
A Graduate Student's Guide to Citadel Language

1. **BATTALION:** Building in which cadets live. The Citadel has 4 battalions each housing approximately 500 cadets. Also known as barracks.
 2. **BLITZED:** (adj.) Having outstanding personal appearance.
 3. **BRACE:** (v.) To pull the chin and stomach in and pull the shoulders back and down.
 4. **BULLDOG:** The Citadel mascot, currently Boo V and General.
 5. **CADRE:** Cadets of the upper three classes who train the incoming 4th class cadets.
 6. **CIVIES:** Civilian clothes.
 7. **CO:** Commanding officer.
 8. **COMMANDANT:** A retired officer that supervises and directs the corps of cadets.
 9. **COMPANY:** The basic administrative unit of the Corps. The Corps of Cadets consists of 17 rifle companies, the Regimental Band, and the Palmetto Battery.
 10. **CONS:** Confinements – awarded as punishment. Confined to quarters for certain rule violations.
 11. **CONTRACT:** Committing to serve with one of the four branches of the military – as in a contracted cadet.
 12. **CORPS SQUAD:** Cadets who participate in varsity athletics
 13. **COVER:** Cadet uniform hat.
 14. **DRILL:** The practicing of rifle manual of arms or parade practice.
 15. **ESP:** Evening Study Period – A mandatory study period held Sunday thru Thursday.
 16. **FOURTHCLASSMAN:** See *Knob*.
 17. **FURLOUGH:** Period in which all cadets are allowed to return to their homes for a specified number of days (ex. Thanksgiving, Spring Break, etc)
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18. GOLD STARS: Award given to a cadet who receives a 3.7 GPA or higher.
 19. GUIDON: Book of facts that every incoming cadet must know; also each company's flag.
 20. HOPS: Cadet dances held during the year.
 21. KNOB: A freshman cadet – term used because head resembles a doorknob after haircut.
 22. LEAVE: (n) Period in which cadets may leave campus.
 23. MESS FACT: Fourth-class cadets may be required to give mess facts at lunch and evening meals. These facts may be from Knob Knowledge contained in The Guidon.
 24. MESS HALL: Dining hall.
 25. MRI: Morning Room Inspection.
 26. PARADE: On most Friday afternoons during the school year, cadets march on the center field of the campus known as the parade field or deck.
 27. PLATOON: a subdivision of a company. Three platoons make up a company.
 28. PT: Physical training. Also the name of the uniform worn while performing PT.
 29. QUAD: Quadrangle, paved center of each barracks where formations are held.
 30. RACK: (n.) the bed; (v.) to yell at someone
 31. REGIMENT: The Corps of Cadets.
 32. SHAKO: Cadet full dress cover; also the literary magazine published by the Corps of Cadets.
 33. SMI: Saturday Morning inspection – A formal personal and room inspection.
 34. TAC: Tactical Officer. A retired military officer assigned to oversee all cadet activities at the company/battalion levels.
 35. TOURS: A punishment, served by marching on the quad with a rifle for 50 minutes.
 36. XO: Executive officer, the second in command.
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