

Military Training

The goal? Individual leadership development.

The young man who enters Camden Military Academy is like a new leather shoe, a shining addition, but not broken into the system. As school years progress, a cadet polishes his skills and becomes comfortable with the way of life in his highly structured setting.

A sound military atmosphere positively affects moral and character development. It gives the boy the opportunity to develop pride in his uniform, in school traditions, and, most importantly, in himself. He learns first to take orders and then, with gradually increasing authority, to give them.

Such an atmosphere compels cadets to strive continually for excellence through training that includes drill and parades, manual of arms, military science and tactics, map reading, first aid, marksmanship, leadership techniques, customs and courtesy, and military history. With these, physical training, small academic classes, and mandatory study periods combine to mature quickly both body and mind. To insure practical application of the theoretical, assigned duties, performed well, instill a sense of responsibility and increased integrity, and the youth grows to a man.

Discipline for him begins to take on a different perspective. It's not a matter of punishment — or of reward. It's taking the initiative and doing his own thing without being told. He becomes an integral member of a team and seeks to find his place on it, climbing the ladder of rank and grade. Individual determination, dedication, and effort are decisive in his success.

To insure that he succeeds, every cadet has a place in this proud battalion which is rated an Honor Unit by the Department of the Army. Organization of the corps is into four companies — Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, and Band — each consisting of two platoons. Year-long competition between companies is keen and tough, in drill, in barracks maintenance, in overall discipline, and in study hall habits. Overall winner earns the accolade of Honor Company.

When the new boy, like new footwear, becomes fully adapted, conditioned, and comfortable in the place he has earned, he has arrived. Through self-discipline he has fulfilled the Camden Military Academy goal of individual leadership development.



HONOR COUNCIL. Front Row: PG Bigness, Arrington, Sellers. Back Row: Utz, GP Bigness, Torres.



BATTALION STAFF. Boyd, Nocs, Sellers, Self, Berryhill, Ertugrul, WR Moore, Arrington, Pichette, Adams, Allsbrook.