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CMA Awards 2014-2015

Academic Awards

Band Director's Award: Jaylen Evans
 E. Haines Gregg Award: Ryan Vespoli
 Most Improved Player: Tyler England
 Band Certificate of Achievement: William Snipes

Junior Leadership: Thomas Azrelyant, Brent Buckley, Jack Thurman, Austin Martin, Kirk Vaniscak, II, Ian Benton, Noah Dubois, Alex Ranft

Highest Class Averages

12: Yannick den Boer 11: Santiago Villalobos 10: Adam Lascell
 9: Jacob Henderson 8: Andrew Davis 7: Daniel Villeda Facusse

Military Awards

General Douglas MacArthur Award: Yannick den Boer
 West Point Leadership Award: Santiago Villalobos
 Sons of the American Revolution Award: Cody Auburger
 Daughters of the American Revolution Award: Ray Gradwell, Ian Benton
 The Veterans of Foreign Wars Award: Rosendo Alvarenga
 Commandant's Award: Xavier Anderson
 The CMA Cadet of the Year: Alexander Ranft

Cadets of the Semester:

B/S Co. - Christopher Dean
 A Co. - Thomas Azrelyant
 B Co. - Leo Eckhardt
 C Co. - Aaron Cann
 D Co. - Samuel Cianchetti

JROTC Superior Cadet Award:

LET I: Vijay Aysola, C Co.
 LET II: Nathan Grantham, B Co.
 LET III: Tyler England, B/S Co.
 LET IV: Sean Smith, A Co.
 LET IV: Will Ladevich, D Co.

CSM Martain Award:

John Kloetzli, C Co.
 Daniel Odom, C Co.
 Brandon Brierley, A Co.
 Lance Wicker, B Co.
 John Cox, B Co.
 Michael Donovan, D Co.
 Bivek Neupane, D Co.
 Cameron Kuhn, C Co.
 Aristidis Vetsopoulos, C Co.
 The Order of the Daedalion: Ryan Figlow
 The National Sojourners Award: Matthew Zimmerman, II
 The American Legion Awards: Silver: Brent Buckley
 Bronze: Hugh Presnal, Nathaniel Hanlon, Jacob Ligon, Alexander Newton, Zachary Irtenkauf
 American Legion Citizenship Award: Thomas Azrelyant, Adam Lascell
 The Military Order of the World Wars Awards: Robert Pearce
 U.S Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award: Reese Knutson
 The Association of the U.S. Army Award: Tristian Bristow
 Order of the Purple Heart: Zachary Mauney
 Military Officers Association of America Award: Ishmael Taylor-Kamara, Malike McGill
 Marine Corps League Award: Paul Kleiber, Lee McCabe
 Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Award: Andre Cooper
 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Patriot's Pen Award: Leo Eckhardt
 VFW Voice of Democracy Award: Kirk Vaniscak, II

Most Improved Cadet Award:

A Company: David Hooton
 B Company: Jacob Henderson
 C Company: Griffin Bach-Davis
 D Company: Chaney Davis
 B/S Company: Michael Hanlon

Cadet Challenge Medals:

12th Grade - Gabriel Escude; 11th Grade – Ashondre Moore; 10th - Reynier Miaky Crisan; Grade 9th - James Blair; 8th Grade – Gabriel Larsen; 7th Grade – Aiden Haase

Best Individual Drill Award:

1st Place - Nick Hillesheim
 2nd Place - William Bradley
 3rd Place - Daniel Wise

National History Day Awards

Michael Donovan; Noah Dubois; Clark Stanford;
 Evan Hill; Jake Dean

Cadet w/Least Number of Demerits:

12th Grade - Ryan Figlow; 11th Grade – Jack Thurman; 10th Grade – John Dukes; 9th Grade – Samuel Starr; 8th Grade – Xichen Yang - 7th Grade – Michael Hanlon

Athletic Awards

Varsity Football

Most Valuable Player: Nyaun Pate
 Most Valuable Offense: Ian Benton
 Most Valuable Defense: Joshua Miller
 Special Teams Award: Paul Kleiber
 Spartan Award: Ryan Figlow, Max Sheller
 Most Improved: Zach Behrens
 Coaches Award: Danny Colbert-Sims, Zane Dodson

Junior Varsity Football

Most Valuable Player: Zach Irtenkauf
 Most Valuable Offense: Life Mathew
 Most Valuable Defense: Sean Orcutt
 Most Improved: Mason Van Loan
 Coaches Award: Alex Newton

Junior High Football

Most Valuable Player: Kingsley Raitt-Eguakun
 Most Valuable Offense: Alexander Tate
 Most Valuable Defense: Johnny Slick, Braeden Handley
 Most Improved: Hudson Huckfeldt, Chase Roebuck
 Coaches Award: Kameron Gentile, Andrew Davis

Varsity Basketball

“Let It Rain” Award: Devin Larsen
 “Windex” Award: Malike McGill
 “Gumby” Award: Ian Benton
 “NBADL” Award: Matt Zimmerman

Junior Varsity Basketball

Offensive MVP - Trevon Darby, Romani
 “Scoot” Susewell
 Most Improved: Matthew Waldsmith
 Marksman Award: Andre Cooper
 Coaches Award: Chris Chamberlain
 Spartan Award: Reese Knutson

Junior High Basketball

Most Valuable Offense: J'Den Robertson
 Most Valuable Defense: Ethan Freeman
 Coaches Award: Colby Johnson
 Most Improved: Darnell Rakestraw

Baseball

Most Valuable Offense: Ian Benton
 MV Pitcher: Max Sheller
 Coaches Award: Davis Lord
 E. Haines Gregg Award: Xavier Anderson
 Mich McClellion Award: Nyaun Pate

JV Baseball

MVP Offense: Jayce Golden
 MV Pitcher: Jack Thurman
 Coaches Award: Kevin Phillips
 Most Improved: Parker Robinson

Varsity Soccer

Most Valuable Player: Jacob McGuire
 Most Valuable Offense: Max Zaslower
 Most Valuable Defense: Paul Kleiber
 Most Improved: William Ladevich
 Coaches Award: Stephano Betti

Junior Varsity Soccer:

Most Valuable Player: Evan Hill
 Most Valuable Offense: Cooper Halabi
 Most Valuable Defense: Anthony Brown
 Most Improved Award: Joseph Degenhart
 Coaches Award: Erich Alfonso

Rifle Team

Most Valuable Shooter: David Hooton
 Most Improved: Samuel Cianchetti
 Coaches Award: Lee McCabe

Lacrosse

Most Valuable Player: Ray Gradwell
 Most Valuable Offense: Shane McEnergy
 MV Defense: Johnny Slick
 Coaches Award: Larry McQuaide, Nick Hillesheim

Cross-Country

MVP: Reese Knutson
 Gazelle Award: Jacob McGuire
 Hustle Award: Jack Thurman
 One Heartbeat Award: Tyler England
 Most Improved: Trae Kearney
 Coaches Award: Kevin Phillips

Golf

MVP: Austin Decker
 Most Improved: Jamie Burr
 Coaches Award: John Cox

Tennis

Most Potential: Hudson Huckfeldt
 Most Improved: John Gray
 Coaches Award: Austin MacDonald

Blackjacks Drill Team

Most Valuable Player & Achievement: John Kloetzli
 Most Improved & Achievement: Thomas Azrelyant
 Coaches Award & Achievement: Cameron Carr
 Achievement: Griffin Bach-Davis

Wrestling

MVP Wrestler: Bivek Neupane
 Spartan Award: Evan Lowe
 Most Improved: Trey Bowen
 Coaches Award: Walker Leverett

