

Fourthclass knowledge

Mission. Upperclass cadets train fourthclass cadets to memorize information about the military, leadership principles, and The Citadel in order to provide the fourthclass cadets a foundational base of military knowledge, to introduce them to The Citadel's leadership development model and ideas that support it, and to initiate the fourthclass cadets' connection to The Citadel's traditions, history, and culture.

Intent. Using the "fourthclass knowledge tracking log" in The Guidon, the fourthclass cadet's squad leader certifies that the cadet has achieved and sustained proficiency in reciting the knowledge requirements identified in The Guidon.

Concept of Operations. The knowledge requirements are organized into phases that correspond to various developmental periods during the fourthclass year. At the beginning of each developmental period, squad leaders brief the fourthclass cadets on their knowledge requirements for that period, to include the purpose of each piece of knowledge, practical advice for memorization, and the time line for competition of the task. Fourthclass cadets practice the requirements on their own and demonstrate progress on command of their squad leader at regular intervals. Squad leaders annotate performance in the tracking log. In addition to drilling memorization, squad leaders use the knowledge requirements as segues into deeper discussions of the topics they represent. The Assistant Commandant for Operations and Training also administers on-line tests each semester that include these fourthclass knowledge requirements.

Supporting Products.

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Tracking log