

Treasuring the past to enrich the future...

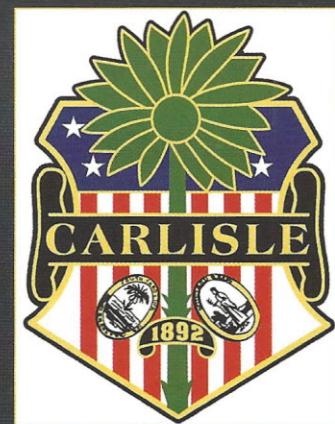
Southern Aviation School (1941-1944)

The Southern Aviation School was established at Woodward Field in 1941 to train World War II pilots. Pilots from all across the country came to the academy, with the campus already tripling in size by 1942. 300 international cadets from Britain also went through the academy and German POWs were imprisoned in the barracks.



Carlisle Military School (1892-1977)

Carlisle Military School opened in 1892 as a fitting school for Wofford College in Bamberg, South Carolina. In 1932, Colonel James F. Risher became the headmaster and reestablished the school as a military academy. He fully purchased the school in 1938 to save it from closure. In 1958, his son, William R. Risher, took over as his successor. The academy closed in 1977 shortly after Colonel James Risher's death.



Camden Academy (1950-1958)

Since the site of Woodward Field became an airport depository after WWII, the citizens of Camden voted to establish a military school on the campus. With approximately 100 cadets enrolled every year, the academy faced closure in 1958. Camden reached to Carlisle's James F. Risher to purchase the school, creating what is Camden Military Academy today.



Camden Military Academy (1958-Present)

Camden Military Academy opened in 1958 with Col. James F. Risher as President and his son, Col. Lanning P. Risher, as the initial headmaster. In 2003, a South Carolina law was passed declaring CMA as the state's official military academy. Since its opening, the class size has grown to a capacity of over 300 cadets. States such as Hawaii and New York and countries such as China and Mali have been represented by the diverse Corps of Cadets.