Track and Field

Most Valuable Player: Alex Newton
 Coaches Award: William Snipes
 Most Improved: Jacobi Velarde

Company Competition

Best Intramural: B/S Company
 Best Drill Award: B Company
 Best Athletics Award: B Company
 Best Academics Award: D Company
 Best Spirit Award: A Company

Honor Company Award: C Company

Scholar Athlete: Yannick den Boer

Athletes of the Year: Ian Benton & Ray Gradwell

James F. Risher Award: Xavier Anderson

CAMDEN MILITARY ACADEMY 2015 College Choices & Post Graduation Plans

Logan Wade Allman
Rosendo Cupertino Alvarenga
Xavier Francis Anderson
Cody Grant Auburger
Griffin Lloyd Bach-Davis
Jace Tompkins Bagwell
Ian Paul Benton
Stephano Carlo Betti
Brandon Nicholas Brierley
Christopher Sherwood Chamberlain
John Harley Cox
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James William Iddings

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Reese Carlos Knutson
William Alexander Michael Ladevich
Jacob Lee Ligon
Davis Gray Lord
James Robert Maitland
Zachary Daniel Mauney
Jack Dalton McAdams
Lee Marion McCabe
Malike Pearson McGill
Jacob Nicholas McGuire
Tad Jerzy Misztal
Bivek Mani Neupane
Daniel Cooper Odom
Nyaun Raekwan Pate
Robert Taylor Pearce
Jared Matthew Phillips
Hugh Kennedy Presnal
Sean Bennett Rodgers
Samuel Coleman Russell
Maximilien Pierce Sheller
Zuguang Shen
Reginald Quinton Singleton
Sean Patrick Smith, Jr.
Breon James Spencer
Jennings Bertram Stein
Kristopher Alan Strain
Aristidis Nicholas Vetsopoulos
Lance Davis Wicker
Jacob Matthew Williamson
Christopher Allen Witthar
Randy Ming Yang
Matthew Christopher Zimmerman, II

The Citadel
Valley Forge Military College
United States Army
The Citadel
Marion Military Institute
Marion Military Institute
Post Grad School
University of N.C., Greensboro
United States Army
Mitchell College
Florence-Darlington Technical College
United States Navy
RSM, Erasmus University
The Citadel
Florida Southern College
United States Marine Corps
Marion Military Institute
Belmont Abby
Central Piedmont Community College
Undecided
Undecided
Greensboro Technical
Community College
Kennesaw State University
Louisburg College
Winthrop University
The University of Delaware
United States Army
United States Navy
The Citadel
University of North Georgia
The Citadel
United States Marine Corps
Marion Military Institute
Marion Military Institute
Benedict College
The Citadel
Universal Technical Institute
Montgomery Community College
United States Marine Corps
Undecided
Florida Atlantic University
Presbyterian College
The Citadel
Ohio University
The Citadel
The Citadel or Coker or FAU
The University of Oregon
Francis Marion University
United States Air Force
Central Piedmont Community College
Undecided
Western Carolina University
United States Army
Vance Granville Community College
Marion Military Institute
Marion Military Institute
United States Army
United States Army

Guest Military Presenters Honor CMA Cadets

The Awards Ceremony that is held the Saturday of graduation weekend has always been honored with guest presenters from local veterans' associations. A few of them are shown from the top to the bottom pictures. LTC John Marcucci presented the National Sojourners Award to Matthew Zimmerman, II.

Col. Ashby Rhame presented the American Legion Silver Award to Buckley Brenton; Ron Stroud presented to Zachary Mauney the Order of the Purple Heart; LTC Jim Murphy presented the Military Officers Association of America Award to Malike McGill; Albert Landsberger from the VFW presented the Voice of Democracy Award to Kirk Vaniscak, II; Wayne Farer presented the Marine Corps League Award to Paul Kleiber, as well as Lee McCabe.



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The James F. Risher Award was presented to Stephen Durham Asbury in 1965. Twenty years later the award was presented to George Washington Pagan, who was also the Class of 1985 Battalion Commander. Pagan is pictured on page 14 at the April 2015 parade.

THE EXCALIBUR SOCIETY 2015

The Trustees of Camden Military Academy established The Society of the Excalibur to honor alumni, parents, and other friends of the Academy who consistently provide outstanding support and leadership.

The membership of this distinguished society consists of those who, by their example, will motivate others to join them in their philanthropy and commitment to maintaining the CMA experience...to ensuring the continuance of the Long Gray Line.

The Society of the Excalibur includes all those who contribute one thousand dollars or more during a single fiscal year. The designation of Knight, Bronze Knight, Silver Knight, or Gold Knight is bestowed upon those who contribute at least ten thousand dollars, twenty-five thousand, fifty thousand dollars or one hundred thousand dollars, respectively. They have reached that level of giving either through a single gift or several gifts over a period of time.

As The Society of the Excalibur membership increases each year, the Academy gains new vitality. This "living endowment" gives it the stability and strength necessary to accomplish its mission – to educate young men of honor and integrity.

The future is the result of what is done today. Friends and supporters provide a firm financial base to assure a brighter future for Camden Military Academy. Members of The Society of The Excalibur lead the way.

For a number of years now, the Excalibur Society Dinner has been held at the Springdale Hall Club. Nestled in tall pines in the midst of South Carolina's horse country, Springdale Hall Club was created in one of Camden's handsome winter residences. Spacious south facing rooms overlook South Carolina's only Donald Ross golf course. The historic house was beautifully appointed with architectural features from one of Camden's earlier Charleston style stage coach inns. Springdale Hall's charter members opened the Club in 1950 to offer members and their guests winter cottages and a clubhouse for dining and special events. (SpringdaleHallClub.com)



Pictured on the right are valet and escort cadets, with the Battalion Commander Yannick den Boer, Randy Yang, Stephano Betti, Jace Bagwell, John Cox, and Amadou Diabete.



This year's Excalibur Society Dinner was held on March 6. After the delicious meal that was served and the Camden Military Academy jazz band entertainment, the Battalion Commander, Cadet LTC Yannick den Boer spoke about his Camden Experience. The new members were then introduced by Headmaster LTC Eric Boland and Cam Walters, Board of Trustees chairman, presented their awards.



Shown top row (l-r) are Bronze Knight members, Steve and Liza VanHorn, of Camden, SC; Steve (CMA'60) and Janis Patton of Woodruff, SC; and Knight Members Cameron and Dee Little (Little Royal Family Foundation) of Lawrenceville, GA. Also shown are (lower l-r) new Knight members, LTC Glenn and Betty Melberg, of Bishopville, SC; new Members, Maj. Tony and Shay DeCandia of Jacksonville, NC; and James Maloney (CMA'62) from Canon City, CO.

Battalion Commander Cadet LTC Yannick den Boer Addresses the Excalibur Society Members

Mr. and Mrs. Walters, Mr. Scarborough, Colonel and Mrs. Boland, LTC and Mrs. Armstrong, Colonel and Mrs. Risher, members of the Excalibur Society, alumni of Carlisle Military School, Camden Academy and Camden Military Academy, I have been given the honor to speak about our school on behalf of the corps of cadets. First and foremost, I would like to show my gratitude for your support of Camden Military Academy. Without your endless support we could not be the school we are today.

My name is Yannick Andreas den Boer. I was born in Belgium and moved to France at the age of 10. I guess I have a hard time figuring out where I am from. Ever since I was a young teenager I had the dream of going into the military and serving. I had researched numerous military schools and found Camden Military Academy. But being young, my parents didn't like the idea of me going away. I had to keep this school in my back pocket until the idea resurfaced when I turned 14.

