



"CSM Wilder will be truly missed. He has impacted many lives of young men at CMA. I am truly thankful for all of his patience and strengths to make my son that man he is today. He taught my son respect and responsibility. The Wilder family is in our prayers."
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"From our family to yours, please accept our sincerest condolences. CSM Wilder was a great man! He did a lot for my son at Camden Military. He was hard on him but was always building him up and supporting him. He kept in contact with me regularly about my son. He even took the time to send a personal Christmas card....even through all that he was going through..what an amazing selfless man. God Bless him and his family." - Dylan Monteforte

"Please accept my most sincere condolences. CSM Wilder was a fixture in our lives from 2010-2013 while my son was at Camden Military Academy, and even until the present. CSM Wilder continued to remain in touch with me over holidays, Mother's Day, and just anytime he wanted to keep up to date on what his young cadet was doing after graduation. I will never forget the many conversations we had. And I will be forever grateful in the huge part he played in helping to raise my son, Max Rothgaber, CMA Class of 2013, into a strong, polite young man who is now serving our country in the US Army. Bless you, Sir, and thank you for your service. Rest in Peace." -Melanie and Robert Richards, and Max Rothgaber, CMA Class of 2013



"My heart and prayers go out to CSM's family and friends. A hole is left in our hearts from his absence but to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. We will miss him dearly but will see him again and he will greet us with that big smile of his."-Debbie Anderson

"We lost a true hero this past weekend. Command Sergeant Major Vertis Wilder was possibly the closest person to a father I have ever had. Had it not been for his selfless leadership, I would not be where I am today. He believed in me from the moment I stepped foot on campus of Camden Military Academy. He will be missed dearly."Cason Vogel

"My heart hurts today. The world lost a great man. I can't stop crying. I know CSM Wilder is in a better place not suffering but Lord knows I will miss our talks and laughs. He always cared for others first, always wanted to know how I was and my family. Never shared a word of his struggles over the past year or so throughout all our talks and visits. If you were a former student of him please, please do something you feel that would make him proud, that's all he would want is for his current cadets and former to make the right choices in life. Rest easy Sir!! Blaze says "Sgt Mjr you don't have to clean your room anymore!" I love you always Sir."
 Kathryn Shaw Napoli



"From the age of 14 to the age of 18, you taught me how to mature, be self reliant, and tough. You even taught me the little things... such as shaving, folding a blanket, and how to make a bed properly. With you as my TAC, I had the urge and eagerness for success and accomplishment. Before I met you, I knew nothing about myself except bad grades and bad attitude. After, nothing but pride and progression. I loved you, for you were my father away from home. There isn't enough gratitude in this world to show for all you've done. Thank you, CSM Wilder, for everything. Rest In Peace." - Patric Mulligan

"I'm so sad to hear the news of Sergeant Major passing. I will never forget all that he did for our son, and our family during the years Trae attended Camden. The world lost a great man but heaven gained a true angel. Rest In Peace."- Angelique Konstantnovsky



"CSM Wilder was a "go to guy" to everyone on campus. He had a personal relationship with the faculty, staff and especially his cadets. When I needed back up, all I needed to do was say, "Siri, call CSM Wilder!" and in 30 seconds he would be in my room. His impact on cadets and the CMA campus will last for years to come." - Celia Boland

