

THE TRADITION CONTINUES

*Look well to this day,
 For it is life, the very life of life.
 In its brief course lie all the verities
 and realities of your existence:
 The bliss of growth,
 The glory of action,
 The splendor of beauty.*

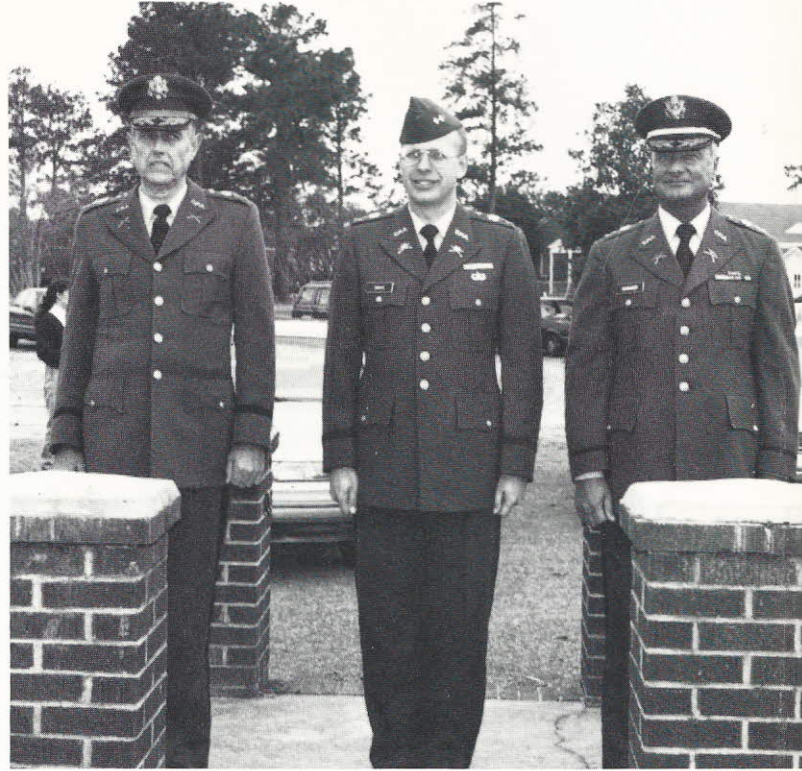
*For yesterday is but a dream,
 And tomorrow is only a vision,
 But each today well lived
 Will make each yesterday a dream of
 happiness
 And each tomorrow a vision of hope.
 Look well, therefore, to this day,
 For such is the salutation to the
 dawn.*

These lines, written to encourage us to live successful lives by living a series of successful days, are also applicable to the life of Camden Military Academy. In this year when we celebrate the centennial of the Carlisle/Camden tradition, looking back on the last hundred years and forward to the next hundred, we realize that neither the past nor the future would have meaning were it not for the Camden Military Academy of today with its Corps of Cadets.

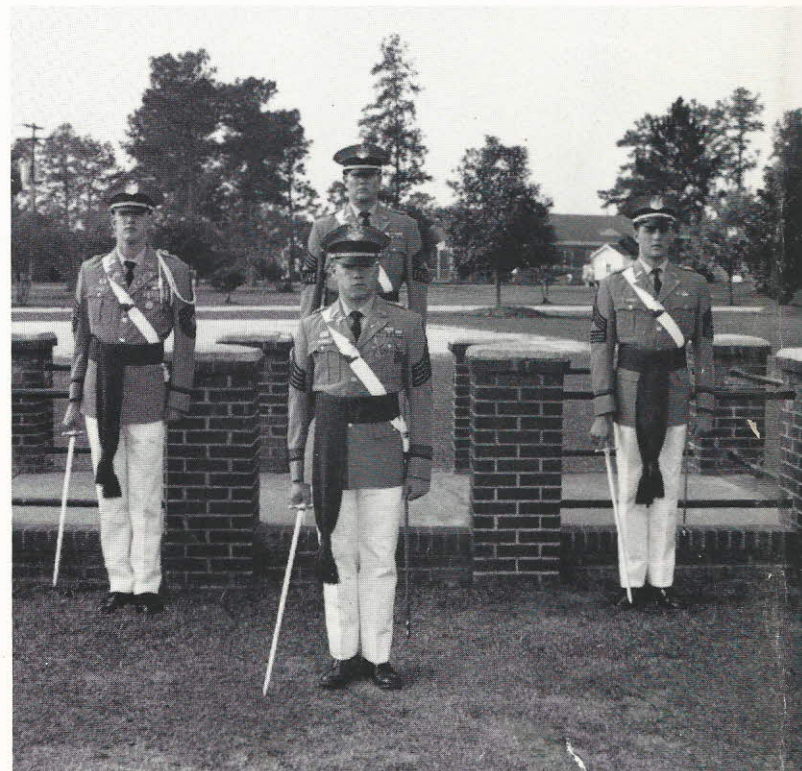
What is this Carlisle/Camden tradition whose centennial we celebrate? It is not buildings, or academic programs, football teams, or dress parades, as important as all of these are. It is not reunions and alumni activities on the campus, no matter how much we may enjoy them. It goes much deeper. The Carlisle/Camden tradition means honor, integrity, standing for what is right and what is fair, sticking to a task until it is done. It means being loyal to our country, to our fellow man, and to our God. And more importantly, it means instilling these values in the young men of the Corps of Cadets of Camden Military Academy today—these cadets—this corps—in 1993. They are the centerpiece of the Academy and of the whole Carlisle/Camden tradition. These young men were first selected by our admissions process, and then they have selected themselves by meeting the challenges of the more demanding and rigorous life of the Academy. And they have learned well the lessons of the Carlisle/Camden tradition.

Yes, the light of history shines directly upon them. The hundred years since 1892 would be meaningless were it not for the Cadet Corps of 1992, and without that Corps of Cadets, the next hundred years would not even be a consideration. They are the essence of Camden Military Academy; its history and its future.

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