

Homecoming Parade



CPT Blueford, 1LT Gastrich, 1LT Smith, 1LT McFarlin, 1LT King, MAJ Barker lead the Battalion.



The Corps stands in nice straight lines.



MAJ Barker yells out rifle commands to the companies.



Alpha Company leads the companies in the parade.



Right Shoulder Arms; for the pass and review.

Camden Military Academy's 2006 Homecoming kicked off Saturday morning at the Risher Administration Building with registration and a reception. Over 120 alumni, parents and friends had registered for the day's events that also included the annual alumni program which honored Command Sergeant Major Rosvelt Martain with a family style lunch in the dining hall, parade of the Corps of Cadets, football game, and after the game cookout.

CSM Martain received the Camden Military Academy Service to Camden Award, which is given to an individual who is an alumni friend who has rendered special or exceptional service to CMA. He has experienced a lot of changes in his CMA tenure in the past years, as he started in 1991 as a Tactical Officer, and in 1997 became the Deputy Commandant. Throughout his CMA career, he has provided his own "special" expertise in all areas of developing the characters of over 2,000 young men of CMA, directly or indirectly. He has been and still is a valuable asset to Camden Military Academy not only as a mentor to the students through the years, but also a friend to the parents, faculty, and staff members. Not only has CSM Martain supported the school through his dependability in working with the faculty, staff, and the students, he has also supported the school through his donations as a member of the Excalibur Society since 1997. He also became a Knight of the Excalibur Society in 2004 with financial support.

His persistence with working with many cadets throughout his career here has instilled in many parents, as well as young men, an appreciation beyond words for his influence in changing their lives. And many times he has gone way beyond the call of duty in "convincing" wayward youths that the quality of their lives can be forever enriched by following the right path that the Academy tries to teach all of our young men who attend. The communication between alumni and parents continues today as he continues his Deputy Commandant duties. CSM Martain also has his style with the Camden and Camden alumni as he conducts the widely anticipated drilldowns during homecoming and reunion events. It's also a fun part of the schedule for the observers, as well as the participants, who attempt to remember their high school drill team commands. Before receiving the award, Headmaster Eric Boland gave some personal testimonials where he and Martain were tactical officers and when traveling on school trips. When accepting the award, CSM Martain thanked his wife, Dollie, as well as his other family members for their support through the years. He also said that of all the awards that he has received in his lifetime, the Service to Camden Award will always have a special place in his heart.