

# ALL IN THE FAMILY

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## KNOB KNOWLEDGE

THE CITADEL FOURTH CLASS CADET: a first year cadet. Also known as knob, plebe, "doo-willy," "dumbhead" (The Guide). Fourth class cadets are also commonly addressed as "smack" or "nasty."

WHAT DO 4TH CLASS CADETS OUTFRANK? Sir/Ma'am, the President's cat, the Commandant's dog, and all the captains at VMI, Sir/Ma'am!

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## May I Introduce the Mother of the Corps Norwood Grinalds

By Norwood Grinalds

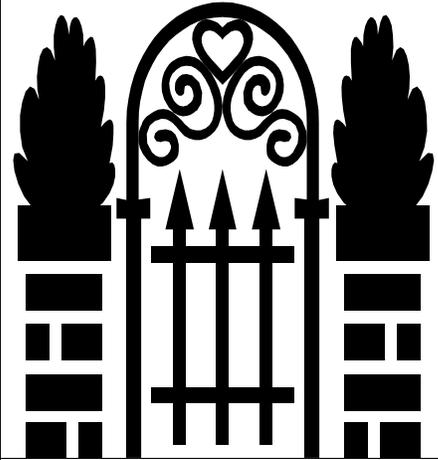
For about twenty minutes on the afternoon of May thirteenth, after graduation for the Class of 2000 was complete, I was in a time warp. As I fell back into the softness of the down sofa in my living room and let my shoes fall away, I felt as if I were softly somersaulting into weightlessness, being relieved of responsibilities, falling into an endless summer, a hiatus that I had been anticipating.

Now the restorative work of those idle weeks has done its job, and it is time to come back to the main road and gird myself for a new adventure, a new year.

Your sons and daughters are girding themselves as well. For those of you who are watching your cadets pack to return for their upperclass years, I hope you can detect that they are girded with more confidence and compassion than this time last year. I hope that you can see them growing "in statue and in favor with God and man."

For those of you who are watching this life passage for the first time, it can be a heart thumping experience. These young people of ours are packing up for an adventure no less daunting for them than boarding *Endurance*, with Sir John Shackelton in 1916 for Antarctica, was for his raw-boned, seasoned crew. The turning away from comforts of home, the surge of adrenaline when stepping into this boat of passage that has carried other initiates on other days to The Citadel, marks a moment of maturity and vigor that will be etched, as in stone, into their personal histories.

An interesting phenomenon occurs when your cadet arrives at The Citadel. Whereas once you perhaps felt in the dark about what was really going on at the core of your children's thought process, now, as the point of discipline and authority in their day-to-day lives shifts to their faculty, squad leaders, and Corps commanders, you amazingly become their confidante. Roles are reversed. We are like a strong rope, made of three cords—the cadet, the faculty and staff, and you the parents. If we three work together, we will run the race and win the prize. If you get a call from your cadet and feel on reflection there is anything we as a school can do to make his or her experience richer, fuller, we stand ready—all of us—to make that happen.



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The faculty, the administration, the host families, indeed the Long Gray Line stands ready to encourage and support your cadet. My four children went to colleges where parents were not a part of the education equation except at bill-paying time. The Citadel is different. We invite your input, we hope for your involvement, and we covet your prayers.

# Meet the Class of 2004

On Saturday, August 19, 2000, the Class of 2004, 649 cadets strong, reported for duty as one of the largest freshman classes in Citadel history.

dets is at an all-time high, and the academic make-up of the Corps continues its rise to excellence as nearly half of the entering class scored 1100 or higher on the SAT, and 30% ranked in the top 25% of their high school classes. The top majors of 2004 are Business, Criminal Justice/Political Science, Engineering, Computer Science, Biology, and History.

Prepared by Steve Klein, Dean of Enrollment

# Hearty Cooking

By Norwood Grinalds



If I could share one part of my life here at The Citadel with you, it would be the joy of my contact with the cadets. Nothing pleases me more than having a visit from one of them. Occasionally, the doorbell will ring and a cadet, standing erect, will ask, "Ma'am, did you really mean it when you said we could come over for a soda and a game of Chinese Checkers?" "Absolutely! Come right in." What joy!

By the middle of September all knobs, by companies, will have been to the President's house for dessert. No officers—not even General Grinalds—or upperclassmen are allowed to be at the quarters, and the knobs get their first opportunity since arriving at The Citadel to relax and talk at will. I invite several of the staff wives to serve as hostesses, and we set up ice cream sundae bars and 10,000 cookies. The cadets eat and talk and laugh for an hour and a half until their company officers arrive at the front of the quarters to march them back to the barracks.

Every day I make a large, heart-shaped chocolate chip cookie equivalent to five dozen cookies. All cadets are special, but I find one who needs a boost, perhaps has a health problem, a disappointment, or bad news from home. If I don't find that cadet on a given day, I give it to a cadet who has made a contribution to the chapel program, been cited for a remarkable deed, or has smiled at me.

I love these cadets, and I love living here at The Citadel with them.

