

Passing the Mantle

Colonel Lanning P. Risher turns over the Office of Headmaster to Colonel William K. Orris



Colonel Lanning P. Risher

Young Gentlemen of the Corps of Cadets:

This is my last message to you as your Headmaster. After 37 years in this position, I have decided it is now time to pass the mantle of leadership to shoulders younger than mine. In Colonel William K. Orris, the Board of Trustees has chosen an able successor. Mrs. Risher and I shall continue to live in our home and be involved with the Academy as time and circumstances permit.

It has been my privilege to work with fine young men like you for many years. I have been supported over these years by an outstanding and dedicated faculty and staff. And I am grateful that through these years a benevolent God has seen fit to bless our work here, for without His blessing nothing truly succeeds.

As I leave, I charge you and the administration, faculty, staff, and alumni to be sure that Camden Military Academy remains true to its purpose, to send forth strong, well-educated young men who seek to know and to follow God's will.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lanning P. Risher".

To The Cadet Corps:

Congratulations to the Class of 1995. Keep up your superb efforts as you depart CMA this summer.

I appreciate the opportunity to carry on the important work begun by Colonel Lanning P. Risher. I will do my best to serve and care for our young men in the spirit and tradition inculcated by Colonel Risher. We will continue to challenge our cadets to develop themselves mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually to their highest potential. We will continue to set high standards for them in all areas of school life.

We thank Colonel and Mrs. Risher for their lifetime of unselfish devotion and love for this wonderful school and the many young men who have become better by knowing them. Although we will miss them, we know they will still be close enough to help whenever they can.



Colonel William K. Orris

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William K. Orris".