Wearing the South Carolina Militia Uniform and Military Courtesies

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THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITIA

1. Under the provisions of South Carolina law, Section 25-1-520: “all members of the board of visitors, administrative staff and faculty personnel of The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, shall be eligible to be commissioned officer in the Unorganized Militia of South Carolina and the Governor shall issue commissions to those designated by the college according to rank prescribed by that institution.” The statute further states “The same rules and regulations provided for commissioned officer of the National Guard shall be applicable to officer commissioned under this section.” Because the SC Militia is based on the Army uniform, personnel wearing the Army SC Militia uniform must follow the Army regulations.

2. General Order Number 2, dated 1 March 2004, provides that faculty and staff members who are commissioned in the Unorganized Militia of South Carolina will wear the uniform prescribed for officers of the South Carolina National Guard, except that the South Carolina and The Citadel insignia will be worn where appropriate. Accordingly, they must take positive action to ensure the proper wear of the uniform in terms of fit, neatness, and propriety, setting a proper example for each other and the Corps of Cadets.

3. In August 2008 the Army announced that the Green Service Uniform would be phased out replaced by the new Army Service Uniform (ASU), formerly the Dress Blue Uniform, by 2011. The Army Green Service Uniform will no longer be authorized for wear after 1 October 2015. Faculty and staff who are authorized to wear the Army uniform will purchase new uniforms and transition to the new ASU by 1 October 2015.

4. One aspect of the ASU is the use of sleeve braid and shoulder straps indicating military rank and branch specific colors (i.e. light blue for Infantry, scarlet for Artillery, yellow for Cavalry, etc.). This poses a problem for Citadel faculty and staff who do not have previous service in the Army and there for no “basic branch color.” However, there is a historical precedence that Citadel faculty and staff can follow which is rooted in the origins of faculty and staff uniforms of the nineteenth century.

5. Citadel regulations of 1843 prescribed for officers (faculty and staff) a single breasted frock coat of dark blue cloth with shoulder straps of black velvet. A Captain was indicated by three gold embroidered Palmetto trees, a First Lieutenant by two Palmetto trees, and a Second Lieutenant by a plain black shoulder strap. From 1 October to 30 April, the regulation prescribed sky blue trousers with “a black velvet stripe down the outer seam.” From 1 May to 31 September “white linen or cotton trousers without stripe” were prescribed.

6. Although South Carolina no longer uses “Palmetto trees” to indicate rank, black shoulder straps have been and continue to be used by Army Chaplains since 1835. By using black shoulder boards for the faculty and staff uniforms, The Citadel reestablishes a connection to the original regulations governing faculty and staff uniforms and solves the issue of color selection.
INSTITUTE POLICY ON COMMISSIONS

1. Under the provisions of South Carolina law, military ranks in the Unorganized Militia of South Carolina are as follows:

   a. Instructor  First Lieutenant
   b. Assistant Professor  Captain/Major
   c. Associate Professor  Major/Lieutenant Colonel
   d. Professor  Lieutenant Colonel/Colonel
   e. Department Head  Lieutenant Colonel/Colonel

   f. An instructor, upon appointment, shall have the rank of First Lieutenant. He/she shall be eligible for promotion to Major after six years as an Assistant Professor or 11 years of service at The Citadel.

   g. An Assistant Professor, upon appointment, shall have the rank of Captain. He/she shall be eligible for promotion to Major after six years as Assistant Professor or 11 years of service at The Citadel.

   h. An Associate Professor, upon appointment, shall have the rank of Major. He/she shall be eligible for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel after seven years as Associate Professor or 16 years of service at The Citadel.

   g. A Professor, upon appointment, shall have the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He/she shall be eligible for promotion to Colonel after seven years as Professor or 20 years of service at The Citadel.

   h. A Department Head who does not already have a higher rank shall have the rank of Lieutenant Colonel if he/she has less than 10 years of service at The Citadel. A Department Head who has 10 or more years of service at The Citadel shall be eligible for promotion to the rank of Colonel.

2. In accordance with college regulations, an officer of the faculty who is commissioned in the Unorganized Militia of South Carolina will wear the uniform prescribed for officer of the South Carolina National Guard, in accordance with Army Regulation 670-1, except that the South Carolina insignia and The Citadel insignia will be worn where appropriate. Members of the faculty who have earned an equal or higher military rank in any branch or component of the Armed Services than that to which they would otherwise be entitled at The Citadel may wear the uniform and use the title of such component and rank. However, they must be active members of the reserve components of the armed services or retired officers there from or retired from the regular armed services.

3. Promotions in military ranks must be approved by the President of The Citadel. Recommendations for promotions will be submitted annually in May by the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Dean of the College to the President with appropriate consideration given to teaching effectiveness, scholarship, and length of service. Special consideration is given
to high standards of military bearing, appearance, military courtesy, and proper wearing of the uniform.

**PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

1. Purchase of Army Service Uniforms, shirts, ties, belts, shoes, berets, sweaters and coats are the sole responsibility of the individual.


3. All Citadel personnel authorized wear of the Army Green Class A and Class B uniforms will begin wearing the ASU Blue uniform on 1 October 2015.

4. The green Army Garrison Cap is no long authorized for wear and will not be worn with the ASU.

**WEARING THE UNIFORM**

1. Uniforms are classified as Army Service Uniform (ASU) commonly known as Dress Blues, Class A Uniform and Class B Uniform. The uniform regulations can be found at The Citadel Human Resources Office and Army Regulation 670-1. Generally, the Class B uniform is worn during normal daily functions and is the standard duty uniform. It is considered casual attire. The Class A uniform is normally worn during more formal events during the day and can be worn on all occasions unless Dress uniform is specifically required.

2. The civilian equivalent to the Class A uniform would be Business Suit. Dress Uniforms (Class A or Mess Dress) are worn during formal evening events as well as an occasional formal event during the day. Dress uniforms are considered formal attire, the equivalent to a tuxedo.

**APPEARANCE**

1. All uniformed personnel will maintain a high standard of dress and appearance. Uniforms will be properly fitted (trousers, pants, or skirts should not fit tightly), clean, serviceable, and pressed/laundered as necessary. Personnel must project a military image that leaves no doubt that they live by a common military standard and are responsive to military order and discipline.

2. Personnel will ensure that when articles are carried in pockets; i.e., wallets, checkbooks, combs, and keys, these articles do not protrude from the pocket or present a bulky appearance. Items such as keys and key chains will not be attached to belt loops or belts unless required for duties being performed.

3. While in uniform, personnel will not place their hands in their pockets except momentarily to place or retrieve objects. Uniforms will be kept buttoned, zipped, and snapped. Metallic devices such as metal insignia, belt buckles, and belt tips will be kept in proper luster and will be free of
scratches and corrosion. Medals and ribbons will be clean and not frayed; and shoes and boots will be cleaned and shined.

4. When female personnel wear uniforms with the tuck-in version of the shirt, they will tuck the shirt into the slacks or skirt with a “military tuck.” A “military tuck” is achieved by pulling out all excess material to the sides folding it back and then fastening the pants around the excess with the belt at the natural waist.

5. When tucked into the slacks, the shirt edge is aligned with the front fly opening, so the outside edge of the belt buckle forms a straight “gig line.” See Figure A.

![Female Gig Line](image1.png) ![Male Gig Line](image2.png)

**Figure A**

Fit

The following is a summary of general fitting guidelines:

1. **Black all weather coat:**
   a. Men. The length of the sleeve will be 1/2 inch longer than the service coat. The bottom of the black all weather coat will reach to a point 1 and 1/2 inches below the midpoint of the knee.

   b. Women. The length of the sleeves will be 1/2 inch longer than the service coat. The bottom of the coat will reach a point 1 inch below the skirt hem but not less than 1 and 1/2 inches below the crease in the back of the knee.

2. **Uniform coats and jackets (men and women):**

   The sleeve length will be 1 inch below the bottom of the wrist bone.

3. **Trousers and slacks:**
a. Trousers are to be fitted and worn with the lower edge of the waistband at the top of the hipbone, plus or minus 1/2 inch. The front crease of the trousers will reach the top of the instep and be cut on a diagonal line to reach a point approximately midway between the top of the heel and the top of the standard shoe in the back. The trousers may have a slight break in the front.

b. Slacks will be fitted and worn so that the center of the waistband is at the natural waistline. The front crease of the slacks will reach the top of the instep and be cut on a diagonal line to reach a point approximately midway between the top of the heel and the top of the standard shoe in the back. The slacks may have a slight break in the front.

4. Knee-length skirts:

Skirt lengths will not be more than 1 inch above or 2 inches below the crease in the back of the knee.

5. Long sleeve shirts:

a. The sleeve length will extend to the center of the wrist bone. At no time will the long sleeve shirt have the cuffs rolled or unbuttoned.

b. When wearing the long sleeve shirt males must wear the black tie tied in either a half or full Windsor knot. Females must wear the black collar tab.

Hair

1. General:

There are many hairstyles that are acceptable when wearing the uniform. So long as the hair is kept in a neat, clean manner, the acceptability of the style will be judged solely by the criteria described below. Extreme or fad style haircuts or hairstyles are not authorized. If dyes, tints, or bleaches are used, colors used must be natural to human hair and not present an extreme appearance. Lines or designs will not be cut into the hair or scalp. Styles of hair and texture differ among the different ethnic groups and these differences affect the length and bulk of hair as well as the style worn by each individual officer. In all cases, the bulk or length of hair will not interfere with normal wear of headgear, if it does the individual needs a haircut. Haircuts, without reference to style, will conform to the following standards.

