

C A D E T L I F E

The Cadet Challenge

Cadet life at Camden Military Academy has changed drastically during the past few years: air-conditioned barracks, a new swimming pool; winter, spring, and fall vacations in addition to Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Easter; more furlough weekends; and more trips, both educational and recreational. Clubs and organizations exist that appeal to almost every preference. Both intramural and interscholastic sports invite every cadet's participation. Video, audio, and computer devices are omnipresent, having both entertainment and educational utility. Today's challenge to CMA cadets, and to young people everywhere, is not finding something entertaining, engrossing, or absorbing to do, but selecting carefully among that which is available, spending a judicious amount of time engaged in those chosen activities, then devoting the bulk of one's time to the primary role of being a student. Every institution in society--from the family, to the church, to the government, to the schools--clearly states or implies that the primary role of every young person is to be a successful student. All other roles are ancillary. Given that fact, the greatest challenge to young people is to channel their energies in the proper direction--a difficult feat, with all the distractions present; but the military structure at Camden Military Academy is a powerful aid in helping young men learn self-discipline, in helping them make wise choices that will lead to academic success.



A familiar sight and activity at CMA is an "old boy" helping a new cadet move into the barracks. Senior Iain Boyd shoulders a trunk and brings it into B Company barracks.