Lukas Barry

“The Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ceremony was a real surprise. In my old public school there was no ceremony about the significance of MLK’s message. The Commanding General at Fort Jackson, Milford H. Beagle, Jr., was the honored keynote speaker. He spoke of the importance of racial, religious, and social equality, but the most influential part was his stating that his ancestor was a slave at Fort Jackson. Now, 100 years later, he’s commanding Fort Jackson! “I don’t call that irony,” he stated, “I call that progress.” *Ridge Modika (Frederick, Maryland)*

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don’t know each other; they don’t know each other because they have not communicated with each other.” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobiles rather than by the quality of our service and relationship to mankind.” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



CAP (Civil Air Patrol) is a youth development program that incorporates aviation and military customs and courtesies. Through their experiences as CAP cadets, young people develop into responsible citizens and become tomorrow’s aerospace leaders. The leadership skills, self-confidence, and discipline cadets gain through CAP prepares them to achieve whatever goals they set for themselves in life.

To fulfill its goal of developing young people into responsible citizens and aerospace leaders, the Cadet Program is developed around four program elements: Leadership, Character Development, Aerospace Education and Physical Fitness. As cadets participate in these four elements, they advance through a series of achievements, earning honors and increased responsibilities along the way. Pictured left (back to front, left to right) LTC Glenn Melberg, CPT Jason Grogan, Aiden MacDonald, Andrew Bimson, Cadence Tarbox, CPT Ken Yeatts, CPT Nick Paramore, Bobby Lowe, Lukas Barry, Greg Volcy, Dylan Barkley, Ethan Robison, Dominic Richards, James Rheinheimer



TRIPS

Though academics, JROTC, sports, and clubs are fundamental to cadet life, we know that it’s a big world out there, and we encourage our cadets to encounter, explore, and experience it. Throughout the academic year, our cadets have the opportunity to visit Washington, D.C., ski at WinterPlace, West Virginia, and go to Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida. Regional and local trips include visiting historically significant sites, like the USS Yorktown at Patriots Point in Charleston, S.C., and going to fun places like Myrtle Beach, Carowinds, the U.S. National Whitewater Center, and to USC Gamecocks football and basketball games. (Please note the 2020-2021 trip schedule is not set due to the pandemic.)

THE EXCALIBUR SOCIETY 2020

The 33rd annual meeting and dinner of the Society of Excalibur was held on Friday, March 6th at Springdale Hall Club in Camden. This year we had 15 new members, who have donated a minimum of \$1,000 in the fiscal school year. We also had 3 new Knight Members who have given a total of \$10,000 or more throughout their lifetime membership; we also had 2 new Bronze Knights with a lifetime gift of \$25,000 or more and a Silver Knight member with a total donation thus far to the society of at least \$50,000.

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

It is composed of the group that has demonstrated with their donations that they care deeply for Camden Military Academy. They have supported the academy for special projects around the campus, as well as for tuition assistance for many families

who would not be able to send their sons or grandsons to Camden ... a growing need that requires growth of generosity.

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

After the five course meal and entertainment, Colonel Eric Boland, headmaster, introduced the Battalion Commander, LTC Justin Wilson, who spoke about his *Camden Experience* at CMA.

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

Colonel Boland and Cam Walters recognized the new members shown below and encouraged all members in attendance to continue their support of CMA.

Shown left with Cam Walters are Kirk Turner and Tonya Woods, parents of senior Matthew Colvin, C Co. The middle picture is LT GEN John Wall, Ruth Burns, Suzanne Wall, and MAJ GEN Julian Burns. The Burns earned the Knight award. LT General Wall's father was one of the founders of Camden Academy. Far right are Paul Green and his guest Sally Phillips with his Knight award from Cam Walters. Mr. Green's son, Max is a senior in Alpha Company.

New Bronze Knight

New Knight Members



New Members

Shown below in first group (l-r) are new members (top) Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Fullwood, whose son, Sammie is a sophomore in A Co.; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gallagher, parents of Owen who is a freshman in Band & Staff; 2nd row (l-r) Karen Stevens with new Member Chaplain Timothy Hunter and TAC officer of Bravo Company, HMC Daniel Long and Anna McColium. His son, Seth is a senior this year in Band and Staff. Shown in the 2nd group (rt) are grandfather Joseph Grant and son, Michael Grant. Grandson and son, Jathan Grant, is a junior in C Co. Next to them are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gallagher.



Their son, Owen is a freshman in Band and Staff. 2nd row are Diane Robinson and grandson, Kyler McCaskill, who is a senior in C Co. Beside them are General and Mrs. Charles E. Wilhelm, USMC (Ret). Their grandson, Chay, is a sophomore in A. Co.



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Battalion Commander Cadet LTC Justin Wilson Addresses the Excalibur Society Members

"Mr. Walters, Col Boland, ladies, gentlemen, and members of Excalibur. I hope everyone is having an excellent evening. I am Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Justin Wilson from Matthews, North Carolina. It is an honor to say I am this year's Battalion Commander. Four and a half years ago, I came to CMA because growing up I went to accelerated learning schools and when I moved from Charlotte, North Carolina to Matthews, North Carolina I was required to change schools. When I did move, the school was simply too easy for me. I had always wanted to go into the military when I was younger and at that point in my life I needed a challenge.

Fortunately, my loving parents and I decided that CMA was the challenge I needed. Later that year my parents and I took a tour led by LTC Heflin and I immediately fell in love with CMA because of the environment and the beautiful campus. I will always be in debt to my parents who are present tonight, because they made financial sacrifices, as well as emotional sacrifices that allowed me to attend CMA later that year. When I arrived at the beginning of the second semester I was assigned to Delta company. CSM Wilder met me with a stern handshake and told me I would be successful if I followed this simple saying: "be where you are supposed to be when you are supposed to be there and do what you are supposed to do when you are supposed to do it." At first, I had a very difficult time following these complicated, but simple words of wisdom. I was "ate up like a soup sandwich" as CSM Wilder would say. He gave me the guidance I needed and was constantly pushing me to achieve more. CSM Wilder saw the potential for leadership in me before anyone else did. He believed in me when I wasn't sure I believed in myself. He went so far as to tell me my 9th-grade year that if I keep doing what I was doing I would become Battalion Commander my senior year!!

I was helped by my amazing 7th-grade teacher, Mrs. Boland. She gave me the opportunity of a lifetime to skip the 8th grade. With this once in a lifetime opportunity I became the youngest battalion commander in Camden Military Academy history. I will be graduating early and majoring in Civil Engineering and continuing my football career at West Virginia University in 2020.

The commandant LTC Lawing was referred to as the "bad man on campus." Simply because he would keep the cadets in check when there was too much slack on the line. After maturing, I would like to thank him for keeping all the cadets and me on the correct path to success. If Col Boland and LTC Lawing were not there to push me as a student leader I would not be in the position that I am today.

The tactical officers provide support and mentorship in daily life. Every single day the tactical officers epitomize what a true role model looks like for every young man especially in a day and age where it seems not many men are true role models. At CMA, the tactical officers are your true father figures. They guide you and keep you on the right track. The lessons that are not taught by our tactical officers are taught by our amazing teachers. Our teachers are truly different kinds of people. I never had any group of teachers that provided the quality education and mentorship that the teachers at CMA provide. They are constantly available when students may need help. Such as having a tutorial period and also having after school help. This is what puts them apart from public school teachers because they build relationships with their students. Over the past four and a half years I have grown to appreciate all of the faculty members and tactical officers. Despite the faculty members and tactical officers dedication, none of these extraordinary mentors would be able to provide the quality education and steadfast mentorship without the support from

all of the school's benefactors and the board of trustees.

One of my most memorable moments at CMA was the first time I got promoted to Corporal. I felt such a sense of accomplishment. I was proud of myself for one of the first times in my life. My parents even started bragging to their friends about how many changes I'd made as a young man. From that moment on, I made it my goal to achieve more. Don't get

me wrong, of course, I stumbled a couple of times and when I did, I had CSM Wilder right behind me keeping me on the right path.

