

Civil Air Patrol Squadron 805



Squadron 805 after glider orientation flights in Spartanburg.

Maj. Tony Decandia piloting a Moulton towplane.

Squadron 805 has been with Camden Military Academy since 2003, when it was formed by cadets with the help of LTC Glenn Melburg, USAF (Ret). From its beginning, Squadron 805 has been playing an important role in building the Camden Military cadets into strong leaders. Since 2003, Camden Military has had three Battalion Adjutants, two Company Commanders, one Battalion Commander, as well as numerous other high leadership positions held by Squadron 805 cadets. Squadron 805 works jointly with other CAP squadrons in South Carolina on ground search and rescue programs, communication classes, leadership classes, and so on. Many Squadron 805 cadets are qualified in Emergency Services Programs, Ground Team Member and Radio Operations. The Squadron also participates annually in the Team America rocketry program national competition. Meeting regularly on Thursday nights during the school year, cadets are instructed in areas such as aerospace education/opportunities, emergency services, moral leadership courses, drug demand reduction courses, drill and ceremonies instruction, customs and courtesy classes, and more. Under the command of retired US Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Glenn Melburg (Algebra II instructor at CMA), USMC retired Maj. Anthony DeCandia (English instructor at CMA), CAP 2d Lt Cecil 'Del' Sills, and CAP 2d Lt Harold Zimmerman, cadets are offered opportunities to learn and advance their education in a wide range of aeronautics-related fields. This year's special events consisted of rocketry competition, glider and powered flight orientation, and color guard competitions.



Right: 2Lt Harold Zimmerman leads an aerospace education discussion.

Left: Cadet Joshua Clementz before a glider flight in Spartanburg.

