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Milestones in the Knob Year

Matriculation Day (Sat., August 13) —

This is the day to report to The Citadel. Drive up to Johnson Hagood Stadium and a member of the Cadre will give you a card with a letter on it. This is your son or daughter's company assignment. Report to the appropriate barracks and find the open sallyport (or gate). Your Cadet Recruit will sign in, receive his/her room assignment and you can begin moving into the room. Knobs live on the Fourth Division (floor) of each barracks. Dress comfortably. Charleston can be hot and muggy and the steps get pretty steep after about five trips to and from the car. Another tip: try to avoid displays of emotion in front of upperclassmen.

After moving in, you are invited to meet with religious officers and leaders, as well as attend an information fair. Join your Cadet Recruit for lunch in the mess hall, then, before you know it, it will be time to say goodbye and then head to the CFA Picnic at The Citadel Beach House on the Isle of Palms.

Knobs' First Parade (Fri., September 2)

— Members of the Fourth Class join the Corps of Cadets for their first parade.

Parents' Weekend (Fri. - Sun., Oct 14 - 16)

— This is when your Cadet Recruit officially joins the Corps of Cadets in a ceremony this weekend. It's also your first chance to spend a fair amount of time with your son or daughter since Matriculation Day two months earlier. The Barracks will also be open for your inspection. Try to make a special effort to attend and devote some "normal" family time. If you can not personally attend, see if a Sponsor Family can help. Call your company's CFA representative (*see inside*). The CFA Annual Meeting is held on Saturday. Please make plans to attend.

Holiday Furlough (after the last exam until January 8) — These are happy, exciting and challenging times as your Knob returns home for the first time since August. Your son or daughter will be

ecstatic about being away from The Citadel and may begin to question returning for the second semester. They'll be with friends from high school who go to "real" colleges and the doubts may creep in. Be positive. Remind them why they chose The Citadel in the first place. Remind them they are already half way through. Ask: why throw away all of the effort they've already invested?

If the questions persist or the doubts deepen, do not hesitate to contact school officials or your CFA Company Representative. We've been through this, too, and we understand what's going on.

Recognition Day (May 2006) — This is the day all Knobs have been waiting for: the culmination of the "longest year of their lives ... and the best." Upperclass cadets recognize Knobs by their first names and offer the same privilege to Knobs. As of this day, they are no longer Knobs but are upperclassmen. Please note: this event is not open to the public.



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All In The Family

Matriculation, 2005

Entering The Citadel: Matriculation Day from a Mom's perspective

How well I remember the summer of 2003. Our son had graduated from high school and we were quite proud that he would be attending The Citadel in the fall. We received so much information from the school preparing us for everything from which computer to purchase to what type

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of shoe polish was best. I felt as if the entire summer was dedicated to getting ready for this experience.

What surprised me the most was how I actually coped with the big day —

Matriculation Day; I ended up being excited!

I put aside all of my fears for him and concentrated on how fortunate he was to be entering this fine school and how this experience would benefit him for a lifetime. I simply chose not to dwell on the negative. I knew that it wouldn't benefit any of us.

Two years later, as chair of the Citadel Family Association, I can honestly say that I am in this position simply to help other parents have the positive experience that my husband and I have had as parents of a cadet.

Please feel free to contact any of us in the CFA. You'll find us milling

around the Barracks on matriculation Day wearing Citadel blue golf shirts with the Citadel Family Association crest on it. We are all serving because we are appreciative of the support that was there for us when we needed it.

— Mary Cunningham, chair, CFA

What is The Citadel Family Association?

Since its inception in 1992, The Citadel Family Association (CFA) has been dedicated to three main goals:

- (1) to provide information to, and support for, the families of current cadets;
- (2) to provide families with a forum for discussion of common interests;
- (3) to support college initiatives.

This group serves as a direct channel of communication between families and the college's faculty and staff. Along with hosting regular meetings, the CFA provides the quarterly newsletter, *All In The Family*, thanks to the generous

support of the South Carolina Federal Credit Union, and hosts an annual cookout for the parents of incoming freshmen each year, sponsored by Sticky Fingers Restaurant.

