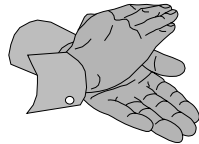


THE NEWSLETTER IS BACK!!

After a few years in limbo, The Citadel Family Association Newsletter is back with a renewed energy and is ready to serve the families of current Citadel cadets. We were founded in 1993 to help the College communicate with parents concerning the College's purposes, activities, and changes. The CFA remains committed to this primary function, but we have expanded our mission to include educating and supporting the needs of Citadel families as well as advocating the needs and priorities of the College.



EXCITED ABOUT GROWING PAINS

The current Executive Officers as well as some existing and new Steering Committee volunteers have recently met with various College administrators to learn what we can do to best aid the College's initiatives and how the College would like us to help. One of our biggest breakthroughs is the relief of our CFA budget fundraising activities to the Office of Institutional Advancement; many of our activities will now be funded through corporate sponsorship. We are also working closely with the Office of Admissions to learn where we as families of current cadets can help with the College's recruitment and retention of prospective and new cadets and their families through family and cadet activities throughout the academic year.

CHANGE-IN-PROGRESS

The CFA is currently in a state of some re-organization. Some of our original standing committees, such as Fundraising and Career Services, are changing to accommodate both our goals and the College's needs. Since we have been relieved of our large-scale fundraising needs, we can focus our efforts on College priorities. These priorities certainly may include aiding the Career Services Office, but we do not want to limit ourselves to a specific activity, nor would limiting ourselves benefit the College. These activities are currently mandated by our CFA Constitution and Bylaws. Thus, we are working toward a revised Constitution and Bylaws to be presented at the Corps Day 2001 Annual Meeting for final approval.



TEN-HUT! ATTENTION TO ORDERS!

Do you personally know of a high school senior or junior who would benefit from The Citadel experience? Perhaps you know of a college transfer student. If you do, please forward that student's name, address, and phone number to the Office of Admissions. As a parent, your referrals can be important in assisting The Citadel locate the special young men and women who will continue to make up the Corps of Cadets!

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A MOTHER'S CONFESSION

My hands were sweaty, my heart beat fast, my stomach was in knots, and I was terrified I would burst into tears at any moment. Does this sound like how you felt on your son's or daughter's matriculation day? Well, that was my whole day and the following week (Hell Week). 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. How nice it would have been at "our" pre-knob time if I could have found a parent of a current cadet and asked questions. How nice it would have been if at the Family Picnic I could have had questions answered. Each and every one of us, as the parent(s) of a Citadel cadet, is part of The Citadel Family Association. The hardworking, active parents that presently compose The Citadel Family Association volunteers are incredibly dedicated yet are unable to meet all needs. We are eagerly looking for parents to take an active participation in this organization created just for them.

Active? No time? I hear ya! However, we only need you FOUR, yes four times a year: Matriculation Day, Parents' Day, Executive/Steering Committee Retreat, and Corps Day. Believe me, the hours are minimal. We need parents to be, for lack of a better word, "buddies" to our knob parents or any parent of a current cadet. Don't you look back and wish that you had someone to answer your questions? Someone to call when you thought of another one?

Our goal is to have one set of parents to represent each company, Alpha through Tango. Won't you help us out? Call Chairperson Dutch and Sallie Lindsay or Vice Chairperson Daniel and Kathy Pascazio to find out how you can help other parents ease the tradition of seeing their high school graduate become one of the proud "Long Gray Line." Don't hesitate! Pick up the phone now—we'd love to hear from you. Maybe you can give comfort to just one parent—what an accomplishment!! How proud and excited I am to be a small part of this organization. Won't you join me?!

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Citadel Family Association Calendar-At-A-Glance



Matriculation Day
Class of 2004
Saturday, August 19, 2000



Parents' Weekend
October 5-7, 2000



Homecoming Weekend
November 3-5, 2000



Executive Committee
Winter Retreat
January 12-13, 2001



Steering Committee
Winter Retreat
February 9-10, 2001



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.

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