The Blackjacks program has caused a profound effect on my outlook of the old and new. The society, run by the Pershing Project, pursues the youth of our modern world and endeavors to inform and educate them about the mannerisms of a cadet gentleman. I have come to uptake and withhold these honorable values, thanks to the Blackjacks society. Blackjacks taught me about pride and how it is a silent display, not a bragfest. When we wear our Blackjack class uniforms, I feel like I am the top of my class, wearing my ribbons and rank with the cords on my shoulder. It makes me strive to be the best person I can be even when under pressure. I will never forget the sensation of being so terrified that my mouth was dry and my hands were shaking. This was when the Blackjack Color Guard performed for the first time, and when we finished, we didn't stop laughing for being so scared. It was the most humbling feeling I ever felt in my life."

> Mitchell Wiesmore Blackjack Company Commander (Duluth, Georgia)

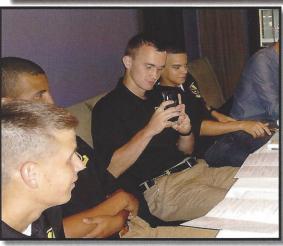




"Camden Military's Blackjacks unit is a nationally known drill team based of our school. It trains and reaches young men in the arts of regulation drill spinning rifles. It also teaches our cadets about the history of General John Pershing and his contribution towards the Pershing Rifle Men of our nation Blackjack unit continues to bring trophies back from local, state, and nation competitions and continues to produce good leaders for the future."

William Wisenburg (Lawrenceville, Ge







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