Lacking discipline and wanting to do everything my own way, I needed to find a different family situation. My mother and I researched some schools and one day when I was taking the train home with her from school she told me she found a school called Camden Military Academy, a school in South Carolina. It took a few minutes for me to remember, but a light shown. "Yes," I said, "that's a great idea."

About a month and a half later I arrived in Camden, SC. The first noticeable thing I remember was standing next to the armory, a small brick building which houses hundreds of drill rifles, and watching my future company, Charlie, march by. I was overwhelmed. About 45 cadets were marching, all in sync; they looked majestic; something about this place was different and I was ready.

I was told that playing sports and joining clubs made the time go by faster, so I did just that. I wrestled, played lacrosse and played football, all for the first time in my life. I was open to new ideas and wasn't going to let a lack of prior experience pull me down. Academics are the main priority at CMA and teachers try their best to help us. John F. Kennedy said that "leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." A great leader is usually an intelligent one.

At the end of my Sophomore year I learned that I couldn't join any of the military branches because of an eye problem that I have. My dreams were crushed, but I picked myself up and decided to research the field of entrepreneurship, which I had been interested in since I was a child. Since failure was no longer an option for me, I decided that I was going to excel academically. I have done so. Currently I am ranked number one in my class and have been accepted to all the schools to which I applied. Next year I will be going to the Rotterdam School of Management, in the Netherlands. I will study International Business Administration. I have learned that if one of my dreams don't pan out the way I want it to, I could always need an alternative.

Not everything at our academy is perfect, but there is a sense of "openness." LTC Armstrong and Col. Boland are always open to new ideas and are willing to try new things. For example, we had a trip to Walmart during a furlough weekend, something which hasn't been done for a few years. I recommended the idea to LTC Armstrong and he trusted me on it. The trip was successful and there were no



issues. This sense of trust in cadets is something that you do not regularly experience at any other school. We know that there are nicks in the system, and that everything doesn't run as smoothly as it can, but sometimes that does not stop us from setting the goal of achieving excellence.

One of the major things that I learned this year was at the beginning. All of the school's officers went on a "leadership retreat" where the platoon leaders, executive officers and company commanders of each company set three major goals for their company to be achieved for the year. The battalion staff and I did the same. Having high expectations for ourselves is the key to everything. The most important thing I took home from this was to set goals for myself. This has changed the way I think. Taking my dreams and turning them into goals. Something which I have done is set my goals higher than what people would say is usually expected. My reasoning is if I fail and I don't achieve my goal, I will still achieve more than if I set a more conservative goal. Understanding that we are not and cannot be perfect should not stop us from achieving excellence, which is possible for anyone.

I have also learned to respect others and most importantly, respect myself. I have learned that "when your values are clear to you, making decisions become easier."

Last, but not least, I would like to thank everybody who has helped me throughout my journey. The faculty and staff who are always ready to help, Col. Boland who is always looking out for all of the cadets, LTC Armstrong who has taught me so many things about life and who taught me to set goals. I would like to thank 1SGT Collins, who is not present tonight, who has mentored me throughout my years at CMA. And even though I am no longer in his company, he still looks out for me. He supports me and gives me advice when I need it. I would also like to thank my family and my girlfriend who have supported me throughout my years here and kept my goals in sight.

Camden Military has changed me. I have met great people and have become a leader during these three years -- things that have taught me what it takes some people a lifetime to learn.

The 1943 Rebel was the first volume of yearbooks at Carlisle Military School. "Both the school and its activities were hard hit by the war. Few athletic trips could be made on account of gasoline and tire rationing. In the mess hall, we had to be more careful with sugar and coffee. Most of the seniors will go to the Army in June. So you can see that the war has affected the school very much this year. But we, the Corps of Cadets, have tried to do our share in the war effort."

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 an unknown tomb. It does not end there, but leads on into the glorious sunlight of an eternal Resurrection; to joy, and true success."

James F. Risher, Headmaster (1943)

GOLD STARS FOR 2014-2015

The first gold stars were originally given at Carlisle Military School for students earning a 90+ average for the semester. The tradition continues for Camden Military Academy's cadets who received their Gold Stars for the 1st semester in January. The 2nd semester stars were announced during the graduation ceremony on May 17. (Cadet names shown with asterisks were awarded the Gold Star for both semesters.)

Stefon Aaron**
 Samuel Adams
 Logan Allman
 Xavier Anderson
 Thomas Azrelyant**
 Ryan Bachman**
 Kurosh Badii**
 John Beasley**
 Zachary Behrens**
 Stephano Betti
 James Blair**
 Brett Bohannan**
 Alexander Bradfield**
 Austin Brewer**
 Brenton Buckley
 Jamie Burr**
 Aaron Cann**
 Giovanni Casterioto
 Ignacio Chamon**
 Hunter Chandler
 Samuel Cianchetti**
 Daniel Conte**
 John Cox**
 Reynier Crisan**
 Clayton Daniels
 Andrew Davis**
 Chaney Davis
 Christopher Dean
 Joseph Degenhart
 Yannick den Boer**
 Eric Derhammer
 Wyatt Dixon
 Pierce Dolan
 Robert Donovan**
 Noah Dubois
 Lucas Dyson
 Leo Eckhardt**
 Eric Emery**
 Bailey Ezell
 Leopold Folonari
 Giovanni Fortezzo
 Jordan Galioto**
 Kameron Gentile**
 Jayce Golden**
 Robert Gordon**
 Ray Gradwell**
 Nathan Grantham
 John Gray
 Aiden Haase**
 Cooper Halabi

Messiah Hales**
 Braeden Handley
 Michael Hanlon**
 Nathaniel Hanlon**
 Jacob Henderson**
 Evan Hill
 Nicholas Hillesheim**
 Avery Hinson
 David Hooton**
 Hudson Huckfeldt**
 Brandon Hughes
 Aaron Jackson**
 Kenny Johnson**
 Evan Jones
 Paul Kleiber
 Charles Kloetzli**
 Reese Knutson**
 Jonathan Kraemer**
 Kendal Kreide
 Cameron Kuhn**
 William Ladevich**
 Nathan Lalli**
 Devin Larsen**
 Gabriel Larsen**
 Adam Lascell**
 Jacob Ligon
 Sean Little**
 Bo Liu
 Davis Lord**
 Zixiag Ma
 Austin MacDonald**
 James Maitland**
 Jett Mathers
 Zachary Mauney
 Anthony Maurer**
 Shane McEnery
 Matthew McGuinness**
 Jacob McGuire
 Lucas McGuire
 Aidan McKenna
 Davis McNary**
 Jake Mendez**
 Parker Miethbauer
 Andrew Miller
 Tad Misztal**
 Jason Moreno**
 Turner Morton
 Donovan Mostyn
 Pylp Nagorny**
 Bivek Neupane**

Edrick Ngouyassa**
 Millard Nichols
 Daniel Odom**
 Austin Oliver
 Sean Orcutt**
 Nicholas Paolillo, III**
 Kevin Phillips**
 Hugh Presnal*
 Hardin Prezioso
 Tate Prezioso
 Lei Qian**
 Kingsley Raitt-Eguakun**
 William Ramsbey
 Alexander Ranft**
 Parker Robinson
 Sean Rodgers**
 Chase Roebuck**
 Matthew Rush**
 Christopher Santamaria
 Nicholas Scavio
 Chance Sells**
 Maximilien Sheller**
 Trevor Shelton**
 Zuguang Shen**
 Mark Simone**
 Johnny Slick**
 Charles Smith**
 Joseph Smithwick, II**
 James Sparks**
 Samuel Staar
 Clark Stanford
 Michael Suggs
 Alexander Tate**
 Ishmael Taylor-Kamara**
 Jack Thurman
 Kirk Vaniscak, II**
 Santiago Villalobos
 Josedaniel Villeda Facusse**
 Matthew Vinson
 Drew Walters
 Christofer Williams
 William Willis, II
 Christopher Witthar
 Alexander Woodfield
 Calvin Wu
 Randy Yang**
 Xichen Yang**
 Maxwell Zaslower
 Matthew Zimmerman, II

GOLD STAR RECIPIENTS - 1ST SEMESTER



Senior Ray Gradwell receives his 1st semester Gold Star.



