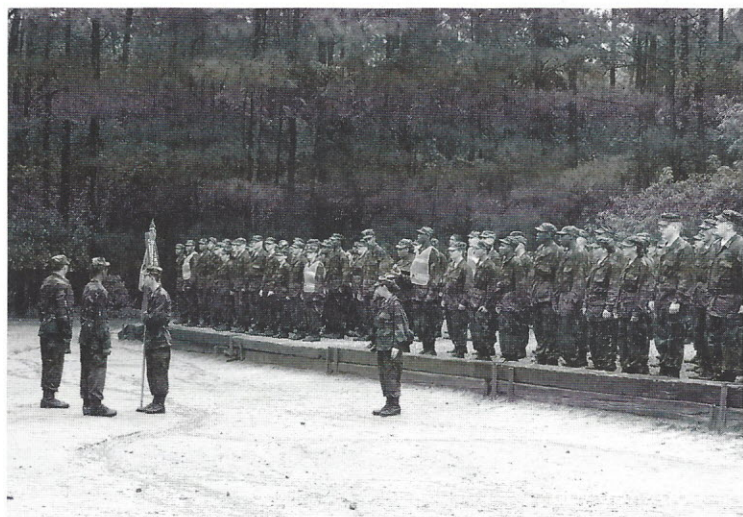


Back to Jackson

Under CSM Brooks's watchful eye, CMA cadets returned to Fort Jackson from 1-7 June, 2005, for JROTC Summer Camp, which has become an annual ritual. "The purpose of the camp," said CSM Brooks, "is to teach leadership skills and build confidence, and from what I have observed, it is very effective." Army personnel put cadets through a series of arduous courses that develop physical strength, courage, and mental alertness. These courses include firing live ammunition on the firing range, running and jumping activities, crawling and climbing, high and low rope exercises, land navigation using compasses, and team development. Innovations this year were a new high rope course and basic first aid instruction. Although cadets spend most of their time in training exercises, breaks are provided for recreational activities such as swimming and field events. Cadet Craig Barker summed up his impressions: "The camp provided a great experience for working together as a team and learning how to trust one another."



On day one Eric Woodruff gets a military cut from a Fort Jackson barber.



CMA was assigned to Bravo Company. Here they get instructions on how to navigate the endurance course.



Merritt King and Allen Henley are working on a team building course.



Bravo Company gets into formation for chow. The formation is underneath the Ft. Jackson barracks, which are elevated.



Henley crawls through the mud in the last part of the endurance course.