

Entering the New Millennium

Nearly a decade ago, Camden-Carlisle celebrated its centennial, commemorating 100 years of service to the young men of the state, the nation, and many parts of the world. As we complete this last year of the twentieth century, Camden Military Academy is experiencing an exciting period of growth, in size and in stature. We are committed to placing the Academy in the top tier of military schools in the United States.

This year we have taken visible steps in that direction. Owing to an across-the-board recruiting effort, our enrollment now stands at 270, the highest in our history. The acquisition of adjacent property has enabled us to add a soccer field. We have been able to attract and retain a faculty of talented and caring teachers. We have been successful in enrolling a corps of fine young men with good potential and character. We have continued our campus beautification program, as well as our efforts to upgrade the barracks, especially privacy features in the bath areas. We have increased opportunities for cadet athletic participation. For example, our no-cut policy enabled 140 cadets to participate in some level of football this year. Moreover, we have added more computers in the library and in classrooms and have substantially increased internet accessibility.

An important decision made recently will significantly affect the destiny of Camden Military Academy. Upon the recommendation of the headmaster, the Board of Trustees has decided to make the Academy a 300 cadet school. To that end, construction on new barracks will begin this spring, with the idea of adding more barracks until all cadets reside in modern, comfortable quarters. Some of the old barracks will be converted to classrooms; others will be razed. We anticipate that within three years, not only will all cadets live in new housing, but also construction will have been completed on a new fieldhouse and a chapel.

Physical facilities are very important to a school because they enable students to live and learn in a safe, clean, and comfortable environment conducive to their best efforts; but the Academy will continue to focus equally on measures designed to attract the best faculty available and to improve and strengthen the academic program, with an emphasis on thoroughly preparing our young men to succeed in college level studies.



Colonel William K. Orris, Headmaster

Camden Military Academy enters the new millennium with a vigorous move forward, ready to meet the challenges of the years to come in carrying out the mission our founders declared over one hundred years ago: to educate young men in knowledge, character, and conscience; to prepare them to take their places in society as valuable contributors to the common good. However we may change, our mission will remain the same.