Junior Santiago Villalobos receives his Gold Star and was chosen for the 2015-2016 Battalion Commander of the Corps of Cadets.



Eighth grade cadet Chance Sells is shown with Col. Boland as he receives his 1st semester Gold Star.

Pictured below are cadets with the highest academic average for the year. (L-R) 7th grade, Daniel Villeda; 8th grade, Andrew Davis; 9th grade, Jacob Henderson; 10th grade, Adam Lascell; 11th grade, Santiago Villalobos; and senior cadet LTC Yannick denBoer, valedictorian and battalion commander of the Class of 2015.



Cadet Captain Xavier Anderson of Bluffton, SC received the James F. Risher award for 2015. This award is for the ideal cadet named in honor of Colonel James F. Risher, who was the president of Carlisle Military School and founder of Camden Military Academy. This award was given during the graduation ceremony by the commandant, LTC Pat Armstrong. Anderson was selected by the cadet corps and faculty members and was also on the Honor & Dean's List, a member of the Debate team, Key Club, Color/Honor Guard and participated in the National History Day play.



1st Place Group Performance - National History Day in South Carolina

Every year, LTC Heflin's history class chooses a subject in South Carolina's history. They research the subject so they can write the play, choose the actors, practice and perform at the South Carolina National History Day competition. This year, the landmark case, Briggs vs. Elliott, that took place in Summerton, SC, came alive once again. In order to get a real feeling for the case, the group visited Liberty Hill African Methodist Episcopal Church in Clarendon County. Shown above are cadets Michael Donovan, Evan Hill, Chris Williams, Noah Dubois, Jake Dean and Clark Stanford, (Lance Loughmiller not pictured, but was one of the actors.)



Summary of Briggs v. Elliott
Citation: 342 U.S. 350 (1952)

Relevant Facts: One of several cases combined with Brown vs. Board of Education, here the Court addressed the constitutionality of segregated schools in rural South Carolina. Harry and Eliza Briggs, residents of Summerton, South Carolina, joined with other African-American families to attempt acquiring a school bus for their children. At that time, white children were bused to all-white schools, while African-American children were not provided with transportation to their all-black schools. Unable to secure a bus on their own, the Briggs met with school superintendent R.M. Elliott to request that a bus be provided. Elliott rebuffed their request, explaining both that buses were needed for white school children and that the African-American families did not pay sufficient taxes to warrant expenditures on buses for their children. The Briggs became named plaintiffs in a suit seeking equal access to bus service to school, joined by other families in the community. After securing funding for their cause, they eventually sought not only equal educational opportunities for the children, but the destruction of barriers that kept students in schools segregated by race. At trial, the District Court found that the schools were in fact unequal, and ordered that State officials provide equal educational opportunities. However, that Court did not find the segregated schools themselves unconstitutional. Plaintiffs appealed directly to the Supreme Court.



Athletic Director, Will Rice (CMA'89), awards (l-r) the Scholar Athlete Award to Battalion Commander Cadet LTC Yannick den Boer and Athletes of the Year that tied this year, Ian Benton and Ray Gradwell.

Shown below is LTC Pat Armstrong, commandant, congratulating Company Commander Capt. Xavier Anderson of Charlie Company for the Honor Award. Also, Capt. Joe Lauricella presents Jaylen Evans with the Director's Award, which is for the "most missed when not available."



After the Awards Ceremony, the evening graduation dance takes place in White Field House.



Cadet Stephano Betti's family is shown right as they pose during the evening event. Above is cadet Randy Yang escorting family members during the Senior Swordwalk. Also shown is senior Max Sheller dancing with his mom after the swordwalk.



We Have Come A Long Way Baby ...

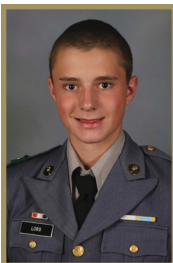
Thirteen cadets, who started their careers here at Camden Military Academy either in the 8th or 9th grades, are preparing to graduate and to continue their lives' journeys to the next level. Each of them is a unique young man from different places and with different plans. However, they all agree on basic elements of their experience at CMA. Each of them agrees that their four or five year experience is fundamentally different from those students attending the Academy for a semester, a year or even a couple of years. They all share dramatically improved relationships with their respective families. Additionally, each of these cadets has formed friendships which transcend mere classroom acquaintances. They all also express a deep belief that CMA has prepared them for their futures and has imbued them with a profound sense of self-confidence. These cadets all described unequivocal improvements in their relationships with their parents. They said they are now more trusted than they ever have been. Furthermore, communication between them and their families has been strengthened.

Cadet 1LT Ray Gradwell, of Cape May, New Jersey, has been attending CMA since the 8th grade. He said of his relationship with his family, "It's a lot better. Obviously my good grades make my parents happy, but they trust me more to make the right decisions, and my dad and I have more conversations because I'm more honest with him now."

"CMA taught me to respect my elders and to try to help them out when they need help. It taught me to listen to them, because I now understand they know more than me," said Cadet 2LT Malike McGill. McGill is from Kingstree, South Carolina and has attended The Academy since his 8th grade year.

As well as enhanced relationships with their families, these four and five-year cadets also point out that, because of the extended time and the fact they have been boarded together for years, they have formed extremely close bonds. These cadets have marched together, roomed together, learned together and played together more than kids at regular schools ever could. "Being here for four years with the same roommate (McGill) has led to much stronger bonding in terms of our friendship," said Cadet CPT Matthew Zimmerman, a cadet at CMA since the 9th grade. His family background is of military service, and he has lived in many places. In addition to improving character and fostering life-long bonds of friendship, CMA also readies "long run" cadets for the future through leadership training and building self-confidence. "I've learned to dress myself like a professional. I've learned to be there on time, and I've learned to be respectful and respectable," said Cadet 1LT Breon Spencer. Spencer has been at CMA since his freshman year and hails from Dayton, Ohio. Cadet 1SG Christopher Witthar, of Augusta, Georgia, has also been at the school since his freshman year. He said of his CMA experience, "When I first came here, I wasn't at all sure if I was going to college. Now it's not a matter of if I'm going to college, but which one."

"My name is Davis Lord and I've been a cadet at Camden Military Academy since 9th grade. I entered this school with a negative attitude and a chance to change my life. I was a procrastinator with academic assignments and this school quickly changed that with a structured study hall to help me get my work done. This school has also shaped me into a leader instead of follower. I'm a 1st Lieutenant on the Battalion staff, and everything I do and say influences the 275 cadets in the Corps of Cadets. Of the many opportunities to excel, there are three that stand out among the rest. Parades have taught me that personal appearance is very important when performing in front of alumni, past graduates, or even people just visiting the campus. In addition, athletics has not only improved my baseball skills, but also my leadership on and off the field. As a member of the color guard, I was able to meet South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham at the state Republican Party Convention. This was a highlight of my experience at Camden Military Academy. These activities have shaped me into a better person and leader. I'll use these life lessons when I go into the Army after college. My experiences at Camden Military Academy will help guide me in the right direction now and into the future." **Davis Lord of Charlotte, North Carolina**



Pictured: Davis Lord, Cody Auburger, Jake McGuire, Robert Pearce, Chris Witthar, Ray Gradwell, Ryan Figlow, Michael Donovan, Chris Chamberlain, Matthew Zimmerman, Malike McGill, Breon Spencer.