The pinnacle of my success at CMA was when I was announced as Battalion Commander. I immediately knew all of my hard work and allowing CMA to change my ways had finally paid off. CMA has given me the tools I needed to be successful. Some of these tools were self-discipline, finding myself accountable for my own actions, and having structure in my daily life. I thank CMA for this because I would never have gained these tools if I did not attend CMA. With the position of Battalion Commander, I gained the ability to lead my fellow cadets and hopefully give them tips and tools on how to excel while at CMA. Maybe even play a small part in their lives on their road to success.

To everyone present tonight, again, I would like to thank my parents (pointing them out again) for all their sacrifices and all of you for all your support of our great school. With your continuous and generous donations, our school has the ability to operate at the outstanding level that it does. Your gifts and sacrifices make a huge difference in the quality of life for every cadet. I speak for the entire cadet corps whom I consider my brothers, when I say thank you and your families for all you do and continue to do for us. Thank you and have a great rest of the evening. Goodnight. Justin Wilson, Battalion Commander, 2019-2020 Class; Matthews, North Carolina

Shown below in the top picture are (l-r) Theodore Marchand, Connor Hart, Ethan Robison, Chay Wilhelm, Jarod Bernstein as they prepare to play as members go to their tables. Bottom left are valet workers



and escorts Deven McKee, Michael Hanlon, Seth Long, Brendan Jackson and Aiden Haase. In the bottom right picture from left are Kyler McCaskill, Wesley Gotsch, and Matthew Colvin.



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2019 Spartan Challenge

The 2019 Spartan Challenge By: Casey Robinson

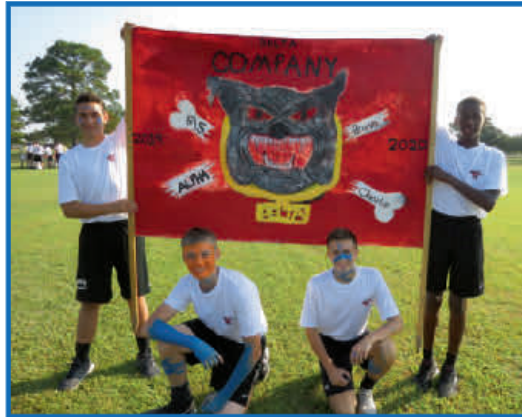
The Spartan Challenge is a favorite event amongst the Corps of Cadets. Similar to a field day, The Spartan Challenge is an event where each company competes to become the "Top Dog." The event lasts most of the day from around 8 am to around 2 pm. The event includes a variety of challenges from weightlifting to academics. A huge focus is placed on teamwork and teambuilding.

The winning company will receive a very desirable 8 am sleep-in on a school day! The theme for this year's Spartan Challenge is "Never Give Up." This theme must be printed on each company's unique shirt which was designed the first week of school. Each company will also create a company flag to rally around for the day.

The Spartan Challenge is not taken lightly by the Corps of Cadets as it is one of the many ways in which a company can prove it is the best on campus!

From the Excalibur Yearbook Staff

Every September since 2009, Camden Military Academy has hosted the Spartan Challenge. This year, once again, CMA cadets faced rigorous tests, both physically and intellectually, much like the ancient Spartans who, in 480 B.C., were led by Leonidas to defend Sparta (with only 300 soldiers) from enemy attacks. Likewise, 300 of our CMA cadets faced several levels of adversity in a variety of demanding games such as the Watermelon Challenge, the Glass Pyramid, the Ruck Sack Relay, Crossing River with Planks, and many other competitive exercises. Companies demonstrated camaraderie and Company pride through their clever and bold t-shirts and large Company banner designs. Each cadet represented his respective Company through determination and teamwork and lived up to this year's theme of "Never Give Up."



"Spartan Challenge was a completely new experience for me. Coming from the public school system, I had similar experiences, but nothing on this scale. In Charlie Company, everyone (even ISG Collins) had their faces painted for the event, and I think it was really exciting for everyone involved. My favorite part was during the Academic Challenge because, being the nerd that I am, I knew the answer to almost every question. Overall, Spartan Challenge was a great experience and one that I am not likely to forget any time soon." Mark McGregor (Mt. Pleasant, SC)

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

"Spartan Challenge was a fun day for all of us. After the first two weeks of working hard and adjusting to military life, it was a welcome breather and a day when we could all decompress and have fun. We did a bunch of activities that had us connect as both friends and as a Company. It was awesome to see one another compete and win events as a Company."

Nicolas Ramirez (Evans, GA)



Camden Military Academy's "old boys" are seniors who have attended CMA since their 9th grade year or earlier.

This year, 22 "dinosaurs" will be graduating with the class of 2020. With a class of only 62 cadets, this is a barrier-breaking statistic for the "dinosaur"



cadets because there are normally only 10-12 such "dinosaurs" each year!

They all started out as young men and some of them are now the highest ranking cadets in the school! Here, they have written about their most memorable moments at CMA.



Cameron Castleberry 8th-12th

My favorite memory of Camden Military Academy was the Spartan Challenge of my fourth year. This was my first year in Delta company, contrary to my previous years in Charlie. It was a great experience because of our camaraderie, which made this day really memorable. I loved every minute of it. I competed in more challenges than I had in my previous years, and I got to carry the company flag around the majority of the time which was a cool experience because

I was always in the front. I've never felt more tired in my life after that day, running around and completing as many challenges as possible. I also got to keep the company flag. When dinner rolled around that evening, we ate some of the best steak in all my previous years. When we got called up to attention, it was finally time to hear the results and this year's winning company. Our company won first place and we went crazy; we were yelling in happiness. We went back to the barracks, got our gold medals and, for some reason, I felt like I really earned that gold medal.



Richard Matthew Colvin 9th-12th

I've had quite the experience in my past 4 years at Camden. One of my most memorable moments was when CPT DouDou Zhang set off the Charlie/Delta barracks fire alarm in the middle of the night. We all got up and had a

giant formation outside, and both the companies ended up all together making jokes and having a good time even though we had to go out in the cold at midnight. Yes, we lost an hour of sleep, but I think we can all agree it was worth it.



Nicholas Edward Furlow 9th-12th

Camden Military Academy has been the most influential experience I've had. During my four years at CMA, I have gathered thousands of memories and have made relationships that will last a lifetime. However, one memory stands out the most to me. I remember I was a freshman and I got selected to go to the Pecan Festival with LTC Heflin. The Pecan Festival takes place once a year in Whiteville, NC.

We left CMA early on a Friday morning and arrived in Whiteville around 3:00 pm. When we arrived we were assigned to a belle with whom we would be spending the weekend. We marched through a parade in downtown Whiteville and even went to see a local high school football game! The weekend went by so fast that I already found myself attached to the small town. The families and friends I met and the short but sweet time I had in Whiteville has really made my time here at CMA.



Maxwell Bernhardt Green 9th-12th

My four years at Camden Military Academy have been a roller coaster of memories. I have made memories with hundreds of people and those memories have made life at Camden a once in a lifetime experience. Everyone has told me that this school is what you make of it, and I have made it my life. Every year I see brothers leave and new brothers

come. Being at CMA has broken me down and turned me into the man I am today: a person whose life and goals are to care for others. That is what CMA can teach you. It will teach you to become a man, and many alumni share the gift of having been taught and guided by the amazing staff and teachers. It is a privilege to be at CMA and a blessing. The academy has allowed me to open doors that will benefit me in the future in terms of leadership and management skills.



Sirr Jelani Green 9th-12th

Throughout my four very long years at CMA there are many memories that I can look back on. Meeting many different people from lots of places across the world was always interesting. My most memorable year at CMA would most likely have to be my freshman year. I remember my first ever Spartan Challenge against all the other companies. SGM Wilder woke us up that morning

and from that very moment, we knew that this was going to be one of the most hyped days of the year. We marched to breakfast singing cadences about other companies telling them how we were the best company out there. Having SGM Wilder and our chain of command pushing us to not give up and keep pushing inspired the whole company to work together and to encourage one another. Delta company was a brotherhood and we proved it by working together to win an overall 9 out of 10 events.



