

## CADET LANGUAGE

As military groups pass along tradition over many years, they develop their own language peculiar to those who belong to the group. As a member of the fourth class, you will be the most recent addition to the long grey line of Citadel cadets. Over the many years of The Citadel's existence, a complex system of initials and nicknames has developed. Some of the terms are borrowed from the armed forces, but many you will hear only in the halls of The Citadel.

**AGGIE-** Texas A&M cadet or student.

**ALL IN-** Report to the inspector, meaning all cadets assigned to the room are present.

**ALL RIGHT-** report to inspector, meaning that you are in an authorized place, or obeying all rules.

**ASAP-** As soon as possible.

**ATEASE-** Stop talking. Also given in formation.

**ATTENTION-**The basic military position.

**BRACE-**To pull the chin in and pull the shoulders back and down.

**BRAT-** A military junior (son or daughter of a military person).

**BURNED-** Cadet slang for getting reported for a violation of rules, regulations, etc.

**BUST-** To revoke rank.

**CG-** Corporal of the guard.

**CADRE-** Cadets of the upper three classes who train the incoming fourth class cadets.

**CCQ-** Cadet in charge of quarters.

CDR- Class delinquency report (class absence).  
CHEVRONS- Rank stripes worn on sleeve.  
CIVIES- Civilian clothes (not allowed).  
CO- Any commanding officer.  
COLORS- National, state, or school flags.  
COMMANDANT- A commissioned officer who supervises and directs the Corps of Cadets  
CONFINEMENT- Awarded as punishment.  
Also CONS- Confined to quarters for breach of discipline.  
COVER- Hat, cap, or helmet as part of a uniform.  
In Formation, a command to align yourself behind the person in front of you.  
DECK- Naval term for a floor or flat area.  
DEMERIT- Unit given to measure punishment.  
Monthly and semester allowance of demerits is based on class.  
DIVISION- In the barracks, each floor is a Division identified by the Company occupying an area (i.e., First Division, A Co. is first floor area where A Co. cadets live).  
DL- Delinquency list published once per week.  
Cadets must sign it each week.  
DR- Delinquency report. Submitted to report an infraction of regulations.  
DROP- Drop for push-ups. Drop an academic course.  
ERW- Explanation required in writing.  
The form a cadet submits to explain a DR.  
ESP- Evening study period, 1900-2400 hours.  
FIRST CLASS CADET- A senior cadet.

