



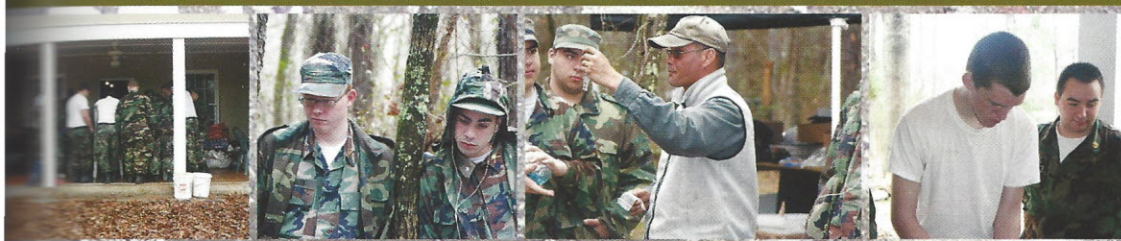
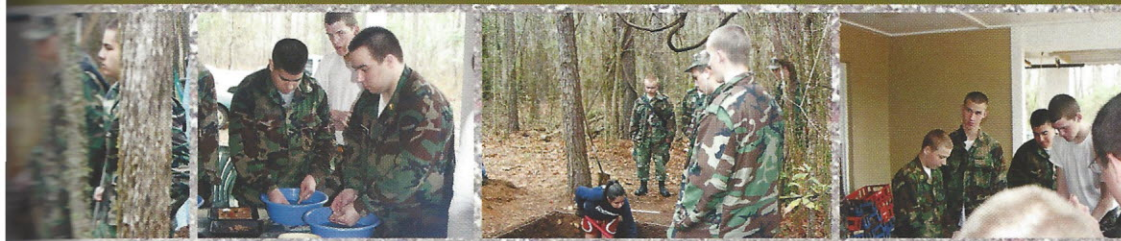
On March 11, 2010, thirteen Camden Military Academy Archaeological Society (CMAAS) cadets descended upon the Kolb Site archaeological project for the second consecutive year. The site is located about two miles inside the 'Great Pee Dee Heritage Preserve, part of the SCDNR Heritage Trust Program.

Professional archaeologists have excavated this site for fourteen years, and the project has served as a learning experience for the general public almost since the project began.

Last year, the cadets excavated 50cm X 50cm test units at the site. This year a deluge of rain forced an early close to fieldwork on the society's day of visitation. However, the day was not lost. The cadets shuttled in the bed of pick up trucks back through the swamp to the CMA school bus. From there, they commuted to the project field house at Roblyn's Neck, where a temporary lab had been set up, and archaeological lab work awaited them.

CMAAS members began their work by painstakingly washing each of hundreds of artifacts under the direction of Christopher Judge, a University of South Carolina archeology professor. These artifacts ranged from architectural and Kitchen artifacts from the 1700's and 1800's to ceramic and stone artifacts (some as small as 1/4") dating to as early as 12,500 years. The lab provided cadets with a unique opportunity to look at the clean specimens close up. In the field, artifacts can be difficult to clean, and hence, only a few are closely examined before they reach the lab. Indeed, it is said in archaeology that some of the most exciting discoveries are made, not by "field mice", but by "lab rats".

As well as processing artifacts, the students were also privy to demonstrations of primitive technologies by SCDNR Archaeologist and technologies specialist Sean Taylor. He showed them how ancient Americans made pottery. He also demonstrated formative weapons including the bow and arrow, the blowgun and the atlatl (spear thrower).



The Crew:

From Left to Right: Juan Zepeda, Jacob Andrews, Jason Stone, David Miller, Major Ghaffar, Jacob DeJonge, Johnny Ham, Joey Redal, Matthew Liner, Christopher Taylor, Joshua Clementz, Zachary Urenda, Bryce Hill

C.M.A.A.S. at the Kolb Site 2010