2. Men:

a. The hair on top of the head will be neatly groomed. The length and bulk of the hair will not be excessive or present a ragged, unkempt, or extreme appearance. Hair will present a tapered appearance and when combed will not fall over the ears or eyebrows or touch the collar except for the closely cut hair at the back of the neck. The block cut fullness in the back is permitted in moderate degree as long as the tapered look is
maintained. In all cases, the bulk or length of hair should not interfere with the normal wear of headgear.

b. Sideburns will be neatly trimmed. The base will not be flared and will be a clean-shaven, horizontal line. Sideburns will not extend below the lowest part of the exterior ear opening.

c. The face will be clean-shaven, although mustaches are permitted. If a mustache is worn, it will be kept neatly trimmed, tapered, and tidy and will not present a chopped-off appearance. No portion of the mustache will cover the upper lip line or extend sideways beyond a vertical line drawn upward from the corner of the mouth.

3. Women:

a. Hair will be neatly groomed. The length and bulk of the hair will not be excessive or present a ragged, unkempt, or extreme appearance. Hair will not fall over the eyebrows or extend below the bottom edge of the collar. Hairstyles will not interfere with proper wearing of military headgear. Long hair that falls naturally below the bottom edge of the collar will be neatly and inconspicuously fastened or pinned, so no free-hanging hair (i.e. ponytail, pigtail, braid that is not secured to the head) is visible.

b. Hair holding ornaments (such as barrettes, pins, clips, bands), if used, must be unadorned and plain, transparent or similar in color to the hair, and will be inconspicuously placed. Devises that are conspicuous, excessive or decorative are prohibited (i.e. beads, bows, claw clips, etc.)

**Wearing of Jewelry**

1. The wearing of a wrist watch, and no more than two rings (wedding set is considered one ring) is authorized with militia uniforms unless prohibited for safety or health reasons, the style need be conservative and in good taste.

2. No jewelry, watch chains, or similar items, to include pens and pencils, will appear exposed on uniforms. Authorized exceptions are a conservative tie tack or tie clasp, which may be worn with the black four-in-hand necktie.

3. Women are authorized optional wear of clip-on or post-type earrings with the uniforms. Earrings will not exceed 6mm or 1/4 inch in diameter. They will be of gold, silver, white pearl, or diamond; unadorned and spherical. When worn, earrings will fit snugly against the ear and will be worn as a matched pair with only one earring per ear lobe. Men are not authorized to wear any type of earring when in uniform.

4. Fad devices, vogue medallions, personal talismans, or amulets are not authorized for wear in uniform or on duty.
DRESS UNIFORM

1. Dress Blue ASU: The Dress Blue ASU includes the Army blue coat and trousers, a long-sleeved white shirt and black bow tie for males and blue coat, skirt, and a long-sleeved white shirt with black neck tab for females. The black beret and service cap are authorized for wear with this uniform. When the Dress Blue ASU is worn for evening social occasions (after retreat) commanders can direct no headgear required.  ALARACT 202/2008

2. The last date for wear of the Army Green Dress uniform, Class A and Class B, is 30 September 2015. After that date these uniforms will no longer be authorized for wear at The Citadel.

CLASS A UNIFORM

1. Consists of pictured items plus (Figure B): black shoes (military issue or an equivalent military style), trousers or skirt, long or short-sleeve shirt with tie/tab, coat and the service cap or beret. Note: a bow tie will be worn for Dress uniform.

Men’s Class A:

Figure B  Male
Women’s Class A:

**Figure B Female**

**US Army Class A Uniform (Blues)**

More formal than class-B; wear of jacket. E-5 and above have gold ‘piping’ on trousers. Beret is worn for non-formal events and garrison caps are worn for formal events.

**Figure C**
CLASS B UNIFORMS

1. Consists of pictured items (Figure D) plus: black shoes (military issue or an equivalent military style), trousers or skirt, long or short-sleeve shirt, and service cap or beret. A tie or tab must be worn with the long-sleeve shirt if the shirt is worn without a sweater. For guidance on wearing the tie/tab see Figure D. Additionally, the black pullover sweater, cardigan sweater and black duty jacket may be worn with the Class B uniform.

2. When personnel wear these uniforms with the tuck-in version of the shirt, they will tuck the shirt into the slacks or skirt with a “military tuck.” When tucked into the slacks, the shirt edge is aligned with the front fly opening, so the outside edge of the belt buckle forms a straight “gig line.” See Figure A.

