

ALL IN THE FAMILY

SPECIAL ISSUE

Matriculation 2004

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Welcome to the CFA

Spoken like a true mother, an excerpt from “*Norwood Grinalds, Mother of the Corps*” printed in the Fall 2000 Issue of **All in the Family**:

*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 the **Endurance** with Sir John Shackleton in 1916 for Antarctica with 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 present 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 child’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/staff, and the parent. **If we work together, we will run the race and win the prize.***

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From your knob’s first day, **August 14th** or for *notified fall athletes on August 1st*, you belong to the support system that is just a phone call/e-mail away to help you understand the workings of The Citadel system. After all the unloading and the goodbyes, you are invited to the Citadel Beach House on the afternoon of August 14th where you will see firsthand that “we’re with you; we’re behind you; we are you”. You will have the opportunity to meet other new parents, enjoy the beautiful ocean, and feel a sense of peace knowing that your child has chosen an awesome journey of challenges and experiences that will build confidence and leadership that will follow him/her through life.

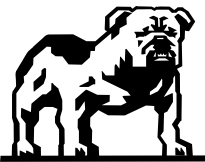
Your membership in the CFA is automatic and free. There are no membership dues, only four meetings each year. Our only “requirement” is that you experience the membership. This is strictly a volunteer based group. There are parents who volunteer to be representatives for each company so that if you need to speak on “parents’ terms” and need a sounding board, it’s only a phone call away. The “Nice To Have List” you received and this newsletter is a product of the CFA. Please visit our home page at www.citadel.edu/cfa for updated information.

Welcome to the family!

Need a Sponsor Family?

Call Cadet Activities: 843-953-7776

Many knobs who live far from Charleston find that they miss the comforts of home and feel like they do not have any way to feel "at home". You'll be delighted to know that many Charleston families offer their homes, shoulders, showers, beds, and cooking services to Citadel knobs. Out-of-state knobs are generally given preference when assigning of sponsor families. Many of you parents and families who do live here in Charleston will find that you become default sponsor families for your cadet's roommate or even a few others.



Football at The Citadel!

Currently the stadium is under construction but that's not stopping The Citadel from hosting four home football games. Whether you are a football fan or not – you must try it at least one time and you'll see why home football games are such a tradition to behold. It all begins with the march of the Corps of Cadets. When you stand at the side of the street and watch as these fine looking cadets march proudly into the stadium – it is such a sight to see! The parking lot turns into a sea of tailgaters with the display of many tents and flags designating classes or companies. Smell the aroma of hot-dogs and boiled peanuts. Enjoy the opening ceremony in anticipation of not knowing who or what will fall from the sky. And watch in awe of the knobs who stand for the entire game. We've got a new coach – new game plays and a new year to celebrate The Citadel Bulldogs. First game is September 4th against our crosstown rival of Charleston Southern. Order your tickets today at (843) 953-5121. For more information on Citadel athletics, please visit www.citadelsports.com.

SPECIAL INVITATION TO PARENTS OF ATHLETES REPORTING EARLY

The CFA extends a special invitation to you to attend the Matriculation Day CFA Picnic at The Citadel Beach House on Saturday, August 14th. Since you report with your knobs a couple weeks prior to August 14th, the CFA wants you to feel welcome to participate in these activities. You will be able to meet with CFA representatives on Sunday, August 1st. A continental breakfast will be hosted by the CFA on Monday, August 2nd at the Mark Clark Hall after you have dropped off your cadet. This allows you the opportunity to meet other parents and to meet with CFA representatives.

WATCHING OUT FOR YOU!

Have you made hotel reservations for upcoming "big" weekends while visiting your knob at The Citadel? If not, please consider the following that offer "Citadel" rates (other nearby hotels may offer special rates as well):

Comfort Inn (1 mile from campus)

843-577-2224

Hampton Inn-Riverview (near campus on a marina)

843-556-5200

Hampton Inn-Historic district (across the street from Charleston Visitors & Transportation Center downtown and approximately 5 minutes to campus)

843-723-4000

Holiday Inn-Riverview (only 1/2 mile to campus and overlooks the water)

843-556-7100

Quality Inn-Mt. Pleasant (over the bridge near Patriots Point)

843-856-8817

Sleep Inn-Mt. Pleasant (over the bridge)

