

# Fife & Drum Corps



The Fife and Drum Corps was first introduced to Camden Military Academy for the first time in the 2016-2017 school year.

Members of the 2017-2018 Fife & Drum Corps: Vincent Talley, Brian Delucca, Ja'Vaughn White, Daniel O'Connor, Gage Noel, Max Marsden, Gabriel Hall, Kurosh Badii-Flores, CW2 Slade, Caleb Watson, Remington Mitchell, Daniel Broydo, Jesten Smith, Christhoff Verderber



The Fife and Drum Corps, in its 2nd season, is having a busy 2017-2018 school year. Including several experienced members returning from last year, there are over 20 cadets involved in F&D. A new beginning curriculum was implemented that is borrowed from the prestigious Colonial Williamsburg Fife and Drum Corps. It starts with basic music theory, such as note and rhythm reading. Fife and Drum tunes, such as Yankee Doodle and Chester, are learned along the way.

In September, we performed for the First Annual Revolutionary Run to benefit Historic Camden. The event featured a half-marathon and more than 300 runners. In October, we performed for several hundred Kershaw County School District 3rd graders at Historic Camden's educational programming. In November, we performed for more than 3,000 people at our 2nd appearance at Historic Camden's Revolutionary War Days. During this 2-day event, we performed two concerts of traditional colonial music before marching the Continental Line of reenactors onto the field for a battle reenactment. After remaining on the battlefield, we led the march off the battlefield while playing marching music, with 500 reenactors marching in step behind us. The march went directly into a Pass in Review where we played "God Save the King" and the *National Anthem of the United States of America*. In January, we traveled to Cowpens National Battlefield to support Morgan's Victory March at the Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens. The participants marched 25 miles in the steps of Daniel Morgan and his Army on the way to the Battle of Cowpens.

We provided marching music, leading the march on its last mile into the camp area, lined with hundreds of reenactors and visitors. In February, we performed at a press conference for the newly preserved Battle of Kettle Creek in Georgia. University of Georgia football legend Vince Dooley and US Senator Jody Hice were the keynote speakers. The cadets talked with many attendees and felt very appreciated for their efforts. The Fife and Drum Corps is a great way for the cadets to learn music, learn how the country got started, and participate in living history.