Brice Theron Griffin 9th-12th

As I look back upon my time here at CMA, I reflect on memories, choices, and friendships. I arrived in my 8th-grade year, skipped my 9th, and came back for the remainder of my high school career. One of my best memories was of my 10th grade year when I took Chaplain Hunter's 6th period Bible History class. That year the Religious Officer had to step down, so with an open position for RNCO, Chaplain announced that he was looking

for a Junior who wanted to take on the position. I would tell him daily that I would be more than happy to help him out if he needed it, but he was firm on the grade requirement. He found several people, but they didn't maintain their status for long. He then came to me one night saying that he would like to test me out in the RNCO position as a sophomore. I did a great job for the rest of the year, and during the next year I was offered the position again. Now in my senior year I am the RO.



Aiden Peter Haase 7th-12th

I have been at Camden Military Academy for six years, the longest out of all the "dinosaurs." Not one day has gone by without a memorable moment, as I would learn something new every day. My favorite memory is

when Nick Furlow and I would go over to Charlie Company and talk to 1SG Collins about life and his new business. Some days at the academy weren't the best, but I would always learn something. As I part ways with this school, I realize that this school's impact on me from 7th - 12th grade will never fade.



Michael Patrick Hanlon 7th, 9th-12th

My favorite time at CMA is all the time I got to hang out with the color guard and my other friends. With color guard, I'll always miss the trips we went on, the fun things we did together, and how amazing it was to be able to bear the American flag. I've met

some of the greatest people ever at Camden, and there is no type of regret for coming here whatsoever. As we get closer and closer to graduation, I start reminiscing about all my years here and I realize how close I am to leaving and entering the next chapter of my life. I can't wait to see what college has in store for me! To the class of 2020, We did it!



Andrei Isaak-Sap 9th-12th

I have had many experiences in my four years at CMA as a cadet. I remember that when I first arrived I was confused, but that I soon acclimated to my new life. My favorite memory at Camden is of the last wrestling matches of my junior year. I had made a bet

with my co-captain about who would win. A couple of people on the team heard about the bet and showed up to watch at the gym. Everyone picked the other side, and even the Commandant bet against me. We had everyone watching the match on the edge of their seats. I ended up losing, but I will never forget the match and how much fun I had with my brothers throughout the wrestling season.



Jacob Dylan Jucker 9th-12th

During my 4 years at CMA I have made many memories and lifelong friends. This school has completely changed me from when I arrived as a nervous freshman to the confident senior I am now. I have learned to take pride in everything I do and how to work as part of a team with my peers.

Though I've had many amazing experiences at CMA, for

me the most memorable times were those spent with the other guys. Whether it was playing sports like football, to goofing off or just hanging out and watching movies with Pizza Hut, these are the memories that will stick with me for the rest of my life. The community at Camden is extremely close and tight knit, and the camaraderie we shared will be very hard to replace once I leave this school and continue on with my life.



Kevin Minwoo Kim 9th-12th

Nearing the end of my time at Camden, I have had the opportunity to reflect upon my time here and remember the experiences which I have shared with my fellow cadets over the past 5 years-marching in formation, playing sports, marching the PAD, talking to my TACs, marching in parades (a lot of marching)-all parts of the Camden Experience which, without this

school, would not be the same. Looking back upon my time here at Camden, however, a few moments stand out as ones which I will never forget. One of those comes from my third year. I was in Bravo Company, and we won Honor Company of the Week for the first time in nearly 5 years. We all cheered and banged on the table in the dining hall, for which we were yelled at by our Tactical Officers. However, the sense of pride and accomplishment was one that could not be dulled by any reprimand.



Dylan Starker Leopold 9th-12th

My time spent here at Camden has been very influential in shaping and molding me into the person I am today. Camden has taught me to be accountable for my actions, have respect for those above and below me, and have empathy for others. My most memorable moments at Camden are times spanning many instances and years here. One such memory was the moment I arrived here and my parents were greeted by 1SG Collins and, at the time, the secondary TAC SSG Smith. He gave his usual talk of doing what you're supposed to and you will get along just fine here. SSG Smith asked if I understood and I said "Yeah," which

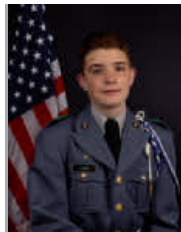
was a mistake that I came to regret instantly. Fast forward to six months later and Vanderwalls' sister won America's Got Talent and we got to watch the finals in the Carlisle House with SSG Smith. Sophomore year people leave and new people come, and old cadets promoted, so each year is a new experience and a constant environment of relearning and adapting to new ideas put in place. People like Marchand and Jucker to name a few have been people who I was happy to know and grow with as my tenure here has gone on. People such as 1SG Collins and 1SG Hester have mentored and given me and my peers advice on a plethora of situations and are here day in and day out, and they give meaning to being a "dinosaur" in the Camden Military Corps of Cadets.



Davis Bartow Long 8th-12th

During my time at Camden Military Academy I have had quite a few adventures and great memories, making it an extremely hard decision to pick one memory. However, I think my favorite memories are from my first and second year back in the old Dal-

las Barracks with CSM Wilder and 1SG Pearson. During my first two years we were in the old barracks, and that by itself was an experience; it was dark but felt like home. I still remember the late night talks given by our tactical officers, marching pad in freezing cold weather and just having fun with some of my closest friends.



Seth Patrick Long 9th-12th

Being at CMA for 4 years has been quite the ride. From my first day, when I walked onto this campus as a shy 9th Grader, to where I am now, the Band and Staff Company Commander, I've made so many unforgettable memories during my time here. From the Super Bowl parties with the guys to frisbee, kickball, and especially operation break the wall, CMA has changed me from a child to a mature and respectful young man. I've been lucky enough

to be around people who have completely changed my life and my work ethic. SGM Green, 1SG Irvin, Coach Thomley, SFC Brown, CH Hunter, 1SG Jackson, Coach Johnson, CPT Grogan, and last but not least, COL Bolland and LTC Lawing have changed my perspective on life and how I act during it. But over all others, nobody could have helped shape me more than the brothers I've come to love in every year I've been here. I've learned life skills from them all and they will always be my brothers. So, to the Class of 2020, WE MADE IT!



Theodore Oliver Marchand 9th-12th

I cannot believe that I have made it this far. It seems to me that only yesterday I said goodbye to my parents for the first time, just a couple months before my 15th birthday. Fast forward to today, as I will soon leave CMA with my fondest memories and a personal definition of brotherhood. I arrived at CMA a boy, and will depart a man. CMA has taught me how to rely on

myself, how to overcome adversity, how to stand strong in my values, and most importantly, how to be a leader. My 2nd year at CMA, I single-handedly broke the school record for tours received. I pretty much broke every rule in the Blue Book. I had a lot of fun that year, but ultimately left with a sense of emptiness. Although my time at CMA has been filled with ups and downs, I can confidently say that attending this school for the past 4 years was the best decision of my life.



Max Robert Marsden 9th-12th

Over my 4 years at Camden Military Academy, I have had a great adventure in becoming a man. It all started in 9th grade when my captain helped bring my things into the barracks. I told him, "Thanks, dude," and he gave me a very serious look and I knew I was in for a rude

awakening. During my first few weeks I really hated it here and wanted to go home, but as time went on, I made friends who I will never forget. I am very thankful for Camden Military Academy because I needed a wakeup call, and I know I would not be the person I am today without CMA.



