

## Michael Irtenkauf 8th-12th



My favorite memory at Camden Military Academy happened this year. My TAC Officer SGM Green came into my room and needed help setting up the Wi-Fi for the barracks. We climbed into the attic of Band Company together and set it up by running a long black ethernet cord through the ceiling. While we were up there, we waddled around to avoid stepping through the insulation or else one of us would fall into a cadet's room! I noticed there was an opening to the storage room, so I shimmed down a pipe and found a lot of old items. There were old pictures of my grandpa CSM Irtenkauf in the filing cabinets! SGM Green made me clean up the storage room afterwards and gave me 50 merits. I hope I can go again with 1SG Irvin before I graduate — or else I'll have to post-grad!

## Lynn Johnson 8th-12th



I've had plenty of good experiences at Camden Military Academy. My best one by far actually took place during my senior year. It was when the Battalion Staff and I were preparing for the JROTC inspection. Even though I always talk about how much time it took away, it was still a real eye opener that one day I'm going to be giving these types of presentations. What really made it great was that I was doing it with my friends and we all knew that our hard work and dedication would pay off. When we were getting ready for the inspection we got to know each other more and who we actually are. We all made our friendship and bonded as a Staff closer. Even though I had so many other good times at CMA, I'll always remember this. Being able to make friendships better and just being able to talk to more people is what I will always remember about this school. If I did not come to this school I know I would've been a high school drop out. I am very thankful for all the faculty members at this school and the students I have met. This school will always be on my mind. Thank you for all the memories.

## Alexander Stephen Ranft 9th-12th



One of my favorite experiences since I've been at Camden Military Academy is the Spartan Challenge, specifically my sophomore year. We had a "don't tread on me" style flag and milky-gray spartan challenge PT shirts. Most of the activities were really fun! I remember doing the brick stack; I'd be on top of my platoon sergeant's shoulders placing each brick really carefully. There was also a balloon launching contest. Me and 4 other people worked like a machine, filling water balloons, passing them and launching them on a slingshot. One of the different points of that Spartan Challenge compared to recent ones is big-ball was still an activity. Big ball was a huge inflatable ball that was probably around 8 feet tall. In a soccer-like game we pushed the ball trying to get in the other team's end zone.

## Hayley Harrison Ezell 9th-12th



I have spent the last few years at CMA improving my future. I came to CMA my 9th grade year with bad grades, and an even worse attitude. I remember my first day at CMA. I arrived at the Dallas Barracks, Delta Company, on March 24, 2014. I remember meeting CSM Wilder, and after settling into my room, I thought to myself, "Man, what have I gotten myself into?" I spent the next few years in Delta Company, a majority of my ninth and tenth grade year in trouble for various shenanigans, then I slowly turned myself around, making Battalion Staff my senior year and now will be headed to The Citadel in August. I don't know where I would be today without the help of CSM Wilder, 1SG Pearson, SGM Green, 1SG Irvin, COL Boland, LTC Lawing, LTC Armstrong, LTC Heflin, Gene McCaskill, LTC Thorp, and the rest of the staff at CMA. Thank you all for taking time to help me realize my full potential.

