

THE CITADEL
The Military College of South Carolina
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MEMORANDUM
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POLITICAL ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS

1. PURPOSE

The Citadel enthusiastically supports the American political process but remains apolitical and does not endorse any party or candidate. Political figures, including candidates for office, who are invited to campus by a Citadel faculty or staff member, student, or club, may speak under certain narrow procedures. Alternatively, political figures, including candidates, may rent facilities or property and speak under much broader guidelines. The purpose of this Memorandum is to announce The Citadel's policy for participation in the political process under each scenario.

2. REFERENCE

S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-765 (Law Co-op. 1976)

3. DEFINITIONS

- A. Citadel Facilities or Property: Premises owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by The Citadel including, for example, The Citadel Beach House, Summerall Field.
- B. Standard of Service: The basic support for physical space, accommodations, infrastructure and services provided by The Citadel for political activities that take place in Citadel facilities.

4. POLICY

- A. Citadel faculty, staff and students are encouraged to participate in politics as individual citizens, but are enjoined from any actions which may be interpreted as representing a Citadel political point of view or commit The Citadel to actions which appear to favor a political candidate or party. Cadets participating in an off-campus political event, rally, polling at elections or providing support to candidates are required to be on Special Orders and approved to wear civilian clothes-this requirement includes attendance/participation while on Leave. Faculty and staff participating off campus will not wear the uniform.
- B. Individual faculty members, staff members and students may invite political figures and candidates for office to campus. However, faculty, staff, students, and student groups may not invite political figures and

candidates to campus without coordination with and approval from the Institutional Planning Council (IPC). The Citadel will only provide the following standard of service to such candidates or speakers.

1. Meeting space,
 2. 'Green' room (pre & post event),
 3. Standard seating,
 4. Podium,
 5. Audio / Video capability,
 6. 1 table for display / distribution of speaker's material, and
 7. Parking:
 - a. 1 reserved space for the speaker and
 - b. 3 reserved spaces for a speaker with authorized security.
- C. Solicitation is not permitted at events or speeches made at the invitation of a Citadel faculty, staff, student or club. Outside guests are permitted as space permits and by Club invitation only.
- D. The Citadel may rent facilities or property to political candidates or speakers on the candidate's or speaker's request. Citadel facilities or property will only be made available to political candidates on such a request after coordination with the Institutional Planning Council (IPC). The use of facilities or property does not reflect support of The Citadel. Facilities or property will only be made available after payment of fees by the candidate and coordination of services with the appropriate Citadel authority, pursuant to [Memorandum No. 2-4, Use of Citadel Facilities](#).

5. COMPLIANCE

Failure to comply with this Memorandum may result in criminal prosecution, revocation of the privilege of the use of Citadel facilities or property, and/or disciplinary action.

6. NOTES

A. Dates of Official Enactment and Amendments:

Approved by Vice President for Communications and Marketing on 25 September 2015.

B. Responsible Department:

Office of Communications and Marketing

C. Responsible Official:

Director of Governmental and Community Affairs

D. Cross References:

[Memorandum No. 2-4, Use of Citadel Facilities](#)

7. RESCISSION

Memorandum Numbers 2-10 and 7-3, both dated 30 July 2009, are rescinded.

8. REVIEW

Schedule for review: biennial.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

OFFICIAL

//signed, WBA, 25 September 2015//
WILLIAM B. ASHWORTH
Colonel, UMSC
Vice President for Communications and
Marketing

Attachment
None.