Ryan Victor Neel 9th-12th
 I am more than appreciative that I came to CMA. In four years, so many of my friends that I meet go outside the school. The number of people that have graduated and I still talk to is far more than I thought it would be when I first came here. I'm so grateful

to have so many unforgettable experiences here: participating in events and activities and also going on a few trips with so many of my classmates. I am thankful that I came here. This school has turned my grades around and made me into a better, more caring person than I was before I came. Camden has been an outstanding experience that I will most definitely never forget.



Brandon William Ranka 9th-12th
 I have had many good experiences at CMA, but I would have to say my best memory was being able to take part in the Spartan Challenge because it brought me closer to all of

my peers. I was lucky enough to have 2 years in Charlie Company's side and Delta Company's. My favorite part was my first year in Delta; we won the brick tower--a tower almost 13 feet tall.



Gregory Volcy 9th-12th
 My favorite CMA memory would have to be watching movies and TV shows with my roommate Wertich during my freshman year. We would transform our room into a movie theater, and watch movies for hours in the dark.



Ian MacKenzie Walter 8th-12th
 In my 5 years at CMA, I've experienced so much, have had the honor to be taught by so many amazing people, and have grown in a thousand different ways. The most memorable part of my journey involves CSM Wilder who taught me wisdom, optimism, and independence. As a TAC Officer, he taught Delta company all about brotherhood. He shaped all of us into young men with so much wisdom and the best guidance we could ever ask for. He loved us and cared for us, and

that kind of loyalty will stay next to my heart for the rest of my life. My most memorable moments come from CSM Wilder. I'll always remember how he taught me to cherish everyone and make the time we have count, at Camden and in the real world. I wish he could see me today as a senior, ready to take on the next chapter of my life. If you know me, you know optimism is the most important part of life to me. This perception of the world gifted to me by CSM Wilder is what pushes me every day to be successful. And I can't wait to see what I make of myself. Class of 2020, we did it!



Justin Tyler Wilson 8th-12th
 My favorite memory while at CMA was when Walter, Haase, McKee, and I were on the ski trip. We were zooming down the slopes passing everyone - except McKee, he was inexperienced. At one point, Wal-

ter decided to try snowboarding. Since Walter is the best skier I know, I knew he was going to struggle with the switch. I remember Walter going down a green slope slowly and still somehow fell, slamming the back of his head. That was one of the funniest things I had seen at CMA.

NO MORE FOR THE SENIORS

Saturday Morning Inspection (SMI) is the time when cadets conduct a thorough cleaning of rooms and barracks. The Commandant of Cadets and the Battalion Commander walk through each Company and inspect the barracks. The Company that wins the SMI receives extra points toward their honor company standings.



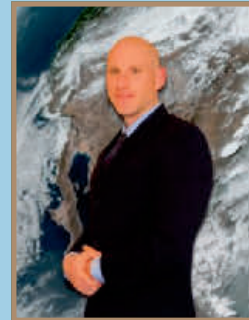
Past Graduates Reflect on their "Camden Experience"

CMA had two profound impacts on my life:

First, it exposed me to real-world leadership experience. At 16 years old, I was Bravo Company's Cadet First Sergeant, leading about 60 cadets, many of whom were superior to me in age and grade. It wasn't easy, but that's why I had asked CSM Irtenkauf to consider me for the job. I knew with his leadership and direction, I would learn extremely quick on how to lead troops. He is by far one of the most influential leaders and mentors that I have ever worked under, and I wouldn't trade my experiences under his command for just about any other experience in my life to date. He taught me to lead, plain and simple. He not only instilled this sense of command presence and confidence inside of me that every leader needs, but also compassion and attentiveness of troop welfare. Not even an adult yet, I had this sort of training and experience, and I'll always be grateful. Looking back at my time in the Air Force, I saw a lot of CSM Irtenkauf-isms in the way I led. Maybe intimidated a few folks along the way, but no regrets.

Secondly, CMA opened the doors for me to meet some of the best mentors. Besides CSM Irtenkauf, Lt Col Glenn Melberg, his wife Betty, and Commander Ronald Ruys also were - and still are - extremely influential in my life. Lt Col

Melberg and Ms. Betty attended my graduation and commissioning ceremony at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, where Lt Col Melberg led me in the oath of office as a brand-new Lieutenant. He and his wife have always had the utmost confidence in me - even when I didn't - so much so, I remember their encouraging words through the years more than anyone else's, outside of my own family. Commander Ruys, likewise, has always been there for me, rooted for me, and had only the best words of wisdom, encouragement, and support for me through my military career, and now outside of the military. If it wasn't for these mentors, I may have not even finished my grueling four years of college, and certainly not have entered the Air Force as an officer, received my Master's degree, or been nearly as successful as I was during my military career. I am extremely blessed to have these wonderful people in my life, and very fortunate to have attended CMA. **Dan Schreiber (CMA '08) Meteorology Board Certification**



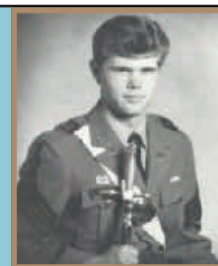
I attended CMA my Junior and Senior years of high school. It was very difficult at first, being away from home and on your own for the first time is difficult for everyone. However, like many cadets before me and after me, I learned to stand on my own two feet and take responsibility for my actions. Hard work and study were the main focus during my years at CMA. Learning how to schedule

your time and keeping a routine are extremely valuable traits needed in life. After I graduated from CMA, I went to college and continued the same disciplined routine. Many other college freshmen lacked the Camden disci-

pline. They frequently missed class and did not study. However, the Camden crew were in the library 5 nights a week from 8 to 10:30 studying. We all did well and were the top of our classes. This discipline allowed me to get into medical school, then land an internship, followed by a residency in internal medicine, then a fellowship in cardiology, and then an additional fellowship in cardiac electrophysiology. To this day I still maintain nearly the same routine that I learned at Camden. The brotherhood and bonds that you form will also last a lifetime. I still keep in touch with a large group of my classmates and we are all proud to be a part of the Camden Military Academy history! **Craig J. McCotter (CMA'91) M.D., F.A.C.C., F.H.R.S.** (Shown left with son, Jack)

"My years at CMA were a very positive time in my life. I made and have life long friends, I learned how to study and accept responsibility and I learned that the tough times make us stronger. We all grew up quickly having to schedule our time and make the most of each day. Col. Boland, Col Schraeder, Major Gale, Col Heyward and many others were great role models and they helped me focus on the positives in school, ROTC

and sports. I'm proud to have attended and graduated from such a fine institution. I hope that those attending today will have that same experience and draw on it for the rest of their lives." Richard Coulter, Jr. (CMA'86)



Young Gentlemen:

Let me urge each of you to follow the simple Path of Duty. It leads through valleys of disappointment, up hills of difficulty, through deserts of doubt and self-denial, and sometimes down into the darkness of the unknown tomb. It does not end there, but leads on into the glorious sunlight of an eternal Resurrection to joy, and true success. Colonel James F. Risher - President of Carlisle Military School & Camden Military Academy

Experiences (Continued)

