

# Colonel Eric Boland, Headmaster



Camden Military Academy is widely acknowledged as one of the leading military schools in the United States. The State Legislature has designated our school the Military Academy of South Carolina, and we strive constantly to uphold the high standards that our position implies. We seek young men of good character who want academic help, and we have been successful in attracting them. At the beginning of second semester, we are at full enrollment and have a waiting list. We could very well have been full at this term's opening, but we are highly selective in our admissions policies. Our academy continues to have a broad appeal among parents who want a military preparatory school education for their sons.

As a military institution, we have consistently maintained high standards. For over thirty years, our JROTC Unit has been designated "Honor Unit with Distinction." This year the Cadet Corps scored 98.5 on its annual inspection by the Department of the Army. Much credit is due to our commandant LTC C. H. Armstrong, his able staff of tactical officers, the cadet chain of command, and all our cadets who have worked diligently to achieve this recognition and high status.

I credit our new schedule of drill three times a week in the morning and physical training on the two alternate days with improvement in our military proficiency and overall physical conditioning. Cadets get to drill 100% of the time when there is no conflict with athletic practices and other activities. Moreover, classroom alertness, general health, and *esprit de corps* show significant improvement.

LTC Will Rice, our new athletic director, is continuing the proud athletic tradition of our academy. Under his direction

and with the assistance of his outstanding coaching staff, we are experiencing winning seasons in all the major sports. Our academy always fields highly competitive teams known for their hard play and sportsmanship.

I am very pleased with our academic program and the progress we are making in that area. I can say with great assurance that we have an outstanding faculty, for I have visited many other military schools and have had the opportunity to compare our staff with theirs. We are continuing to add AP and honors sections. In addition, for the first time on our campus we are offering college courses to qualified students. Under the supervision of our new academic dean, LTC Don Parrotte, cadets are taking courses online or by correspondence from such schools as the Universities of North Carolina and Georgia. Another innovation is our Junior High Summer Camp, which will introduce young men to our academy and all it has to offer.

We consider maintaining our physical plant of great importance. We have airconditioned our dining hall and will soon begin renovating the library interior to make it more user friendly. We are repaving areas behind the dining hall and installing many new windows. In the near future, we hope to begin renovating both the dining hall and the Carlisle House.

Our cadets will always be our primary concern. Camden Military Academy is an institution that provides a quality education for young men of character, and we are justly proud of our academic, military, and athletic traditions. Our principal goal is to have all students make the right decisions in all situations, whether they want to or not.