Class B Uniforms (Men)

Figure D Male
Class B Uniforms (Women)

Figure D Female
SWEATERS

1. Cardigan. The black unisex cardigan is authorized for wear by all personnel with the Class B uniform. You may wear the cardigan indoors or outdoors. When worn indoors you may wear it buttoned or unbuttoned; when outdoors you must have all five buttons buttoned. Shoulder epaulets are to be worn on the shoulders, but no nametag or SC pin is worn on the cardigan.

2. Pullover. The black pullover sweater is authorized with the Class B uniform. You may cuff the sleeves of the pullover, but they may not be rolled or pushed up. Shoulder epaulets are to be worn on the shoulders and the nametag, and SC pin worn on the patch, as pictured.

3. Ties with sweaters. Personnel have the option of wearing a tie when they wear the short or long-sleeved shirts with the pullover or cardigan sweaters. If wearing a tie with the pullover or cardigan sweaters, personnel will wear the collar of the shirt inside the sweater. If no tie is worn with the pullover sweater, the collar is worn outside. If no tie is worn with the cardigan sweater, personnel may wear the collar inside or outside the sweater. At no time are the sleeves of the sweater to be pushed or rolled up.

COATS

1. Duty Jacket. The Duty Jacket may be worn with the Class B uniform with or without the liner. The zipper of the Duty Jacket should be zipped to at least the second button down from the top of the shirt. Grade insignia pins, not the cloth shoulder boards, are worn on the shoulders, however, no name tag or SC pin are to be worn.
2. All-Weather Coat. The All-Weather Coat is to be worn buttoned, except for the neck closure, which may be worn open or closed. Men and women’s coats are buttoned and belted from opposite directions. The black scarf is authorized for wear with the all-weather coat. The coat may be worn with Class B, Class A or Dress Blues. Pin-on grade insignia is worn on the shoulders of this coat.
US Army Class B Uniform (‘blues’)

Less formal; no jacket; beret only.

NOTE: All officers wear the light blue trousers with appropriate gold piping while in Class B uniform.
1. Consists of pictured items plus: black shoes (military issue or an equivalent military style), slacks or skirt, white shirt (non-button-down), tie/tab, coat and service cap. The service cap is not required for events starting after 6 pm.

**ALL OFFICERS**
Place the U.S. insignia 5/8 inch above the notch on both collars, with the centerline of the insignia horizontal to the right edge of the lapel.

**ALL SOLDIERS**
Shoulder straps for officers - Male: The shoulder straps are 1 1/8 inches wide and 1 1/4 inches long. Females: The shoulder straps are 1 1/4 inches wide and 3/4 inch long. On each shoulder strap a 3/4 inch golden buckle is sewn, snapped, or glued to the center of the blue Army Service Uniform, centered lengthwise on the outside shoulder seam.

**ALL OFFICERS**
Center breast insignia on both lapels - 1 1/4 inches below the U.S. Insignia, with the centerline of the insignia horizontal to the left edge of the lapel.

**MALE OFFICERS**
Coat above ornamentation for officers - Ornamental braid is worn on both sleeves of the ASU coat. Gold braid, synthetic metallic gold, or gold-colored vinyl or equivalent material is worn on the ASU coat. For all officers, each sleeve has a 1/4-inch gold braid consisting of two, 1/4-inch gold braids placed 1/4 inch apart on each sleeve, at the first armed color of their basic branch.

**ALL OFFICERS**
Center the regional insignia 1/2 inch above the nameplate or tab, centered lengthwise on the outside shoulder seam.

**ALL SOLDIERS**
When combat and special skill badges are worn, center them 1/4 inch above the insignia. When more than one badge is worn above the insignia, badges will be stacked 1/2 inch apart and may be aligned to the left to present a better appearance.

**ALL NAVALS**
Full size medals - medals shall be worn full-size on the left side of the chest to并在 the breast pocket, as many rows as necessary. Full-size medals shall not overlap within a row.

Center ribbons 1/4 inch above the top of the pocket flap. Full-size and subdued ribbons may be aligned to the left to present a better appearance.

**ALL SOLDIERS**
Black Oxford shoes are authorized for wear.

**ALL FEMALE OFFICERS**
Coat sleeve ornamentation for officers - Ornamental braid is worn on both sleeves of the ASU coat. Gold braid, synthetic metallic gold, or gold-colored vinyl or equivalent material is worn on the ASU coat. For all officers, each sleeve has a 1/4-inch gold braid consisting of two, 1/4-inch gold braids placed 1/4 inch apart on each sleeve, at the first armed color of their basic branch.

**ALL FEMALEs**
The skirt length will not be more than 1 inch above or 2 inches below the crease of the back of the line.

**ALL FEMALEs**
Black service pumps may be worn. The pumps shall be plain, with closed toe and heel. The heel will be between 1/2 and 3/4 inches high.

