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When Johnny goes marching off to war...

Actual interview between a Citadel cadet/Marine Reservist and a mother of a cadet discussing the impending war in the Middle East.

citadel: (Webster dictionary)
A fortress commanding a city; a stronghold.

January 23, 2003. **The Citadel campus** - probably the coldest day in Charleston in quite a long time. Driving onto the campus I see the flannel gray uniforms walking quickly to the different buildings and rushing in to absorb the warmth. Into those tall white buildings is their fortress to protect them from the frigid air but also to prepare them for more challenges much greater than a cold, winter night. I am meeting with a cadet who is on a "holding pattern" and could be called up any minute for this situation brewing with Saddam Hussein. Remember, I am a mother with a son the same age as this cadet. I am trying to be objective but I can't help but conjure up the thought of "what if" this was my son's situation. As always the case with any cadet I have met to date, he is polite and well-mannered, carefully groomed according to The Citadel standards, and ready to answer my questions.

I (Interviewer): How long have you been at The Citadel?

C: *I am currently a Junior*

I: Are you active in the armed forces?

C: *Ma'am I am a Reservist in the Marine Corps.*

I: Why the Marines?

C: **Pride**

I: How long have you been with the Marines?

C: *13 months*

I: What is your position?

C: *I am a field radio operator in a Landing Support unit.*

I: Are you ready for the call?

C: *Well, my unit has trained long and hard to perform these specific duties and we have to be mentally and physically ready and prepared to do what we are assigned to do.*

I: How does that make you feel about knowing that you could receive your orders any day now?

Anxious? Uneasy?

C: *Well I am ready to go. I have an obligation and this is what I agreed to do so right now it's a waiting game. I have to continue working hard in my studies and know when the order is received—I go.*

I: What made you choose this school?

C: *Without trying to sound too much like a cliché, I have to use the infamous word "**structure**". I needed that in my life and I knew that this is where it could all come together for me. I struggled academically my knob year and when I had to sit out a semester, I decided to take advantage of that "wait time" until I could return to school and finished up my training at Parris Island.*

I: When you had to sit out for a semester—did you ever think about not returning to this school?

C: *No ma'am. I knew I had to get back here and finish what I started.*

I: How has your Citadel experience/education prepared you for what you may be facing if you go to war?

C: *The first thing that comes to mind is it prepares you for **mental toughness**. Dealing with the separation of family and friends during knob year when you aren't given the freedom to see them like you had before. So I realize that if called up I could be over there a year or more and I have the self assurance that I can handle that. Starting that first week of matriculation and getting to Recognition Day...Boot camp is physical but Matriculation is mental and I've made it through both.*

I: What's the time frame of receiving orders and actually leaving?

C: *Anywhere between 48-72 hours.*

I: How is your mom handling this right now that you could be called up?

C: *Well for starters, she's always been my greatest supporter and cares about my safety which I know causes her to worry but she understands my **obligation**.*

I: Was your father military?

C: *No but he did graduate from The Citadel.*

I: So he influenced your decision to attend here?

C: *No ma'am. It was my own decision because I really just wanted to stand out and do what many others could not.*

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When Johnny comes marching home (cont.)

I: Are you dating anyone seriously?
 C: Yes ma'am but she's down in Florida.

I: What is your major?
 C: Political science.

I: What are your plans after graduation?
 C: Would like to become a U.S. Marshall.

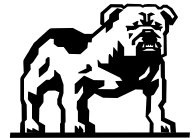
I: If you could sum it up in one word about all that's going on with your situation—what one word rings true that you would like for all parents to understand about the path you have chosen?
 C: One word? *Obligation. Finish the job you started.*

I had just met this young man and probably could have talked for an hour because I wasn't ready to say good-bye. My motherly instinct blurted out "let us know if you go and we'll put you on our cookie list." With those hazel eyes smiling and a wonderful, boyish laugh, he says "Sure! I'll look forward to those packages," and he said good-bye. I was definitely feeling very proud of this young man because even if he doesn't realize it—he gave me one of the most powerful 15 minute sermons that I've needed to hear in a long time:

Pride. Structure. Mental toughness. Obligation.

Finish the job you started.

*Thank you Blake Hagwood, India '04.
 Godspeed!*



IMPORTANT CORPS DAY ANNOUNCEMENTS: *Check The Citadel website for times & locations of all Corps Day events*

• Cadet Talent Show	Thursday, March 13	7:30pm	McAlister Field House
• Citadel Family Association Meeting	Friday, March 14	2pm	Bond Hall 165
• Tennis (v. Appalachian)	Friday, March 14	2-4pm	Earle Tennis Center
• Dress Parade	Friday, March 14	3:45pm	Summerall Field
• Corps Day Hop	Friday, March 14	9pm-12am	McAlister Field House
• Corps Day Review (Parade)	Saturday, March 15	11am	Summerall Field
• Annual Alumni Soccer Game	Saturday, March 15	11am	Stoney Field
• Baseball (doubleheader v. Wofford)	Saturday, March 15	1pm	Riley Park