The CFA holds an annual meeting. It has recently been moved from Corps Day (in the Spring) to Parents' Weekend (October 14 - 16). This was done to encourage more parents to become more involved in the CFA. Look for more details in the next issue of *All In the Family*, coming soon.

Sponsor Families

Knobs who live far from Charleston sometimes need a "home away from home away from the barracks."

Many Charleston families offer their homes, a listening ear, long hot showers, an uninterrupted nap and a non-mess hall meal to Citadel Knobs. Knobs from more than 200 miles away are given first choice when assigning sponsor families.

If you need a sponsor family ... or would like to be a Knob sponsor family, please call Mrs. Mary Ann Dorton, Office of Cadet Activities, (843) 953-7776.



Look for CFA representatives in blue golf shirts on Matriculation Day. We're here to help.

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Follow your Cadet Recruit through Hell Week on the Internet

Hell Week, for Knobs, is one of long days, late nights, sweltering PT, endless polishing, near constant shouting ... or being shouted at ... seemingly interminable meetings, more polishing, little sleep, and oh, yeah, a pushup or two.

Hell Week, for parents, is one of not knowing, not hearing. No email. No IMs. No snail mail. It can be tough on the parents not knowing how little Johnny or little Suzie are doing out there in the big bad world.

We suggest a stop-gap comforter: The Citadel website, www.citadel.edu. On the home page you'll find a link called "Recent Photos." You'll spend hours scrutinizing each picture, trying to find your offspring.

There is another link, this one on

the left-hand side of the home page, entitled "Corps of Cadets." Under there is a link to the "Commandant's Office." On that page you'll find something cryptically called the "Training Schedule."

The Training Schedule is an hour-by-hour schedule for each week, including Hell Week. Reviewing the Training Schedule is an enormous comfort, when you see where your Cadet Recruit is spending his or her time.

There is also a web camera that pans across the Parade Deck. But don't count on seeing your Knob there. Only First Class Cadets (seniors) are allowed on the Parade Deck, except during parade and intramurals.

The first week is tough for both Knobs and parents. It's designed to be

tough for Knobs; it's a hazard of the job for parents. The Citadel is not for everybody, but for those who quickly learn the intricacies of the game, the lessons are invaluable.

When you finally do hear from your son or daughter, congratulate them on their perseverance. Empathize with their struggles. Encourage their commitment.

Don't forget: you can (and should) send care packages during Hell Week.

Citadel Language

- **Brace** — To pull the chin and stomach in and the shoulders back and down.
- **Cadre** — Cadets of the upper three classes who train incoming fourth class cadets.
- **Confinement (a.k.a. Cons)** — Awarded as punishment; confined to quarters for breach of discipline.
- **Fourth Class Cadet** — A first year cadet; also "Knob" or "Smack."
- **Mess Fact** — Fourth class cadets may be required to give mess facts at the lunch and evening meals. These mess facts may be any item of "Knob Knowledge," the next day's menu or a current event from the day's newspaper.
- **PT** — Physical Training.
- **SMI** — Saturday Morning Inspection. A formal, personal room inspection.
- **TAC** — Tactical Officer. A military officer assigned to oversee all cadet activities at the company/battalion levels.

'Mom? Can Delta swim in the hotel pool?'

Charleston is home to many fine hotels and motels. Many of them, including those listed below, offer special "Citadel" rates. When planning to visit Parents' Weekend ... or whenever you're in Charleston visiting The Citadel ... be sure to consider these establishments.

Comfort Inn (one mile from campus) 843-577-2244

Hampton Inn - Riverview (near campus on a marina) 843-566-5200

Hampton Inn - Historic District (across the street from the Charleston Visitors & Transportation Center downtown and approximately five miles from campus) 843-723-4000

Holiday Inn - Riverview (one-half mile from campus, overlooking the Ashley River) 843-556-7100

Quality Inn - Mt. Pleasant (over the Cooper River Bridge, near Patriot's Point) 843-856-8817

Sleep Inn - Mt. Pleasant (over the Cooper River Bridge) 843-856-5000

Wingate Inn - North Charleston 843-308-9666

Keep your Knob's spirits up ... send Care Packages early and often

Since Knobs do not usually come home for the weekends, the United States Postal Service can be a tangible link between you and your son or daughter. (Emails are one thing. Energy bars and powdered drinks are another.) By the way, Knobs may earn the privilege of a phone second semester. Keep those grades up, Young Knobs.