843-856-5000

Wingate Inn-North Charleston

843-308-9666

WHO TO CALL – CFA COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES

ALPHA	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	_____	
BRAVO	Murray & Dorothy Lancer	2005	(843) 571-2099
CHARLIE	Michael & Sherry Cariens	2005	(803) 808-1523
DELTA	Marion & Debra Shaw	2006	(843) 365-1544
ECHO	Peter & Sarah Beth Mallory	2005	(706) 882-3284
F- TROOP	Jack & Mary Cunningham	2006	
GOLF	Heyward & Dee Mattox	2006	(803) 803-4890
HOTEL	Chris & Meg Zaro	2007	(610) 933-8488
INDIA	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	_____	
KILO	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	_____	
LIMA	Dwight & Sherry Stewart	2005	(803) 485-8581
MIKE	Gary & Paula Hutchins	2005	(512) 244-2975
NOVEMBER	Pete & Diane Hocamp	2005	(910) 799-3987
OSCAR	Dan & Connie Schreckengost	2005	(919) 847-8957
ROMEO	Randy & Elaine Cuthbertson	2005	(843) 579-0415
TANGO	Teresa & Finbar O'Reilly	2005	(843) 762-3685
PALMETTO BATTERY	Enrique & Sandra Yudice	2006	(864) 277-9929
REGIMENTAL BAND	Bill & Cydney Kastner	2006	(843) 766-3526

IMPORTANT WEEKENDS IN KNOB LIFE

NOTE: It is as important for parents to know and follow the schedule of the day as it is for your knobs to keep to their class, duty, and parade schedules.

MATRICULATION DAY (August 14): The day to report for duty at the appropriate sallyport (or door) of your assigned barracks. After reporting and being measured for and changing into uniform, the parent can then assist their cadet with moving into the assigned room. Following this initial phase of the day, parents are invited to meet with religious officers and leaders, joining with your cadet for lunch in the mess hall, hearing the President's address at the information fair, saying goodbye, and then heading to the CFA Picnic at The Citadel Beach House. *NOTE: Try to avoid displays of emotion in front of company officers, even hugging.*

PARENTS WEEKEND (October 22-24): This event marks your cadet's official entrance into the Corps of Cadets in a parade ceremony. He/she will need "normal" family contact, so please make a special effort to be with your knob on Parents' Weekend, or arrange for a sponsor family to do something special for your knob.

HOLIDAY FURLOUGH (after the last exam until January 9): Reunites knobs with families and friends for a long holiday break and may foster doubts like "why did I choose The Citadel?" and "why should I go back?" after remembering the "real world". Please do not hesitate to contact school officials or a CFA Company Representative during these times.

RECOGNITION DAY (May 2005): This is an amazing day in the life of every knob. Upperclass cadets recognize knobs by calling them out by their first name and will offer the same privilege to knobs. This day will remain important to your cadet as this will be the last privilege he/she will confer upon the knobs of the Class of 2008, perpetuating the legacy of earning respect. *NOTE: This event is not open to the public..*



CARE PACKAGES

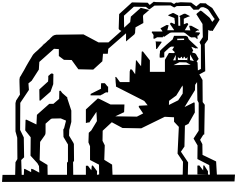
NOTE: Knobs do not get to go home for the weekend!

When your cadet is a knob, the U.S. Postal Service can be your best friend. After e-mail, snail-mail may be the best way to communicate with your cadet until second semester when knobs usually earn the privilege of keeping a phone in their room. Snail-mail is also a great way to send your knob some of the comforts of home – *a.k.a. CARE PACKAGES*. Use the #1 box from the post office; it will fit in the knobbie bag and is less likely to be "shared" with upperclass cadets. You may want to pick some up from the campus post office for free.

CITADEL FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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Go BULLDOGS!

MISSION STATEMENT

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Enjoy the many sites of Charleston:

#1 The CFA Picnic at The Citadel Beach House, August 14th starting at 3:30 p.m. Expect to enjoy the beautiful ocean, a walk on the beach, and meeting with company representatives & company commanders along with all the other “knob” family members. Fantastic food & service will be provided by **STICKY FINGERS** (www.stickyfingersonline.com). Directions to the beach house will be available from a CFA parent on Matriculation Day. Look for CFA members in their blue shirts and name badges. Check out the beach house at: www.citadel.edu/cadetactivities/beachhouse.htm.

#2 The Citadel Museum (843) 953-6846
www.citadel.edu/archivesandmuseum

#3 Patriots Point Museum (843) 884-2727
www.patriotspoint.org

#4 South Carolina Aquarium
www.scaquarium.org

For more info: www.Charleston.com