"My name is Ray Gradwell and I was fortunate to come to Camden Military Academy in the 8th Grade. When I first came to CMA, I had a really bad attitude toward my school work. As soon as I was introduced to the strict way that study hall was done, I learned to manage my time and actually get my homework done. In addition to CMA expanding my opportunities in the areas of academics and athletics, because of the coaches here at Camden, I have received a Lacrosse Athletic Scholarship to Belmont Abbey College which is located in Charlotte, North Carolina. While there, I will be majoring in business and continue to expand my horizons." **Ray Gradwell of Cape May, New Jersey**



"I arrived at Camden Military Academy on August 20, 2011 in the 9th grade. I was really happy to be at CMA and a part of Delta Company where CSM Wilder was my strict Tac Officer. During the summer of my 8th grade year I was assigned to CSM Wilder and I really felt that he liked me. Even though I had to get up at 6:00 A.M. every morning to dress-up in a uniform, clean my room, sweep the hallway, clean the bathroom, and endure the rain, cold or heat to go eat breakfast, these tasks taught me discipline and responsibility. Sometimes the days at CMA were very tough, however, I slowly made my goal, which was to graduate from CMA as a senior officer. I can truly say that because of CMA, I have become more of a respectable person and without this school, I would not be able to go to college." **Breon Spencer of Overland Park, Kansas**



"My first impression of Camden Military Academy was that the school seemed "OK". My parents emphasized to me, however, that one cannot do things just for the immediate time, because the future is far more important than the "now." When I arrived at Camden in 2010, I was introduced to my Tactical Officer, CSM Wilder, who demanded compliance with a no nonsense style and excuses were not acceptable. I learned a lot at CMA which included the following rules: maintaining perfect order in one's room, self-discipline, accountability and the idea that knowledge is power. Cadets also learn that whatever happens to them, good or bad, it is the result of their own action. Currently, I've applied to ten tier-one colleges and received 9 acceptances and I am on 1 wait-list, (I'm working on that wait list). It may sound arrogant, but if I would have continued in the public school system, I doubt any of this would have happened for me.

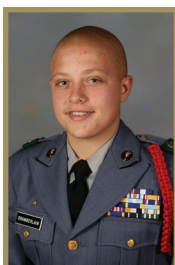


To my teachers, CSM Wilder, CMA administration and fellow cadets, thank you for all your help and support. Now, all of us in the 2015 graduating class will be moving in different directions and no matter what they may be, performance and success are completely up to us." **Michael Donovan of Clearwater, Florida**



"When I first came to CMA I did not know what to expect. It is not your typical high school experience. If anything it is more stressful and more demanding than any other school that I have been to. When I first arrived at CMA I was assigned to Bravo Company. My TAC was CSM Irtenkauf. He was a very intimidating and strict man. He taught me many things, but the most important is how to lead from the front and get respect from the people you lead. I quickly went through the ranks as I became a better leader. When I was a junior I enlisted into the U.S. Army and went to Fort Benning, Georgia the following summer. Now I am a senior and I am going to graduate as a captain. I can say that I am ahead of all of my friends at CMA and at home. Being at Camden Military has made me more of a man. It has made me smarter, stronger, more of a leader, and I have met a lot of people that I will remember for the rest of my life." **Jace Bagwell of Columbia, South Carolina**

"My name is Chris Chamberlain and I am from Fishers, Indiana. I have had the privilege of attending Camden Military Academy since the 8th grade. At first, the stay here at CMA was not very desirable or exciting like I thought it would have been. Once I got structured, I could honestly see how CMA was teaching me life skills that would help me throughout my life. Not only have I built friendships, but I have formed a brotherhood with many cadets that shall last a lifetime. Without this, I would have possibly had a future that did not exist. I would like to give special thanks to Papa John Heflin, Coach Rice, Speedy Johnson, Mama Hartley, and CSM Brooks. All of these people had a positive influence on me and shaped me to be who I am. For that, I am very grateful and glad that I came to Camden Military Academy." **Chris Chamberlain of Fishers, Indiana**

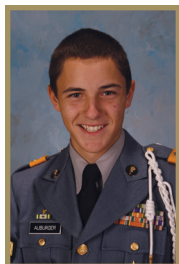


"During my freshman year of high school, Camden Military Academy became my home. It changed me into the man I am today. Without Camden, I don't know where I would have gotten academically with my high school career. I do know I wouldn't have gotten as far as I have, had it not been for the help of Camden and its faculty." **Jennings Stein of Lexington, South Carolina**

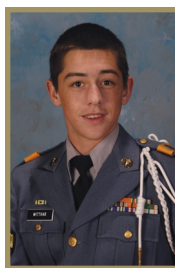
"I have been at Camden Military School since the 8th grade. Currently, I am a senior who will graduate and walk across the stage with all the friends that I have made. CMA has really helped me straighten out my life and become the person I am. Without CMA, I would not be going anywhere in life and for that I am very grateful!" **Jake McGuire of Indian Land, South Carolina**



"My experience at Camden Military Academy has benefited my life in some very positive ways. I have come in contact with a lot of challenges that have given me the opportunity to grow and learn some life lessons. I am also grateful to undergo what an average teenager would not have experienced and that within itself has made a big difference in my maturity." **Ryan Figlow of Atlanta, Georgia**

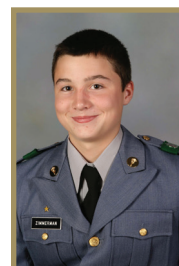


"It has been a bumpy ride during the past 4 years that I have been here. It seemed like it was a lot on my plate when I had to juggle between academics, sports, and leadership roles all at once. Overall, I learned the art and science of time management while making a lot of great friends who will last a lifetime. Last but not least, I am very proud to say that I will be graduating in May and attending the Citadel in the fall." **Cody Auberger of Folly Beach, South Carolina**



"I have had fun being here at Camden Military Academy since the 9th grade. Even though this place has had some good and bad times and I wanted to go back home, it became easier once I made friends. Some of the guys here will be life-long friends of mine because of the special bond that I have formed with them. This school has also done so much for me by helping me with school work, athletics, and getting me prepared for college. Before I came here I did not think I was going to be accepted to college. Currently, I have the chance to choose the college I want to attend. I'm glad I earned the chance to come to this school and so many doors have opened up for me which makes me very thankful." **Chris Witthar of Grovetown, Georgia**

"My four years at Camden Military Academy have been a very important experience for me. CMA has taught me many things, from the proper way to eat at the table, to being a leader and not a follower. The experience here is something that a public school student would not likely receive. Above all, I am also grateful for the 4 years of ROTC which will allow me to have more rank going in the Army. I am very glad I came to Camden and I am thankful for everything." **Matthew Zimmerman of Cabin John, Maryland**



"My years at Camden Military Academy have been fun and filled with some of the best friends that I will cherish for life. Even though I have had some fun times here, I have also grown and matured tremendously. For example, I have learned a lot of leadership skills that I will be able to use for the rest of my life. Camden Military Academy has helped me with so much and I do not regret attending here." **Robert Pearce of Boca Raton, Florida**



"I started at Camden Military Academy in 2010 for a summer camp just before my 8th grade year. To my surprise, I would have never thought that I would have attended CMA for the upcoming school year. At first, I had second thoughts about coming. As soon as I got over my homesickness, things started to come together. I really tried hard in all of my classes and listened to my leaders. With time, I eventually became a SFC and a platoon leader in charge of the 1st platoon. CMA has done an excellent job of teaching me the basics of life and how to be successful. I am glad that I made the choice to finish school here and I enjoyed every opportunity that I was afforded." **Malike McGill of Kingstree, South Carolina**



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Not only do we have the Dallas Barracks campaign started, we still have the bricks campaign, which is ongoing. The athletics program always welcomes support for equipment and uniforms. Other areas that you can help are the Cline Library, classroom technology, Civil Air Patrol, Boy Scouts, arts and music, just to name a few. All donations are tax deductible. Monthly bank drafts to CMA could go to any of the five levels of contributions and are greatly appreciated.