The USPS offers a variety of boxes for free. The #1 box will fit in a knobbie bag (i.e.; soft-sided brief case all Cadets carry) and is less likely to be "shared" with upperclass cadets.

These boxes are available at all Post Offices, including the campus Post Office in Mark Clark Hall.



Citadel Family Association's Company Representatives

Company Representatives are members of the Citadel Family Association who are available to answer your questions or help you learn about how The Citadel works. As the year progresses, feel free to contact your company representative. We've all been through this before. We understand what your and your Knob are going through ... and we're here to ease that transition as best as we can. If you know of someone who would like to be a Company Representative, please contact Lou Ann Coleman, CFA secretary, at 803-635-5290.

Alpha Company

Chris and Donna Harakas 864-579-8685

Bravo Company

David & Lou Ann Coleman ('08) 803-635-5290
or 803-635-3491

Charlie Company

Mark & Kaye Youngren 503-225-0608
Cell: 503-710-1219 Office: 503-445-1101

Delta Company

James and Ann Douglas 864-458-7175

Echo Company

— Available —

F-Troop Company

Jack & Mary Cunningham ('07) 843-524-6291

Golf Company

Heyward & Dee Mattox ('06) 803-635-4890

Hotel Company

Chris & Meg Zaro ('07) 610-933-8488

India Company

Matt & Denise Deveaux ('06) 843-324-3748

Kilo Company

— Available —

Lima Company

Phillip Adams 864-868-0140

Mike Company

— Available —

November Company

Keith & Karen Cummins 843-524-7975

Oscar Company

DuPree & Celia Atkinson ('07) 843-464-8637

Romeo Company

— Available —

Tango Company

Gene and Jocelyn Chavot 843-852-0286

Palmetto Battery

Enrique & Sandra Yudice ('06) 864-277-9929

Regimental Band

— Available —

Citadel Football: an event to behold

Attending a Citadel football game is quite an experience. Sure there's the usual assortment of tailgaters: from the amateur to the professional. And there's all manner of dress and deportment ... among the crowd

But what sets Citadel football apart is the Corps of Cadets. The "march on" to the stadium is not the precise execution of military discipline of the usual Friday parade. It's more like a scene out of the movie *Stripes*. Cadences. Songs. Upperclassmen having Knobs down on bended knees, surrounding and serenading their company commander's girlfriend/boyfriend. And it's all in fun.

One note: when you see your Knob after his or her first football game, he or she will be hoarse. Knobs stand and shout the entire game.



2005 Football Schedule



<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>
09/03/2005	Charleston Southern	Johnson Hagood Stadium
09/10/2005	Florida State	Tallahassee, FL
09/24/2005	Appalachian State	Johnson Hagood Stadium
10/01/2005	Western Carolina	Cullowhee, NC
10/08/2005	Mississippi	Oxford, MS
10/15/2005	Furman (Parents' Weekend)	Johnson Hagood Stadium
10/22/2005	Georgia Southern	Statesboro, GA
10/29/2005	Wofford	Johnson Hagood Stadium
11/05/2005	Chattanooga	Chattanooga, TN
11/12/2005	Elon (Homecoming)	Johnson Hagood Stadium
11/19/2005	VMI	Lexington, VA

To order tickets, call (843) 953-5121 or visit www.citadelsports.com.

Notified fall sports freshmen report August 1

Fall sports participants (including Knobs) report on Monday, August 1. The CFA will participate in a banquet held the Sunday evening for the incoming students and their families.

The following morning, the morning they report, the CFA will host a continental breakfast in the Reception Room of Mark Clark Hall.