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**Bowtie worn with men’s blue uniform after 6 p.m.**

**Figure E (Male)**

**Tab worn on female blue uniform**

**Figure E (Female)**

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**HEADGEAR**
1. Individuals wearing the U.S. Marine, Navy or Air Force uniforms will wear the designated headgear of their respective service branch. The Army Beret and the Service Cap are the only authorized headgear when in Class A or B uniform. The Army Garrison Cap is no longer authorized for wear on The Citadel.

2. Headgear is part of the uniform and is worn with the uniform except as follows:
   a. Need not be worn in private vehicles or commercial conveyances (i.e. trains, taxis, buses, etc.)
   b. Will not be worn indoors unless under arms in an official capacity or unless directed by the commander
   c. Individuals not required to wear headgear with the Army blue or white dress uniforms to an evening social event.

3. When headgear is not worn, personnel will carry their headgear. Personnel will not attach headgear to the uniform, hang it from their belt, or put it in a uniform pocket.

4. Service Cap. The Service Cap is worn centered on the forehead with the lower portion of the brim two fingers width from the top of the nose.

5. Beret. When properly worn, the beret headband is one inch above eyebrows and straight across the forehead. The flash is centered over left eye and excess material is pulled down to the right side touching, but not exceeding middle of the ear. A dip is formed behind stiffener, and a fold is formed to the right front, to the right of the flash. The Army Garrison cap is no longer authorized for wear with either the green Class A or B Uniforms.
Figure F
SHOES

1. Men. **Oxford, black.** Worn with the Class A, Class B or Dress Blue Uniform. The shoe is dress tie-oxford style, with at least three eyelets, and a closed toe and heel. The shoe is plain with no designs in the shoe material. These shoes are made of leather, poromeric or patent leather.

2. Women.
   a. **Oxford, black.** Worn when trousers are worn with the Class A, or Class B uniform. The shoe is dress tie-oxford style, with at least three eyelets, and a closed toe and heel. The shoe is plain with no designs in the shoe material. These shoes are made of leather, poromeric or patent leather.
   b. **Pumps, black.** Worn when skirt or trousers are worn with the Class A or Class B uniform, also worn with the Dress Blue Uniform. The pumps are of a commercial design in fine grain leather, poromeric, or patent leather. Suede pumps are not authorized. The pumps are untrimmed, with closed toe and heel. The heel must be at least 1/2 inch, but no more than 3 inches. The sole thickness will not exceed 1/2 inch.

   a. Socks, black, cushion sole.
      (1) Description. The socks are black nylon and wool blend, stretch type, calf-length with a cushion sole.
      (2) How worn. The black, cushion sole socks are worn by all personnel when wearing combat or organizationally issued boots. They can also be worn as a two-sock system with the standard liner sock (also called the black dress sock) for additional foot protection.
   b. Socks, dress black, and sock, boot liner.
      (1) Description. The socks are made from an approved specification or commercial design. They are calf-length, black polyester and nylon.
      (2) How worn. Black socks are worn with black oxford shoes.
   c. Stockings, sheer.
      (1) Description. The stockings are sheer or semi-sheer, without seams, and of tones complementary to the wearer’s skin tone and to the uniform. No patterned or pastel stockings are authorized while in uniform.
      (2) How worn. The stockings are worn with the service, dress, and mess uniforms. As an option when wearing slacks, females may wear black socks with the black oxford shoe or the
optional ankle boots. The socks must be calf length, plain, black cotton, or cotton and or cotton and nylon (see para a above).

**INSIGNIA**

1. **Rank** (mandatory). Rank insignia will be worn as illustrated in this section. Insignia are to be separate and pinned on the epaulets for duty jacket and overcoat. They are slid on the shoulder flap for the Class B shirt, and pull-over sweater. Rank worn on the beret should be centered on the patch. The rank of Colonel should have the eagle facing toward the right shoulder. See Figure H.

2. **SC** (mandatory).

   a. On the Class B shirt:

      (1) **Men**: The “SC” will be worn on the left pocket flap of the shirt, is to be centered between the top of the button and the top of the pocket flap for men.

      (2) **Women**: The “SC” will be worn on the left side of the shirt parallel to the nametag.

   b. On the Class A and Blues jacket:

      (1) **Men**: The “SC” will be worn 5/8 inch above the notch on both collars with the centerline of the insignia bisecting the notch, and parallel to the inside edge of the lapel.

      (2) **Women**: The “SC” will be centered on both collars, approximately 5/8 inch up from the collar and lapel seam with the center line of the insignia parallel to the inside edge of the lapel.

   c. Pull-over sweater. **Men and Women** wear the “SC” in the upper left quadrant of the black patch approximately 1/4 inch above the nameplate.

   d. **Nameplates** *(mandatory)*

      (1) **Men**: Regulation nameplate is centered between the top of the button and the top of the flap of the right breast pocket of the Class A or Blues jacket and on the Class B shirt.