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12th Annual Headmaster's Golf Tournament... Another Great Year!



The CMA Headmaster's Golf Tournament has become an annual tradition at the Camden Country Club as the number of teams that sign up increases every year. Although we establish a limited number of teams in the planning stages, Colonel Boland and Glenda Porter always work their magic to accommodate as many players as possible. At the May 11, 2015 event, which was a beautiful day, the golf manager, Kenny Ard, made the comment that he had never seen so many golf carts at a golf course!

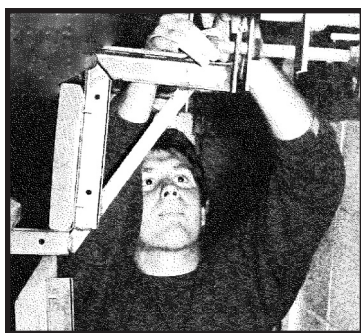
Players are treated to goody bags, hats/visors, continental breakfast, lunch "on the greens" (grilled hotdogs/hamburgers and beverages at 3 holes), and a steak dinner at the end of the day.

Alumni in attendance this year included Max Ford (CMS'61), Cam Walters (CMA'73), Sam McEwen (CMA'74), Bob James (CMA'75) Ed Cottingham (CMA'76), Hunter Henry (CMA'76), Al Mattison (CMA'76), Will Rice (CMA'89), Elijah Kitts, (CMA'09), Anton Vogt (CMA'11), Cameron Rehborn (CMA'08), Nick White (CMA'11), and Nate Lusk (CMA'14).

The first place team captain was CMA faculty member and coach (football, basketball, and baseball), Griff Beckham.



A Battle of Camden Power Meet (weight lifting competition) took place at Camden High School to raise money for the Kershaw County Special Olympics. CMA participants who were winners in their division are shown left: Austin Martin, Alexander Newton, Zack Irtenkauf, (back row) CSM Rolf Irtenkauf and 1SG Lewis Collins, III.



In 1985, Athletic Director, Eric Boland taught history and social studies. He coached football and basketball and in his spare time, he helped with the maintenance of athletic facilities, as he is pictured installing spectator stands in the fully renovated gym.

Camden Military Academy Blackjacks 2015 NATCON in Richmond, VA



Thirteen cadet members of the CMA Blackjacks Drill Team and their advisors made the trip to Richmond, VA in March to compete in their first national drill competition. They won first place in the Duet Exhibition, Individual Exhibition, and overall performance along with six other trophies. Their first order of business was to "stand for inspection." The cadets were inspected by members of the Coast Guard Silent Drill team, who performed later that day. Other competition classes that were entered included Color Guard, Squad, Platoon Drill, and two Duet Teams.

Pictured above (Kneeling l-r) are Kris Strain and Michael Hanlon, (standing 1st row) SFC Ray Brown, William Bradley, Cameron Carr, Griffin Bach-Davis, Nicholas Hillesheim, Thomas Azrelyant, Beau Oswald, CSM Othel Terrell, (back row) Anthony Brown, Cooper Halabi, Nathaniel Hanlon and Charles Kloetzli.

Cadets See Performance of "Camelot" by Cadet Adam Lascell

On April 27, 2015 Camden Military Academy cadets in the Drama Class went to see a performance of the play, Camelot, in Columbia SC. We went to see this play after watching a movie version of the story. "The play was by far more interesting", said cadet Zachary Behrens. "The play brought a tear to my eye." Before the play the cadets ate at the most delicious Golden Corral Restaurant. "The food was a lot better than I expected it to be", said Cadet Nathan Grantham. "This play was a great experience for me and all the other cadets who went. We certainly enjoyed it a lot." We appreciate Col. Boland, Mrs. Thaxton, and Col. Hartley for making it possible for us to see the play.

The group of cadets shown below attended the FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) retreat in March 2015 at Garden City Beach, S.C. for a great time.



Campaign for Building Camden Military Academy's Dallas Barracks

Capt. James T. Dallas began his teaching career at Carlisle Military School in 1951. He and his wife, Anne, were in Bamberg until 1958 when Colonel James F. Risher asked them to help Colonel Lanning Risher and his wife, Deane, in the start up of Camden Military Academy. That began a span of 33 years at CMA.

One way you can help is to purchase a door plaque (sample is shown to the right). This plaque will be mounted above a room door in the new barracks. It is 4x12 and has limits of 48-72 (total) characters. For a \$10,000 donation or a pledge of \$10,000 (you can donate \$2,000 a year for 5 years) you can add your name, or honor your class, your family, a relative or a mentor.

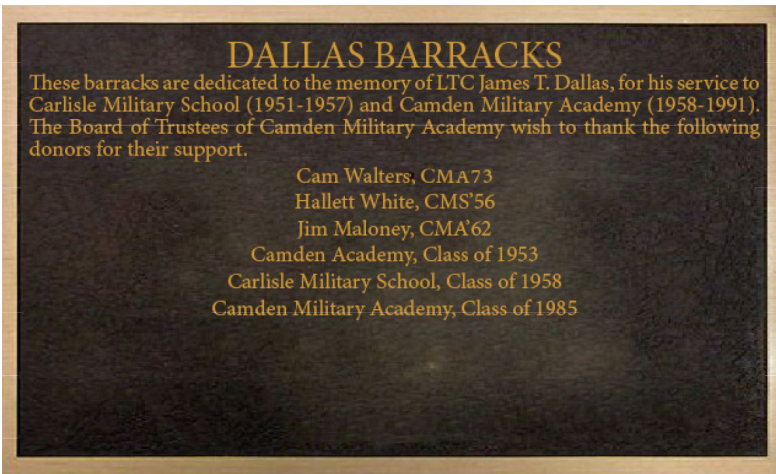
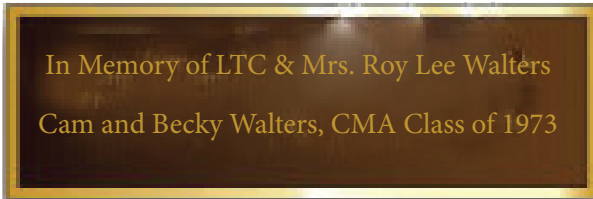
The outdoor solid bronze plaque will be approximately 24x24 (more or less) according to the number of donors we have at \$1,000 or more. For this particular sign, it would be similar to the one at the Risher Administration Building, which includes up to 55 characters on each line. One alumnus or a group of classmates could purchase a line in honor or in memory of their particular class or classes. (Additionally, those who choose to purchase a room plaque will also be recognized on the outdoor sign.)



The two-story barracks (as it had been called for thirty years) was finally given its official name, Dallas Barracks, in the spring of 1994, in a fitting tribute to the permanent contribution made at Camden Military Academy by the career of LTC James Dallas.