Looking back on my two years at Camden Military Academy in hindsight certainly allows me to appreciate and be grateful for my experience as opposed to when I was a student. When I entered CMA as a junior I was confused, cocky, exasperated at my parents and most of all outlandishly envious of other high school students who had the opportunity to relish the common “high school” experience. However, it didn’t take me long to become incredibly infatuated by the different types of people I met and how quickly my personal character began to develop for the best. Prior to Camden I was always the sort of kid who never really went looking for trouble, I’ve always been mostly a rule follower, but could sometimes be sneaky and bypass the rules. This was the case until I had Sgt. Major Brooks as my tac officer. Arguably the most intuitive and intelligent individual I’ve met in my life, this man taught me some of the best life lessons about humility and character, but at the same time was able to scope me out from one hundred yards away across the soccer field with dip tobacco in my mouth. Camden involuntarily instills structure and discipline within all cadets that soak in the experience instead of rebelliously fighting it. Waking up early to a giant bullhorn at 6 am every morning, not having the op-

tion to even contemplate skipping class, and living in the same quarters made me finally realize that these people were not just classmates, teammates, or even simply friends, but I considered many of them to be my brothers. Whether it be marching side by side in parades, going on ski trips, or even beating all of my fellow classmates in FIFA during free time provided me with a greater sense of comradery that I would have never experienced if I went down the traditional high school route. My best memories of CMA were indubitably running cross country for LTC Heflin, meeting so many wonderful people in Alpha Company, and ultimately playing for Coach Hewitt’s undefeated soccer team my senior year. I also forgot to mention the amazing breakfast served in the cafeteria! My best advice for any student who is skeptical or angry about attending CMA is to enjoy it while it lasts. Life moves very fast and learning from the experiences you’ll gain instead of being contemptuous will benefit you to the point where you may not realize it until seven years after graduation like I did. Without the guidance and help from individuals such as LTC Heflin, LTC Armstrong, Colonel Boland, Coach Hewitt and the late LTC Schrader, I can fully ascertain that I would not be half the man I am today. **Robbie Hart, CMA 2013 (Did you ask? Yes, that’s Robbie’s uncle, Sylvester Stallone.)**

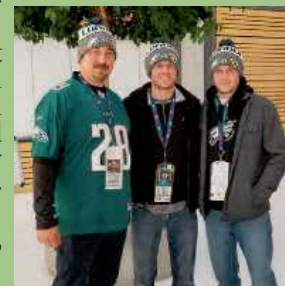


“I went to Camden Military Academy for my junior year of high school with high hopes of turning my failing grades around and being able to graduate on time. I am so thankful that my parents found CMA and did whatever it took to send me there for my last two years of high school. Attending CMA was “the” turning point in my life. Strict schedules and dedicated study hall times were key in turning around my grades and being able to graduate high school on time. Grades were just one of many things that improved with my final two years of high school at CMA. Room inspections and being held accountable for all of my belong-

ings to be exactly where they should be at all times and to be cleaned to a certain standard was huge. For a young guy with three older brothers, who were total slobs, it was tough! I have always kept a clean room and continue to keep a clean home where my fiancé and I will raise our newly welcomed son. I hope to one day send Rhett to Camden when the time is right - not as a punishment, but for him to learn and experience things you simply cannot get at home with your parents. I want to end this with a quote that adults and kids should let sink in, a quote from LTC John Heflin, Dean of students. “If you lie you will cheat, if you cheat you will steal.” - **Max Rathbun Class of 2009 Alpha Company**

“Memories flood my head when I think about my time at Camden Military Academy. I’ve attended public school and I know the complications and the isolation that comes with it. I consider the Academy my family. We are brothers. A couple of lost souls in the beginning who found themselves along the way. I have made some of the closest friends during my time at the Academy; many are now married with kids who still make time for the brothers they grew up with. If I had to narrow it down to one memory, I’d do myself and others a disservice if I didn’t choose a critical life lesson that I learned at Camden Military Academy. It was my junior year. We were all packed into the gym ready to hear the GO (General Order) of all the new promotions for next year. To say I had low expectations for myself is an understatement. I was a kid, not ready to handle the responsibilities of a cadet officer, let alone lead an entire company. I remember sitting in the chair, hoping that I would get a position that didn’t require much leadership, a position that could be looked over without a care in the world. They finally got to the GO. Every officer in band/staff announced from lowest rank to highest. They got to the XO position and called my name. They had named me second in command of B/S Company. At first I thought it was a misprint. Heading back to the dorms, I start thinking about how I’d be able to get over the fear

of leadership. I wasn’t born to be a leader nor did I seek it out. I knew I had to step up. SGM Green, our TAC officer at the time saw the look of disdain on my face. He pulled me into his office and shut the door. He knew I was having trouble with the entire concept of being a cadet officer but he told me something I’ll never forget. In his most calm voice he sat down and said, “Mr. Rehborn, don’t worry about a thing.” I was confused at first. He continued on and told me, “You show people respect, the leadership in you will come naturally.” Being a kid, I didn’t think too much of it. It was until later in life I realized that he was right. I use this lesson as a building block not only for my Air Force career but for the foundation of my life. Treat people with respect. Everyone is different, and everyone has their own path to success. Be kind, be supportive and respect them. Camden Military Academy will always have a place in my heart. I will always cherish the memories I had during my tenure at Camden Military Academy. You will make a brotherhood that is unlike any in the world.” **Cameron Rehborn, Class of 2008, Band/Staff Company 1st LT XO**



A Five Year Man-Marshall Keith Fowler, CMA Class '70

by Cam Walters

If you knew Marshall Fowler, an alumnus we lost in 2013, you knew a cadet who, in many ways, was much larger than life. Beginning at CMA as an eighth grader from Charleston, he was consistently outstanding as a student, cadet leader, phenomenal athlete, and an all-around good guy. As is often the case, we lose track of many of our friends and fellow cadets from our days at school. I knew Marshall, but not that well, as we were in different companies, and I was an eighth grader during his junior year. I was fortunate enough to be on Captain Van Weber's JV track team in the spring of 1969, and therefore, witnessed the extraordinary domination by the CMA varsity team. Those meets of '69 and '70 were always highlighted by Marshall's talent in the high hurdles and high jump, as well as Max Fine's contribution in the 100 yard dash and Doug Dills' monstrous discus throw. Many of CMA's school records were shattered in those pre-metric days, including Ronnie Galloway's state record in the shot put in 1970.

However, watching Marshall run the high hurdles was a special treat, as his form was every coach's dream. He ran with his head so still and level, while the rest of his body seemed to glide over the hurdles with speed, ease, and confidence, always in front! In football, as a halfback for the Spartans, he was extremely fast, especially in the open field, as no one could catch him. Marshall graduated from CMA as Company Commander of A Company and received a track scholarship to Eastern Kentucky University.

My friend and fellow '73 classmate, Verne Packer, contacted me awhile back regarding a phone call and email from Marshall's wife, Mary, who lives in Hawaii. Mary mentioned that Marshall had a great love of the ocean, therefore, they moved there in 1974. They lived in Oahu for awhile before settling in Maui, where Marshall enjoyed surfing, sailing, fishing, hunting, and camping. Marshall was a master carpenter,

who also received his captain's license and certification as a scuba instructor. For many years he was the captain of a sport fishing boat named *Rascal*, and called himself the "fish slayer." Apparently, Marshall was quite the entertainer and enjoyed making folks laugh. In later years, Marshall worked for Hawaiian Telecom and retired after 15 years of service. Marshall and Mary were blessed with their daughter Marla in 1990, that he made sure to teach many of his skills, especially surfing, and kayaking.

Mary mentioned that Marshall had started suffering chronic pain in his back, legs, and feet, but never complained. Sadly, on August 16th of 2013, Marshall passed away in Maui from liver disease. His daughter, Marla, and his wife, Mary, the love of his life, were by his side. Marshall told Mary many times that he wasn't aware until years after graduation from CMA, that his parents had given him the best gift ever. He once told Mary that he learned more than academics at CMA. Thanks to his time there, he had also developed a strong sense of self discipline, self-respect and respect for others. Mary stated that he was a strong and compassionate man, who will forever be loved and missed. Aloha Marshall! Your legend will live forever at CMA!



