Awards and Recognition
2012-2013

Life Service Award: August 6, 2013
Col Thomas Dion received the South Carolina Society of Professional Land Surveyors Life Service Award. This award is in recognition of lifetime contributions toward the advancement of the profession of Land Surveying.

Engineering Cadets Graduate with Honors: May 3, 2013
The Citadel graduated eighteen cadets in 2013 from the Citadel Honors Program. Five of the eighteen were engineering students. The graduates of the Citadel Honors Program and their families were honored at a luncheon on May 3rd, 2013 at the Regimental Commanders Riverview Room.

From left to right: Col. Charles O. Skipper, USMC (Ret), Jonathan M. Hager (Electrical and Computer Engineering), Athanasios M. Athanason (Electrical and Computer Engineering), Newly Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant Leleia A. Hsia, USAF (Electrical and Computer Engineering), Kyle A. Taylor (Civil and Environmental Engineering), and Everett N. Addis (Civil and Environmental Engineering)

J. Lawton and Emmah S. Ellis Electrical and Computer Engineering Teaching Award
ECE associate professor Dr. Siripong Potisuk was nominated and selected as the 2013 recipient of the J. Lawton and Emmah S. Ellis Award teaching award, in recognition of his exemplary teaching, involvement with student organizations and the community, and his demonstrated breadth of interests outside the engineering field.

The gift supporting this award was made from the trust of Emmah Smith Ellis upon her death in 2008.

Sabbatical Year – Dr. Mark McKinney (ECE)
Starting his 16th year at The Citadel, ECE associate professor Dr. Mark McKinney was awarded a two-semester sabbatical to pursue interest in hardware-in-the-loop power grid simulations as part of the Clemson University wind turbine drive train testing effort.
Civil and Environmental Awards Banquet: April 16, 2013

Col. Thomas Dion received the 2013 Harry Saxe Teaching Award for excellence in engineering education, exemplary teaching, and exceptional service to students. Col. Dion has taught civil engineering at The Citadel for 37 years. The award is presented annually in honor of Dr. Harry C. Saxe who was Louis S. LeTellier Distinguished Visiting Professor and adjunct professor at The Citadel from 1984 to 2005.

Tau Beta Pi Inductees: April 19, 2013

Tau Beta Pi is the only engineering honor society representing the entire engineering profession. It is the nation's second-oldest honor society, founded at Lehigh University in 1885.

From left to right: Dr. Gerald R. Graves -- Eminent Engineer, Cdt. John A. McMillan -- student member, Mr. Jeremy P. Williams -- student member, Mr. Brian J. Stevick -- student member, Mr. Ahmad M. Qteifan -- student member, O/C Sammy J. Amulla -- student member, O/C Michael C. Wissehr -- student member, Mr. William C. Crowley -- student member, Cdt. Michael C. Giffin -- student member.
ASCE Carolinas Conference: April 4-6, 2013

Citadel CE students competed against 10 colleges/universities in NC, SC & GA and won the **2013 Conference Championship**! The 45-member Citadel team participated in 12 academic competitions including concrete canoe, steel bridge, transportation, environmental, Mead Paper, quiz bowl and others. Citadel placed 1st in the Transportation Engineering Competition with team members: OC Michael Wissehr, Capt., Richard Westheimer, Capt., Cody Baird, Kyle Smiley and Mason Ackerman. 2013 marks the 4th time The Citadel has won the Conference Championship, previously winning in 2010, 2007 & 1999.

Student officers serving ASCE this year are as follows:

- President, Michael Singer, Goose Creek, S.C.
- Vice President, Cameron Dyson, Hanahan, S.C.
- Treasurer, Michael Griffin, Hanahan, S.C.
- Secretary, Jakob Ketchum, Ocala, Fla.

Academy of Engineers Banquet: March 28, 2013

Our Academy of Engineers Banquet gives us the opportunity to recognize distinguished engineering leaders by inducting them into our Citadel Academy of Engineers. It also allows us to recognize students and faculty who demonstrate these same characteristics while excelling in the classroom – teachers of the year and student award winners in each department.

**Colonel Louis Shepherd LeTellier Award** is given to a member of the graduating Civil Engineering class having the highest academic average.
- Jan Carlos Morales Gonzalez

**Charles Lindbergh Award** is given for Outstanding achievement in Civil Engineering by an undergraduate evening student.
- Jeremy Patrick Williams

**Colonel Loring K. Himelright Merit Award** (formerly known as the **Colonel Loring K. Himelright Scholarship**) is awarded annually to a civil engineering senior as selected by the faculty.
- Michael Cain Griffin, Jr. and Michael Chadwick Singer
**Peter Gaillard Memorial Award** annually recognizes an outstanding electrical and computer engineering senior on the basis of scholastic attainment, leadership, and participation in extracurricular activities.

- Jonathan M. Hager.

**Charles Thurston Razor Award** annually recognizes an outstanding electrical and computer senior on the basis of scholastic achievement, and ability and willingness to help others.

- William A. Harney.