For a \$100 donation we are planning to offer bricks removed from the old Dallas Barracks (shown below) built in 1962 for your home or office.

If you have been considering a gift to CMA or have been wondering what our needs are, now is really a good time to act.



On April 25th-26th the cadets of Camden Military Academy took a trip to Tracy's Camp in Pinewood, SC. The purpose of this trip was to retreat and to think about the things of God. At this retreat the young men were challenged by Rev. Kevin Mills of The Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Rev. Mills spoke about what it means to be a man of God, as he shared personal and Biblical examples. Not only was this retreat about learning from Rev. Mills, but also about having a fun time together. They enjoyed a great time in water as they participated in zip lining, canoeing and fishing. They also enjoyed a bonfire, night ropes maze and paintballing. Through these activities they were able to enjoy each other's company and grow closer together as students.

CMA hosted the 2015 Kershaw County Special Olympics again this year. It was estimated that more than 200 athletes and 200 volunteers from Kershaw County and the entire school district participated. The CMA staff members and cadets volunteered throughout the day to make CMA their home for the day's activities.

As in all of the previous years, the corps of cadets lined up for the athletes and guests to walk through and the CMA band played

the National Anthem. The participants' pledge is "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." After the competitions, all the guests are welcomed to the dining hall for lunch before they gather in White Field House for the dance-off and fun.

Shown below Colonel Boland assists the cadets as they award the winners' medals for their competitiveness and sportsmanship throughout the day's activities.



CMA'65 Graduate,

Tom Laseter, visited CMA in March and addressed the corps of cadets. He had contacted the office regarding a visit to the campus and with Colonel Risher, as they were scheduled to arrive in the United States in February. He and his wife, Shovana, have been missionaries in the *Kathmandu Valley in Nepal* since July 2011.

As the news traveled about the earthquake in April, our office contacted Tom about his safety and for an update on the situation there.

The following was emailed for our readers:

We returned to Nepal on April 6th, 2015. We didn't really know the reason why the Lord had us go back to Texas early, until the big Earthquake hit on April 25th. It was obvious we had to be here for this time.

It happened at 11:58 am, the quake was registered as 7.9 and it lasted about 6-7 seconds. It is called the second largest quake to ever hit Nepal. The first one was 8.1, some 80 years ago.

Aftershocks followed quickly, destruction was immediately apparent by looking around our neighborhood. Our boundary brick wall around the colony was blasted, but not one house fell down, praise the Lord.

On Sunday, another quake hit after 12 noon, registered at 6.9. I was standing on a 4-story building when it hit. The building swayed back and forth about 4 feet to each side for 6 seconds. Aftershocks continued that day. I was on the building roof to check on our Language school for damages to the interior walls.

Nepal has 77 districts and the quakes have devastated 14 districts. We continue to have quakes daily since April 25th.

So we find ourselves being in the forefront of providing food and shelter relief to hundreds of people very quickly. If you check our Facebook you will see the ongoing programs we have in place and our website is currently up-to-date with what has happened.

We are now having temp shelters built for villages just inside the Bhaktapur district where we live. We call our program "Adopt-a-village" and are asking for \$325.00 per shelter. This also includes Mosquito netting and floor pads.

We have provided over 20 thousand pounds of food to needy people, both in the Valley and outside to the heaviest hit areas. The destruction has had a tremendous affect on the children in this country. They have been really traumatized by the ongoing quakes daily.

The newspapers report almost 9,000 dead, but that is for the ones they can find. The death toll is much, much more. There are areas still yet unreached by the Government troops or civilian relief workers.

If you think that the school would like to help us out with a donation for shelters, please let us know, we then can send you the information you need to get the funds to us.

I must close for now, but have a blessed day.

Tom & Shovana Laseter



30 Years Ago...They were at CMA



Some members of the CMA Class of 1985 visited the campus in April 2015 to walk around the campus, eat lunch in the dining hall, and "judge" a parade of the Corps of Cadets. The former cadets enjoyed their visit with Colonel Boland, who they affectionally still call "Coach." Shown above (l-r) are Paul Tamburrino, Colonel Boland, John Patrick Hill, Gary Micko, Dalton Kern, George Pagan, Colonel Risher, and Tony Stephens.

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Col.'s Corner

By James F. Risher

A FINAL MESSAGE TO THE SENIORS

I stood once before the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It was an experience I have never forgotten. I often wish everyone could have the same opportunity.

Many times since I have wondered what his color was and where he came from. That no mortal knows. He may have been as black as tar, as red as ink, or as white as snow. It makes no difference. He is representative not only of America but of every nation on earth. He is lying there because at that time a majority of people on this globe still felt that a man who had the courage to follow in the footsteps of the Greatest Man in human history should have the reward coveted by every normal man, that of being famous and attaining glory.

Just remember, it is easy to

become famous, but hard to be really great. One can become famous by doing lots of things. I believe you will agree that one of the most famous men of history is none other than Hitler. What of his greatness? To my mind he was about as great as an infant who happens to stumble up to a loaded machine gun pointed towards a multitude and pulls the trigger.

Nowwithstanding all this, the greatest danger confronting humanity today is the many glory hunters all over the world. They are stirring up war, corrupting politics, making a mockery of religion, and tearing down the universal system of education. Most of it is done in the name of human interest and religion.

One other noted man attained real glory and was the epitome

of greatness. It took Him a lifetime to attain fame. He reached the pinnacle only after He lost His life on a cruel cross. He was always great because He was true and really loved us and not Himself as hypocrites did.

I feel like the Unknown Soldier was a simple man who had the sense and courage to take the hand of our two walked Buddy, and that of the two walked the simple path of Duty. True, it led both of them through valleys of disappointment, up hills of difficulty, across deserts of doubt and selfdenial, and finally for one the darkness of an unknown grave, for the other a borrowed tomb. But onward they moved until they reached fame's Eternal Camping Ground. Should you be called to Viet Nam your mission will be no less sacred.

**CMA CLASS OF 1966
50TH REUNION
at CMA
April 8-9, 2016**

If you are a member of the CMA class of 1966 and would like to attend the 50th reunion, please contact Ricky Rygg at 910-279-6127 or Dan Singletary at 843-496-3607. They are also inviting members of the classes of 1964-1968 or any other 60's members if you would like to participate. If you can attend any part of the weekend activities, please let them know as soon as possible. If you have any questions, you can also contact Diane Robinson at CMA.

The Carlisle Class of 1967 graduated a record number of 104 seniors. Their Commencement guest speaker was then LT. Governor John C. West of Camden, SC. West graduated from The Citadel in 1942 and attained the rank of Army major in WWII. He was elected Governor from 1971-1975. In 1977 he was appointed Ambassador to Saudi Arabia by President Carter.

PASS IN REVIEW

Henry “Mocus” Moore, CMS’43, phoned the alumni office to ask about the directory and about a former classmate. He said that he has been staying busy, and will be going on a cruise in February with his daughter.

Charles Buddie Gasset, CMS’57, emailed that he found some 1956 and 1957 Carlisle Bugle newspapers. He wrote, “Platter Chatter” that dealt with records and music of the day. He had been a DJ on WTMA radio in Charleston during his sophomore and junior years and owned a record store in Charleston called the ‘Hound Dog.’ His father was a commander in the Navy and had enough of his teenage professional occupations and lack of interest in academics; so he and Chicor High School principal, Mr. Cordor, and North Charleston Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Goodman, arranged for his transfer to Carlisle.

