

# CARSON LONG MILITARY ACADEMY

## Closure Communications

### Why is CLMA closing?

After months of extensive analysis and thoughtful deliberation, CLMA's Board of Trustees voted to stop all operations at the end of the 2017/18 academic year (June 1, 2018). While this was a very difficult and challenging decision, we believe it was the right one. The Board's vote was the result of a long and careful decision-making process – a process that attempted to put cadets, families, faculty and staff first and which occurred before the Academy faced far greater challenges.

Like many small, private, educational institutions, CLMA has seen a steady decline in enrollment. The Board and Academy leadership reviewed numerous scenarios and strategies to create alternate forms of support and revenue. Despite these efforts, however, we were unable to see a viable financial path that would have enabled us to sustain the high level of academic programming, and maintain the necessary experience, resources and support services that we promise cadets upon enrollment.

While this decision is difficult for all of us who cherish this great institution and embrace its mission, it is made with a sense of quiet resolution that we have chosen the most responsible and respectful path forward.

Our priority is to provide support to our cadets, families, faculty and staff as they transition, continuing to pursue their educational goals.

### Will the school reopen?

The campus will not reopen under the corporate (legal) name of Carson Long Military Academy. We cannot speculate if a buyer will elect to reopen and operate the campus as a military school.

### Why weren't the alumni notified earlier about the financial challenges?

As part of the Academy's annual fund drive, in 2017 CLMA participated in the "Big Give" which was promoted on its website and via email and newsletter.

All fundraising activities were widely promoted and appeals for financial contributions made on a regular basis. In addition, the results of fundraising efforts were made available via the same sources – website, newsletters, etc.

### What will happen to the facilities?

The real estate has been listed for sale with Wolfe & Company Realtors from Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

What will happen to the physical assets (desks, PCs, sports equipment, etc.)? Can I ask for, or purchase, a specific item?

We are still reviewing the Academy's rights and responsibilities in terms of distributing its assets. If there is a specific item you would like to express interest in, please provide a description, and/or a brief explanation of the item's sentimental value to you, and email the information to [clcontact@carsonlong.org](mailto:clcontact@carsonlong.org) with the subject line of "CLMA Memorabilia and Assets". We will respond to every inquiry when we have an answer. Please be aware this process could take several months. We are researching options to sell these assets in order to pay expenses until a final disposition of the school is determined.

What will happen to the memorabilia (trophies, flags, uniforms, etc.)?

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Will my degree from CLMA still be considered valuable?

Yes, your degree from CLMA is still valuable! It will be recognized by employers and other schools, including colleges and universities, as a valid degree with full regional accreditation.

What will happen to my academic records after closure?

Academic records will be preserved and accessible after CLMA closes. Records will be transferred to a custodian. The Academy will provide this information as soon as it is available.

How do I obtain official transcripts now – before the Academy closes?

The current process to request transcripts has not changed. Alumni can request official transcripts by Academy's Registrar, Ms. Lori Ellerman. Ms. Ellerman may be reached at (717) 582-2121 or email [lori.ellerman@carsonlong.org](mailto:lori.ellerman@carsonlong.org).

How do I obtain official transcripts after the Academy closes?

Official transcripts and other information will also be accessible through a custodian. The Academy will provide this information as soon as it is available.

I have made arrangements for an estate gift to CLMA. What can I expect?

Review your intentions as it is unlikely that CLMA will be able to honor them. Please consult with your attorney or financial advisor on how to make alternative arrangements for your philanthropic support.