Email to CMA Staff Members:

I hope this email finds you all well and simply resting and staying safe until we can get back to some sort of normalcy after Covid-19. If you are bored and running out of things to keep you occupied, I thought I would share an update and some good news with you all since you have individually and collectively had such a positive impact on Cole (Marullo'13). Cole is now in the Army having graduated from The Citadel. It took a little longer for Cole (than Wang), but he made it to the finish line and in typical Cole fashion, he did it his way... he spent a short time after graduation with a great job and set up/apartment on Daniel Island, SC. We would all have loved to start our careers that way, but Cole quickly realized this was not the life he was born to live. Eutopia as I called it was his jail cell and the Military was his calling and salvation. He changed directions quickly and completed basic training at the top of his class and was selected early for Officer Candidate School and is currently at Fort Benning, GA. Cole was just selected as the Top Officer Candidate (out of approx. 260 other officer candidates) and is the Commander. Who would have thunk it !?! Cole is thriving and will have his choice of assignments once candidate school is complete – he plans to be an infantry officer and will pursue Special Forces Leadership as this is his passion. Specifically, Cole often brings up all of you for things he has learned, things that stay with him, and things that he uses to help/support/lead others: Ms. Finley – your constant, positive encouragement (instead of the butt kickin' he really deserved) is a way that helps Cole lead with some compassion and build a team especially with those that are falling behind – sound familiar? Mr. Simonson – Cole finished #1 in Orienteering and Mapping in the Field as many kids just don't have these skills these days. Your passion for the Scouting program is embedded in Cole and has been a constant difference maker for him. Coach Rice and Jordan – Cole is the strongest candidate in the entire candidate school (beating out a Penn State wrestler) and 3rd in running time (behind two College long distance runners). When times are tough, running in all that gear, he tells me he sees y'all's faces and pushes on. John and Col. Boland – Cole was recently pulled aside by Executive Leadership at Ft. Benning and told that "you have the unique ability and talent to lead young men into battle; they follow you." He talks about both of you often and your individual styles of leadership that he has learned from.

Sorry for all the rambling, but just know that what you are doing – matters; the sacrifices you make – matter; and your efforts are making for a great soldier and an even better man. All our best, Billy and Mitzi Marullo

Memories from Carlisle

Recently I read where someone said, "I thought it would take a lot longer to get this old." An even better old age lament is, "If I'd known I was going to live to be this old, I would have taken better care of myself." Most of us who graduated from CMS in the class of 1965 are...well, you do the math. There may have been a few in our class who were a year or two older. If there were, I do not remember who they were. If you are reading this and you graduated before 1965, you are probably thinking, "if you think you are old, live to be my age and you'll really know what old is like." If you are younger, you might be thinking, "Here goes one of those old timers telling us what it was like back in the day."

The early nineteen sixties were interesting times at our school. Colonel James F. Risher lived across the street from the Administrative offices on campus and Colonel Bill Risher, his son and the Headmaster, lived just a few doors down from the mess hall. Every year the entire battalion would march over to Col. James Risher's house in full dress uniforms. We would line the street in front of his house; the battalion commander would march up to and knock on the Colonel's front door. Then he would step out onto his front porch in his full-dress uniform and we would all sing happy birthday to him. Then, I remember him saying, "Gentlemen, this is such a surprise." I remember thinking if this was such a surprise to him, did he sleep in his uniform? We all knew he and everyone else in Bamberg County knew we would be there.

The level of respect showed for others was not just because we were a military school but because that was how most of us had been raised. We not only were respectful of our teachers, staff, and each other (for the most part), we were also respectful of the people who lived and worked in Bamberg. We'd occasionally go to the one little theatre in town where I saw such movies as *Hush Hush Sweet Charlotte* and sat there with a few other fellow cadets trying to act like I wasn't scared out of my wits as somebody's head came bouncing down the stairs of the old mansion owned by Charlotte Hollis, played by Bette Davis.

The four most newsworthy things that happened during my time there were the botched Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba. The old Colonel told us the Sunday morning following the news of the invasion's failure, that he could have taken us down there and ended that whole mess. I remember us talking about the smaller members of our battalion who carried wooden rifles because the M-1's the rest of us carried were too heavy for them. We later laughed about our landing on the beaches of Cuba, and seeing those little guys pointing their wooden rifles at Fidel and hollering bang bang!

The second event was the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. I had just walked out of the canteen and was headed to one of my classes when the announcement came over the campus wide loudspeaker that he had just died after being shot while riding in a motorcade in Dallas, Texas. It was the first time I wondered what would happen to our country because of his shocking and untimely death and asking, "Who in the world would do something like that?"

The other two were: various events of the civil rights movement such as the march on Washington, Dr. Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" speech and the passing of the civil rights act in 1964; and the war brewing in Vietnam.

We were much more concerned with girlfriends, sports, getting to go home, and whatever school activities in

which we were involved. The music we listened to went from what we called Beach music, to the Beatles, to the folk music of the day being sung by groups such as Peter, Paul, & Mary. Everything was much simpler then. We knew when the magnolia trees just outside of Risher Barracks started blooming, graduation and going home for the summer weren't far around the corner. During the sunny days of April & May, you'd find a fairly large number of cadets on beach towels in the quadrangle catching some rays and working on their summer tan.

Those days were truly the age of innocence. Drugs, cell phones, international terrorism, gangs with their shootings and killings in our cities, and all the other challenges we face today were simply non-existent. I'm sure a few of those things happened in places like Chicago and New York, but we never heard about them if they did. We didn't have instantaneous news reports of every crazy thing that happened anywhere in the world like we do today. We've lost that innocence over the past fifty plus years with the challenges we've dealt with in our families and careers. We are hopefully a little wiser now and realize we don't know near as much as we thought we did back then.

There are times when it just doesn't seem like all of that was over fifty years ago. Then there are times when some of the events and people are such a faint memory that it seems like it was a hundred years ago. I don't know if you were a part of that class or that era but if you were around in the mid 1960's you have been reading, probably nodding your head, and thinking of times and people that come to your mind.

Wherever you are and whatever you are doing, I hope you are well, that your memories of Carlisle bring a smile to your face, and that you are as curious about life and its opportunities today as you were back then.

As I end this, thank you for reading the meanderings of this former assistant editor of *The Bugle* known as Bear, who still has copies of some of the articles he wrote under the banner of, "From the Bear's Den." While writing this, our school's alma mater kept coming to my mind and I've added it to the end of this article for you to maybe hum through if you'd like.

Today, Camden Military Academy does an outstanding job of keeping the spirit of Carlisle alive and well. Our Black and Gold Battalion flag with all the ribbons still flies alongside the Blue CMA flag in the CMA color guard, the dark blue and white SC flag, and our revered Stars and Stripes. The old Colonel's spirit lives on through his son, Col. Lanning Risher who came to Camden in 1957 to be the Headmaster of the new Camden Military Academy which his dad had purchased when it was Camden Academy.

The Trophy that was awarded at the end of the big rivalry football game between CMS and CMA is front and center in the Memorial Room in the Risher Administration Building. If you look closely, you'll see we played each other twenty times between 1957 and 1977 when CMS closed its doors. Each school won ten games. I've told John Mitchell and a couple of other guys who played then that we ought to tee it up one more time to decide the overall Champion for Eternity. The only problem is that we'd have to have one ambulance per player on site with an army of EMT's and a couple of truck loads of oxygen tanks. Maybe it's better for us to just leave it at having won ten games each. That way we are both Champions for Eternity. (*Continued on page 21*)

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Here's the Alma Mater I promised you:

The Carlisle Military School Alma Mater is sung to a melody titled Annie Lisle, a ballad that first appeared around 1857 written by Boston, Massachusetts songwriter, H. S. Thompson and first published by Moulton & Clark of Newburyport, Massachusetts, and later by Oliver Ditson & Co. Over 150 colleges used the tune for their Alma Mater including The Citadel, until they changed to a different tune and words in 1943.

*In the heart of South Carolina, reared against the sky.
Proudly stands our dear old Carlisle, as the years go by.
May it ever be our watchword conquer and prevail.
Hail to thee our dear old Carlisle, CMS all hail.*

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Al is shown with his wife, Margaret, at the 2020 Excalibur Society Dinner in March. Al is also a member of the CMA Board of Trustees.



Shown left are Bobby Noble and his wife, Lisa, DeWayne and Maja-Lisa Lee. They met in Ohio to celebrate Bobby and Lisa's wedding anniversary.

