

# Continuous Progress

Although we believe that Camden Military Academy is the best secondary military school in the country, we are always looking for ways to improve. We retain a highly competent faculty and staff to serve the young men of character whom we seek to fill our ranks. Academically, we are attentive to the demands of a highly competitive world and add new technological aids as they are available. Since our military component is such an important part of our institution, we are constantly looking for ways to improve organization and performance. We add new buildings as needs require and money permits and conscientiously maintain the existing physical plant. Renovations are often needed as time goes by.

We are fortunate to have a school that attracts young men from all over the country and many parts of the world. The quality of the Cadet Corps has never been higher. We were full very early this year and began operating off a waiting list in October. We are already accepting applications for summer school and next fall. Our consistent enrollment numbers are due to the benefits the Academy offers and to the efforts of Admissions Director Casey Robinson and his able assistants to make those benefits known.

We have an exceptional faculty to teach our young men the courses that they need. The new Faculty Advisor Program for juniors and seniors helps them target the schools they want to attend, submit applications, and solve attendant problems in an increasingly complex process. Curriculum additions this year include a college psychology course through the University of South Carolina (two more courses to be added next year) and writing/vocabulary courses. Next year we will also add a business law course taught by an attorney. SAT scores are up, a definite indication of progress. Moreover, we are excited about the Southern Association evaluation coming up and are preparing for the process.

An important complement to the classroom, military training teaches discipline, teamwork, self-confidence, and how to give and take orders. Under the direction



## Colonel Eric Boland, Headmaster

of Commandant C. H. Armstrong III, Deputy Commandant Rosvelt Martain, and a very competent group of tactical officers, our cadet corps has been rated an "Honor Unit with Distinction" for many years. This year there has been very little disruption in the chain of command. Our cadet officers take their jobs seriously and do their duty well. Their attitude improves the performance of all cadets. The appearance of the corps as a whole has improved noticeably. Cadets are paying more attention to wearing their uniforms properly.

Under the supervision of Billy Watford, our maintenance staff keep our campus in exceptional condition, both the grounds and the buildings. We are renovating the Carlisle House inside and out to update it and to make it architecturally compatible with the rest of the campus. Our crowning achievement this year, made possible by the generosity of Mrs. Martha Cline, is

the new chapel, which we expect to be completed in early May. It will be a true chapel, not a multipurpose structure, used only for religious services, weddings, memorials, and a variety of other appropriate purposes. Large enough to hold the Cadet Corps, faculty, and staff, it will contain 364 seats.

The future of Camden Military Academy is one of great promise. In these turbulent times we provide a safe haven where young men can pursue their studies without many of the distractions they would encounter elsewhere. They are taught by highly qualified, dedicated teachers with whose input we evaluate and change our college preparatory curriculum to meet the demands of the times. Our military leaders, among the best in their fields, are role models whom cadets can confidently emulate. Our physical plant is being well maintained and expanded as our needs require. We are justifiably proud of our Academy and its traditions, but we always seek to improve.