      (2) **Women**: Regulation nameplate is worn 1 or 2 inches above the top button of the Class A & Blues jacket and centered horizontally on the wearer’s right side. On the Class B shirt it is worn in a comparable position.

      (3) Pull-over sweater: Nameplate is centered 1/4 inch above the bottom of the black patch. (See illustration on page 16.)
e. **Branch Insignia** (*mandatory*).

(1) The Chaplains Corps is the traditional and appropriate branch for The Citadel faculty in the South Carolina Militia (Army component). If a faculty or staff member has prior service experience or some other reason to be commissioned in another branch, or service, request should be made in writing to the Superintendent.

(2) On the Class A Uniform & Blues Jacket. Men and Women (new jacket): The branch insignia is centered on both lapels 1 1/4 inches below the SC insignia. The insignia is positioned so that the centerline of the insignia bisects the centerline of the SC insignia and parallel to the inside edge of the lapel (see Figure G).
BRANCH LAPEL INSIGNIA

- Infantry
- Field Artillery
- Air Defense Artillery
- Armor

- Corps of Engineers
- Ordnance Corps
- Aviation
- Chemical Corps

- Signal Corps
- Adjutant General Corps
- Judge Advocate General Corps
- Chaplain (Buddhist)

- Chaplain (Christian)
- Chaplain (Jewish)
- Chaplain (Muslim)
- Military Police Corps

- Military Intelligence
- Transportation Corps
- Quartermaster Corps
- Finance Corps

- Medical Corps
- Dental Corps
- Army Nurse Corps
- Veterinary Corps

- Medical Service Corps
- Army Medical Specialist Corps
- Special Forces
- Warrant Officers
BRANCH LAPEL INSIGNIA

Placement of SC branch Insignia (male)

1. Position the guide with the “X” exactly over the notch in the collar/lapel.
2. Keeping the “X” on the notch, rotate the guide until the lines are parallel with the inside edge of the collar.
3. Position the SC touching the top of the guide, centered over the vertical line.
4. Position the branch insignia touching the bottom of the guide, centered under the same vertical line.

Placement of US or SC branch Insignia (female)

1. Position the SC so that it touches the guide as shown.
2. Keeping the “X” (on the center line of the guide), on the seam of the collar/lapel, position the US or SC in the middle of the collar.
3. This line is parallel to the inside edge of the collar.
4. Position the branch insignia touching the bottom of the guide, centered on the vertical line above it.

**EPAULETS AND SHOULDER FLAP**

*Epaulets*

*Shoulder Flap – Army Service Uniform*
f. Ribbons (optional). Ribbons, medals, or patches representing awards received during federal military service may be worn as appropriate. Citadel ribbons may also be worn; if worn with federal awards, they will be worn last in precedence. Only authorized foreign patches and emblems will be worn on the uniform.

UNIFORM ACCESSORIES

1. **Beepers and Cell Phones.** Electronic devices such as beepers and cell phones may be worn on the belt, belt loops or waistband of the uniform. They must be discrete in size and color and must not detract from the appearance of the uniform.

2. **Eyeglasses, Sunglasses and Contact Lenses.** Conservative prescription eyeglasses are authorized with all uniforms.
   a. Conservative prescription and non-prescription sunglasses are authorized for outdoor use.
   b. Eyeglasses or sunglasses that are trendy, have lenses or frames with initials, designs, extreme or trendy colors or other adornments are not authorized for wear.
   b. Personnel will not attach chains, bands, or ribbons to eyeglasses. Personnel will not hang eyeglasses or eyeglass cases on the uniform, and may not let glasses hang from eyeglass restraints down the front of the uniform.
   c. Sunglasses lens colors must be traditional gray, brown, or dark green shades.
   d. Restrictions on contact lenses. Clear, tinted and colored contact lenses are acceptable as long as they don’t distract from the uniform. Contacts with designs or colors not considered “normal” human eye color are not acceptable.
3. **Gloves.** Gloves are to be black and unadorned in a five-finger design in a slip-on style. They may be worn outside with the Duty Jacket, Class A uniform or All-Weather Coat.

4. **Handbags.** Women may carry a black handbag while in uniform. The handbag is to be untrimmed, black leather, polyurethane, vinyl or fabric, of a commercial design. If the handbag has a shoulder strap, it may be carried in the hand or over one shoulder. The handbag may not be worn in such a manner that the strap is draped diagonally across the body.

5. **Scarves.** Authorized scarves are black, made of wool, silk, or rayon, of a commercial design, approximately 12x52 inches. The scarf may be worn with the All-Weather Coat or the Duty Jacket. The scarf is worn folded in half lengthwise, with the lengths crossed left over right at the neck, and the ends of the scarf tucked neatly into the neckline of the outer garment.