More Memories of CMS

Life at Carlisle Military --

It was the early to mid-1970's, Vietnam was raging, the military draft was active. Some of us were thinking of college, others a military college and others, going to war right after graduation. I was one of the few, the proud, the Northerners who attended Carlisle during that time. At the time I attended I believe I was one of 5 students from the north. It was a complete cultural shock. I was raised in the inner city of Chicago in an Italian family; I didn't know what a 'grit' was. I soon found out it was a breakfast staple in the South. The discipline was another adjustment but over time, like anything else, you grow into it and accept it.

The time spent at Carlisle was truly life altering in many ways. I made lifelong friends and we are still in touch to this day. I found a calling and dedication to my 'brothers' and sense of pride and accomplishment. We didn't just graduate from High School, we graduated into Man-Hood. We lived together, ate together, played sports together and socialized together-every single day. When I couldn't get home for Holidays or long weekends, I always had a place to go to, with one of my 'brothers'. The openness and friendliness of Southern Hospitality is not a myth and it was much greater and profound than can be imagined. The South was now my home and no matter where my life took me my true home is in the South and that feeling was because of Carlisle.

In 2015 a small group of us met at Camden for Homecoming. It was my first trip there since the 1970's. Once again, the hospitality was overwhelming. I wrote a note on the Camden Facebook page and I would like to state some excerpts from that post which really meets the point of 'Life at Carlisle': "I am sure I can speak for all of us in attendance that we were proud and honored to be part of the Camden Homecoming (2015). You provided us with a regained sense of pride and we were treated with more respect and kindness than we deserve. The cadets were truly amazing and many came up to speak with us and ask questions about the 'old days' and took the time to answer our questions about life at Camden now. Mrs. Robinson asked DeWayne Lee (CMS '76) and I (Rob Noble CMS '76) how we felt about not having a school to go back to. We both did not hesitate a second to answer and we said we do have a school and it is Camden Military Academy." "To the cadets at CMA... Be proud of what you are learning and what you are accomplishing. Life is not easy and the skills, the tradition, the integrity, the honor, the camaraderie, the discipline and the education you are gaining will give you an advantage in life.

As you see on various weekends about campus, former graduates are always around. We are not there to relive our youth, but to pay our respects for lessons and the opportunities that Carlisle and Camden have given us. For many of us our time at CMS and CMA was life changing. It altered our paths in life for the better and taught us what tradition, honor and integrity truly means; a lesson that the majority of us have carried with us for decades." "You are part of a brotherhood that is deeper than you realize. You are part of a brotherhood that will continue on for generations and you will look at your class ring years down the road and remember what it means to be part of something much larger than yourself. In closing, remember this: you will have different experiences at Camden Military Academy even though you all went through the exact same thing, embrace it." **Robert (Bobby) Noble, Carlisle Class of 1976**

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Wendell Wojack, Miami, Florida “National History Day was overall a great and very interesting project. We even got to talk on the phone with Charles Bolden! Not just that, but we also met Eric McNair and Carl McNair over the phone. We got to go to cool places like the Challenger Center. Traveling to Lake City was a long drive, but we even got to meet Clyde Bess at the library in Lake City, who went to school with Ron McNair. He said even though he was a senior, and Ron McNair was a sophomore, they had the same class together because Ron was smart enough to take it. He said Ron was very smart and always asking questions.

“On the way to performing, I was nervous, but once I got on stage I was confident and did well. We had even bombarded the judges with so many facts and questions it went on for 10 minutes. We then took all our props and stood waiting for a bit. Afterwards we went to the awards ceremony where we sat and waited until they were calling the awards. Eventually, they called our name and we went up and got our medals, meaning we advanced to state’s. I learned a lot; before this, I didn’t even know who any of them were. I learned the struggles that they had to go through and the barriers they broke. Most importantly I learned to never give up and always keep trying no matter what.

“I was on my phone and I got a text. I opened it and it was from my dad saying that we won the NHD state contest. I felt so happy and relieved because now I know that all the hard work we put into this project has paid off. I’ve learned a lot through this project and have discovered that only failure, hard work, determination, and the love of what you’re doing is the key to success. It was unfortunate that the physical state’s contest was cancelled and we had to submit a virtual performance, but it still taught me, not only about African-American history, but life lessons.”

Maddox Brown, Longmont, Colorado “My experience with winning the National History Day State contest was amazing. It was tough and took a lot of hard work and determination. I was disappointed because we had to do a virtual version of our performance and didn’t get to actually go to the contest. This was an amazing learning experience for the other cadets and me because we got to do things that a very select number of cadets and students get to experience. My favorite part of being able to participate in the NHD contest was getting to spend time with people that I am good friends with now. It was fun being able to go off campus, see awesome things and meet amazing people. If it weren’t for LTC Heflin and Mrs. Thaxton, none of this would’ve been possible. Many cadets, including myself, are giving huge thanks to these people.

“My National History Day experience was amazing and something that I will never forget. It had been an amazing experience because of the people that I grew very close to and made not only my own, but many other peoples’ experiences with NHD

something special. Our group wasn’t very promising at first but after lots of time, hard work and determination, we pushed through a lot of barriers and accomplished what needed to be accomplished. I hope in future years that the bond that has been created between our group will never separate.”

Andrew Tucker, Palmyra, New Jersey “Participating in National History Day was a very fun experience. I learned a lot about the struggle of growing up in the South. I also learned a lot about some very important people, Ronald McNair, Guion Bluford, and Charles Bolden. Our group went to many different places to find information on these three astronauts. We went to Columbia in South Carolina to Charles Bolden’s home from when he was a kid. At first I was a little hesitant, but we got to speak with Charles Bolden’s brother and he told us that Charles was very interested in science and math. We also went to the very same library that Ron McNair checked out books from as a kid. This was not easy for Ron to do because at the time segregation was still present in society, but even then, he didn’t back down; he stood up for himself and got on a table in the library and demanded the book. Guion Bluford, or Guy Bluford was the very first black astronaut and showed the world that you can do anything if you try hard. Ronald McNair, Guion Bluford, and Charles Bolden are three people that I’ll never forget.

“Winning the NHD state contest was an amazing but different experience. Especially, because it shows how much hard work and determination that we put into this project. It was harder for me because I had to leave campus and go home. Although I left, it was still an amazing experience and taught me a lot about African American history and what it was like to grow up in the deep segregated South as a young boy. “

Camden Military Academy (CMA) cadet Maddox Brown (left, in chair) is interviewed by fellow cadets Xavier Hudgins (second to right) and Andrew Tucker (far right) during CMA’s virtual National History Day 2020 presentation earlier this year. The cadets, including John Simmons and Wendell Wojak, won first place for focusing on African American astronauts who rose “above the segregated South to break barriers in astronomical history.”

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THE CARLISLE INFLUENCE

By Sam P. Calloway, Jr., Carlisle Military School, Class of 1957

My time spent at Carlisle Military School had a great influence on how I spent the rest of my life.

The discipline in the drill ceremonies, classes on military training, and of course, the day to day military routine at Carlisle definitely influenced the way I conducted myself thereafter.

In the business world my approach to daily routines

and the fact that I planned how I would achieve positive results on each task before me, came to fruition due to the training at Carlisle.

The discipline routine was also a part of my approach to daily schedules at home.

In summation, I have found that my Carlisle experience has been an asset throughout my life simply because it influenced the way I chose to live it.

PASS IN REVIEW

Richard Randolph Atkins, CMA'62, wished cadets a successful year. He wishes he could be at CMA but his busy schedule keeps him at home and some traveling involved in the medical field. 10/10/19

James Heeb Moran, Jr., CMA'67, wrote back in October 2019 that he and his wife, Kathy, are both retired. They have been blessed with 2 sons who are both married, 4 granddaughters, and 1 grandson.

Brandon James Miller, CMA'95, called in about some year-books. Although he didn't graduate, he learned a lot about structure and discipline since he was only in middle school. He currently stays in touch with former classmates and works for a plastic film manufacturer. He hopes to come back to campus to see all the changes.