CFA COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES

Alpha	Brian & Dianne Cahill	2004	803-865-2395
Bravo	Mike & Linda Shute	2004	856-935-9127
Charlie	Frankie & Shirley Cook	2003*	803-791-1860
Delta	Stan & Dianne Townsend	2003*	843-881-6590
Echo	Gene & Leslie Skibitsky	2003*	207-562-7095
F-Troop	Ed & Cindy Piper	2004	910-455-6942
Golf	Jim & Lynda Dunn	2003*	843-795-8889
Hotel	Richard & Linda Conwill	2003*	904-292-0656
India	Ben & Carol Salvatini	2004	843-875-3709
Kilo	Jack & Dorothy Skipper	2003*	803-366-0665
Lima	Bob & Clare Jones	2005	864-288-9405
Mike	Dan & Paula Cannon	2003*	352-694-5449
November	Charles & Ann Lawson	2003*	864-226-1566
Oscar	John & Mary Braeunig	2004	864-250-9032
Romeo	Randy & Elaine Cuthbertson	2005	843-579-0415
Tango	Teresa & Finbar O'Reilly	2005	843-762-3685
Palmetto Battery	Chris Lynn	2004	864-573-8900
Band	Bill & Cydney Kastner	2006	843-766-3526

**Denotes company reps. whose cadet will graduate and a new company representative will be needed. Please plan on attending the March annual meeting during Corps Day to find out just how you can help out The Citadel Family Association.*

By special request: Seeing and enjoying the sites of Charleston



Water—There’s plenty of rivers, waterways, boating activities.
 Restaurants—The numbers are staggering!
 Cultural Events—happening daily
 Sightseeing—Never a dull moment!
 Sporting Events—For every season
 Shopping—Downtown is a must!
 Concerts—Name your venue.
 Churches—Known as the Holy City
 Relaxation—warm, sandy beaches
 Pomp & circumstance—nothing finer than a Friday afternoon Citadel parade

~ FYI ~

March 9th: *Emily Whaley Memorial Garden Tour*—sponsored by The Citadel’s Daniel Library Friends. Features grand historic gardens, superbly designed petit gardens surrounded by lush, low-country flora among 13 historic homes. Cost: \$50 Reservations must be made by March 4. 843-953-7691.
 (www.citadel.edu/library/friends/)

March 11, 13, 15: *Camellia Walks @ Middleton Place*. 843-722-2996
 (www.middletonplace.org)

March 13: *Tours with a Twist “Charleston Garden Style”* sponsored by The Charleston Museum. 843-723-7528
 (www.charlestonmuseum.org)

March 14: Pops Concert Charleston Symphony, North Charleston Performing Arts Center. 843-723-7528
 (www.charlestonsymphony.com)

March 15: Downtown Pops Concert of Charleston Symphony, Gaillard Auditorium. 843-723-7528
 (www.charlestonsymphony.com)

March 17: Saint Patrick’s Day Charleston Celebration. 843-556-3578

April 5: Cooper River Bridge Run. 843-792-1586 (www.bridgerun.com)

April 5-13: Family Circle Cup Women’s Tennis. Featuring Serena Williams, Jennifer Capriati, etc. Daniel Island. 800-677-2293 (www.familycirclecup.com)

May 23-June 8: Spoleto Festival 843-722-2764 (www.spoletousa.org)

May 23-June 8: Piccolo Spoleto Festival 843-724-7305
 (www.piccolospoleto.com/home.php)

Information regarding calendar of events, lodging, transportation: **Charleston.com**

Respite Care during special weekend events at The Citadel for aging loved ones.

Graduation is approaching and this is one of those occasions that grandparents would like to share in all the wonderful memories. However, some of our aging relatives who currently reside in a retirement community or assisted living community need to have a place that can assist them with daily living needs such as nutritious meals, medication management, and secure environment during their visit to The Citadel. If you would like to visit your cadet and

want to bring aging relatives and are interested in receiving information regarding various communities in the Charleston area that can accommodate your loved one(s) with respite care—please contact Marsha Clayman and she will help you with making these arrangements. Daily rates are comparative to hotel rates but respite stays include meals, laundry, housekeeping services, medication management, and are

monitored by trained staff for personal and medical needs. By using respite care, you have the peace of mind to enjoy the sights and activities and know your loved ones are receiving quality care and are able to rest properly without causing you any worry. There are respite accommodations scattered throughout the Charleston area.

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Did you know? Please check *The Citadel website for daily/weekly events.* <http://www.citadel.edu>

There are currently four electronic newsletters available to retrieve a variety of information relating to the college.

PASS IN REVIEW: Monthly, available through subscription, provided by the Public Affairs Office (www.citadel.edu/pao/e_let/index.html).

THROUGH THE DATA PORT: Automatically goes to all members of the alumni association. Non-members cannot subscribe to Data Port but can access monthly issues by going to the CAA website (www.citadel.edu/alumni/).

CGPS: Citadel’s College of Graduate and Professional Studies, information on important dates and events (www.citadel.edu/cgpsweb/index.html).

InFormation: The Citadel’s School of Business, produced by The Citadel Business Network. Available to anyone by subscription (www.mediastormportal.com/citadelnewsletter_business/january2003.htm).

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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 the College initiatives.

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CFA newsletter news, comments, reflections, etc.: Mcclayman@aol.com