



THE CITADEL

THE MILITARY COLLEGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Dear Parents,

We are pleased to welcome your son or daughter as a new student entering our ranks this fall, and we want to assure you that we are committed to helping your freshman achieve academic and personal success. We realize that you have many things to remember, but we want to alert you to several important dates in the Academic Calendar. We understand that many of these procedures will be new to you and your cadet, so we thought it might be helpful to highlight the *Fall and Winter Furlough* policies:

- **Thanksgiving Break:** *Extended Leave* begins for all cadets after their last class on Friday, 17 November 2017, and extends until 2100 (9:00 p.m.) on Sunday, 26 November 2017. It is extremely likely that your cadet will be in class until at least 12:00 noon on November 17th, and some students may be in class until 2:50 p.m. that afternoon. For this reason, please do NOT purchase a plane ticket for a flight that departs the Charleston Airport on Friday before about 5:00 p.m. We want all of our students to have a full week of classroom instruction before they enjoy a full holiday week with their families.
- **Winter Furlough:** *Winter Furlough* begins after your cadet's last scheduled exam in accordance with the published Citadel Final Examination Policy, which could be as late as Wednesday, 13 December 2017, and extends until 2100 (9:00 p.m.) on Sunday, 7 January 2018. Your cadet will need to consult the Final Exam Schedule (posted on the Registrar's Office web page, <http://www.citadel.edu/root/registrar-exam-schedules>) to find out when his or her last exam will be held.
- **Spring Break:** *Extended Leave* begins for all cadets after their last class on Friday, 9 March 2018, and extends until 2100 (9:00 p.m.) on Sunday, 18 March 2018. It is extremely likely that your cadet will be in class until at least 12:00 noon on March 9th, and some students may be in class until 2:50 p.m. that afternoon. For this reason, please do NOT purchase a plane ticket for a flight that departs the Charleston Airport on Friday before about 5:00 p.m. We want all of our students to have a full week of classroom instruction before they enjoy a full spring week with their families.
- **Summer Furlough:** *Summer Furlough* begins when all cadets have completed their last scheduled exam in accordance with the published Citadel Final Examination Policy and when all cadets have completed all Corps of Cadets responsibilities as defined by the Office of the Commandant. Most cadets will be able to leave at 0500 (5:00 a.m.) on Saturday morning, 5 May 2018.

We appreciate your not putting yourselves or us in an awkward position by asking us to release your cadet early on any day that a *Furlough* or *Extended Leave* begins in order to take a morning flight, train, or bus, because we will NOT be able to accommodate that request. That's why we're giving you our calendar information so far ahead of time.

Once again, we are excited to welcome you and your cadet into the Citadel family, and we appreciate your working with us on the timing of *Extended Leaves* and *Furloughs*.

Appreciatively,

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