Roy W. Smith, II, CMA'99, sends in an email to wish CMA well. He enjoys *The Bugle* and reads it front to back and enjoys the memories, reflection and updates that he thinks are great. He married his wife, Lindsay, in February 2017 on the oyster shell boat launch at the Bowens Island Restaurant in Charleston, SC. Lindsay is a high school science teacher for Mooresville school district. He formerly worked for Allertex of America from 2000-2017, but resigned and took some time off. In February 2018 he started with Frenzelit, Inc. Lexington NC. He is sales manager of the Industrial Textiles Division. He wishes the entire CMA family seasons greetings and prosperous New Year.

Erich Weber, CMA'02, was stationed Ventura Beach, CA, as a Navy diver with the Seabees and was going back to Japan

and Indonesia. He's finishing a degree in finance and married an opera singer when stationed in Germany. It was quite cold at the time during their outdoor wedding. He will be going to San Antonio as an instructor in the medic school.

Joel Land, CMA'06, wrote in on a 10 year challenge. 10 years ago 2009 "I found myself pinned underneath a truck, bleeding out, assured I was going to die. 10 years ago today, I cheated death. Over the next three years, I bounced in and out of operating rooms. I taught myself how to walk again (twice) more than that though. I learned who I was, what I was made of, and what mattered to me. I became the man I am today. I learned that my life is meaningless without service to others, and I started my path towards becoming a physician. If I could turn back the clock, I wouldn't. I am thankful for the second chance at life and hope never to forget the lessons I have learned in these past 10 years. I look forward to what the next 10 have in store. (Former Battalion Commander)

Jonathan Cyrus, CMA'19, has done well at The Citadel. His first semester was quite challenging, physically, mentally, and academically, but was thriving. His first semester he made all A's. He received a \$7,500 cyber security scholarship his first semester and was focused on doing his best for the duration as a cadet at The Citadel. No doubt that it would not have been possible if he had not attended CMA. Obviously CMA prepared him for the rigors of college, including getting a good education and learned good study habits. (Emailed by his mom October 2019)

Cam Walters, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

By the 1st of March, we were beginning to hear stories of COVID-19 around the country. My wife, Becky, and I were looking forward to gathering in Camden for the annual Excalibur banquet. We had heard that some were cancelling plans to attend for a variety of reasons including concerns over the Coronavirus, but there was still a nice crowd at the banquet. We had a wonderful time and a delicious meal at Springdale Hall with those in attendance. We always enjoy seeing both current and new members of Excalibur. The support we feel from our generous supporters is humbling. We also enjoyed seeing the cadets who were there. As always, they made us proud, greeting us politely, parking cars, and playing beautiful music. We were also impressed by the heartfelt and eloquent speech by our Cadet Battalion Commander, Justin Wilson.

At some point during the banquet, Col Boland began to get calls notifying him of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Kershaw County. This was the beginning of the "new normal" at Camden. Col Boland and the rest of the leadership at CMA took whatever updated information they received each day and made informed, responsible decisions about how to handle life at the school. I wanted to write this letter to express my pride in what Col Boland and the team at CMA have been doing these last few months. I truly believe everything that could be done in these unprecedented times was done, decisively and professionally. They make me proud.

PASSED AWAY

Henry Porter Moore, Jr., Pawleys Island, SC, CMS'42
William Harold Simmons, Cayce, SC, CMS'46
Birnie S. Wallace, Yucaipa, CA, CMS'47
Robert Hugh Ingram, Greensboro, NC, CMS'50
Bobby Lee Curry, Mt. Pleasant, SC, CMS'51
Charles Daniel McNeil, Charlotte, NC, CMS'53
James L. Stoller, Norway, SC, CMS'53
Luther Willard Worrell, W. Columbia, SC, CMS'54
Rev. H. Thomas Swilley, Myrtle Beach, SC, CMS'57
Marshall Rogers Toole, Augusta, GA, CMS'58
John Richard Sutton, Sr., Candler, NC, CMA'59
James Paul Crown, Suwannee, FL, CMS'61
Michael D. Hamilton, Richlands, NC, CMA'61
Robert Lemvel "Bullett" Blackwell, Fayetteville, NC, CMA'62
John Brinsdon Dotterer, Jr., Columbia, SC, CMA'62
Marvin Lee Wilchar, Jacksonville, FL, CMS'63
Ernest Bradwell Wingard, Jr., Hollywood, SC, CMS'63
Gene Turner Johnson, Bamberg, SC, CMA'65
Michael Leroy Sweat, Livingston, TX, CMS'67
Joseph E. Montgomery, Lexington, SC, CMS'71
Charles Edmund Smith, II, Midland, TX, CMS'72
Arthur P. Hanna, Jr., N. Charleston, SC, CMS'73
David Scott Welborn, West Columbia, SC, CMA'83
Major Rodney Scott Patterson, Pembroke Pines, FL, CMA'86
Steve Christopher Godwin, Hamilton, Bermuda, CMA'88
Matthew Robert Montagna, Summerville, SC, CMA'10
Alton Adam Locklear, Lumberton, NC, CMA'11
Dantzler Read Lewin, Saint Helena Island, SC, CMA'16
Nathaniel Benjamin Sagesse, Brooklyn, NY CMA'16
Jacob Brian Rathbun, New Smyrna Beach, FL, CMA'18
Robert Henry Cianchetti, Birmingham, AL, CMA'19

The Class of 2020 will go down in history just as the nation experienced a tragedy when this class first came into this world. Regardless, it will be one that those of us who experienced it will never forget. The graduation weekends are always the final expressions of accomplishments for the cadets, parents, relatives and friends and the final goodbyes to classmates and faculty/staff. They were denied those moments because of the pandemic, but hopefully found that they had to be even more responsible for the completion of their senior year. Congratulations to this class and CMA wishes all of you the best of luck in your future.



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CMA Wins SC National History Day Competition

Five Camden Military Academy (CMA) cadets earned first place in National History Day 2020 junior group performance category in South Carolina for their April 25 virtual presentation of their project entitled “Rising Above the Segregated South to Break Barriers in Astronomical History.”

Due to the COVID-19 novel coronavirus pandemic, all schools participating in the statewide National History Day event will now go on to compete in a virtual contest on the national level hosted by the University of Maryland to be held June 14-20. Competing schools would normally travel to Maryland for the competition.

What follows are the cadets own words of their National History Day (NHD) experiences. **John Simmons, Steamboat Springs, Colorado** “During my NHD experience, I learned many things and benefited from lots of knowledge and experiences that, in the beginning, I thought would never happen. I was too lazy at first to want to have to do anything with NHD. I wanted to go the easy way. I underestimated my teacher, and I even quit. Then, my dad told my teacher to put me back on the project. I learned that to be rewarded, you have to work for it, things don’t just get handed to you. My teacher pushed us to do our best and, now that I look back on it, I’m glad that I rejoined the project. NHD was a great learning experience for me and I’m glad that I did it.

“It was awesome. I had a feeling at the beginning that it was going to be rough and that it was going to take a lot of hard work and time. But the other cadets and me persevered through the rough times and, in the end, we wore our medals with pride, heart and soul knowing that we deserve them.”

Xavier Hudgins, Rockwell, Texas “National History Day was an experience that I will never forget. It helped me to become a better person in my studies and academics. I forged bonds with multiple people that I will always remember. I highly recommend it and it will benefit me in the future. Many people think it sounds stupid, but it actually helps you become an overall better person. Also, you get to go to cool places, and if you are serious about it, you might even get to call the people that your project is about. NHD helps to create a good habit of teamwork and determination. NHD has been an amazing experience.

“When I heard the news about us winning the NHD state contest I was so excited. I then realized all the hard work and determination that we put into this project. I hope to go even farther and win the nationals. I would like to thank a number of people including LTC Heflin and Mrs. Thaxton. Without these people, none of this would’ve been possible. I look forward to participating in the nationals this summer in June, and succeeding.”

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