THE CITADEL BOARD OF VISITORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
5 OCTOBER 2012

The Citadel Board of Visitors held its monthly teleconference in the Scarborough Multimedia Room, Holliday Alumni Center, at 0900 hours on 5 October 2012 to discuss personnel and contractual matters.

The following members were present in person: Colonel Douglas A. Snyder, Chair; Colonel Fred L. Price, Vice Chair; Colonel Glenn D. Addison; Lieutenant Colonel Ben W. Legare, Jr.; Lieutenant General W. Michael Steele; and Lieutenant General John Sams. The following members were present by teleconference call: Colonel James M. McQuilla; Colonel Dylan W. Goff; Colonel Peter M. McCoy, Sr.; Commander W. Keith Midgette, President, The Citadel Alumni Association; and Mr. Claudius E. Watts, IV, Chairman, The Citadel Foundation. Also in attendance were President John W. Rosa, and senior members of The Citadel staff. Mr. Joe McCulloch, Special Counsel to the Board of Visitors, also participated.

Voting members absent: Colonel Allison Dean Love and Colonel “Tee” Hooper.

The meeting followed the agenda at enclosure 1.

Colonel Myron Harrington, Board Secretary, stated that the meeting was in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act in that notice had been posted in accordance with called meeting procedures and local media sources were notified.

A quorum was present.

Chair Snyder called for a motion to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters. General Steele made the motion, seconded by Colonel Legare, and passed unanimously.

Colonel Price motioned to come out of executive session, seconded by General Sams, and passed unanimously.

Chair Snyder called for a motion to go into executive session for personnel matters. Motion made by Colonel Legare, seconded by General Sams, and passed unanimously.

General Sams motioned to come out of executive session, seconded by Colonel Price, and passed unanimously.
Colonel Legare, in accordance with paragraph 33 of Chapter VIII of Roberts’ Rules of Order, requested to submit for the record a letter supporting the IPAC recommendations on hazing rather than reading the letter as specified in Roberts’ Rules.

Chair Snyder and the Board agreed to waive the reading of the letter and allow the letter to be attached to the minutes.

Following a break, Lieutenant Colonel Stephenie Hewett of the School of Education conducted “Darkness to Light” training for the Board.

“Darkness to Light” is an international nonprofit organization that seeks to protect children from sexual abuse by placing responsibility squarely on adult shoulders. The organization’s goal is to educate adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

The Citadel is the first college/university in the United States to make the training mandatory for all staff, faculty and students.

Colonel Hewett was thanked for her excellent presentation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1500 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Myron C. Harrington, Jr.
Colonel, USMC (Retired)
Secretary to the Board of Visitors

Attachment as stated
5 October 2012

Dear Fellow Members of The Citadel Board of Visitors:

The Citadel must not tolerate hazing and conduct counter to its core values. Members of the Board of Visitors whose names appear below believe there is a team in place at The Citadel that can change and improve the culture of cadet life at our alma mater.

Therefore, we request The Citadel Board of Visitors take the following actions:

- support the college administration in its efforts to reform the discipline system at The Citadel.
- meet again in one month with the administration for discussions on implementation of this initiative.
- make this letter an addition to the minutes.

This reform must consider the findings and recommendations in the Institutional Program Assessment Committee [IPAC] report.

Findings in the IPAC report, related to discipline, and the Summerall Guard report, are clear indicators that must not be ignored.

It is time to take the “bold steps”, referred to in the IPAC report, and change the approach and philosophy used for discipline at The Citadel. The report clearly states: “The Citadel’s disciplinary system is broken.”

Support from the Alumni Association and the South Carolina Corps of Cadets is essential to the success of this reform. Coordination to obtain that support must begin immediately.

Our goal should be to create a disciplinary system equal to our academic ranking -- one of the best in America, according to US News and World Report.

Thank you.

Ben W. Legare, Jr.  Dylan W. Goff  Allison D. Love  Glenn D. Addison  Fred L. Price, Jr.
Class of 1963  Class of 2002  CGC 1993  Class of 1979  Class of 1975

Peter M. McCoy, Sr.  W. Keith Midgette
Class of 1974  Class of 1976
President, The Citadel Alumni Association