

## Character and Quality

Camden Military Academy has become a very popular school. Our enrollment stands at 330, with a substantial number of applicants on our waiting list. We are selective in whom we invite into our midst. The character of our cadets is better than it has ever been, and academic performance has improved as well. Our SAT average is now higher than the average for the state of South Carolina.

For several years we have been involved in an intensive program to improve our physical plant, and that effort continues on schedule. We were very pleased to have B Company occupy the new barracks at the beginning of this school term. This attractive, spacious building conforms perfectly to our prevailing architectural style and immediately catches the eye of all who enter our main gate. Moreover, we will continue to improve and upgrade our older barracks.

The next new building on campus we desire is a gymnasium. Construction is slated to begin next year. The old field house will remain intact, with a covered walkway connecting it to the new gym. The new facility will provide seating for approximately 600 spectators. It will have a concession stand, a large, state-of-the-art weight room, and private locker space for every cadet.

Another structure we hope to build within three to four years is a multipurpose building that will fill several needs that we have: a place to worship, additional classrooms, and a true auditorium for formal gatherings and entertainment. The plans as presently conceived place the auditorium at the center of the building with classrooms surrounding it. The chapel is to the right of the main entrance. Seating in the auditorium will be approximately 500.

We continuously fine tune our academic program. Next year we plan to offer three levels of Latin, a move that will strengthen academics across the board. We will also offer a semester-long SAT preparation course, with six to eight cadets in each class, available every class period of the day. Starting second semester, cadets may be able to earn college credit in English, history, and mathematics. We will affiliate with a local college for this purpose.

Sports are an integral part of the educational process at Camden Military Academy. Our no-cut policy for athletic teams assures a high level of cadet participation. New this year was a junior high basketball team, which enjoyed immediate success. We will add a junior high baseball team next year. Another addition will be swimming as an interscholastic sport, with a regular schedule of meets. Scuba training will be offered next year as well.



**Colonel William K. Orris, Headmaster**

We are in an exciting period of growth and improvement at Camden Military Academy. We are committed to a course of action that will continue to develop our physical plant, attract competent and qualified faculty, expand our curriculum in academics and sports, and recruit young men of good character and solid academic potential.