The Citadel Academy of Engineers honors engineering leaders from both the public and private sectors who have enjoyed substantial success in their professional lives and made significant contributions to their communities. All our inductees have lived a life consistent with The Citadel School of Engineering mission, which is to “educate and develop Principled Engineering Leaders to serve a global community” and with the School’s values that include integrity, diversity, respect for others, professional and intellectual development for all, and excellence through continuous improvement.

Our first class of inductees represents engineering excellence in academics, the military, and business.

Inductees:
- COL Louis S. LeTellier
- MGen Carroll N. LeTellier
- Mr. Eugene C. Figg, Jr.
- COL Bernard M. Gordon
- Dr. Jack C. McCormac
- Dr. Clayton R. Paul

**Engineers Week Banquet: February 19, 2013**

2013 National Engineers Week was commemorated at The Citadel though a variety of events including a banquet held at the Holliday Alumni Center.

Alan Torres, General Manager of Nuclear Construction for SCE&G, was the Banquet Keynote Speaker.

**2012 Col. Loring K. Himelright Scholarship: November 3, 2012**

Cadets Michael Griffin and Chad Singer were recognized as recipients of the 2012 Col. Loring K. Himelright Scholarship awarded annually by Civil Engineering faculty and Himelright Scholarship Board of Directors.
2012 Robert Ridgway Award Presentation: October 18, 2012

Four students, an alumnus, faculty advisor and Dean of Engineering traveled to Montreal, Canada to officially accept the 2012 Robert Ridgway Award recognizing The Citadel as the most outstanding Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers which includes 28,000 student members in 281 chapters across the United States in 11 countries. The Citadel delegation joined over 600 conference participants from around the world and was recognized during the Leadership and Society Awards Presentation Ceremony. ASCE President Andrew W. Herrman, Past-President Kathy J. Caldwell, and Executive Director Patrick J. Natale were on hand to present the award.

2012 Gilbert H. Rowe Transportation Engineering Scholarship

South Carolina Institute of Transportation Engineers selected USN OC Michael W. Wissehr as recipient of the 2012 Gilbert Rowe Scholarship. Michael is a senior in civil engineering and is an activity-duty student who will be commissioned in the US Navy upon graduation. Citadel graduate Jae Mattox was recognized with the SCITE President’s Award.
C.A. Medberry Teaching Award

Dr. William J. Davis is the 2013 award recipient, recognizing a faculty member who makes a significant contribution to the welfare of students and is devoted to excellence in teaching at the freshman level in the areas of Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, Civil Engineering, or Electrical Engineering.

Professor Skipper Honored at The Citadel Foundation’s 5th Annual Leaders in Philanthropy Celebration: September 7, 2012

On September 7, 2012 The Citadel Foundation conducted the 5th Annual Leaders in Philanthropy celebration. The celebration was intended to demonstrate the appreciation of The Citadel Foundation for the growing community of significant donors to The Citadel. Donors were acknowledged with a reception at Mark Clark Hall, Induction Ceremony in Summerall Chapel, recognition at the Friday afternoon Cadet Parade, and a post-parade reception at the Club Level of Johnson Hagood Stadium. The groups of Leaders in Philanthropy inducted were The Society of 1842 ($1M and higher), The Mark Clark Society ($500K to $999K), The Star of the West Society ($250K to $499K) and The Summerall Society ($100K to $249K).

New to the Leaders in Philanthropy celebration this year was the establishment of The Citadel Order of The Tartan. This new category who were inducted consisted of lifetime donors who have contributed for 25 or more consecutive years. Colonel Charles O. Skipper, ’71, United States Marine Corps (Ret.) and PhD, was inducted for having given to The Citadel for 28 consecutive years. Dr. Skipper is currently serving as Director for the School of Engineering Division of Graduate and Professional Studies, and teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in Leadership and Project Management.

He is pictured below (on the left) in front of Grimsley Hall with Dean Welch.
2012 Citadel Awards for Faculty Excellence and Innovation Program

Kevin Bower - Excellence and/or Innovation in Service and Teaching

William Davis - Excellence and/or Innovation in Service and Teaching

In 2011, the commitment of Kevin Bower and William Davis to undergraduate mentoring, advising, and professional development was recognized with the award of a $593,000 National Science Foundation grant for their innovative ExCEL-SC program.

Bower demonstrates an impressive record of service to the college and the discipline. Among his many contributions, he serves as faculty advisor to The Citadel’s chapter of the Society for Women Engineers. At a national level, he serves on the Committee on Scholarships for the American Society of Civil Engineers, and as director of the Environmental Engineering and Science Division of the American Society of Engineering Education.

William Davis has likewise demonstrated a passion for undergraduate education as well as a commitment to service. In addition to his work on the NSF-funded ExCEL-SC program, he is the faculty advisor to the more than 100 members of the campus ASCE chapter. The chapter recently received the Robert Ridgway Award for the most outstanding student chapter. Selected from a field of 281 colleges and universities across the United States and 11 countries, including more than 25,000 engineering students, this award recognized The Citadel as the top ASCE chapter in the nation.

Left to right: Lt. Gen. John W. Rosa, Dr. Jeff Davis and Dr. Kevin Bower