6. **Umbrella.** The use of an umbrella is governed by individual military branches.

   a. **Army:** Women in uniform may carry and use an umbrella, only during inclement weather. The umbrella must be black, plain, with no logos or designs, and of a commercial design. Men in Army uniform may not use umbrellas.

   b. **Marines:** Neither men nor women may use an umbrella in uniform.

   c. **Navy and Air Force:** Men and women may use umbrellas in uniform. The umbrella must be black, plain, with no logos or designs, and of a commercial design.

**MILITARY COURTESIES**

1. **General:**

   a. Because the SC Militia is based on the Army uniform, personnel wearing the Army SC Militia uniform must follow the Army regulations.

   b. Courtesy is the expression of consideration for others. The military has left little to chance and thus has distinctive and concise expressions of military courtesy. To give merely a perfunctory or grudging display, or worse yet a slovenly display, even if the motions are technically correct is, in fact, discourteous.

   One must remember that the courtesy that marks military ceremonies has a profound meaning. A salute to the flag is not an upper body exercise or just another annoying rule to follow; it is a declaration of loyalty to these United States and to the principles of liberty and justice on which the Nation was founded. When a uniformed person presents arms at retreat or salutes a senior, it is recognition of the organized authority of the Nation, as represented by the military services, which are charged with its protection.

   Since antiquity, military persons have rendered some form of salute as an exchange of greeting. Although the origins of saluting have been lost, it was in common practice as early as
the Age of Chivalry. During that period, the knights were mounted and wore steel armor and mail which completely covered their body. When two friendly knights met, it was the custom for each to raise his visor and expose his face to the other. This was always done with the right hand. It was a significant gesture as it exposed the features and also removed the right hand— the sword hand—from the vicinity of the weapon.

Later, during the Middle Ages, men of means often wore heavy capes under which swords were carried. Upon meeting a friend, the cloak was thrown back by raising the right hand, thus disclosing that the right hand was not on the sword hilt. These gestures came to be recognized as proper greeting among soldiers, and were continued even as swords and mail became a thing of the past. The military salute is today, as it has been for ages, a unique exchange of greeting between uniformed men and women.

To execute the hand salute correctly, raise the right hand smartly until the tip of the forefinger touches the lower part of the headdress or forehead above and slightly to the right of the right eye, thumb and fingers extended and joined, palm to the left, upper arm horizontal, forearm inclined at 45 degrees, hand and wrist straight; at the same time turn the head toward the person saluted. To complete the salute, drop the arm to its normal position by the side in one motion, at the same time turning the head and eyes to the front.

The junior member executes the first movement, holds the position until it is returned by the senior, and then executes the second movement. Accompanying the hand salute with an appropriate greeting, such as “Good Morning, Sir/Ma’am,” is encouraged.

2. General Saluting Rules:

a. Persons entitled to the salute are:

   (1) Commissioned Officers and Warrant Officers of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard.

   (2) Officers of the South Carolina Unregulated Militia at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina.

   (3) Officers of friendly foreign nations.

   (4) Medal of Honor Holders regardless of grade or rank.

b. There is often a certain amount of confusion determining at what distance from a superior that a junior person should render a salute. Saluting distance is that distance at which a person entitled to the salute is recognized. Usually it does not exceed 30 steps. The salute is rendered when the person to be saluted is 6 steps distant, or at the nearest point of approach if it appears that this distance will be greater than 6 steps. Then hold the salute until the person being saluted has either passed by or returned the salute.
c. A salute is returned by all entitled officers unless they are in formation. The salute is rendered at a halt or walk. If running for exercise, continue running and render a proper greeting, i.e., “Good afternoon, Sir/Ma’am”. It is inappropriate for an officer or a disciplined subordinate to attempt to avoid rendering a salute. It is a matter of personal pride and a sign of professionalism and organizational pride to properly recognize and greet another with a good salute.

d. Occasionally you will encounter many cadets outside during class period changes, all rendering you a salute. You may not be able to return a personal salute to each, as you would wish. Remember they are serious and are being respectful—do not avoid them. Return their salutes by holding your salute as you walk pass them, looking them in the eye in and when appropriate offer a “good day,” “good morning,” or “good afternoon.” They will understand you are pressed and trying to react in accordance with tradition—be proud, not intimidated, and they will respect you for it.

e. Always stop driving or when walking, come to the position of attention and salute the flag when raised in the morning, lowered in the evening, or when the national anthem is played during a parade or a guard mount.

f. Never salute with something in your right hand—switch the item to your left and render the proper salute.

g. Never talk on a cell phone while saluting.

h. If the exchange of salutes is otherwise appropriate, it is customary for military members and SC militia in civilian clothing to exchange salutes upon recognition.

i. Do not salute when:

(1) Engaged in work if the salute would interfere.

(2) Indoors, except when reporting to a senior officer.