	# in 4th Class	% of 4th Class
<b>Entering Class of 2004</b>	649	100%
<b>Women</b>	30	5%
<b>Minorities</b>	87	14%
<b>South Carolina</b>	246	38%
<b>Out of State/International</b>	403	62%
<b>Average SAT Score</b>	1065	
<b>Average GPA</b>	3.04	

## Who Ya Gonna Call?

Your CFA Company Representatives have been where you are. Let these parents be your support system for getting through your cadet's first year at The Citadel.

- A—Susan Redmond 843-953-6927
- B—Jim&Ann Pinson 843-889-6109
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- D—Stan&Dianne Townsend 843-881-6590
- PB—Lee&Tawnya Robinson 843-889-3492
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- G—
- H—Richard&Brenda Conwill 904-292-0656

*How nice it would have been to have a parent in my son's assigned company whom I could talk to and from whom I could get answers to my many "new" questions.*  
Lynda Dunn, Tango 2003

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## CFA Shirt Orders

You can now order a CFA golf shirt by sending to Secretary Marsha Mikell your name, cadet's name/company/class, address, phone number, email, and shirt size(s), and we'll do our best to have your shirt(s) available on Parents' Weekend. Shirts are 100% cotton, run a bit large in sizing, and are \$25.00, payable at pick-up. All proceeds from the sale of shirts, Big Red koozies, and Big Red hats directly benefit the CFA.

9/2 @ Clemson 6:00 p.m.	10/14 @ Furman 2:00 p.m.
9/9 @ Delaware 7:00 p.m.	10/21 vs. GA Southern 2:00 p.m.
9/16 vs. W. Carolina 7:00 p.m.	10/28 @ Wofford 1:30 p.m.
9/23 @ Appalachian St. 2:00 p.m.	11/4 vs. UT Chattanooga 2:00 p.m.
9/30 vs. S.C. State 4:00 p.m.	11/11 @ VMI 1:00 p.m.
10/7 vs. E. Tennessee 2:00 p.m.	Athletic Ticket Office 843-953-5121

## 2000-2001 Fall Calendar

Aug. 19	Class of 2004 Reports	Nov. 7	Election Day—No Classes
Aug. 27	Upperclass Cadets Report	Nov. 13-17	Pre-Registration
Aug. 30	Classes Begin	Nov. 21-26	Thanksgiving Furlough
Sept. 4	Labor Day—No Classes	Dec. 8	Classes End
Sept. 5	Drop/Add Ends	Dec. 9	Reading Day
Sept. 8	Gold Star Review	Dec. 11-16	Final Exams
Oct. 7	Parents' Day	Dec. 17	Holiday Furlough begins
Oct. 11	Deadline to Remove Incompletes		
Oct. 18	Midterm Grading Period Ends	Jan. 14	Holiday Furlough ends
Oct. 27	Withdraw Period Ends		
Nov. 4	Homecoming		
Nov. 6-10	Academic Advising		



### Parents' Weekend 2000—October 6-7

Parents' Weekend 2000 is a special weekend for all of the families of cadets at The Citadel.

Many think first of the anxious parents of the fourth class cadets who will visit their cadets for the first time since he or she reported.

But we can't forget that Parents' Weekend signals the beginning of the end for the senior class as the first class cadets receive The Band of Gold and pass through the ring at Ring Hop.

The second and third class cadets celebrate the end of a grueling cadre period as they resume a "normal" cadet regime.

Whichever group your cadet falls into, we welcome you to Parents' Weekend at The Citadel.

Show your support; wear your CFA shirt!

*We've been a host family to four years of knobs while our son has been at The Citadel. Each Parents' Weekend, we look forward to meeting our current knobs' parents.*  
Ed and Marsha Mikell, Delta 2000

### Knob Host Families

Many knobs who live far from Charleston find that having a home to go to off-campus provides the basic comfort and solitude that can help them through rough times.

Contact Cadet Activities at 843-953-5111 to register for a Knob Host Family or for information concerning Special Events and Weekends.

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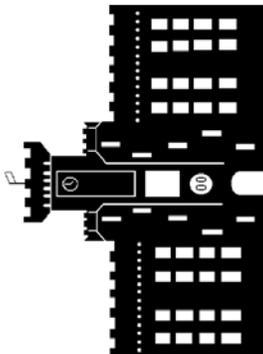
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### Citadel Family Association Calendar - At-A-Glance



**Parents' Weekend**  
October 5-7, 2000

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**Homecoming Weekend**  
November 3-5, 2000

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**Chairpersons Committee**  
Winter Retreat  
January 19-20, 2001

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**Steering Committee**  
Winter Retreat  
February 9-10, 2001

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**Corps Day Weekend**  
Annual Meeting  
March 15-17, 2001

# THE CITADEL FAMILY ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Citadel Family Association (CFA) is composed primarily of parents or guardians of current cadets. Its mission is threefold:

1. To provide information to and support for the families of current cadets;
2. To provide the families with a forum for discussion of common interests; and
3. To take reasonable steps to support College initiatives.