Thomas Lance Anderson, CMA’97, stopped by the office on his way to a job. He was only here in the 8th grade during 1992-1993 and really liked it here. He stays in contact with some former classmates. He has four children and is living outside Savannah, in Garden City, GA. He hopes to be able to make it to homecoming this year.

Benjamin Grant Harper, CMA’05, phoned in with a new mailing address. He works for Vivint Home Security in Amarillo, TX and really likes it there. He and his wife, Summer, hope to visit the campus in the fall since he hasn’t been back to CMA in 10 years.

From the Carlisle Military School Bamberg, SC Facebook pages:

James Schofield, CMS’67, writes “When I think about it, and compare to what I see going on today, those dress parades were most impressive for a bunch of young kids to pull off. Anyone remember Waddy, waving his hands skyward to hold the rain off, before the parade started? Or the memories of the chants on the way to the parade field or back, “I don’t know but I’ve been told ---.” He also states that, “Many years have passed and I understand how blessed I was to have had the chance to go to this school. I might have gone to a more academically advanced school, but I would have never had the opportunity to be mentored by, in my opinion, some of the greatest men that I have ever met. The discipline and life’s lessons that I learned at Carlisle have been used by me everyday since I graduated.”

Ron Williams, CMS’72, found an audio treasure from May 14, 1972. “It is the Carlisle Band from the Dress Parade. It’s from an audio cassette his dad made. You can hear orders being shouted, rifles clicking, and a band that didn’t sound so great, but gave everything they had. (I played trombone.) It is a wonderful flash back.”

Quincy Tarrance, CMS’77, “I will always be proud to be a “Carlisle Boy.” I believe that Carlisle provided the base for all my successes in life. I am glad we can come in here (Carlisle Facebook) and maintain contact. He also posted the following: Bob Philpot Receives “American Academy of Physical Assistants Honor at Mississippi College.”

Tristan VanAken, CMA’12, comments on Facebook, “The best investment I have ever made. Without Camden I would never be where I am today. The success and education for life is far greater than anyone or anything could ever teach you in your lifetime.”

Our CMA campus was first home to the Southern Aviation School from March 1941-August 1944. Over six thousand cadets learned to fly here. The Army considered it one of the finest primary flight schools in the country. The site was chosen because of the availability of Woodward Airfield, built in 1926 by F.L. Woodward, a wealthy winter resident of Camden, and later given by him to the City of Camden.

HOMEcomings 2015 OCTOBER 31, 2015

All alumni, parents, and friends are invited to the Homecoming activities on Saturday, October 31. You can join us for lunch in our dining hall at 12:15 and see the Corps of Cadets march on the CSM Rosvelt Martain Field at 1:30 p.m. The Spartans will be on the football field at 2:30 to play their final game of the season against the Carolina Gladiators. Following the football game, you are invited to the cookout that will be held next to the field.

For those of you who ordered the 2014 Alumni Directory from Alumni Research, Inc., we have the following information. “The Florida Attorney General’s Office has received many complaints against Alumni Research, Inc. similar to yours. The Consumer Protection Division in Tampa, Florida is currently in the process of an on-going investigation related to these complaints and plans to seek legal action against Alumni Research.

Alumni from the Camden-Carlisle Alumni Association who paid Alumni Research for an alumni directory that was never received can file their complaints against Alumni Research with our office at the File a Complaint link on myfloridalegal.com.”

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Please remember Camden Military Academy if you can help with a tax deductible donation. The fiscal year will end on May 31, 2016. A return envelope is available in this issue of The Bugle. We appreciate your support!

ATTENTION ALL ALUMNI

Did you know that you can order class rings through Jostens? All three school rings, Carlisle Military School, Camden Academy, and CMA are available. You can contact them directly for the pricing options by calling Jostens at 803.485.4503. They will contact our office to verify the graduation year.

PASSED AWAY

Ellison Capers, Columbia, SC, CMS’40
Sammy Sanders Flake, St. Augustine, FL, CMS’43
Donald Eugene Cooper, Andrews, SC, CMS’50
George Jerome Jester, Salina, KS, CMS’51
Joseph Sherwood Haithcock, Chapin, SC, CMS’56
John Patrick Wilson, Glen Rock, PA, CMA’61
George Arthur Lloyd, Jr., Anderson, SC, CMA’63
Charles Marshall Schofield, Florence, SC, CMS’63
James Hynes Seignious, Mt. Pleasant, SC, CMS’66
Brian K. Jones, Sr., Rock Hill, SC, CMA’67
Jere Wayne Ginn, Statesboro, GA, CMS’68
Forde Anderson Mclver, Ravenel, SC, CMS’72
Kelvin Deontay Kearse, Allendale, SC, CMA’10



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Campaign for Building Camden Military Academy's Dallas Barracks



The new 2-story Dallas Barracks project has started and the campaign for funding is underway. Inside this edition, you will see more details on page 13, along with an enclosed envelope. All donations for the barracks will be greatly appreciated; however, if you would like to donate to another program at CMA, you will be helping our cadets and faculty and staff, as well as the school. All donations are tax deductible.

Preparing for College at CMA

Many students and their families are asking themselves the question, "What is going to set my college application apart from 2 million other seniors applying for college?" The application process can be stressful, and is increasingly more competitive than ever before. The outcome of the admission process may affect a student's future career trajectory considerably. So what can you do to set your application apart? William Deresiewicz, a professor from Yale, quoted in the BBC about his article in the New Republic, 2014 referred to "Private and affluent public primary education, test-prep courses, 'enrichment' programs, volunteer service projects, international travel, music lessons, and sports activities" as the building blocks to a perfect college application.

Private boarding schools like Camden Military Academy are the perfect place to gain experience in these 'building blocks'. The academic program on the high school level is strictly college preparatory and we offer test-prep classes for both the SAT and ACT. If a student wishes to get ahead, he can also enroll in college courses while attending Camden Military. A cadet can earn college credit and high school credit at the same time. These classes are taken on our campus and taught by professors from the University of South Carolina.

Our summer enrichment programs are far more than just high school students looking to get ahead. An article by the Oxford Royale states that summer programs are a great way to brush up and get more comfortable with subjects you are struggling in. Our summer programs have smaller class sizes that ensures your son is getting the attention he needs. Our middle school enrichment camps, activities held after classes each day, are designed to teach leadership, teamwork and physical fitness. They include hiking, paintball, aviation, scuba, marksmanship and more. If you are a high school student, taking summer classes shows colleges that you are enthusiastic about your education. Cadets can take up to 2 summer classes at Camden Military and participate in our optional outings to water parks, theme parks, hiking trips and much more.

If you are interested in how Camden Military Academy can set you or your son apart on college applications, attend one of our open houses or call to schedule a campus visit today! "Back to School Statistics." National Center for Education Statistics. US Department for Education, 2014. Web. 10 June 2015.

"Why Go to a Summer School?" Oxford Summer School 2015 with Oxford Royale Academy. N.p., 02 Jan. 2014. Web. 10 June 2015.

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You are invited to join the Corps of Cadets, faculty and staff for the Honor Parade for LTC Pat Armstrong and his wife, Mary Jane, SGM James Whitehurst (left), and Major Joe Lauricella on Sunday, October 18th, 2015. LTC Armstrong officially retired July 31st after the summer school session. LTC Armstrong was the Commandant of Cadets at Camden Military Academy since 1999 and is now living in Chesapeake, VA. SGM Whitehurst of Columbia, also retired at the end of the summer session. He was the director of food services since 2002. Major Lauricella, of Camden, directed the marching and jazz bands at CMA for the past 10 years. He shared his CMA band talents, not only on campus, but also at various venues throughout the county.