(3) Carrying articles with both hands and hands being so occupied as to make saluting impractical. At The Citadel, it is customary to halt, come to attention, and offer a verbal greeting if a hand salute cannot be executed.

(4) When saluting is obviously inappropriate.

j. Walking with an officer of higher rank. When walking with an officer who outranks you, you should walk with that officer on your right (the position of honor).

k. Reporting. Occasionally you may direct a cadet to report to you in your office for some reason, or the cadet may wish to come by and speak with you for some reason. It is customary for the cadet in this case to knock on your door, wait for you to invite him/her in, move to a point in front of your desk and report while rendering the hand salute, stating his/her name and
purpose. The cadet will hold the salute until you return the salute. At which time the cadet will wait for your lead, you can give instructions (“Cadet Jones, please stand at ease”… or” please have a seat.” “Cadet Jones, I am happy you stopped by but I am involved in this hot project, could you give me some time to finish up and return in thirty minutes?”).

**WHEN IN UNIFORM**

- Do not eat, drink, or smoke while outside.
- Do not put hands in pockets in public except to place or retrieve an item.
- Always wear headgear when outside.
- When inside do not hang your headgear from your uniform shoulder flap, belt or pocket — carry it in your hand.
- Wear only authorized shoes and socks, with shoes polished to a high gloss.
- Wear only authorized belts and belt buckles.
- Do not mix civilian clothing with the uniform. (Ex. Civilian sweater over a uniform.)

**SALUTES IN UNIFORMS**
*Veterans, active-duty, and reserve military not in uniform may render the military-style hand salute during the playing of the nation anthem.

3. Standing at Attention. Standing with head up, eyes to the front, shoulders back, stomach in, hands with thumbs along the seams of trousers, fingers curled, and feet with heels together, toes pointed out at a 45-degree angle. This is not a ridged position, but one that is naturally assumed, alert to all activities around, while prepared for instructions or ready to take action as appropriate. This position is maintained until ordered to change or the senior officer present gives leave by his/her actions to resume a relaxed posture.

4. Official Functions. Frequently an organization may need to gather for functions such as: promotions, retirements, etc. In this case the invited group will gather and socialize enjoying each other’s company until the official portion of the event begins. At the signal for the start of the official part of the event all should direct their attention to the speaker and take their lead from him/her. If the event is a promotion, award presentation, etc. a member of the staff will be asked to read the orders or certificate describing the reason for the event often preceding the reading by stating “Attention to Orders.” When so directed all present uniformed members of the faculty/staff should come to the position of attention and direct their attention to the
presentation being made. At the conclusion of the presentation and remarks all will be invited to return to enjoying the gathering.

The Citadel Parades

Military Parades are scripted events with a purpose. They follow the same traditional sequence of events as practiced by the Continental Army during our revolution. Our Citadel cadets take pride in their appearance and drill proficiency while on Parade. They look forward to performing for a crowd on the Parade Ground at The Citadel and are disappointed when there is no one present. Members of the faculty and staff at The Citadel are just as much on parade as the Corps of Cadets during these events. Our Cadets look for faculty and staff members at Parades. Our presence indicates support and recognizes their efforts. They see us in uniform and believe we are evaluating the quality of their performance. When their parents and or dates are present the cadets appreciate our being there to greet and talk informally with their special visitors. Bringing our family and visitors to The Citadel Parades also reaffirms our support of the Cadets and our pride on being part of The Citadel community. The more parades the faculty and staff attend the more we understand what is happening at these events and the better we are able to discuss the experience with our Cadets and explain the activities during the event to visitors. During parades you will be required to stand at attention when the Cadets are at attention, the difference is you can move around and talk when necessary to explain what is happening to those around you– you are an expert. You will have to render salutes when the colors are honored, the color guard may be brought forward and the national anthem played. The Post flags may be lowered at retreat during which all in uniform will salute, etc., many of your military skills and much of your military education will be learned by spending time with Cadets while they are on the Parade ground at The Citadel. It is a great learning experience that will stand all in good stead.
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When the music is played, the colors are revealed to the color of the respective ray.

When the music is not played, the colors are not revealed to the color of the respective ray.

The reveal of colors is a part of the collective experience of the audience, where each color is associated with a specific emotion or action, leading to a unified understanding of the message conveyed through the music.
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### Service Uniforms

- **Men**:
  - Service Dress: White
t  - Dinner Dress: White
  - Special Dress: White

- **Women**:
  - Formal: White
  - Casual: Blue
  - Special Dress: Blue

### Ceremonial Uniforms

- **Men**:
  - Service Uniforms: White
  - Dinner Uniforms: White
  - Formal Uniforms: White

- **Women**:
  - Service Uniforms: White
  - Dinner Uniforms: White
  - Formal Uniforms: White