



Cannon Detail: (Left to right) Justin Gierden, Connor Lentz, Yizhi Shi, Yohann Offredo (Commander), Gage Noel, Tianjun Wang, Nick Furlow, Jack Harrison

I came to CMA 2nd semester of my 10th grade year. The extra structure was truly what I needed, and I fell in love with the military environment my first week here. What made it so easy was my Chain of Command in Band Company, especially my Platoon Sergeant SFC Matt Philips. He was so welcoming even on the first day, and he really taught me everything I needed to succeed at this school. Cadet leaders make future leaders here by leading by example; this is exactly what my Platoon Sergeant did. My tactical officers, SGM Green and 1SG Irvin, always showed me the way along my journey at this school. I remember within my first or second month at this school, 1SG Irvin told me, "You could be the future Battalion Commander the way you're doing." Being new to the school, I thought it was ridiculous and that he was just telling me that. Sure enough, with the leadership development from my TAC officers/COC and the guidance/influence from LTC Heflin, I achieved Battalion Commander my senior year. Everyone from the Commandant of Cadets and Headmaster to the faculty and staff have given me the tools and opportunities to succeed at this school. Something I'll never forget LTC Heflin telling me, "You get out what you put into this school."



Commanders: (Front to back, left to right) Jake Dean (Battalion Commander), Michael Suggs (Alpha), George Chestnut (Bravo), Andrew Miller (Charlie), Kevin Phillips (Delta), Zach Irtenkauf (Band and Staff)



Company First Sergeants: (Front to back, left to right) Colby Johnson (Battalion Command Sergeant Major), Jack Davern (Alpha), Jake Grossman (Bravo), Mason Van Loan (Charlie), Daylen Clark (Delta), Amadou Diabate (Band and Staff)